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Secret Department

Diary

1st Received the following Letter from the Resident at Poona,

To the Honble Sir Arch: Campbell K. B.

Governor &c &c &c Madras.

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Poona, with Extract of a Letter from him to the Governor General & Council, in Respect to the Conduct of Bujung Roa; no Peace as yet concluded. Two Marattas cap: a French Ship

I had the honor to address you under the 19th Ultimo off a pair of Returning Cossids & have now the honor to inclose Extract of an Address to the Right Honorable the Governor General & Council dated the 5th Instant, to which permit me to refer you for Intelligence of my Conduct with respect to Bujung Rao, the Vackeel of the Nabob Walla Jah, and of the State of the Negotiations between the belligerent Powers to that Day.

By advices received this morning in eight Days from the Army, I learn that Tippoos Vakeel returned again to the Marratta Camp the 26th Ultimo with three Elephants & several Camels laden with Specie, and the general persuasion

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persuasion in Camp was that the War was at an end.

Yesterday I received Intelligence that Mons.r Montigne made a very angry Remonstrance by Message to the Ministers of this Durbar, in consequence of advices from Goa, that the Marratta Vessells of Vizia droog had attacked a French Ship. — To which he received a conciliatory Reply with assurances, that the affair should be properly settled, on due Enquiry into the Circumstances.

Poona
7th March 1787

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

/Signed/ C.W. Malet

P.S.

The inclosed Extract having been previously put into Cypher N.o 10 is continued in it to save time

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona, to the Right Honorable the Governor General & Council, dated 5th March 1787

"On the 25th Ultimo I received
" a verbal Message from Bujung Row Vackeel
" of the Nabob Wallajaw, intimating that on his
" arrival here, neither he nor his Master were

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"acquainted with the Residence of a Representative
"of the Governor General and Council at this Court,
"That on learning it he had advised his Master,
"and requested Orders for his Conduct to me, and
"in Reply thereto, had received Directions to visit
"on me."

"You have already been informed, by
"Lord and Gentlemen, under Date the 19th of
"January last, of my Resolution to have no com-
"munication with Bujung Row, till honored
"with your Sentiments thereon; as also with my
"Reasons for that Resolution."

"In Reply therefor to this Message,
"I remarked, that it was upwards of fourteen Months
"Since I was appointed to, and near twelve since
"I arrived at this Station, That both my appoint-
"ment and my arrival had been immediately
"communicated to the Government of Fort St
"George; That it was only Eight Months and a
"few days since he left Walaujah's Court, and
"that I could not help thinking it very
"extraordinary that he should assert, that both
"his Master and himself were at that time
"ignorant, either of my appointment or my
"arrival at Poona, as six Months had elapsed.

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" since the former, and four since the latter; -
" That I was further led to doubt an assertion
" which he took the Liberty of making for him-
" self and his Masters, by a Letter from Sir
" Archibald Campbell, dated 29th of September,
" which I received the 25th of October, one month
" and twenty Days before his (Bujing Row's)
" arrival here, in which I am advised, not only
" that Walarjaw was acquainted with my
" Function and Residence at Poona, but that
" he had promised to send particular Orders to
" his agent to transact no Business with this
" Government, without my knowledge; That
" as two Months and a Half elapsed between
" the Date of Sir Archibald Campbells Letter,
" and his (Bujing Row's) arrival at Poona
" He must necessarily have received the Orders
" which his Master had promised Sir
" Archibald Campbell to send, or if it should
" be presumed that no Messenger or Cossid did
" or could find him on the Road, how came it
" that the promised Instructions Have not
" been received since Bujing Row's arrival
" at Poona on the Eighteenth of December,
" near two Months and a Half more? is it
" not

" not extraordinary, that the promise to Sir Arch.d
"Campbell should have been entirely forgotten, and
"that the Nabob should have forwarded no
"Instructions to his agent, regarding the Company's
"Ministers, till reminded of him by Buying Row
"from Poona? That from a Comparison of the above
"Circumstances, I was totally unable to form a
"Satisfactory Judgment on his assumed Ignorance of my Station at this Court; That he was
"undoubtedly able to account for his Conduct in
"not having pursued the Line which was so
"plainly pointed out to him by that Connection of our respective Superiors, admitting
"even the Existence of the Ignorance for which
"he contends, But that as he had not thought
"proper to have any Intercourse with me on
"his arrival, which was the Time to convince this
"Government of that Indivisibility of Interests
"by which the Nabob Walaujaw and the
"Company are united, nor through an Interval
"of two Months and a Half since; and as
"I was totally at a Loss to reconcile his Reasons
"for such Conduct to the advices received from
"Sir Archibald Campbell and to my own
"Ideas of Propriety — We must excuse my

declining

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"declining all Communication till honored
"with the Instructions of my Superiors on such
"Explanation as they might receive from his
"Master."

"On the 2d Instant Nana Furnavese
"acquainted me, through Behrot Punt, that
"he had just received a Letter from Hurry
"Punt mentioning that since Tippoo's Vakeel
"had left the Mahratta Camp on the 5th of
"last Month, he had received a Letter from
"him advising that he should soon return
"with the necessary Instruments for the
"Conclusion of the Peace, which were all
"drawn up and prepared for his Master's
"Signature, which was expected would soon
"be annexed; That the principal articles
"were the Surrender of Mulgoond, and Dr quit
"or the Payment of the arrears of Tribute, and
"the Confirmation of Buddamy and &
"Gujundur Ghur to the Peshwa, and the
"Restitution of adonie to Nizamally Cawn;
"That on their being Submitted to Hurry
"Punts Inspection, they would on his ap:
"proval be transmitted hither for the &
"Consideration and Ratification of this
"Durbar

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"Durbar, but that as the Signature of Tippoo had
"not yet taken Place, He could not put any
"Reliance on the Assurances given to Hurry
"Punt by the Vackeel, and had communicated
"the present State of the Negociation merely
"as a Mark of his Confidence and Friendship."

"Behrat Punt also acquainted me,
"that Nana had assured him, that in the
"Course of these Negociations, Tippoo had in-
"sisted much on the great Services done by his
"Father to the Maratta State in his late War with
"the English, into which he had entered, and in
"which he had ended his Days for their Sake,
"and complained much of the present War,
"after such Services: That if the Marattas wished
"an advantageous War, Why did they not attack
"the English in which he was ready to join them,
"and with the Assurances of twenty five
"Thousand of their Cavalry would be responsible
"for the Consequences, that the Junction of Nizam-
"-ally Cawn would be eligible, but the object was
"to be accomplished without his aid: To all which
"it had been replied, that the Maratta State
"had now entered into a Treaty of Friendship
"with the English, which it did not mean to

"violate

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" violate, so long as it was duly observed by
" the English: Behrot Punt observed, that
" this was Part of a private Conversation between
" him and Nana, and not meant to be
" communicated to me. This Clause, though
" it in some Measure affects the Degree of
" Credit due to the Conversation, I have never-
" theless thought it worthy of Communica-
" tion."

true Extract

[Signd] C W. Malet

Received the following Letter from the Governor General & Council.

The Honble Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.

President in Council at Fort St George.

From the Governor General and Council approving the Draft of the Treaty to be entered into with the Nabob for the General Defence of the Carnatic.

Honble Sir,

The Governor General has laid before us, for our Information, a Letter which you wrote to him on the 1st Ultimo, enclosing a Draft of the Treaty which you had prepared to be entered into with the Nabob Wallajah, for the general Security

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and defence of the Carnatic, in times of Peace and War,
as recommended in the Company's General Letter to
Fort St George of the 9th December 1784 — We have also
seen an Extract of your Letter to Lord Cornwallis, dated
the 25th February, in which you acquaint him that
you had at length settled all the Articles of that
Treaty, and you hoped in less than Forty eight
Hours, to affix thereto, the Seals of his Highness &
the Company; —

When the Treaty, thus concluded, shall
come before us, We have no doubt that every part of it
will receive our approbation; In the mean time,
We have judged of what has been transmitted,
with the fullest Conviction of the Justice of the
Principle on which the Arrangement was proposed
to be formed, and permit us to add, with that Bias,
in favor of it, which naturally arose from our
Respect for the Honor and Integrity, with which
your administration is conducted in all Parts of it;
and from our observance of the unwearied Care
and Pains which you have taken to settle
an important measure, and to remove
the many Difficulties which have
occurred to embarrass, if not to defeat the

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Execution of the Company's wishes

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Cornwallis

Signed/ Chas. Stuart

P. Shore

Fort William

Secret & Political Depart.t

9th March 1787

Received the following Letter from

5th the Governor General and Council

To The Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

President in Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Governor General and Council, The Treaty with the Nabob highly approved

The Governor General has communicated to us an Extract of your Letter, dated the 25th February, in which you announced to his Lordship the final Conclusion of the Treaty with the Nabob Wallaujah, on the day preceding.

Having read & considered the Treaty with the attention it deserved, we have Pleasure in assuring you, that it meets with our entire approbation we consider it as a measure of great Importance, very ably executed; It provides a

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p. 2 a Valuable and certain Resource with the Nabob's free Concurrence, for the Support of the Military Charges of your Presidency, and at the same Time, as you justly observe, it leaves the Purse and the Sword in the Power of the Company, who ought to hold them, we shall have much Satisfaction, if our Complete approval of your Procedings on this Occasion, which will be particularly noticed to the Secret Committee in our next advices, shall add any thing to that applause, to which we think you so justly entitled.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore

Fort William
Secret & Pol. Depart.
the 14th march 1787

[Signed]

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Davidson Esqr.
acting President
& James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Friday
the 6th April
1787

The Honble Sir Arch. Campbell absent

Minutes of last Consultation read
& approved.

Mr. Davidson lays before the Board
the

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the following Letter addressed to him by Sir Archibald Campbell, with the Several Enclosures

Alexander Davidson Esqr

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Sir,

From the Governor with a Dispatch from the Governor General and Council, in respect to the Line to be adopted, as to the Tanjore Succession

The Reply to the Reference made by our Board, to the Governor General in Council on the Business of the Tanjore Succession, has been forwarded to me, to this Place and I now transmit it to you to be laid before the Board.

The Line laid down in the minute of the Governor General, for the Regulation of our Conduct, I shall studiously pursue; and acquaint you with the Result of the Enquiries directed, and all my Proceedings in Consequence thereof.

Be pleased to forward Lord Cornwallis's Letter to his Highness the Nabob Walajaw: a transcript of which and of my Letter to His Highness on the occasion, I send enclosed, for the purpose of being entered upon the Records of the Presidency.

I am, with great Regard V.r V.s

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Signd Arch.d Campbell

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

President in Council at

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

The Governor General has laid

From Bengal, with their Sentiments on the Tanjore Succession

before us the Letters which you have favored him with, under Date the 31st of January, 2d, 3d, 5th and 8th Instant; and we have received the Letters from the President and Members of the Council, dated the 2d and 3d of this Month,

We think it proper to dispatch this answer to them by Express, that you may be acquainted as soon as possible with our Opinions and Instructions in respect to the Succession to the Rajahship of Tanjore, which has become vacant by the Death of Tuljaujee. For these Opinions and Instructions we have the Honor to refer you to the enclosed Copy of a Minute of the Governor General, which exhibits them in the clearest Terms, and corresponds entirely with our Sentiments on the Subject,

We have the Honor to enclose a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nabob Walaujah, which replies to that from his

Highness

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Highness of the 5th Instant, and we send also a Translation of it, for your Information.

We are, with great Esteem,

&c. &c.

Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
P. Shore

[Signed]

Fort William
Secret & Pol. Dep.
26th February
1787

Minute from the Governor General

Governor General's Minute as to a Successor for the Nawaub of Tanjore —

In determining the Question of the Succession to Tanjore, the Pretensions of the Nabob Mahomed ally Khawn, first offer themselves to our Consideration, —

No Subject in the Political Annals of the East India Company, seems to have been more thoroughly investigated, than the relative Rights of the Nabob of the Carnatic, and the Rajah of Tanjore; — In the year 1777 several Volumes of Records, relating to this Subject, were published by the authority of the Court of Directors, and their Decision upon it, in fact, precludes a Reconsideration of the Claims of the Nabob.

That the Rajah of Tanjore paid a

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a small yearly acknowledgement to the Empire,
which was received by the Nabob of the Carnatic,
as Deputy of the Sovereign Power, may be admitted,
whilst on the other hand, it is clearly established,
that he held his Kingdom by Inheritance, and
exercised within it every act of Independent So:
vereignty; The Treaty of 1762 concluded through
the Mediation of the Government of Madras,
and sanctioned by the Guaranty of the Company,
confirms the Payment of the Tribute, whilst in all
other Respects, it leaves the Sovereignty of the Rajah
unimpaired, and undisputed.

The Restoration of the King of Tanjore in
1773, was founded upon Considerations of Justice,
resulting from this Principle; the Court of Directors,
in their Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore of the 5th July
1782, expressly promise to guarantee to him, and his
family, the quiet Possession of his Country, to the
latest Period; and the Subsequent Instructions of
December 1784 for the Conclusion of a Treaty for
the Defence of the Carnatic, and for adjusting the
undeterminate Rights of the Nabob of the Carnatic,
and Rajah of Tanjore, are grounded on the basis
of the agreement of 1762, which they confirm.

The Records regarding the Succession
of

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of the late Rajah Tulliajee, are printed in the appendix No 1 of the Publication referred to, and prove the Reverse of the Nabobs Assertion, that Tulliajee succeeded to the Musnud of Tanjore, in virtue of a Sunnud from him, and in Consequence of his Permission first solicited and obtained. The Papers appealed to, in Support of this Assertion, and accompanying the Nabobs Letter, are not to be found among the Documents printed by the Orders of the Directors, by which they are contradicted; It will still be more difficult to reconcile the above Assertion, with the Nabobs Letter of the 12th February 1776. in which he says, that after the Death of Pertaupa Sing Tulliajee of his own accord became his Successor, and contrary to the Rules and Customs of the Country, neglected asking his Permission to the Succession, nor did him homage, as was his Duty.

These Remarks, with the Documents to which they refer, afford sufficient authority for rejecting the Claims of the Nabob Mahomed ally to the Possession of the Tanjore Country. Notwithstanding the Temptation of great

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advantage held out to the Company in the Nabobs offers, it may be reasonably doubted, whether any advantage could ever be derived to them, from an acquiescence in the Nabobs Claims; and still more, whether the Country of Tanjore would improve under his adminis: stration; but any further discussion of a Subject so clearly decided, is unnecessary — all that seems expedient with respect to the Nabob, is, that the Successor to the Mussnud of Tanjore shall be obliged to fulfill the Stipulations for the Peishcash paid by his Predecessor, — as well as be answerable for any Arrears that may have accrued thereon —

The Rejection of the Nabobs Pretensions leaves the Question to be decided between the adopted Son, and Ramma Swammy, Brother of Tulliajee Deceased —

To exclude a near Relation from the Property and Dignities, to which his Birth entitles him, by the adoption of a Child, who could entertain no Pretensions from Consanguinity, is a Measure Repugnant to our Ideas of natural Justice and Humanity; and, in the present Instance, the Severity of it, is aggravated by particular Circumstances; Rammah Swammy

Had

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had every Reason to indulge the most san-
:guine expectations, that the Succession would
devolve upon him, and his Disappointment
took place almost at the moment when he
might flatter himself that his hopes would
be realized.

The Deceased Rajah seems himself
to have been Sensible of this, and to have been
aware, that an absolute Deprivation of the
Rights of his Brother, would be liable to objec-
:tion; and on this account to have nominated
his Brother, the Guardian of his adopted Son,
and Regent for the affairs of the Kingdom.

Notwithstanding these Observations
the Disposition may be conformable to the
Laws of the Hindoos, and accord with their
Opinions and Prejudices, and, if this be really
the Case, no Arguments should weigh with
us to alter it.

This, therefore, seems the first point
for decision, the Question is of less Importance
to our Interests, than to our Reputation. The
affairs of Tanjore may be conducted under the
avowed Title of the adopted Son, and Regency
of the Uncle, with as much facility as under

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the sole authority of Ramma Swammy, and my wish is only, to give an Opinion that may establish our Credit in the Province, and with the other Princes of Hindostan, by shewing that our Decision upon the Claims of the Hindoo Princes, is regulated by Justice, and an attention to their Rights.

The Determination of this Question should be referred to the Presidency of Madras, as it cannot with Propriety take place in Bengal, and I therefore propose that the following Instructions be sent to Sir Archibald Campbell, and his Council.

That they endeavor to obtain the most accurate Information, by such Modes as are most likely to give it impartiality, whether the Pundits, and Principal People of Tanjore, consider the Succession, under the Circumstances of the adoption, and Rights of the Brother, as agreable to their prejudices and Opinions, and conformable to the Laws of the Religion of the Parties concerned, or whether in any respect it is defective, or contrary to the Religious Prejudices of the Principal People.

Supposing the Information obtained

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obtained by these Enquiries, to determine the Question in the affirmative, it is my Opinion, that the adopted Son should be immediately confirmed in the Succession, and be supported by the Government of Madras,

Or otherwise, that then the Brother Ramma Swammy, should be raised to the Musnud, and be supported by the English authority.

It is possible, that by the Time these Instructions reach Madras, Sir Archibald Campbell will be in Possession of the Opinions of the People in general, regarding the disposition made by the deceased Rajah and how far it is considered by them as violating or according with their Laws and Prejudices, and with the Rights of Ramma Swammy. If no doubts should be entertained by the People themselves, and the Information received by the Presidency at Madras on this Subject, should tend to prove a ready and general acquiescence in the Disposition made by Tulliajee, and be such as they may deem satisfactory and authentic, in that case it may be necessary to state Questions, where no

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no Doubts have arisen, and to prosecute Enquiries for the Determination of Points, admitted and acquiesced in,—

But I think it more probable, that the various Interests depending upon the Event of the Succession, will not only have already suggested discordant Opinions on the late Rajah's Arrangement, but such even as the Enquiries directed may not be able to reconcile. Upon this Supposition, and if no Test should be offered for the Discrimination of them, I should not hesitate to decide at once in favor of Ramma Swammy, whose natural Rights at least are greater than those of the adopted Son, and on these Grounds to justify a Decision in his favor,—

The Instructions to the Madras Presidency, cannot, I conceive, be made more positive or precise, without further Reference to us. They may be reduced to the following Summary, which gives the clearest Exposition of my Opinion on this Subject.—

1st, From the Information received by the Presidency of Madras, of which they are themselves the Judge, the disposition of the late Rajah

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Rajah is deemed conformable to the Laws, Religion, and Opinions of the People, it should be confirmed.

If doubts have been entertained, and suggested, upon this Subject, the Enquiries directed must be made,

And if upon the fullest Enquiry, the matter will still appear doubtful upon the Principles laid down, or if the Rights of Ramma Swammy should be ascertained, in either Case, Ramma Swammy is to be appointed, without further Reference or Visitation, to the Musnud of Tanjore.

Least the propriety of our Interference at all should be questioned, I think it necessary to anticipate the Question by this Explanation. The Successor to the Deceased Rajah, whoever he may be, must derive the Confirmation of his authority from the avowed Support of the British Government; and thus far an Interference is indispensable; and, admitting this necessity, it follows, that we ought to determine with Caution the Person in whose favor our Interposition is made. The Equity of the Principles on which an Investigation is to be made

preparatory

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preparatory to a decision, must preclude every objection on this head, —

a true Copy

/Signed/ E Hayes Sy

May it please your Highness! —

From the Governor General to the Nabob, in Reply to His Highness's Request, to have the Kingdom of Tanjore, delivered over to his authority.

I have been honored with the receipt of your Highness's Letter, under date the 5th February 1787, and have perused it, as well as the Papers accompanying it, with great attention, —

Much as it is my wish to yield the most ready acquiescence to all your Highness's desires, I cannot but feel the greatest uneasiness in withholding my assent to them, on the present occasion, —

Your Highness is sensible that no question has undergone a more thorough discussion in Europe, than the relative rights of the Nabob of the Carnatick & Rajah of Tanjore; and I hold myself bound to observe the Decision that has passed upon this Subject; For this reason I forbear entering into any further discussion of it, and beg leave to refer you for further particulars to Sir Archibald Campbell, who has been made fully acquainted with my Sentiments, —

your

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most substantial Benefits have been most honorably obtained for the advantage of the Company.

The late Treaties and Military Dispositions have been such, as will without doubt in a short Period put the Carnatick, the Company's Possessions, and Tanjore, on that respectable footing, as will enable the Presidency not only to be prepared for Defence, but even to repel, with effect, any native Power or European Enemy.

Although I have no doubt of the high approbation that must be bestowed by the Supreme Government, as well as the Court of Directors on the Honble the President, for the great points of Government he hath lately established; yet I think there is a propriety in a Colleague on the Spot recording this sincere Testimony, so deservedly due to the Conduct and Abilities of Sir Archibald Campbell.

/Signd/ Alexr Davidson

Alexander

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Alexander Davidson Esqr.

1st Member of Council

Fort St George.

Sir

From Sir Archibald Campbell — states the Steps he has taken in Regard to the arrangement of the Tanjore Succession Places Amer Sing Brother to the late Rajah, on the musnud of Tanjore.

I have the Honor to acquaint you, for the Information of the Board, that in Consequence of their Resolutions previous to my Departure from the Presidency, and agreable to the Instructions, transmitted by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council I proceeded with the Enquiries which appeared necessary, to establish the Rights of the Claimants to the Tanjore musnud.

For this purpose I convened 12 Pundits of respectable Character, and put various Questions to them, relative to the adoption of the Boy Serfoge, by the late Rajah, which they unanimously declared to have been Irregular and Contrary to their Laws; That exclusive of the adoption being in itself defective, it was an act of Injustice, to the late Rajah's Brother, Amer Sing, who was certainly the legal Successor to the Kingdom of Tanjore.

Having established these Facts, I communicated to Amer Sing, that I was perfectly convinced of his Right to succeed his Brother Tuljaje, and he was accordingly placed upon

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Your Highness may be assured that my attachment to you, as well as respect for your Person, is inviolable, and that in whatever manner the Succession to Tanjore is settled, Care will be taken to preserve the established Rights of your Highness, unimpaired.

a true Copy
/Signed/ E Hay Secy

Substance of a Letter to His Highness the nabob

Read also a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell to the nabob /entered in C.C. N° 29/ forwarding to His Highness the Governor Generals Letter addressed to him, and advising him of his intention to proceed with the Arrangement of the Tanjore Succession, agreably to Instructions transmitted to this Government.

Examined W: C. Jackson
Dep. Secy

Alex. Davidson
Da. W. Baramajor

N° 26 February

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Davidson Esqr.
acting President

Saturday
14th April
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James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell,
absent.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved.

Mr Davidson begs leave to enter the
following Minute,

In Council 14th April 1787.—

Mr Davidson's Minute, in approbation of the Conduct of Sir archibald Campbell at Tanjore

I have the Honor of laying before the Board, a Dispatch Received late yesterday afternoon from Sir archibald Campbell,

As a Member of Council, I should be wanting in my Duty to my Employers, as well as Justice to Sir Archibald Campbell, if I failed to express on this Occasion, the due Sense I entertain of the Propriety, address, and Steadiness, with which Sir archibald Campbell has effected this important Service,

In the Tanjore Arraingements, at the same time, that the most impartial Justice has been shewn to the Rajah of Tanjore, the most

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upon the Musnud at 5o Clock in the Evening of Saturday the 7th Instant.

Having kept a Journal or Diary of my Proceedings, in this delicate and very important Business, I have now the honor to inclose a Copy of it, that it may be laid before the Board — By it you will see the Precaution, which was taken to guard against any thing like Collusion amongst the Pundits; and by their Answers you will perceive, how clearly the Right of Ameer Sing has been ascertained; I have the honor also to enclose the Original Questions, as taken down by the different Pundits, with their answers to them Questions, and the Translations of the answers by the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

Previous to my placing Ameer Sing upon the Musnud, I thought it my Duty to address him publickly on the occasion, in Order the more fully to impress upon his mind, as well as to manifest to his People, the Justice of the Company on this Occasion; the Address, and the Rajah's Reply thereto, you will find in the Journal of the Proceeding;

The Business of the Succession being settled I lost no time in proceeding with the Treaty upon the Plan which I had the honor to

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communicate to the Board.

It gave me great Satisfaction to find the Rajah a fair reasonable Man. He stated the Injuries the Country had sustained thro' oppression and bad Management; but as he was determined to attend to his own affairs, he hoped soon to restore it to a state of Prosperity, which would enable him to discharge all his Engagements, without Injury to his People.

To accommodate the wishes of the Rajah, I consented to accept of 50,000 Pagodas, for the two first years, on account of the Creditors, instead of 80,000 Pagodas, as originally proposed; after the two years expire, the 80,000 Pagodas, will be paid for their use annually, until their Debts are discharged.

This Day, the Treaty was duly Executed, and is herewith transmitted; and also Copy of my Letter to the Rajah, agreeing to the Delay I have mentioned for the Payment of part of the Money to the Creditors.

All this Business being compleated, I considered it my Duty to communicate my Sentiments to the Rajah upon such Points as appeared to me for the Good of his Country, which I have accordingly done in a Letter of this Date.

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Copy of which is enclosed The Rajah has given me every Assurance, verbally, that I could wish or expect, in regard to the manage: ment of the Country and doing Justice to the People, I hope he will confirm those Assurances in Writing and what is Still more impor: tant, that he will act up to the Spirit of them. This Evening I intend to set out for Tranquebar, from whence my Intention is, to proceed by Sea to Madras,

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
Arch: Campbell

Tanjore
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P. S.

For fear of any accident happening to the Tappy, I have resolved to carry the Treaty with myself; and I hope to be at Madras nearly as soon as this will reach it — I am also under the necessity of postponing my Letter to the Rajah on the Subject of the points of Government referred to above, as also a Copy of Regulations for a Court of Judicature at Tanjore

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some Amendments having occurred, both which will be forwarded as soon as got ready, —

Journal of the Tanjore Proceedings with Respect to the Succession. —

Journal of Sir A. Campbell's Proceedings at Tanjore.

On the 2d of april 1787 Sir Arch.d Campbell reached Tanjore; and at 7 o' Clock in the Evening, Ameer Sing, accompanied by the Boy, Serfogee, who had been adopted by the late Rajah Tuljajee, waited upon the Governor, to offer their Compliments of Congratulation, on his Arrival at the Metropolis; This being merely a Visit of Ceremony, no Business of any kind was entered upon; —

On the 3 of april, Sir Archibald Campbell made every possible Enquiry into the Rights of Ameer Sing to the Succession, as also into the Legality of the adoption; when to the Governor's very great astonishment, he had the most positive Assurances from the Principal European Gentlemen of this Settlement, and from the most intelligent Native Merchants, and others, who were intimately acquainted with the Laws and Religious principles of the Hindoos, that the Legal Rights of Ameer Sing to the Succession, were certainly well established, and that the adoption

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Adoption was in itself highly irregular and defective.

In Support of the Rights of succeeding it was universally admitted, that the late Rajah Tuljajee, had never once publickly declard him to be illegitimate, but on the contrary, treated him with the Respect and attention of a Brother, on whom he had placed a great a Degree of Confidence, as Hindoo Princes generally do to their next ostensible Successor; with Respect to the adoption, one and all agreed, that it was the advice of some designing person, who had got the late Rajahs Ear a few Days before his Death, when the poor unhappy Prince was overwhelmed with a rooted Complication of Disorders, which hastily terminated his Existence; That the Rajah must then have lost his Senses: or that the Credulity of his disordered Mind was certainly imposed upon, there is the strongest Reasons to conclude; For it is scarcely possible that a Man of his acknowledged good Understanding, if greatly interested in the Success of the adoption, would in his Senses, adopt the only Son of a very distant Relation, without the Public Consent of his

Parents

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parents, which is in direct opposition to the Laws of his Country; or that he would adopt a Boy of 9 years of age, instead of 5 years, which is equally adverse to the Laws and Religious principles of the Hindoos.—

Such being the State of the Information received, which Sir Archibald Campbell had every Reason to believe was impartial and well founded, he proceeded in obedience to the Recommendation of Lord Cornwallis, in his Minute of the 26th Febry: ary, and summoned 12 pundits of the first Char: acter at Tanjore, to meet at the Governor's Quarters next Morning at 10 o'Clock on Business of public Importance; and on the Evening of the 3d: went to the palace, and returned the visits of Annew Sing and the adopted Boy Serfogee, when nothing but the usual Compliments of the Country passed.—

On the 4th of april the Pundits were convened, according to Order, when Sir Archibald Campbell desired that the Committee of Inspection might also attend, because he wished the actions of Government, in a matter of such Importance, to be as public as possible, and because the presence of these Gentlemen would enable the

Governor

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Governor to watch more correctly over the Conduct of the Pundits, to prevent every attempt of any of them communicating with the other their answers to the Questions Sir Archibald Campbell meant to propose to them, respecting which, the strictest Orders were publickly given to all of them; The Proceedings of this meeting are fully detailed in the minute itself, as follows,—

Tanjore 11th April 1787

At a Meeting Summoned by Order of The Honble the Governor, Present —

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell —
Alexander Macleod Esqr. President —
Colonel James Stuart
John Cox Hippisley Esqr.
The Revd. Mr. Swartz
Archibald Montgomery Campbell

1 Dada
2 Bujungerow Krist —
3 Paulel Asary
4 Appa Sastery
5 Rama Sastery
6 Narasingva Asary
7 Sattia Vidy Asary
8 Aiyen Asary
9 Sey Asary
10 Maha Dava Asary
11 Viya Asary
12 Bhapana

} Pundits

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The Governor acquainted the Pundits, that he had certain Questions to propose to them, to which he required Answers, according to Truth and their Consciences – That their Answers must be given in Writing, and delivered to himself; by which means their Opinions would be kept unknown to the Public; and also to each other of themselves.

The Questions to be taken down in Writing by each of the Pundits, who shall write their Answer to one Question, before another is put; and when all the Questions are answered, each pundit shall sign the Paper he delivers in.

The Questions having been put, and the answers given agreable to the above, are delivered to the Revd. Mr. Swartz to be translated.

Tanjore 15th April 1787

The Reverend Mr. Swartz delivered to the Governor, Translations of the answers to the Queries put to the Pundits, which are as follows.

Query 1st Whether the late Rajah of Tanjore, considered Amrer Sing as his Brother, and gave him Apartments as such in

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in the Palace?

Bada's Answer — He has treated him in such a manner.—

Bujenrow Krist — He has considered, or treated him, in such a manner. inet.—

Pautel Asary — He has given him proper Apartments.—

Appa Sastery — He has considered him as his Brother, procured him a Marriage, and given him a proper Apartment in the Palace.—

Rama Sastery — The Rajah has esteemed Amar Sing as his Brother, and given him a proper place in the Palace.

Narasingra Asary — He has treated him as his Brother.—

Sattia Nidy Asary — He has treated him as such a Brother.

Aiyen Asary — He has given him a proper apartment & Treatment.—

Sey Asary — He has esteemed him, given him a Wife; but we dont know the Place he has put him in—

Madava

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Madava Asary — He has given him a proper Place; This I know. —

Vija Asary Bhapana — He has done so — He has treated him as his Brother. —

Query 2 — Whether the late Rajah of Tanjore had ever publickly declared Amer Sing to be his illegitimate Brother, or had ever publickly assigned the Reasons which led him to form such an Opinion?

Dada — He has never declared such a Thing.

Bujenrow Krist — He has never declared or published such thing

Pawtel Asary — He has never done it. —

Appa Sastry — He has looked upon him more than himself. —

Rama Sastry — He never has said Such a Thing

Narasingra Asary — He has never made such a Difference. —

Sattia Nidy Asary — He has never done so:

Aijen Asary — He has never dishonord or despised him.

Sey Asary — He has published no such Thing; we never heard of it. —

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Madava Asary There is no Confusion
(or Doubt) in it

Viya Asary I do not know any such Thing.

Bhapana — Such a bad Rumour is not
No Doubt he has treated him
as a Brother.

Query 3d — Whether by the Gentoo Laws,
the late Rajah of Tanjore had a legal
Right to adopt a distant Relation to the
Prejudice of a Brother, then living?

Dada This is not to be found in the
Shastes.

Bujenrow Krist. It is not so in the Shastes

Paulel Asary This is not in the Barma
Shastes. —

Appa Sastry No, that is not Barma
Shastes. —

Rama Sastry It is not Barma Shastes.

Narasingva Asary As there is a Brother,
it is improper to adopt a
distant Relation.

Sattia Nidy Asary It is not agreable to
the Shastes. —

Arjen Asary As there is a Brother it
is improper to adopt a Child

Say

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Sey asary — It is contrary to the Law —
Madava asary — This is not found in the Shastes.
Viya asary — It is not according to the Shastes.
Bhapana — It is not agreable to Dama Shastes.

Query 4th — Whether the Pundits and Chief People of Tanjore consider the adoption, notwithstanding the Rights of the Brother to the Succession, to be agreable to the Principles and Opinions, and conformable to the Laws and Religion of the Parties?

Dada — It appears to be improper.
Bujenrow Krist — It appears to be improper.
Pawtel Asary — It is improper.
Appa Sastry — It is improper.
Rama Sastry — As there is a Brother, the adoption is improper. —
Narasingva Asary — This adoption is not proper. —
Sattia Nidy Sastry — It is improper —
Aiyen Asary — The adoption is improper.
Sey Sastry — It is improper.
Madava Asary — It is not agreable to the Laws.
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Dada — Both contrary and defective —
Bujenrow Krist — Contrary and defective —
Pawtel Asary — The adoption is defective —
Appa Sastry — It is defective —
Rama Sastry — It is defective —
Narasingra Asary — It is defective —
Sattia Nidy Asary — Defective —
Airjen Asary — The adoption is defective —
Sey Sastry — A little defective —
Madava Sastry — Defective —
Viya Asary — Defective —
Bhapana — Contrary and Defective —

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Dada — Amee Sing's Rights are greater
Bujenrow Krist — The Brother of the late Rajah, has greater Right —
Pawtel Asary — It is right that amee Sing should Leave the Throne, leaving a better right —
Appa

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Rama Sastry amer Sing's Right is more or better

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Sattia Nidy Asary The better proper Right amer Sing has -

Ayen Asary It is proper and right that amer Sing should sit on the Throne.

Sey Sastry amer Sing has a better Right -

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of others on whom he depended, and from the publick Documents in his Poſſeſsion, the Governor was perfectly convinced that the adoption was irregular, and every way contrary to the Laws and Religious Principles of the Gentoos: That for these Reasons, and an earnest Desire to render strict Justice to the Tanjore Family Sir Archibald Campbell declared his Resolution to set aside the adoption of Serfoge, and in the name of the English East India Company, to place him, Amer Sing, the Brother of the late Rajah Tuljaje on the Throne of his Ancestors, desiring Amer Sing at the same time, to name a Day for compleating that Ceremony.

Amer Sing expreſsed his high Sense of English Justice, and much Gratitude upon the Occasion, declaring that he is persuaded his Brother never meant to supersede his Right of Succession, had not evil-minded and interested Courtiers in the last hour of his affliction, unhappily advised him to adopt this Boy. The Evening of the 7th of April was accordingly fixed upon for the Ceremony of placing the Rajah on the Musnud, and Colonel Stuart commanding the Garrison of Tanjore

was

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was directed to have the Troops under Arms, with
Some Field pieces, to celebrate the Occasion, with
every proper mark of Distinction.

Saturday 7th April

Sir Archibald Campbell Reviewed
the 1st Battalion of native Infantry at Day
Break, and was much pleased with their
Appearance; Ameer Sing attended the Governor
at this Review, which was the first he had ever
seen in his Life; In the Evening he proceeded
to the Palace at 5 o'Clock P. M. attended by the
Officers and Gentlemen of the Garrison, and was
received at the Palace Gate by Ameer Sing,
from whence the Governor conducted him to
the Grand Durbar, where the following
address to Ameer Sing was read aloud in the
Mahratta and in the Malabar Languages.

"The English East India Company
"having declared themselves to be the Friends
"and protectors of the Tanjore Family, I have
"been sent to this Metropolis to enquire into
"the Legal Rights of those, who claim Succession
"to the Rajahship.

"Twelve Pundits of the first Character
"at Tanjore, men highly esteemed for their
"Knowledge of the Laws and Religious Tenets
of

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"of the Hindoos have been called together for
"the purpose of ascertaining these Facts: and
"from every Information I can learn from
"them and others, exclusive of the Public Documents
"in my Possession, I find that the adoption of
"Serfoge by the late Rajah, has been irregular
"and defective; and that you Ameer Sing, are
"certainly the true and legal Successor to the
"Kingdom of Tanjore.

"Such being the Case, and in the fullest
"Confidence that you will merit the Government
"of Tanjore, by a kind and fatherly attention to
"the welfare and happiness of the people, and by
"a strict Regard to the General Interest and
"Security of the Carnatic I enjoin excudingly,
"that it is in my power, in the Name of the
"English East India Company, to place you
"upon the Musnud of your Ancestors; and I
"hope and trust, that this elevated Distinction,
"will ever be rivetted on your Mind, as a strong,
"unequivocal Proof of the Justice, Integrity and
"Friendship of the English Nation.

"I wish most sincerely that your Reign
"may be long and prosperous - That your Conduct
"may be marked with wisdom and Liberality

towards

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"towards all Mankind, That your Subjects
"may be industrious and faithful, and enabled
"by the kind fostering hand of their virtuous
"Prince, to rest in peace and affluence, under the
"refreshing Shade of your auspicious Government."

Whereupon Sir Archibald Campbell,
placed the Rajah, Ameer Sing upon the Musnud,
and presented his Excellency with a rich Dress,
an Elephant, a horse and some Jewels; as the
Governor had no proper Horse or Elephant to
present to his Excellency, The Rajah supplied them
from his Stables, so that the usual Customs on
such Occasions might not be ostensibly omitted.
The Fort immediately fired a Royal Salute,
and the Troops in Garrison, who were drawn up
in the outer Square of the Palace, fired three Volleys.

The Rajah being placed upon the
Musnud, delivered a Paper, containing an
answer to the Governor's address, to be read
aloud in the Durbar, in the Mahratta and
Malabar Languages, whereof the following is a
Translation,

"The repeated Proofs which my
"Family have experienced of the Justice, Friend-
"ships and protection of the English nation,

has

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"has been early and strongly impressed upon
"my Heart; the present Instance is a perfect
"Confirmation of all that is past, and must
"convince the World of the Value of such un-
:biassed Friendship, of which I shall entertain
"the warmest and most grateful Sense as long
"as I live.

"Convinced that nothing can ever afford
"the English Company or you, Sir, their Repre-
:sentative, so much Satisfaction, as to see the
"people of Tanjore happy under a mild and just
"Government, it will be the Study of my Life,
"by a Strict Regard to Justice, and to their
"particular Interest and prosperity, to merit
"the Continuance of your Favor & Protection.

"Having the English Company as
"my Friend, it will be my ambition to
"unite with them in every measure, which
"can promote the prosperity and Security of
"the Carnatic."

Sir Archibald Campbell after-
:wards addressed the Rajah, and expressed
his confident Expectations, that the Boy
Serfogee, who had been adopted by the late
Rajah Tulgajee, should be countenanced,

protected

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protected, and maintained in a suitable manner;
with which Request the Rajah promised the
most faithful Compliance,—

The Ceremony of the Marriage being
compleated, the Rajah requested the Governor to
accompany him into the Streets, that he might
agreable to Custom, shew himself to his People,
who should all bear Testimony to the impartial
Justice of the English nation, to which the
Governor consented, and after having accompa:
:nied the Rajah on horseback through the
greatest part of the Fort, took Leave, being con:
:siderably indisposed the whole of that Day, by a
severe attack of the Bile,— The Procession was
conducted with great Order, and the Ceremony
concluded with every Demonstration of Joy,—

April the 8th

Entered upon the Business of the
Treaty, and during the Course of the Day, every
objection was removed, and the Articles were
amicably adjusted,—

April the 9th

Sir Archibald Campbell received
the 72d Regiment, under Colonel Stuart,
at here

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where there was the most interesting Display of a respectable Corps of Europeans in good health, combined with the most complete attention to Military Order and Discipline.— This Day two Copies of the Treaty, each in English and Mahratta, were got in Readiness.

April 15th

Sir Archibald Campbell with the principal Officers Civil and Military, at Tanjore, waited upon the Rajah at the Palace, and after affixing the Seals of the Rajah and the Company, with the Signatures of the Rajah and the Governor annexed, the Two Copies of the Treaty were mutually exchanged, and a Royal Salute fired on the Occasion.— Jewels and rich Dresses were prepared and presented by the Rajah to Sir Archibald Campbell and his Suite, which were politely declined: A State Palankeen of Superior and valuable Workmanship, with an Elephant and two elegant War-Horses, most completely and richly caparisoned, were presented to the Governor; and a valuable Horse, richly caparisoned, was also presented to the

Governor's

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Governo's Secretary, in Testimony of the Rajah's Regard and Friendship,—

These Presents were also declined by the Governor, which Seemed to throw a General Damp upon the Rajahs Spirits, from the Strange infatuated Ideas of Eastern Princes, that a man must be their Enemy, at least their very dubious Friend, if he refuses to accept of any Presents from them,—

The Governor agreed to use the Palan: kien and horses for that Day; but declared that he must afterwards return them, because he was determined that his Excellency might enjoy the pleasing Reflexion, that an English Governor, even after placing a Rajah on the Musnud, could retire from the Palace, as free as he had entered it; and as this was the first Request which Sir Archibald had made him, as Maha Rajah, he hoped he would look cheerful and grant it: The Rajah bowed acquiescence, and reassumed his former lively Deportment.

After the Rajah and Sir Archibald Campbell had executed the Treaty, the Rajah requested Permission to speak with the Governor in

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in private, the Request was accordingly granted,
The Governor attended by his Secretary and Interpreter, and the Rajah by his Ministers,—

The Rajah expressed with much warmth, and with every mark of Sincerity, his Gratitude to the Company, and to Sir Archibald Campbell, for his unbiassed Conduct towards him; and declared his Resolution to abide by whatever advice should be given to him by Sir Archibald, on the present, or any future Occasion—

After this Preface, the Rajah stated, that as he was called to the Musnud on so liberal and impartial Grounds, he hoped he might expect a continuation of the same friendly Treatment: For which Reason he stated his Expectations, that the Committee of Inspection should not be continued, for though they were necessary to correct the Oppression of Bava, during the Days of the late Rajah's Infirmities, he hoped no such Establishment could now be required.— They would lower him in the Esteem of his People, and instead of forwarding, would retard all his Endeavours to do good in

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in the Country, as well as his Exertions to fulfil his Engagements to the Company, which were the favourite objects of his heart, and which he was resolved to accomplish, if supported by the English Government.

Sir Archibald Campbell told the Rajah that he might depend upon it, that it was the Determination of Government to make him happy, and to support and protect him on all Occasions: That there was no Intention to keep up the Committee of Inspection, while the Prince of the Country was disposed to act so wise and so proper a part to the People, and to his Allies the Company: But as that Committee had been appointed by the Council at Madras, their Dissolution could only be discussed in Council, which should be taken early into Consideration, on the Governor's Return to Madras.

At this Interview the Rajah spoke of the necessity which there was of attending to the Repairs of the Annicut, and talked of resuming his Claims to Nanamantagoody & to the Superiority of same. The first Sir Archibald told him should undoubtedly

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undoubtedly be attended to, without Delay; but expressed strong Dissatisfaction with those who had advised his Excellency to resume the other two Topics. That men who would be assiduous in misleading the Rajah so grossly could neither be the Friends of the Rajah or the Company, as they must know that both these Claims had been already fully discussed and decided upon by the Court of Directors to which the Rajah expressed his Conviction of the Propriety of the Governor's Remark.

Sir Archibald Campbell acquainted the Rajah, that he had been for a long time taking pains to inform himself of the Evils attending The Tanjore Government; That he had the Mortification to find they were numerous, and of long standing; that there was a profusion of Expence, ill suited to the Finances of the Circar, and the State of the Country; That there was a necessity to make a Reform in the Public Establishments, to correct the abuses which had become enormous, and must prove ruinous to his Excellency, unless immediately checked.

Sir Archibald Campbell informed the

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the Rajah, that the knowledge of these Cir:
:cumstances induced him to take the Liberty
of a Friend, in laying before him the means
which appeared to him most likely, to
correct the Abuses alluded to; and he had
accordingly addressed a Letter to his Excellency,
which would be delivered by the Resident,
containing his Sentiments fully, on this imp:
:portant Subject, as well as upon the Subject
of establishing a regular and upright Court
of Justice, for settling all Differences between
his people, without leaving them exposed
to the Ruin, attending the present tedious
and expensive mode of settling the most
important, as well as the most trivial Disputes.
The Rajah thanked Sir Archibald very much
for his universal attention to his happiness;
and assured him of his Resolution to
listen to every thing that he should recom:
:mend — Sir Archibald Campbell accord:
:ingly wrote a Letter to the Rajah, a Copy
whereof is herewith delivered, and also a Copy
of the Plan recommended for a Tribunal
of Justice,

The Rajah told the Governor,

That

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that with his Permission he would address a Letter to the Poonah Government, who were of his own Family, and wished him well, to acquaint them that the English Company had used him in so just and upright a manner; This Letter, with the Governor's Permission, he would send him open to be forwarded to the Company's Resident, who he hoped would be directed to deliver it; Sir Archibald Campbell approved of the Rajah's writing in the manner he proposed, and promised to forward his Letter,

The Rajah introduced his Daughter, who is about five years old, to Sir Archibald Campbell, who presented her with a Dress and Jewel, according to the Custom of the Country, with which the Rajah appeared to be very much pleased,

The Governor was anxious on this Occasion to take his Leave, as he meant to proceed in the Evening to Trangquebar, to embark on a Danish East Indiaman for Madras. The Rajah insisted on conducting him to the Limits of his Territories, but Sir Archibald got him to give up that long & Fatiguing

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fatiguing Journey, and agreed to his going with him in his Carriage to the second Rivet, about Six miles from Tanjore. Here the Governor halted and took Leave of the Rajah, who seemed deeply afflicted at the Parting.

[Signed] Arch: Campbell

Mr Casamajor coincides in Opinion with Mr Davidson, in Respect to the Conduct of Sir Archibald Campbell

Mr. Casamajor desires it may be minuted, that he concurs entirely with Mr. Davidson, in the Sentiments expressed by him, relative to the Exertions of Sir Archibald Campbell, and has great Satisfaction in recording his warmest Approbation of the Governor's proceedings, which have secured essential advantages to our Honorable Employers, without deviating from the line of the strictest Justice, towards the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore — It is also but a just conclusion, that the Powers of Indostan will upon this Event, be convinced of that principle of upright policy by

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the Rajah agrees, That the Company shall
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them necessary to discharge the Amount of
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shall have power to appoint Superintendants
or Receivers, to collect and receive from the
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all the Rents, Revenues, Duties, and Customs
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all Cutcherry Receipts and Accounts of the Lands
and Districts aforesaid, as well as to ascertain
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when the full Amount of the Arrears due shall
have been paid to the Company, the Superintendant
of

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5th At the appointment of the Super:
: intendant or Receiver, his Excellency the Rajah
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of the Annuldars, Renters, or Farmers of each
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after taking from them the usual Obligations,
which shall be delivered to the Company by
his Excellency.

6th That the Exercise of Power over the
said Districts and Farms, by Virtue of the
Conditions mentioned in the 4th and 5th Articles,
in Case of Failure in the Payment of any of the
Kists, shall not extend, or be construed to extend,
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inviolate, saving and excepting the Powers in the Articles N° 4 and 5 expressed & mentioned.

7th That in the Event of any War breaking out in the Carnatic, in Tanjore, or on the Coast of Coromandel, the said United Company shall charge themselves with the Direction, Order, and Conduct thereof; and during the Continuance of such War, shall apply four fifths of their whole Revenues in the Carnatic, and the northern Circars, annually, to the military Expences of the War;

8th That in the like Event, his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, shall pay into the Treasury of the said United Company four fifths of his Revenues to the general Expences of such War, to be applied in such manner as the said United Company, or their Representatives shall find necessary, for their Common Safety and Interests, as also for the Interest of their allies in the Carnatic and on the Coast of Choromandel; and it is moreover agreed, that his Excellency's proportion of the Debt and Expences incurred by War shall henceforth be settled at one fifth part of the whole amount thereof.

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9th For the more effectual Security of the Payment of four fifths of the Revenue of his Excel: levey, annually to the military Expences of the War; and to remove every Doubt, on the part of the Company of any Secretion or Diversion of the said Revenues from the purpose aforesaid, The President in Council of Fort St Georg, in Behalf of the Company, shall have full Power and authority during such War, to appoint one or more Inspectors or accomp: tants, to inspect and examine all Country and Cutchery accounts, and Receipts, of all the Coun: tries and Districts of his Excellency, as well as all other Revenues, Duties, or Customs, collected by, or for the Use of his Excellency; and in case the said four fifths of the Revenues, or any part thereof, are diverted from the Discharge of the Current Ex: pences of the War, or the Debts and Expences incur: red thereby, the said United Company shall have full Power to appoint Superintendants and Recevers over the said Countries and Districts of the Rajah, in the manner specified in the 4th article of this Treaty, with the same authority, and under the like Restrictions and Conditions, as therein expressed in Case of Failure.

10th That the said annual four fifths, payable

payable from the Revenues of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, shall after the Termination of the War, continue to be applied to the Discharge of all Debts and Expences that may be incurrd or arise, during the Course of the War, until his proportion of one fifth Part of the whole Expence is paid off and discharged;

11th It is expressly understood and declared, that so soon as the Expences incurred by the War, are paid off and discharged, the Superintendants and Reaiver shall be immediately recalled;

12th That During the application of the said Proportion of four fifths of the said Gross Revenues, to the Discharge of the Debts and Expences incurred in time of War, the 2d 3d 4th and 5th Articles of this Treaty shall be, and remain dormant, and be of no Effect; but shall recommence and regain their full Force and Validity, from and immediately after all the Debts and Expences of such War, have been fully and proportionally paid off and discharged;

13th In Case his Excellency shall at any time have occasion for any number of Troops, for the Security and Collection of his

Revenues

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Revenues, the Support of his Authority, or the Good Order and Government of his Country, the said United Company shall and will furnish a sufficient number of Troops for that Purpose, on a Public Representation being made by his Excellency to the President in Council of Fort St George, of the necessity of employing such Force, and the Objects to be obtained thereby; In Case of the March of such Troops, the additional Batta and Expences attending their movements shall be annually discharged by his Excellency at the end of each year.

14th The late Rajah of Tanjore, having been at the time of his Death, indebted to his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic for Arrears of Peishcash, since the year 1776, which at the Commencement of the Fasly 1197 or 12th July 1787, will amount to the Sum of twelve Lacks, fifty Seven thousand, one hundred forty two Pa: :godas; and having also been indebted to British Subjects, whose names are set forth in a Sche: :dule hereunto annexed, for various Sums of Money lent by them, to and for the Use of the Rajah, which with Interest are computed to amount to about the Sum of four Lacks of Pagodas,

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It is hereby Stipulated and agreed, that for the Liquidation of the said Arrears of Peishcash, his Excellency shall appropriate annually the Sum of Pagodas — — — — 105,715 — —

To his annual Peishcash to the Nabob the Sum of — — — 114,285 — —

And to his Excellencys Private Creditors the annual Sum of — 80,000 — —

In all Three Lacks of Pagodas 300,000 — —

Payable in Kists as follows, —

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

15 The Private Debts of his Excellency not being as yet accurately ascertained; It is hereby

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hereby agreed, that the Debts due to British Subjects shall be forth-with examined, adjusted and settled; for which Purpose the Creditors shall be called upon to deliver their Demands to the President in Council of Madras, stated with Simple Interest at the Rate of 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum, to the 12th Day of July 1787, which accounts will be examined by Agents to be appointed on the Part of the Rajah, and by the Governor in Council on Behalf of the Creditors, after which they will be laid before his Ex: cellency, and on receiving his final approbation, they shall be classed amongst the List of his Private Creditors, and become entitled to a Share, or rateable Proportion of the said Sum of Eighty Thousand Pagodas, agreeable to such equitable Arrangement as may be formed by the Governor in Council, for the Benefit of the Rajah and the Creditors; and it is agreed that so soon as the Debts and Interest due from the Rajah to British Subjects, are paid off and discharged, the annual Payment of 80,000 Pagodas agreed to be made by the Rajah for the Benefit of the Creditors, shall from thenceforth cease and determine,

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16th And whereas his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, has by a solemn Deed assigned over to the United East India Company, the Arrears of Peishcash already due, and the annual Peishcash which shall hencefoth become due to His Highness in part Payment of his Debt to the Company: his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore willing to manifest his Regard to the Company, and upright Intentions towards the Nabob of the Carnatic, does hereby chearfully agree to pay into the hands of the India Company, for the account of the Nabob of the Carnatic, the whole annual appropriations to his highness specified in the 14th Article, upon the President and Council of Fort St George indemnifying his Excellency, for the amount of all such Monies as they shall receive on that account.—

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

In Confirmation of all the Articles in the preading Treaty, Sir Archibald Campbell Governor of Fort St George, invested with full Powers on Behalf of the India Company, has subscribed and Sealed two Instruments, of the same

Tenor

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Tenor and Date, at Tanjore, on the Tenth Day of April, in the Year of Christ, One Thousand seven hundred and eighty Seven.

And his Excellency Maha Rajah, Ameer Sing, for himself, his heirs, and Successors, has also subscribed and Sealed the same Instruments at Tanjore, the twentieth of the month Jemadul awker, and in the year of the Hegyra Twelve hundred and one.

/Signd/ Archd. Campbell

(Seal)

Signed and Sealed
By the Honble Sir
Archibald Campbell
Govenor &c. and by His
Excellency the Rajah
of Tanjore, in the Presence of

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod
Resident

D Stuart Lieut.
Commanding

By Order of the Honble
the Governor

/Signed/ A. Montgomery Campbell
Secy

a true Copy

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson Dep. Secy

Schedule

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Schedule of Private Debts

referred to in the 14th Article	Principal
Mr Alexander Brodie S.C.	99,254
Mr Duncan Baine	30,000
Sir George Ramsay	20,000
Colonel Maclellan	12,000
Major / or Captain / Burrows	26,100
Mr Whyte 5706	
Received 1000	4706
Mr Swartz for or money Subscribed by Gentlemen for the Benefit of Orphans	1000
Star Pagodas	253,060

The above Debts bear Interest at the Rate of 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum, and there is now between 4 & 5 Years Interest due upon them

Signed / Archd Campbell

a true Copy
Signed / W.C. Jackson Secry

To His Excellency The Rajah of Tanjore

My Friend,

By the 14th Article of the Treaty this Day executed between you and the Honble East India Company, It is Stipulated, that you

To the Rajah of Tanjore with the Treaty; & agreeing to receive fifty thousand Pag.s instead of Eighty thousand, for the use of his Private Creditors, for the two first ensuing years.

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you are to pay annually to the Company for the Discharge of your private Debts, the Sum of Eighty Thousand Pagodas: But as you have represented to me, that the payment of so large a Sum, would be more than your Country can afford, until you have had the power to introduce a compleat System of Reform in the Management of the affairs of the Country; I do therefore hereby consent to receive the Sum of fifty thousand Pagodas annually for the use of the private Creditors, for the two first ensuing years, instead of the Sum of 80,000 Pagodas specified in the Treaty.

The said Sum of 50,000 Pagodas to be paid in Kists, as follows:

May 25,000

September 25,000

which Sum is 50,000 to be applied to the Discharge of the Interest of the Debts.

After the Expiration of two Years, from the Commencement of the Treaty, the Condition for payment of Eighty Thousand Pagodas annually, shall then regain its full Force, and shall be duly performed in the manner

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manner Specified in the Treaty;

May your Excellency live long! &

may your Days be happy!

What shall I say more

/Signed/ Arch: Campbell

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From Major General Sir Arch Campbell

K. B. President & Governor of Fort St George &c. &c.

To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore —

My Friend,

To the Rajah of Tanjore, with pro: posed Regulations for the Court of Judicature at Tanjore, and re: commendation of several other Points

It has happily fallen to my Lot, to place your Excellency upon the most: need of your Ancestors, and to conclude with you, in the Name of the English East India Company, a Treaty and Agreement, for the General Security and Defence of Tanjore, & the Carnatic;

I mean now to take the Liberty of a sincere Friend and Well Wisher to the Interest and prosperity of your Kingdom, to recommend in the most earnest manner to your attention, certain important Points, which, if carried into immediate Execution, cannot fail greatly to benefit your affairs, and produce the most pleasing

Consequences

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Consequences to the mind of a Prince, who is solicitous to promote the Welfare & happiness of his People,—

From time immemorial it has been found, that every Country which has been wisely secured from oppression, has been invariably raised to a prosperous and flourishing Condition; and that the fatal Effects of an opposite Conduct, has always involved the Inhabitants in Destruction and misery;—

In the Tanjore Country, we have had a recent Instance how dangerous it is to elevate a Subject of the Kingdom to the office of Sirkel; you are a wise and virtuous prince; & my Recommendation to your Excellency, is, to begin your Reign, by convincing your people, that you will act the part of Sirkel as well as prince and Father of the Country; that you will hear their Grievances, attend to their wants, and remove their Distresses; thereby convincing them, that while they discharge their Duty faithfully, they shall enjoy all their Rights in the fullest Extent.—

The administration of Justice has been almost totally neglected at Tanjore, and the Inhabitants of Course, have suffered most

Severely

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severely on that Account. There are certain persons in the Palace appointed to hear the Complaints of your Subjects; But it is proper that your Excellency should also know this melancholy Truth, that Bribery and Corruption is so prevalent among these Judges, that the richest Criminals are Screened and protected, while the poorer Class of People are unnoticed and injured.

If an Open Court of Justice was established at Tanjore, where any Individual, whether poor or rich, could be at Liberty to bring his Complaints to a just hearing, it would raise and perpetuate the virtuous name of your Excellency to the latest Ages; especially if Men of good Character, were appointed, to sit as Judges, and that their Decisions are terminated in the shortest time possible; for to delay Judgment, is, in fact, to deny Justice — The principal Regulations for this Court, I have reduced to ten Articles, expressed in the accompanying paper / marked No 1 / —

With Respect to the Management of the Revenues of your Country, it strikes me, that as there are five Soubahships, you

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you should have One Superintendant for each, who ought to report to you, as Sirkel, all their procedings, and to lay before You every month just Statements of their Ac: :counts, specifying Advances made, and Monies received &c. To find five honest, able, discret men, to place at the head of these Soubahships, is a matter of the highest Imp: :portance to the Succes of your affairs, and to the welfare and Happiness of your people. I have ever enquired for the Names of five such Men, and I think it my Duty to lay their Names before You, They are as follows Sembuga Pandidew — who is already Inspector of the Southern Districts —

Manapa — who is at Teruviare,

Bada — A Bramin —

Lala — who is now in the Palace

& — The Son of the Deceased Dobeer.

I wish your Excellency may en: :quire minutely into the Character of these five Men, and if they are found to be trust-worthy and equal to these elevated Situations ought to sign Covenants for their good Behaviour, and to be punished, in Case they fail to discharge their

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their Duty honestly: By this means your Country will flourish, and you, as Head Inspector or Sirkul, will decide according to Justice,

I have been assured that puddu: Kunns or Lease-Lands to a great amount, are held by four or five particular Persons, at Rents much too low; I therefore recommend to your Excellency, that an exact Investigation do take Place, to determine what each ought really to pay to the Circar, which certainly at present, by such inconsiderate Grants, loses a very great part of its lawful Revenue — For this purpose, permit me to advise your Excellency, to order, that the Investigation be conducted by one person, nominated by the Company, whose Puddukum is examined; one Person nominated by your Excellency, and one by the Reverend Mr. Swartz, —

If agreable to your Excellency, I shall direct, that the Resident of Tanjore may accompany the Reverend Mr. Swartz during the Valuation, —

after the three Persons so appointed have reported to your Excellency their opinions on the Subject, you can easily determine the true Rent according

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according to Reason and Justice,

I would also recommend a Similar Investigation in all the other Pudduksums, which is the only way, in my Opinion, to satisfy your Excellency of the real Value of your Kingdom,

The Salaries to Dependants on the Palace, which were diminished in the Administration of Bava, ought not again to be augmented,

Every Cutwall, or other principal Person in each Village, might be ordered immediately to send a particular Account to your Excellency, of any Persons coming to settle in the Tanjore Country, from the Territories of any neighbouring State, and my Wish is, that the Honble Company's Resident should be furnished with an exact Copy of the Report, as soon as it is received,

I have great Respect for the Religious Tenets and Customs of all Nations, and would be sorry to recommend any measure, that would appear different from those Principles, But I am convinced, nothing has contributed more to the Injury which your Excellency's Country has sustained, than the Impositions of Priests and idle Fakirs, whom I consider as

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as useless Members of the Community; par:
:ticularly to the extent that they are suffered to
exist; consuming much, and doing nothing;—
I therefore hope that your Excellency will
hearken to my advice, and reduce the allowances
given at Charity-Houses by Government, as far as
is consistent with propriety: and that you
should take from Ashruff Shah, the great
Taker, a moderate annual Rent, for the Vil:
:lages he holds of the Circar, the whole of which
is dissipated at present, in supporting a number
of useless Takers — The Rent thus taken, might
be wisely applied, as far as it will go, to the Pay:
:ment of the Circar's pensioners.

I am assured, that the Ryots are
much injured by the Soubahdars, Amildars,
and others: the Subahdar I am informed, receives
pay from the Circar, for himself and others; and
retains the whole in his own hands; by which
means the Amildars, Hanigars, and Sempetty
are obliged to exact their allowances from the Ryots;
so that the Circar is defrauded, & the Ryots are op:
:pressed; when any Crime of this sort is detected,
I am persuaded your Excellency will punish it
with exemplary Severity.—

Permit

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Permit me, my Friend, to recom:
:mend to you in the Beginning of your Reign,
to make all proper and possible Deductions in
every Part of your household Expenditures; a
wise prince will always make this Object, the
first Study of his Reign.

As the Wives of the late Rajah Tuljaje,
were not burnt with him, it furnishes an excel:
:lent precedent for your Excellency to manifest
your Clemency, by prohibiting entirely a Custom
which is distressing to the feeling of humanity,
and only serves to enrich the Priest, by means
of the Jewels of the women, who are thus cruelly
and untimely sent out of the world.

I would recommend it to the atten:
:tion of your Excellency, to use your Endeavours
to reduce the Rate of Interest in your Country,
to such a Medium, as that the Ryots who are
obliged to borrow can afford to pay.

Pillars which were erected to limit
the Bounds of the Esplanade, should be continued
all round your Excellency's Fortifications, within
which, no Building of any kind should be
permitted to be Erected, lest an Enemy may take
an Advantage of such favorable Cover, and be
thereby

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thereby enabled to carry on his approaches rapidly to the Counterscarp of the Ditch.—

The Huts and Cow houses upon the Crest of the Glacis, ought also to be immediately cleared away, as well as the huts and Cow houses in the Fausse Braye, because they choak up the Drains of the Fort, and occasion the waters to stagnate behind the Fausse Braye Wall, which cannot fail to injure the Masonry, and occasion much Expence to your Excellency every Year.—

A certain number of Carts, as was formerly the Case, should be allowed by your Excellency, under the Direction of the Engineer, for keeping both Forts clean and wholesome— Few Coolys ought also to be allotted for watering the young Trees— which are planted round the Ramparts of both Forts, otherwise they will be lost.—

All Materials wanted for the Works of Tanjore or Trichinopoly, ought to pass Duty free, and to prevent Imprositions in this Respect, the Engineer will certify in a Pass under his Signature, that Such Materials are really & truly intended for the public Service only.—

Dated Tanjore
10th April 1787

[Signed] Arch: Campbell

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No 1.

Regulations for the Court of Judicature at Tanjore.

1st In order to introduce a better System of Justice at Tanjore, the Court in which the Judges are to Sit, ought to be an open place, to which every person, whether rich or poor, may have a free and ready access.

2ndly Four respectable persons of tried abilities and Integrity, ought to be appointed to hear the Complaints of the People, and to decide upon them, according to Law and strict impartial Justice.

3dly The Judges should have a compe: tent Salary to put them above the meanness and Infamy of accepting any Bribe — Such who shall dare to disgrace the Character of an upright Judge, by taking any Fee or Reward, on account of their Judgment, ought to be severely punished, and disqualified from ever sitting afterwards as a Judge.

4th All Monies recovered by Fines, ought to be kept as a separate Fund, to be applied as your Excellency may think best; but the Judges ought never to have any Share in it.

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5th No verbal Complaints ought to be listened to. Complainants Should give in their Complaints in writing, under their pro: per Signatures, imploring Justice, and stating their Case and Witnesses.

6th Three, or more writers, Should note and regularly record the Law Suits brought before the Judges — They ought also to register and preserve all Supplications for Justice.

7th The Judges Should give in to the Rajah, on the last Day of every month, a summary account of the Law Suits that came before them; and their Decision upon them.

8th When any person is convicted of Bribery, the punishment Should be exem: plary and public.

9th Expedition Should be recom: mended to the Judges in the most peremptory manner; for when they are tedious in their Decisions, the poores Class of people are constrained to quit their Suits, on this principle: that it is much better to give up their hopes of Success, than to incur a most enormous Expence by tedious Delay.

10th No Intercession of great men, must

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much less of the Women of the Palace, should be
raised by the Judges: for Justice and Truth
should prevail untainted with the Threats and
Supplications of either.

This last article has been so shamefully
neglected, that the Judges have often declared, they
could not do common Justice, because the great
Criminals are supported with such powerful
Advocates.

Such are the genural heads, I would
recommend, for carrying on the Courts of Justice
at Tanjore, and every Day would teach your
Excellency fresh Improvements; I would however
recommend to your Excellency, that if any two
contending Parties should agree to have their
affair decided by Arbitration, they should have
full Permission to do so.

I have heard that there is a man named
Daniel Pilly, who is at the head of the Law, under
General Abestie at Tranquebar: the Character of this
man is so respectable, that I could wish your
Excellency had him placed at the head of your Judges
here, even for a twelve Month, as he would arrange
the proceedings in your Law Courts, in a very comp-
plete & satisfactory manner.

[Signed] Arch. Campbell

Tanjore
10th April 1787

Ordered

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The original Treaty to be lodged in the Cash Chest.

Ordered that the Original Treaty, now presented by the Governor be lodged in the Cash Chest.

The President lays before the Board a Copy of a Letter addressed to Earl Cornwallis by the Nabob, the original of which His Highness has desired may be forwarded to his Lordship.

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

From His Highness the Nabob to Earl Cornwallis, expressing his Concern that his Lordship did not see his Rights to the Province of Tanjore in the Light his Highness had stated them.

My Friend! Governor Genral of India.

I have received your Lordship's Letter, in reply to mine on the Subject of Tanjore.

I can only express my great Concern, that your Lordship did not see my Rights in the Light in which I have explained them to your Lordship in my Letter; however, I at all Times look up to your Lordship for Support, & for the Preservation of all the Rights of my Sovereignty.

I pray the almighty to preserve your Lordship under his divine Shadow, in Health & Happiness. What can I say more?

Arsenal House
23 Jemmady Saany
1201.
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Ordered accordingly

Agreed that the whole of the Proceedings relative to Tanjore, together with a Copy of the Treaty be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council and that a Letter be drafted to accompany them.

The Proceedings respecting Tanjore to be sent to Bengal

The following address being approved, is ordered to be Copied fair and dispatched.

To the Right Honorable

Charles Earl Cornwallis, K.G.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William.

To Bengal with Copy of the whole Proceedings relative to Tanjore.

My Lord,

We have been honored with the receipt of the Letters dated the 26 February, 9th and 14th Ultimo from your Lordship, and the Council at Fort William, with their several Enclosures.

We have now the honor to transmit to your Lordship, Copies of the Papers laid

before

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before us by our President, detailing his proce:
:dings at Tanjore, in the execution of the instruc:
:tions from the Bengal Government of the 26th.
February last, relative to the Succession to the
Tanjore Musnud.

We trust that our President's con:
:duct in the management of the delicate Service
entrusted to him, will be as fully approved
by your Lordship and the Council at Calcutta,
as it has been by us — We have had a sincere
pleasure in recording our most perfect appro:
:bation of Sir Archibald Campbell's proceedings
at Tanjore related in his Journal, which
makes a number in our Packet to your
Lordship, together with the Treaty concluded
with the new Rajah of Tanjore, upon the prin:
:ciples laid down in our President's minute
of the 16th January, approved by us, and already
transmitted to you.

Your Lordship will observe by
the Copy of a Letter addressed to the Rajah of
Tanjore by our President, that in consequence of
his Excellency's representation of his Country
being unable to bear the payment of 80,000
Pagodas annually, on account of his Creditors
until

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until he Could introduce a compleat System of Reform, in the management of the affairs of his Kingdom, Sir archibald Campbell Consented to receive 50,000 Pagodas annually for the two first ensuing years, instead of the 80,000 Pagodas, Specified in the 14th article of the Treaty.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell to the Rajah of Tanjore, on the Subject of the administration of Justice in his Kingdom, and upon divers other points, which are of much consequence to his Excellency, who appears Sollicitous to promote the welfare & happiness of his People.

Our President desires us to express the Satisfaction, which the Letters from your Lordship and the Council of Bengal, under date the 9th & 14th Ultimo, have afforded him. He begs leave to observe, that, as it is not less his earnest inclination, than it is his duty, to manage the affairs of the Government entrusted to him, in such manner as to merit the approbation of his Superiors, he will always derive a Sincere gratification, when favorable testimonies of his Conduct shall be given, by such high & respectable authority, as that of Supreme Government of the British affairs in India.

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We enclose a Letter from the Nabob to your Lordships.

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

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/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell
& Council

List of the Packet to Bengal
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1	General Letter	17 April 1787
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7	From Sir A Campbell to His Highness the Nabob	1 Do Do
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/Signed/ W. C. Jackson
Dep.y Sec.y
Treasuries

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Copy of the 14th article of the Treaty with the Rajah to be sent to the Representatives of the late Rajah of Tanjore's British Creditors.

Provision being made in the late Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore, for the payment of the deceased Rajah's Debts to his British Creditors, it is agreed, that Copy of the 14th article of the Treaty be sent to Messrs. John Balfour, Moubray, Spalding and Tulloh, who, as agents for the Creditors, addressed this Govern: ment in October last.

Messrs. Garrow Webb and Landor to examine the Bonds & calculate the Interest due upon them, calculated to the 12th July next.

Agreed also that the above Gentlemen be desired to deliver in to Messrs. Garrow, Webb & Landor, the Bonds of their con: stituents, that they may be examined, and the Interest due upon them, Calculated to the 12th July next.

The following Letter to the agents for the Tanjore Creditors is approved & ordered to be Sent.

To the Representatives of the late Rajah of Tanjore's British Creditors, with an account of the arrangement made for their Constituents, with the Rajah of Tanjore.

To Messrs. John Balfour
George Moubray
John Spalding
& J. Tulloh

Representatives of the late Rajah of Tanjore's European Creditors

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform you, that in a Treaty Concluded on the 10th Instant between

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between his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore and the Governor of Fort St George, a provision of 80,000 Pagodas annually, has been made for the European Creditors of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

after the Execution of the Treaty, the Governor consented to receive from the Rajah of Tanjore 50,000 Pagodas, on account of the Creditors, for the two first ensuing years, Commencing from the 12th July next, instead of the 80,000 Pagodas, specified in the 14th Article of the Treaty, in consideration of the strong representations of his Excellency, that the large Payments to which he had bound himself, would be more than his Country could bear, until he had introduced a Compleat System of Reform, in the Management of the affairs of his Kingdom.

Conformably therefore to the abovemention'd Arrangement, I am directed to desire you will deliver in to Messrs. Farrow Webb & London, the Bonds of your Constituents, that they may be examined, & the Interest due upon them calculated to the 12th July next.

I enclose for your Information, Copy of the 14th Article of the Treaty & am &c.

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Signed John Shannon
agent

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Agreed that the following Letter be written to Messrs Garrow Webb & Landon, informing them of the contents of the foregoing Letter, and sending them Copies of the Articles in the Treaty relating to the British Creditors, with the Schedule ascertaining their names & the amount of their Claims,

Letter to be written to Messrs Garrow, Webb & Landon.

To Messrs Edw: Garrow
W. Webb
& James Landon

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to desire you will examine the Bonds of the Creditors of the late Rajah of Tanjore, as mentioned in the accompanying Schedule, referred to in the 14th and 15th Articles of the Treaty lately concluded with the Rajah a Copy of the above Articles is also enclosed for your Information,

To Messrs Garrow Webb & Landon, to examine the Bonds of the Creditors of the late Rajah of Tanjore, agreeable to a Schedule sent them & the Interest to be calculated to the 12th July next

You will be pleased to calculate the Interest at 12 ℘ Cent upon each Bond to the 12th July next, & make your report to Government, as soon as possible,

I am &c &c

(Signd) John Shannier Sy.

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nabob (entered in C. C. N° 32) stating his concern that Earl Cornwallis did not see his rights in the same light in which His Highness had explained them, and declaring that he shall always look up to the Governor General and to the President, for the preservation of all the rights of his Sovereignty

Examined W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

Alex.r Davidson
Sec.y

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Diary

Received the following Letter from Bengal.

To The Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

From Bengal; acknowledging the Receipt of the Treaty with his Highness the Nabob; and repeating their assurances of entire approbation thereof

We have the Honor to acknowledge our receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant, with Copy of the Treaty entered into between the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Company, in obedience to the orders of the Court of Directors, of the 9th December 1784.

As we have already communicated to you our sentiments on this Subject, in our Letters of the 9th & 14th Instant, we can only now repeat our assurances, that the Treaty has our entire approbation.

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

Fort William
Secret & Political Depart.t
28th March 1787

/Signed/ Cornwallis
Arch.d Stuart
J Shore

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Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Poona

C. W. Malet Esq.

Resident at Poona

Sir

To the Resident at Poona with an account of Mr. Bruce Expected from Poona Intelligence before this Time, respecting the Peace said to be concluded between Tippoo & the Mahrattas. The last Packet from Bombay, has the appearance of having been broken open, requesting in Consequence that he will make enquiry about it.

Inclosed is Duplicate of a letter I wrote you on the 13th Ultimo, and I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that your letters of the 19th February & 7th March were forwarded to me, while on a Journey to the Southward of this Presidency.

An enquiry respecting the Mr. Bruce you mention, I learn here, that though he was taken notice of by some English Gentlemen at Hydrabad I have no reason to believe he has any Claim to the Description he has given of himself, as I am informed that he came to India in the character of a Gentleman's Servant.

My letter of the 13th March having communicated to you, that Tippoo had written me of Peace being agreed on between the Mahrattas and him, I expected the accounts of this circumstance would have reached Poona in some shape or other, previous to the 1st March, the

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27th /the date of the last letter received from you/ as you would observe Tippoo's letter to me on the Subject, is dated on the 8th February; I am very anxious to hear the terms on which Peace has been concluded, according to the accounts given by the Poonah Government.

My Intelligence from Hydrabad reports, that Adonie, and all the Country belonging to Mahabet Jung was restored by Tippoo, who likewise gave up his Claim to the Arrears of Tribute; another account says, that Mahabet Jung paid 14 Lacks of those Arrears - That it is agreed the Soubah shall have 7 Lacks, and that he is to partake of the acquisition the Mahrattas have made on the Doab.

Letters of Recall having been enclosed to you in my last, from the Nabob of Arcot to his Vakeel, Buying Row, it becomes unnecessary to make any particular remark on the Extract of the letter you had written on that subject to the Governor Genral and Council, dated the 5th March; I shall be glad however to hear from you, when the new Vakeel arrives at Poonah, to replace Buying Row; and that you send his Instructions from

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from the Nabob to be such, as will prevent a repetition of the unwarantable conduct you experienced in his Predecessor;

The Motions of the powers surrounding us, require the utmost vigilance: from your zeal and attention, I trust we shall be able to counteract any Intrigues carrying on at the Poonah Durbar, as well as to Collect the best Intelligence of those of the other Courts, who may be at any time attempting to tamper with the Mahrattas; The terms of friendship we are on at present with them, are such, as give me no room to believe they will hastily enter into any measure, hostile to the Interest of the English; but still it is necessary to keep a Watchfull Eye over their Conduct.—

The Packet from Bombay arrived here on the 23d Instant, with every appearance of having been broken open; the Seals were torn off, and four private letters only came to hand—the Cossid to Angola says he received it in that broken manner, but acknowledges being 30 Days on the Road from Bombay, occasioned by illness.— as I am in anxious

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expectation of receiving Dispatches from you, — I shall be glad to know if you forwarded any by that Opportunity, and will be obliged to you to make enquiry into this matter, as it is hardly possible to Suppose the Bombay Government would forward the Letters loosely without either a Seal or public Letter, giving an account of the Packet.

It may be perhaps necessary to contradict any report to our disadvantage respecting the Nizam having stopped the Company purchasing Horses at Hydrabad, which is done in a way from whence we could take no Umbrage, by a Message being sent to Colonel Campbell who was then on that Service, intimating that it was His Highness's wish, no more Horses should at that time be drawn from his Country as he required all that could be had for his own Cavalry, uncertain about the issue of Tippoo's War.

I am,

&c &c

Fort St George
27th April 1787

Sign'd Arch.d Campbell

Sign'd

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Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore, accompanied with the Reply of the Rajah of Tanjore, as entered in Country Correspondence N° 34, to Sir Archibald Campbell's Letter to him of the 10th Instant, respecting the Establishment of a Court of Justice, and the adoption of several other Points, to which his Excellency has signified his Determination to pay the utmost attention.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore with Translation of a Letter from the Rajah, in Reply to the Governor's Letter to him of the 10th April

I have now the Honor to enclose the Replies of his Excellency the Rajah, to your Secret and Confidential Letter, together with his Observations on the Regulations for the Court of Justice, recommended by you; Translations of each are sent enclosed.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect,

&c. &c.

Alex. Macleod

Tanjore
24 April 1787

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At a Consultation Present

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

President

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Friday 4th May 1787

James Henry Casamayor Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

By the Journal of my Proceedings at Tanjore, the Board would observe, that the Rajah was extremely importunate to abolish the Committee of Inspection: because their existence after his being placed on the Musnud, tended to lessen his Dignity among the people, to prevent him the Power of doing Good in his Country and to disable him from fulfilling his just and legal Engagements to the Company.

President's Minute recommending the abolition of the Committee of Inspection at Tanjore; that the Thanks of the Board be given to them; & that the Rajah of Tanjore be advised accordingly

The Rajah of Tanjore being a virtuous and well-disposed prince, I should think it is wise in this Government, to place the fullest Confidence in his Administration, and to give him the entire, uncontrouled Direction of his own

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own affairs. Such being my Sentiments, I must beg leave to recommend, that the Committee of Inspection should be abolished, and, I trust and hope, that no future Event will occur to render their Reestablishment necessary.

I would likewise beg Leave to propose, that a friendly Letter be addressed to the Rajah of Tanjore, in answer to that received from his Excellency, dated the 21st of April, expressing the Satisfaction which Government have felt on the Assurances received from His Excellency, of his firm Determination to pay the strictest attention to the points recommended in my Letter of the 10th of April; and acquainting him, that as a proof of the Confidence placed in him by this Government, and from their Desire to acquiesce in whatever can add to his Happiness, the Committee of Inspection is now actually abolished.

At the same time that the Orders of Government for abolishing the Committee of Inspection are sent to Tanjore, I should think it a Justice done to the Members of that Committee, to express to them in the most handsome Terms, the entire approbation of this Board, with the whole of their Conduct in that delicate Service; which was executed with such Zeal, Abilities & Integrity, as to answer every good

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good purpose, for which the Committee was originally instituted; — Signed Arch.d Campbell

Agreed that the Committee of Inspection be dissolved, & that a Letter be addressed to them accordingly — Communicating at the same time the Board's perfect approbation of their Conduct and informing them that their exertions shall be reported to the Honble the Court of Directors.

Approved

Agreed that the President be desired to address the Rajah of Tanjore, advising his Excellency of the dissolution of the Committee of Inspection, agreably to his Request, & expressing the confidential hope of Government that no future Event will occur to render their Reestablishment necessary; — Arch.d Campbell

The Rajah to be written to.

Alex.r Davidson

Jn.o W.m Casamajor

Examined
W.m C.s Jackson
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Diary

5th Sent the following Letter,

To Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident
Colonel James Stuart
John Cox Hippisley Esqr.
The Rev: Mr. Swartz
} Committee of Inspection
at Tanjore.

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of Inspection advising of their abolition; and expressing the Thanks of Government for their Conduct.

We have thought it expedient to dissolve the Committee of Inspection, whose functions are accordingly to cease from the receipt of this Letter.

We think it a justice due to your Zeal, abilities, and Exertions as a Committee, to express our Thanks, and a perfect approbation of your Conduct, which is recorded, on our proceedings, and will be reported to the Honorable Court of Directors.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
(signed) — Archd. Campbell
G. Council &c

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To Alexander Macleod Esq.r

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To Wm. Macleod — with Letter for the Rajah, informing of Ensign Blackburn's being appointed to act under him

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to forward a Letter for the Rajah of Tanjore, which you will be pleased to deliver to his Excellency. — Copy is enclosed for your Information, —

Government have appointed Ensign William Blackburn to act under you, in occasionally translating the Maharatta Language; he is to be allowed 20 Pagodas Monthly, to commence from the 1st april last. —

I am,

Sir,

Your &c.

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/Signd/ John Shannon Secy

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore, /as entered in Country Correspondence No 35/ advising him of the abolition of the Committee of Inspection, in Consequence of his Desire; and expressing Satisfaction at the ready Disposition of his Excellency, to follow the advice which the President gave him, upon several important Points, —

Received

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6th Received the following Letter from

Masulipatam

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

President and Governor in Council

at Fort St George –

Honble Sir,

From Masulipatam:
The Dutch at the Factories of Jaggernaickporam & Palicole renew the Payment of the Tribute received by the Company previous to the late War, which is not considered by them as a Tribute but an annual Present –

A small Tribute having been paid before the late War by the Dutch for the Factories of Jaggernaickporam & Palicole; and as they stand engaged by the acts for restoring those Factories after the conclusion of the late Treaty of Peace to pay the same Tribute as formerly; We have thought it proper to call upon the Chiefs and Councils of Jaggernaickporam and Palicole for it, and have accordingly received the same as follows

Tribute for the Factory of Jaggernaickporam from the 18th October 1783 (being the Day on which it was restored) to the 31st January 1786 ——— 62.15.32.

Do. Do. from the 31st January 1786. to the 31st January 1787 ——— 217 – –

Tribute for Palicole from the 5th October 1785, being the Day on which that Factory was restored) to the 31st Jan.y 86 ——— 70.11.20

Carried Over 349.26.52

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Brought Over — 349. 26. 52.

Tribute for Palicole from the 31st
January 1786 to 31st January 1787 143. 13. 40.

Total Madras Pagodas 493. 4. 12

We think it may not be improper to observe, that the Dutch do not acknowledge this to be a Tribute, tho' commonly called so by us, but an annual present, and We believe it may be considered as a Nazer, which they were accustomed to pay annually during the Moorish Government, and for which they in return received Dustucks, for passing their Merchandize free from Duties, thro' the Countries of some of the Zemindars The same Practice has been continued under our Company's Govern: ment, and it serves as an acknowledgement of the Dependance of the Factories of Paggemaik: poram and Palicole, upon the Company.

We have the Honor to be,
very respectfully &c &c

Masulipatam
30th April 1787

[sign'd] Chas. Floyer
Geo Westcott
W Doblyn

Rec'd

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Received the following Letter from the Resident at Poona dated the 17th April with Duplicate of his addresses of the 9th and 10th of that Month, the originals of which have not been received.

To the Honble Sir Arch: Campbell K.B.

Governor of Fort St George —

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Poona, the Mahratta Ministers interfere with Respect to the Conduct of Bajurg Roa — The Definitive Treaty is not exchanged on the 13th of April

I had the Honor to address you last under the 9th and 10th Instant, Duplicates of which are now enclosed.

On the 12th Instant I received a Message from Behroo Punt / the Person through whom my Business with this Government is conducted / purporting, that Nana was much concerned at the marks of the Nabob Walajahs displeasure, which had been signified to Bajurg Roa, and entering warmly into his justification even to the Specification of his never having made any improper offer or communications to him, and desiring that I would do away any thing that I had written on that Subject: Hence it appears that this man has misled, the &

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Prediction contained in my last, and, that in a Case in which the presumption of his culpability arose from improper communications to the Minister. He has appealed to him as the judge of his conduct, thereby necessarily making him a party in his cause against me.

The Precipitation with which this appeal has been made by Bajiraj Rao and the Readiness with which it has been adopted by Nana, contrary to the usual caution, this car; acter, require no Comment. at all Events, I thought the interference of the Minister so irregular, that I gave no other answer than the general one of the Nabobs Competency to judge of the conduct of his own Servants.

On the 14th, I received another Message from the Minister on the same Subject, to which I replied in the same general way, that the Nabob Walajah was the best Judge of his conduct to his own Servants, and that any application from him to me on the Subject, was certainly irregular.

Bajiraj Rao I find conceals the Circumstance of his dismission, and has applied to the Durbar for Leave to go to Aurungabad, to celebrate the Nuptials of his Son, whence He

circulates

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circulates that He shall soon return to his Station.

Though I have been much indis: posed Since my last Dispatch, and Still continue very unwell, I have thought it ne: cessary to make you acquainted with these Circumstances.

On my mentioning to Nanna, that Tippoo had so long ago as the 8th of February written to you that the Peace with the Peshwa was concluded, He observed, that it cost him nothing to say any thing that he thought conducive to the Execution of his ends, and that his writing to you was less extraordinary than writing the same thing to Nizam ally Khan about the same Time. He referred me to the Event for the Truth of Tippoo's Communi: cations, adding, that they were so far from the matter of fact, that even by the last advices, received to the 13th Instant, the Definitive Instruments were not exchanged.

I have the Honor to be,
with perfect Respect,
&c. &c.
[Signed] C. W. Malet

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To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor of

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Poona, states the Information received by him of the Particulars of the Treaty negotiating between the Marattas and Tippoo — Requests Bills for the arrears due to Bago Punt, and for future Payment —

On the 8th of April, I was honored with your Commands of the 13th of March, and have the Pleasure to congratulate you on the very Satisfactory adjustment of your Arrangement with His Highness the Nabob —

You will have learnt from my Letters of the 19th of February and 7th of March, that Tippoo's advice of the conclusion of the Peace under the 8th of February, was at least so far previa: ture as related to the Return of himself, and the Maratta Army to their respective Capitals: indeed so great has the Uncertainty of this Event appeared to this Durbar, that even to the 8th Inst. I have received Assurances of Doubts of a pacifick Termination of the present Negociations, which the Minister does not scruple to account for, in the Perfidiousness of Tippoo's Character. I was at the same time assured, that though half the Money Stipulated to be paid by Tippoo, had arrived in the Maratta Camp, the ratified Treaties were not yet exchanged —

Sir

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If the Peace really was Settled so long ago as the 8th of February, which I much doubt, as Tippoo's Ambassador left the Mahratta Camp about that time, and did not return till the 26th of February, the Subsequent Delays can only be accounted for in the Desire of Tippoo to prevent the Marattas benefiting by the Sums he was to pay them, by protracting their Return to Poona, and the Disbandment of their Army; To Effect this Purpose, several little Points of Discussion have been brought forward, respecting the Nabobs of Kunnoul, Shanoor, and adonie, the Etiquette of the Surrender of the ceded Places, and of the Style in which Tippoo demands that this Government should address Him. These Points, however, must now be nearly or entirely adjusted by the Payment of Half the Stipulated Sum, which, by a Letter from the Army of the 30th Ultimo, I find arrived in the Mahratta Camp to the Amount of about 36,00,000 Rupees, under the Conduct of ally Rajah, escorted by a Body of 3000 Infantry with Six Field Pieces, and 500 Cavalry; which Detachment was to proceed to take Possession of Gujendur Ghur,

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The Uncertainty of this Durbar as to the actual Event of the Negotiations has caused much Reserve in their Communications on the Subject of it, and the only official Information I have received is, That on the Part of Tippoo the Arrears of Kundnee or Tribute are to be discharged for four Years, and the future annual Payment to be punctually made; That he is to cede Mulgoond a Fort which he took about two years ago from an independant Zemindar, to the Peishwa, with Kittore taken by his Father from the Marattas, and that He is to restore Adonie to Mohabut Jung: In return for which the Marattas are to Surrender Guimundur Dhurr, lately taken by them, but previously captured by Hyder from the Maratta Family of Morarba Goorpuro, and Tippoo is to remain in Possession of the other important Forts, and extensive Territories which he holds North of the Tumbudra - Some other Points as abovementioned, relative to Tippoo's Titles, his Claims on Adonie, Kurnoul, and Shanoor, have been agitated; but as I have received no account of their Termination from the Durbar, I am not sufficiently informed to say any Thing positive on them — you will observe that the above

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State of the Exchange of Places, differs from what I communicated to you on the 5th of March, & respecting Guiundus Ghurr, which the Minister then informed me was to remain with the Peishwa. I doubt not you have received very frequent and full Information on these Points from Rago Punt

My last Letter from the Army mentions that about 12,000 men were to march to take Possession of Mulgound and Kittor, and that the Rest of the army would return toward Soond in two or three Days. It is written in the same Letter, that Tippoo has hostile Designs against Kunnoul, and, notwithstanding the Peace, has forcibly translated great Numbers of the Inhabitants of the adoni Country, on both Sides of the Tumbudra to Seringapattum.

On the 3d Instant, I advanced your Agent, Rago Punt, 200 Rupees by Bill payable in the Army, on his representing to me that his Supply was entirely expended. Permit me to request you will furnish me with Bills for his Arrears and future Payment.

The French have two large Frigates and

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and two Small Vessels on the Coast of Malabar, two of which have visited Bombay and Surat, — I have been informed that what I had the Honor to mention in my last, of the attack of a French Vessel by the Mahratta Cruizers, ended in her Capture, but that the Minister has Since ordered her to be restored —

The Vessel on which Mess.rs Strabenzie, Pye, Baillie, and Spediman, went to Bussorah, arrived there the 20th of January, and returned to Bombay the 31st Ultimo, but without any News, —

On the 25th Ultimo your Post Cossids passed this Place with Letters of the 28th of February, and were immediately Sent on, as were those that arrived the 8th Instant, and brought me your Letter of the 13th Ultimo, None of the returning Cossids have called on me, —

I am given to understand that Nizam ally Khan has had very little Participation in the late negotiations, & that the Issue of them is not al. together agreable to His wishes —

I shall cause the Letter from Walanja to Bujang Row to be delivered to him, agreeable to your Desire, and have the Honor to be with perfect Respect, &c. &c. C W Malet

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P. S. I had the Honor to address you last the 1st Ultimo Duplicate of which was for: warded the 15th following

To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor of

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Poona — enclosing Copy of a Persian Note to him from Bajung Rao, supposed to be a Quotation from the Nabob's Letter, and animadverting upon his / Bajung Rao's / Conduct

Since closing the accompanying Letter, my Vackeel, Moorad Dew Hussein Khan, brought me a Paper, which he told me had been delivered to him by a Karkon of Bajung Rao, Though without Seal, Cover, or address my Curiosity induced me to open it and on Perusal I found the following to be the Sense of it's Persian Contents.

"From frequent Writings, Complaints
"of your Conduct have reached Governor Campbell
"from Mr. Malet, what occasion was there for
"your Interference in Matters relating to which
"you had no Powers, as your Deputation merely
"extended to the common Business of Vackalut?
"This is a Paragraph which my Master has sent
"me — In what Case have I committed Interference?
"On this Subject confronting is necessary, even in the

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Presence of the Minister

Thus far the Note; which it may not be unnecessary to tell you, I conceive to be a Quotation from the Nabob's Letter to Bryany Rao, and his Summons to me to appear with Him before the Minister to answer for the Same,

Notwithstanding the very uncivil Manner in which this Paper was conceived and conveyed to me; notwithstanding it's being absolutely deficient in the requisite Marks to distinguish to what or to whom it relates; notwithstanding it's being wanting in all the common Forms of Address, which constitutes a capital Offence against good Manners in the East, I have on Perusal thought it worthy of Preservation, and of your Inspection, particularly as it's Contents are in some Measure descriptive of it's Author,

I have thought it necessary to send a Copy of the Persian Note, that Should you think proper to shew it to his Highness the Nabob, He may at one View see the Facility with which his Agent can Sacrifice his and the Company's Dignity, by throwing himself and the Company's Representative, in Matters of a private and domestick

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domestick nature, on the Judgment of a Foreign Minister; and He will also perceive how very little he has observed that Decency & Decorum to me and my Station, which ought to regulate the Conduct of Persons in his Situation.

When His Highness resolved to dismiss this Person from his Employment, I could have wished He had not been quite so explicit as to the Cause, while Buying Rao continued at this Place; as he certainly will give, if He has not already given, the Minister the Particulars of his Recall; by which means all those with whom He has had any Communication of a confidential nature during his Residence here will Stand in a very Suspicious Point of View with this Government, and may perhaps tend to increase the Circumspection with which all my actions are observed.

Buying Rao's Darkness was importunate for an Answer in which he will not be gratified, nor Shall I receive any further Notes of any kind from him.

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

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Translation of a Copy of a Persian note from Bhoyjing
Row attested by Mr. Mallet,

Complaints have been made to Governor
Campbell of your conduct in repeated represen-
tations to him from Mr. Mallet, what business
have you to interfere in matters wherein you
had no right or authority, when you were sent
on the common business of a Vackeel?—
His Highness, my gracious master, has
been pleased to write me the above paragraph—
Proofs should be given of what I have interfered
in. It should even be done in the presence of the
Modar ul Moham, viz^t the Regent or Minister.

Reaived the following Letter from
14 the late Committee of Inspection at Tanjore

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

From the late Committee of Inspection advising of their having delivered over their Records to the Resident

Honble Sir

We have been honored with the
Commands of Government of the 5 Instant,
dissolving the Committee of Inspection, and beg
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to express the high Sense we entertain of the very flattering testimony of approbation of our Conduct, in the execution of the Trust that had been delegated to us.

We beg to inform your Honor, that we have deposited the Records of our Proceedings with the Resident.

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

Alex. Macleod
J. Stuart
J. C. Hepprisley
C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
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[Signed]

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Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Poona.

Charles Warre Malet Esqr.

Resident at Poonah

Sir,

I had the pleasure to write you on the 27th April, and now enclose a duplicate of my Letter of that date.

On the 10th Instant I received your Letter of the 17th April, enclosing a Duplicate

To the Resident at Poona:—
Recommending that some Plan be adopted for procuring Intelligence from Mangalore & Mahé;—advising of the Steps lately taken at Tanjore in placing Annee Sing on the Musnud; & enclosing a Soucar Bill for the Arrears due to Raja Pant who is desired to return immediately to Madras.—

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Duplicate of yours of the 9th and 10th of that month, the Originals of the two last reached me the 14th Instant.

I observe by your letters, that the points remaining in dispute between the Mahrattas and Tippoo had not been then finally adjusted. I have not received any late authentic Intelligence on the Subject of their negotiations, but by what I hear from Hydrabad, it seems to be understood at the Soubah's Durbar, that matters are arranged between all the Parties, on this Subject — however. I hope soon to hear further from you.

The behaviour of Buying Row, mentioned in your last letters, is of a piece with his former reprehensible mode of conducting himself. I have communicated the whole to the Nabob, who is perfectly sensible of the impropriety of his behaviour: but as I take it for granted that he must be for some time gone from Poonah, his name is unworthy of future notice — I must however express my entire approbation of the manner in which you have conducted yourself towards him throughout.

I am obliged to you for Your Information

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Information relative to the French Frigates that are upon the Malabar Coast, and shall be glad to recive from time to time, all the Intelligence that you can collect concerning them, I would also consider it a desirable thing, if you could form some plan of procuring information of any thing material that may be going forward at Mangalore & Tellichery, I should imagine that by a little good management at Tellichery, information might be had of every thing that is going on at these places, and I will chearfully defray any expence that may attend your experiments in that pursuit,

By my accounts from Europe dated in September, the utmost harmony subsisted between the French Court and ours, we cannot however be too vigilant in watching their Intrigues in this Country, particularly with Tippoo.

It escaped my attention to mention to you in my late letters, that Tulyajee, the late Rajah of Tanjore, died the end of January last, a few days previous to his death, when his mental and bodily faculties were reduced to the lowest ebb, he took the hasty resolution of adopting

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a Boy of nine years of age, the only Son of a very distant Relation of the family, endeavouring by this means to supercede the rights of his brother Amer Sing, commonly called Rama Swamy. This unguarded proceeding of the Rajah, gave rise to a question of great delicacy. It was resolved by this Government that I should go myself to Tanjore, and see the Succession settled according to Justice; in consequence of which, I went there, the beginning of April, when finding that considerable doubts were entertained as to the legality of the adoption, I convened twelve learned Pundits of the most respectable Character in the Country, and took their answers separately to various questions which I proposed to them, the result of which was, that the adoption was found irregular and defective in many particulars; and that according to the Gentoo Laws, the rights of the brother, Amer Sing were Superior to those of the adopted Boy; whereupon, I placed the brother Amer Sing upon the Musnud of Tanjore, to the great Joy, and amidst the acclamations of the people, who were delighted at the Justice with which the power of the English nation, was administered

It must give Satisfaction to the Court of Poonah to have this measure announced

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to them, as they will thereby perceive that the English nation who have declared themselves to be the firm and Steady protectors of the Tanjore family, have exercised their authority in rendering impartial Justice to the present Rajah, agreable to the laws of his own Country, Exclusive of the Satisfaction which I experienced in bringing this matter to an happy issue, the reflection of placing on the musnud of his ancestors, a prince descended from the exalted race of the Maharattas, who enjoys every virtuous principle, which can render his king: dom prosperous, and his Subjects happy, has encreased the Satisfaction to a very great degree,

Inclosed I send you a State of Rago Punts account to the 30th of June next, when there will be due to him the Sum of C24 Rupees, for which you will receive enclosed a Soucar Bill, payable to you. — after repaying your-self what you have advanced, be so good as remit him the balance, and let him know that it is my Orders, that he return immediately to Madras. — It is unnecessary to assign any reason to him for his recall, but the true one is, that I am very much dissatisfied with his

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his Conduct; his appointment has been attended with a great deal of Expence; I never hear from him above once in two Months, and when he writes, his Intelligence is not worthy of Perusal.

I am, with much Esteem,

&c. &c.

Arch.d Campbell

Fort St George
21st May 1787

[Signed]

At a Consultation, Present

The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday
the 22d May
1787

Alexander Davidson Esq.r
James Henry Casamajor Esq.r

Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved

Read the following Letter from Bengal.—

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

From Bengal—
the President's
Conduct at Tanjore,
highly approved

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to acknowledge our Receipt of a Letter from the President

and

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will be referred for final Arrangement to the Honorable the Court agreeably to their Orders of the 9th December 1784.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Arch: Campbell

Alex. Davidson

Jas. Wm. Gasamajor

Examined
W. C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to the Committee for investigating the Debts of his Highness the Nabob.

To Messrs. Farrow
Webb
& Landon

Committee for investigating the Debts of His Highness the Nabob.

Gentlemen

To the Committee for investigating the Nabobs' Debts; to include the late Mr. John Maxwell Stone's Bond, in their General Report, provided it be acknowledged by his Highness

I enclose for your information an Extract of the Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated the 22d December 1786, together with Copy of a Memorial delivered to them by the Executors of the late John Maxwell Stone Esqr.

The Board desire you will, when the Bond shall be presented to you by Mr. Stone's Executors in India, procure the Nabobs acknowledgment of the Debt, after which you will include it in your General Report, that is to be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, through the Channel of this Government.

I am,
&c. &c.

Fort St George
30th May 1787

[Signed] John Shore Sec.y

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At a Consultation Present

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

Alexander Davidson Esq:
James Henry Casamajor Esq:

Friday the 1st June 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Malet,

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

From Mr. Malet — Peace concluded between the Nizam, Tippoo & the Marattas — States the Substance of a conversation between him & the Ministers in an enclosed Extract of his Letter to the Supreme Council —

Honble Sir

I had the Honor to address you last under Date 17th Ultimo, Duplicate of which is enclosed. Buyjung Rao has since left this Place for Aurungabad, to celebrate the Nuptials of some of his Family.

I have now the Honor to inclose Extract of my Letter of this Date to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council; to which

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which I have nothing to add, but that from a Quarter of great Credibility, I am informed, that during the late Negociations to the Southward, Tippoo's Minister made Proposals of a very hostile Tendency, to the Company's affairs, couched in Terms of the greatest animosity; I am from the same Quarter informed, that no attention was paid to those Proposals by this Durbar.

By the Elizabeth, lately arrived from Bussorah, English Letters have been received to the 28th of December, and Leyden Gazettes to the 5th of January — The Dutch affairs still in great Confusion; The Misunderstanding between the Porte and Russia accommodated for the present; The Expedition of the former Power in Egypt, under the Captain Pacha, had been Successful; The Commercial Treaty with France concluded; those with Spain and Russia in great Forwardness; The Emperor busied in his internal Reformations; No domesticks news from England, except the Death of the Princess Amelia and Lord Keppel

I have the Honor to be,
with perfect Respect,
&c &c

Poona
5th May 1787

/Signd/ C. W. Malet.

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona, to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council at Fort William, dated 5th May 1787

On the 30th Ultimo I visited the Minister by Invitation, and found Him accompanied by Dadjee the Son of Hurry Punt, Gover Rao the Vackeel of Nizam ally Khan, and Behroo Punt - after the usual Exchange of Compliments, the Minister formally acquainted me that after much Prevarication on the Part of Futty ally Khan / Tippoo Saheb / the Peace was at length concluded with that Prince, and the ratified Treaties exchanged, including on one Part the Peshwa and Nizam ally Khan, and on the other Futteh ally Khan - The Conditions of which were - That Futty ally Khan was to pay four Years Arrears of Kundnee or Tribute to the Peshwa, Part of which has been already paid, and the Balance to be discharged in Six Months - That adonie was to be restored to Mahabut Jungi and that Mulgoond and Dwitore were to be Surrendered to the Peshwa, who is also to retain Possession of Buddamma - Here the Minister paused, and I was Surprised to find on Enquiry

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that this Communication comprised the whole of the Treaty; the more so, as the Peshwa's Surrender of Gyundur Ghur, some other Circumstances concerning Shanoor, and the Discussions relative to Futty ally Khan's Titles and address, were Matters of publick notoriety, which I also expected would be included in this formal Communication: As, however, these were Points delicate to touch on, I was silent on them, and confined my Enquiries to two Points. — 1st 1st Whether any Settlement was made with respect to the former Demands of Futty ally Khan on adoni; to which Nanna, with some Surprise at the Question, replied that they were to be relinquished — 2d Whether the Arrears of Tribute for four years were meant with respect to the whole Kundrie, formerly paid by Hyder for his whole Dominions, or for the late acquisition of Territory made by that Prince, North of the Tumbudra: To this also, with some Hesitation, Nanna replied, that the present Settlement was meant to include the whole — Though from what I have been able to collect from credible Channels, The present Settlement is made at the Rate of 12 Lacks ℔ Annum, exclusive of Durbar Charges which may amount to 4 or 5 more; and this

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Lnn I have been taught to believe, was the Kundnee settled to be paid by Hyder for his Northern acquisitions during the Ministerial Wars with the Company, and Ragonath Rao.—

As Nunna's Communications and Answers to my Enquiries, had much the appearance of Reserve, not wishing to make it more conspicuous in the Presence of the Vakeel of Nizam ally Khan, I dropt all further Interrogatory, and with the appearance of being Satisfied with what he had thought proper to communicate, formally congratulated him on the Occasion. The Manner in which the Minister received my Congratulations convinced Me, that he thought there was very little room for them, and on my proposing to wait on the Peshwa to make the like Compliments to Him, He put it off by observing, that it was not an event of sufficient importance, being esteemed by his Durbar a mere matter of course.— During this Conversation the Vackeel of Nizam Ally Khan proposed in the Mahratta Language, and as he thought unobserved by me, making me acquainted with the whole Circumstances of the negotiation, which Nanna objected to; but He did not scruple to assure Me, that tho' the Peace was concluded

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concluded, He had not the smallest reliance on the good faith of Tippoo for its due observance; & replied that the same power which had forced him to sue for peace, was an undoubted security for his faithful ob: servance of it; and that Surrounded as He was by such powerful neighbours as the Company, Nizam ally Khan, and the Mahrattas little was to be apprehended from his Power or his Enmity: He then told me, He had been informed that Tippoo had Sent Embassadors to the Porte & to give a clear Idea of the probable Consequences of such Embassies, Explained to Him the present State of the Turkish Empire; adding that he had so frequently been a witness of the effects of the French Efforts in conjunction with the whole force of the late Hydes, at a Time when the Carnatic in particular laboured under peculiar Disad: vantages of administration, and when the British Empire was attacked by the most for: midable assailants in every part of the world, as to render any particular Account of the power of that nation on my Part unnecessary; but that I could venture to assure Him, both from the very respectable State of our present general admin: istration in India which at Madras in

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particular was the very reverse of that above
described, and from the amicable Arrangements
between the two powers in Europe, there was not the
smallest Prospect of an Interruption of the general
Tranquility from that Quarter; and at all Events
it would be an Object of the Company's vigilance,
to prevent any Encroachment on the Mahratta
Empire from Such an Interposition: I next
begged to know, if it was intended to leave any
Force on the Southern Frontier, to which Nanna
replied, it was; and that Hurry Punt would
soon return to Poona, Thus ended our Conference,

It appearing to me on a mature
Consideration of what had passed, that Nanna's
Communication had much the appearance
of reserve;- On the 1st Instant, I directed my Vackeel
Mooral Dass Hussein Khan, to wait on Him
with the following Message; That as what he had
done Me the honor to communicate, had been
with so much Caution, as to Suffer some Points
of publick notoriety to escape unnoticed, yet
as I imputed it to an observance of Form in
publick Transactions, and more especially in
the Presence of Nizam Ally Khan's Vackeel;
as the same Regard to Decency and Form

had

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had on my Part prevented my troubling Him with Questions on many Points respecting which I wished to be informed; as likewise it was most probable that the Particulars of the Treaty would be communicated to Bengal & Madras by Nizam ul Doula and Futteh ally Khan, from the natural motive of publishing what they might think conducive in it to their Credit; which, in the present State of our Cordiality, would give any Reserve on his Part a more extraordinary appearance — I begged that he would let me know, whether He meant that I should officially communicate as from Him the Substance of our Conversation of the preceding Day, as containing the whole Substance of the Treaty.

On the 3d Instant, Mooral Deen Hussein Khan had an audience, when, in Reply to my Message, Nanna directed Him to acquaint Me, that I was to communicate what He had mentioned to Me as containing the substance of the whole Treaty — On my Vackeels urging the Probability, that if any other Articles did exist, they would be communicated by

Nizam

Nizam ally khan and Tippoo; He added; after some Deliberation, that He had communicated the Substance, and that as to any other trifling Stipulations, it was not requisite to make them known,

Saw this Moment favored with Mr. Secretary Hay's Letter of the 28th of March, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Tippoo to Sir Archibald Campbell dated 8th February, with that Gentleman's Answer - From the Contents of the former, I think it clear, that his premature Account of the Conclusion of the Peace with the Mahrattas, has been with a View to give greater weight to the Representations contained in his Letter

A true Extract

Signed C W Malet

The Register of the Nabobs' Debts applies for Information respecting the Distribution of the 6 Lacks to be made to the Creditors on the 5th Instant

The President informs the Board, that Mr. Campbell the Register of the Nabobs Bonds, has applied to him for Directions relative to the Distribution of the 6 Lacks of Pagodas, to be issued on the 5th Instant, to the Nabobs Creditors, requesting to know whether the Interest for 12 months is to be paid upon the Debt of 1767 or

or whether 6 Months Interest is only to be paid to that Class of Creditors, in the same manner as to the Creditors in the Debt of 1777, and the Cavalry Loan.—

The Three Classes of Creditors to be put precisely on the same Footing.—

The Board having considered this Subject, are of opinion, that it is most equitable to put the three Classes of Creditors precisely upon the same footing; and it is in consequence Agreed, that the following Letter be sent to the Registes of the Nabob's Debts.—

To Archibald Montgomery Campbell Esq.r

Registes of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob.

To the Registes, in Consequence of the above Resolution.—

Sir,

In the distribution of the Dividend of the 6 Lacks of Pagodas to the Nabob's Creditors, which is to be made on the 5th Instant, it is the Order of Government, that 6 Months Interest be paid to the holders of the Bonds, in the Consolidated Debt of 1777. and Cavalry Loan; and that the Residue of the 6 Lacks be then divided equally between the Company and the Creditors in the Debt of 1767.—

From

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From the half to be received by the latter, Six Months Interest is to be brought to account, and the remainder applied towards the extinction of the principal of their Debt,

Sam, Ed. & Wm.

Fort St George
1st June 1787

Examined
W. C. Jackson
Depy Secy

[Signed] John Shannon Secy
Arch. Campbell
Alex. Davidson
Jas. H. Casamajor

Fort St George 5th June 1787

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.

Tuesday
5th June
1787

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

General Letter from the Court of Directors, 16th February 1787 - taken into Consideration

The Board proceed to pass the necessary Orders and Resolutions upon the Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated the 16th February 1787 -

Para: 8

Para 8

Resolved, that Copy of the above Paragraph be sent to the Resident at Tanjore, and

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that the Bills on the Court of Directors in favor of Mr. Monneron be granted, Conformably to their Orders

Para: 13

Para 13

Resolved, that Copy of the above Paragraph be sent to Mr. Swartz, and that he be

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desired to give all the information and assistance in his power, towards the execution of the plan recommended by the Court of Directors:

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Para 57

Para: 57

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. Ordered, that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Resident at Tanjore, and that he be directed to endeavour to procure the Rajah's acknowledgment of Mr. Woods Claim, with his Excellency's Consent for the including the Amount in the List of his Debts, for which an Arrangement was lately made;

Para: 59

Para 59

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Resolved, that Copy of the above be sent to the Committee appointed to investigate the Nabob's Debts; and that they be directed to report whether the Statement sent by the Court of Directors agrees with the one prepared by them;

Minute on General Monro's Claim upon the Nabob

The Board are unable to decide what Arrangement should be made for the liquidation of General Monro's Claim, mentioned in the above Paragraph; for the Court of Directors forbid its interference with the Arrangements already made for the discharge of the other Debts — and yet they authorize its being put in a train of liquidation — Resolved that this Subject be referred in the next dispatches to the decision of the Honorable Court, and that they be requested to instruct this Government —

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Government in what manner they are to proced, in procuring payment for General Horne,

Para 60

Para 60

Agreed, that the above Paragraph be extracted and published in the Madras Courier, together with such other parts of the General Letter dated the 16th February, as may be published with propriety, and are necessary for the Information of the Nabob's Creditors.

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Para 65

Resolved, that this Paragraph be sent to the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts.

Minute thereon

Examined
W. C. Jackson
Depy Secy

Arch. Campbell

J. H. Casamajor

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Diary

Dispatched the following Ltrs.

To Charles Warre Malet Esqr.

Resident at Poona -

Sir,

To the Resident at Poona advising of a Report that the French are intriguing with Tippoo; and of ambassadors having been sent by the latter to his most Christian majesty -

I had the pleasure to write you on the 21st May, of which I now enclose a Duplicate, and the Second Soucar bill for the balance of Ragavachary's account, being Rupees 624 -

On the 1st Instant, I was favord with your letter of the 5th May, covering extract of your letter to the Governor General and Council of the same date, communicating the Terms of Peace Settled between the Court of Poona, the Nizam, and Tippoo, as notified to you by Nana Pehrnavis the Minister, whose reserve in the course of the Conversation, seems to indicate that the Mahrattas, do not entertain a high opinion of the manner in which the Arrangements have been made, which I am confirmed in, by his declining to satisfy you on the points you urged, with so much address.

The hostile proposals of Tippoo during these

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these Negotiations, do not surprize me; I believe they are a true picture of his heart; and it behoves us to keep the most watchful eye over his motions — for this purpose, I trust much to your zeal, in procuring every kind of Intelligence respecting him, which by my letter of the 21st May, you would observe I am very desirous of obtaining. — Intelligence which has lately come to my hand mentions, that the French are endeavouring to form some agreement with Tippoo, whereby they are to engage to furnish him with a large Body of Europeans, to occupy some of his Sea ports on the west Coast, in the Event of his Army being drawn to the internal parts or eastern boundaries of his Country — But the late Arrangements with the French in Europe, and the pacifick disposition of every other European power, prevent me from giving any great degree of Credit to a report of this nature; though the restless Spirit of the French, with + many boastings and vague promises of assistance, may urge him on to become a trouble + some Neighbour, if not well looked after. It is certain, at least that he has sent ambassadors to the French King, with valuable presents of Jewells, and the Boards of their General Officers

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Cancelled, for Supplies to their Troops in the War, as Marks of his Esteem for the French nation.

Four of the Company's Ships have arrived at this Presidency, and bring accounts as late as the 23d of February, when all was quiet in Europe.

I am, with much Esteem,

V.e V.e

Fort St George
4th June 1787.

(Signed) Arch.d Campbell.

To Alexander Macleod Esq.r

Resident, at Tanjore,

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors, relative to the Claim of Mrs. Wood, upon the Rajah — Instructions in Consequence.

12th Feb.a 57

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council, to enclose an Extract of a letter lately received from the Court of Directors, on the Subject of Mrs. Wood's Claim upon the late Rajah of Tanjore.

You will observe by the Records in your possession, that the answer given to Mrs. Wood's Claim by the late Rajah, amounted to an absolute rejection of it; yet as the Honorable Court of Directors have been pleased to interest themselves in Mrs. Wood's favor, it is the desire of Government

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Government that you endeavour to procure an acknowledgement from the present Rajah of the Debt due to her, and his Consent to include the amount in the List of Debts, for the discharge of which, an Arrangement was lately made.

I am,
&c: &c:
/Signed/ John Shannier Secy

Fort St George
6th June 1787

P.S.

I am directed to enclose under a flying Seal, a Letter for the Reverend Mr. Swartz, which the Board desire you will peruse & deliver to him.

To Messrs. Darrow
Webb
& Sandon
Committee for investigating
the Nabob's Debts,

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts, inclosing the 59th and 65th Paragraphs of the Letter from England, dated the 16th February 1787

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council, to enclose for your information, two Extracts of the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, lately received.

Ltr Para 59 & 65

I am,
&c: &c:
/Signed/ John Shannier Secy

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Sent the following notification to the Couriers

Fort St George 10th June 1787.

Notification for the Madras Couriers respecting the Debts of His Highness the Nabob.

The Honble President in Council is pleased to publish the following Extracts of a Letter lately received from the Court of Directors, on the Subject of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick,

General Letter, dated 16th February 1787

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"After the lively sense of gratitude
" towards the Company, expressed by the Creditors
" in their Letter of the 1st July 1785, we were very much
" surprized at their urging you to make a Dividend
" amongst them, which the preferable Claims of the
" Army would not allow you to do, and still more
" surprized, that after the forcible Minute delivered
" in by the Commander in Chief on the 7th February,
" they should find an Advocate for their unreasonable request in one of the Members of your
" own Board—In short—Public Necessity amply
" justified the withholding for a time the full Dividend which otherwise might have been made
" amongst the Creditors, and your conduct herein

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" is completely warranted by our Letter of the 11th April
" 1785, wherein we directed that every other considera-
" tion should yield to the pay of the Army."

Para 62

"Mr. Davidson has expressed his
" apprehensions that Prosecutions may be commenced
" by the Creditors, on account of their not having received
" the full Dividend, to which they conceived themselves
" entitled. But we are clearly of opinion, that the
" Creditors could not legally claim a Dividend,
" even in the best of times, until the Nabob had
" completed the full payment of the 12 Lacks."

Para 63

"Upon the subject of Prosecutions
" threatened by any of the Nabobs Creditors, we must
" call your attention to the terms of our original Orders
" expressed in the 100th Paragraph of our Letter of the 9th
" December 1784. The Creditors of the Nabob had no
" claim to our interference in their Debts; but we were
" induced to adopt the measure on the ground of so-
" sound policy and substantial Justice, and we have
" continued to feel those reasons equally forcible every
" moment since those Orders were issued. But those
" reasons totally cease, if either the Nabob, or our own
" Government, are to be disturbed by separate hostile

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" measures pursued by any of the Creditors; If
" therefore any of them adopt that line of conduct,
" we direct you to follow the course pointed out in the
" 100h Paragraph of our Letter of 9th December 1784 in the
" case therein mentioned, of any Creditor refusing to
" express his acquiescence in the arrangements at that
" time made."

The Honorable President in Council is pleased to add hereunder the 100h Paragraph of the Genral Letter dated the 9th December 1784 to which the Court of Directors have referred,—

Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 9th December 1784

Para 100h

"We have laid down these general "Rules of distribution, as appearing to us founded " on practice, and the relative circumstances of the dif: " ferent Debts, and Therefore we give our authority & " protection to them, only on the Supposition that " those who ask our protection, acquiesce in the condition " upon which it is given; and Therefore, we expressly " Order, that if any Creditor of the Nabob, a Servant " of the Company, or being under our protection, shall " refuse to express his Acquiescence in these Arrange: " ments, he shall not only be excluded from re: " ceiving any Share of the fund under your distribution

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"distribution, but shall be prohibited from taking
"any Separate measures to recover his debt from the
"Nabob, it being one great inducement to adopting
"this Arrangement, that the Nabob shall be relieved
"from all further disquietude, by the importunities of
"his individual Creditors, and be left at liberty to
"pursue those measures for the prosperity of his
"Country, which the embarrassments of his Situation
"have hitherto deprived him of the means of exerting.
"and we further direct, that if any Creditor shall
"be found refractory, or disposed to disturb the ar-
"rangement we have suggested, he shall be dis-
"missed the Service, and sent home to England."

By Order of the Honorable
President in Council
[Signed] John Shannier
Sec.f

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Sent the following Letter to the agents
for the Three Classes of the Nabobs' Creditors

To Messrs. Turing
Taylor
Benfield
Holland
& Moubray

agents
for the Three Classes
of the Nabobs'
Creditors.

Gentlemen,

To the agents for the Three Classes of the Nabobs' Creditors, enclosing an extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors, relative to the Committee appointed to investigate his Highness's Debts.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council, to recommend to your attention

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12th attention, the enclosed Paragraph of a Letter, lately received from the Honorable the Court of Directors.—

Sam,
E. & E.ro

Fort St George
12th June 1787

/ Signed / John Shannier Secy

14th The President sends in Circulation the following Draft of a Letter / vide also Country Corres: pondence N.o 37 / which he proposes should be written to the Rajah of Tanjore.—

To His Excellency The Rajah of Tanjore—

To the Rajah of Tanjore, with Expressions of Concern at hearing that his Excellency has paid more attention to the Pursuits of Pleasure, than to the Prosperity and good Government of his Country.—

From the Friendship which took place between us, at the time I went to Tanjore, and placed you upon the Throne of your Ancestors, I was convinced that my advice and opinions, conveyed to you in the language of Sincerity and of Truth, could not fail to make a lasting impression upon your mind; Judge then, what my concern and astonishment is, to hear that your Excellency has turned a deaf ear to all my admonitions, to which you so lately promised me your constant attention; I am informed that you have preferred the pursuits of pleasure, to the more rational advantages which

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which would result from a vigilant attention to the affairs of your Country, and the happiness of your people, who were but just beginning to raise their heads from the Rod of oppression, under which they had laboured for many years.—

your Excellency will recollect that I recommended the Strictest Economy to you, as the surest means of keeping it in your power to make your people easy and happy, of all which you was fully convinced; & my Sorrow therefore was great, to hear that you had been induced to run into heavy expences, far exceeding the Resources of your impoverished Revenues, which cannot fail to prove very inconvenient to yourself, and burthensome to your people.—

I conjure your Excellency, to turn your thoughts to these matters; call to your remembrance the conversations I had with you, and the very solemn promises you made me, of pursuing the paths of wisdom and Justice; Let not the possession of power, change the Virtuous disposition of your own breast; on the contrary, let your mind be wholly turned to the good of your people.—

Your Excellency must be sensible how punctually I have kept my engagements & with

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with you, by removing the Committee of Inspection, in order that you might have the free and uncon: :troubled power of doing good in your Country; My hope sincerely is, that your future conduct will be such as to prevent my ever having cause to repent of that Resolution, or to alter my opinion concerning it; but my mind cannot be at ease, until I hear that the Cultivation of the Country is carefully attended to, and provided for, which is now of much consequence, as I understand there is water in the Rivers, the ad: :vantage of which ought not to be lost, for one mo: :ment of time.—

I must also represent to your Excellency, the necessity of attending immediately to the punc: :tual payment of the Honorable Company's Rents, which have not of late been so regularly paid, as I could wish, and the Soucars have not been furnished with the means of discharging their Bills with puno: :tuality, as they became due.—

Irregularities in publick affairs are very disagreable, and I trust to the wisdom of your Excellency, that you will carefully prevent them.—

Before I conclude this address, I beg leave in the most anxious manner to request of you to give the letter I wrote to you at Tanjore, an attentive perusal

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perusal; It contains the Sentiments of a heart Sincerely attached to you and to your family; which attachment can only be Shaken, by your refusing to hearken to what has been dictated by my Friendship.—

May your days be long and prosperous; and may your family and your people enjoy perfect happiness without Interruption!—

Fort St George
14th June 1787

/Signd/ Arch.d Campbell

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Ordered, that it be translated, and Sent under Cover to the Resident, with the following Letter.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore.— enclosing the aforementioned Letter; & desiring him to enforce the Arguments contained therein.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to enclose a Letter for the Rajah of Tanjore, which you will be pleased to deliver to his Excellency a Copy is sent herewith for your Information.—

The Board desire you will enforce the Arguments contained in the Governor's Letter, by every means in your power; and express to His Excellency in the strongest language the propriety of paying the utmost attention to the friendly advice given to him

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him by the President.—

Fort St George
16 June 1787

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/Signed/ John Shannier Sy

The President sends in Circulation a Letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable the Court of Directors /a entered in the Country Correspondence N° 39/ expressing his Gratitude for being placed on the Throne of his Ancestors; his Determination to pay attention to the Welfare, and Prosperity of his Country; and his Assurances of ever: lasting Fidelity and attachment.—

Substance of a Letr from the Rajah of Tanjore

Ordered, that it be sent a Number in the first Dispatch to the Honorable the Court of Directors.—

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23 Sent the following Letter to the Committee for investigating the Rajah of Tanjore's Debts.—

To Messrs Garrow
Webb
& Landon

} Committee for investigating the Debts of His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Committee for investigating the Rajah of Tanjore's Debts, directing them to register W.W.r Ward's Claim in the List of acknowledged Debts.

Gentlemen,

I enclose, by Order of the Board, Copy of a Letter addressed to the President by the Reverend W.m Swartz, with several Enclosures, and

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and am directed to desire, that Mr. Woods Claim may be registered in the List of acknowledged Debts of His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore.—

Fort St George
23d June 1787

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E. & E.

/Signd/ John Chamier Secy

The Letter and Enclosures from the Revd Mr. Swartz, mentioned in the above Letter, are ordered to be entered hereunder.—

To Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From the Revd Mr. Swartz, in respect to Mr. Woods Claim.—

Knowing that you are desirous of being informed of the claim of Mr. Wood on the Rajah, and being desired by Mr. Wood to explain the Subject to you; I have drawn up a Memorandum, wherein I have mentioned all, what I know—& which can be proved here, as the Rajah's Servants, who transacted that business, are still alive.— I offer therefore to you, Honorable Sir, the Memorandum, and

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the translation of the three bonds given by the Rajah's Servants, when they were in Camp with the Colonel—

The Present Rajah promiseth to pay the debt; but I heartily wish, that it may be added to the Debt of other Creditors, so that Mrs Wood may have her dividend as all the rest.—

May divine Goodness bless you &c with health for the benefit of this Country!

I am, respectfully &c.

&c.

Signed/ C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
6th June 1787

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Memorandum

relative to Mrs Wood's Claim on the Rajah of Tanjore.—

In the year 1767, when Colonel Wood commanded a separate Detachment, above a Thousand Tanjorean Horse were in Camp, sent by the Rajah to assist the Honble Company's Operations.—

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As Hyder's Horse were hovering about the Colonel's Detachment, the Rajah of Tanjore requested, that Colonel Wood would lend to his Troops as much Money as they needed for their Subsistance.

Agreeably to the desire of the Rajah, Colonel Wood lent them at three different times, to the amount of 14,400 Star Pagodas for which Sum the Rajah's Servants gave their Bonds, those Servants are still alive.

When Peace was made between the Honorable Company, and Hyder ali Khan, Colonel Wood in his Journey to Madras, waited on the late Rajah, requested the Payment of that Sum which he had lent to his Troops, declaring before the Rajah by me, that though his Servants had mentioned high Interest in their Bonds, he desired no more than 10 or 12 ℔ Cent just as it had been determined by the Honorable Directors in England.

The Rajah acknowledged the Debt, and begged the Colonel would have Patience for two Months, and that the whole Sum should be paid in that time. / after that the

Rajah

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Rajah has often, and even before Mrs. Sulivan and Kistnajey acknowledged the Debt.

The War between His Highness the Nabob and the Rajah put an End, to my Solicitations — But when Tanjore was taken, His Highness the Nabob acknowledged the Debt promising to pay as soon as possible.

When Tanjore was restored, the Rajah refused to pay that Debt, but some time after that, he desired me to assure Mrs. Wood of his willingness and resolution to pay every year the third part of the Debt, so as to clear the whole in 3 Years.

Mrs. Wood relying on that promise, drew the Missionaries Salaries, and Sent Bills on me.

The Rajah paid the Bills twice, though in a time of distress; all the Bills amounted to 2000 Star Pagodas, which I received, & for which I gave a Receipt.

Mrs. Wood applied afterwards to the Court of Directors, and at last to the Court of Controul; both sent out Orders for the Payment of the Debt. Lord Macartney desired Mr. Sulivan to

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to insist upon a speedy Payment.

As the Debt is a lawful one, I send the 3 Bonds, given by the Rajah's Servants, requesting that it may be added to the other debt and the Same Interest allowed.

(Signed) O. T. Swartz

Copy 1 Paper

To Colonel Wood, is indebted Wenges Row Gade, belonging to Tulja Maha Raja, in the year Suhoor San Saman Shilyn / that is in the year 1767 May 17th / The Bond for that Debt is as such. By reason of our necessity and need I have taken as Debt 5,400 Star Pagodas. The Interest on this is 4 p Cent p or month — The Term, when this debt is to be paid, is 30 days — when we promise to pay Interest and Original — This Bond is a proof of our having taken that Debt — In the month of Selhy — The 29th day / May 17th / or in the Month of Tigli Weiasi the 8th day.

The Place Naamkal

The Writer of this writing — Kishtnaji Hari

Hejil

Translation

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Translation of the 2 Paper

To Colonel Wood Bahadur, is indebted Soeka Wenkaje, in the Service of Tulja Maha Rajah, in the year Suhoor Sen Tesa Shilyn / that is in the year 1767 / June 12th / when he gave this Bond in Writing — By reason of our need, we have borrowed from you 5,000 Star Pagodas — The Interest on this Sum is 4 ℘ Cent ℘ month — The Term fixed for Payment is one month, which Interest for 1 month we have paid — The Capital we will pay on the Stipulated Term, to certify which we have given this in Writing, in the month of Mohoram, the 5th June, the first in the Malabar Stile.

Place Seal

Witness Biklam Kishtaje Gopal

Translation of the 3 Paper

To Colonel Wood Bahadur, is indebted Soeka Wengaje in the Service of Tulja Maha Rajah in the year Suhoor Sen Tesa Shilyn / that is in the Year 1767 / august 20th, the Bond is such — By Reason of our need, we have borrowed of you the Sum of 4000 Star Pagodas — The Interest on it, is 4 ℘ Cent ℘ month — The Term of Payment is One month — One Months Interest we have given

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given on the fixed term we will pay off the
Capital to certify which we have written this.
In the month Rabilacher / august 9th in the
Malabar Stile.

Writer Biklamo
Place Prod.

At a Consultation Present

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

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.
& William Selne Esq.

Tuesday the 26th June 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Masu.
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To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council at Fort St George

From Masulipatam with Translation of a Letter from the Nail of the Commanent Circar, desiring that certain Persons, tributary to the Comy. many, may be delivered up to him. Requesting the Orders of Government thereon.

Honble Sir,

We think it necessary to transmit to you the enclosed Translation of a letter received from the present Nail of the Commanent Circar, who acts under the Orders & authority of Seif Sunj, the Fouzdar of that Country; requesting of us to deliver up to him the Persons whose names

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are therein mentioned, who are likewise
Tributary to the Company and considerably
indebted on account of their Revenue; the same
Persons were Summoned to this place at the
time of making the last Settlement, but only one
of them attended in Person, and we are led to
think, from the Nature & Situation of the Country
they Inhabit, that it would be a measure
attended with difficulty to Secure their Persons,
and with the risk of not succeeding in the attempt,
were there even no other Objections, particularly
their Debt to the Company, to such a Measure.

It was upon a former occasion
Suggested by this Board, as a Measure that
would be attended with several advantages,
if it could be brought about, that the Same
Persons should not at once hold Lands under
both the Company and the Soubah; as it
certainly occasions difficulties to both in the
Collection of the Revenue.

We shall at present return an answer
to the Mail's letter, calculated to gain time,
until our Chiefs arrival, or we can be honored
with your Commands; attending also to the
orders

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orders communicated to us in your Secretary's letter of the 15th April, in consequence of which, we shall write to Colonel Brathwaite, desiring in case he should receive Information from the Resident of Raggapore, of any Troops belonging to Seif Sung or his Naib, entering the Company's Districts, that he will order a Detachment to protect the Country, and if necessary to repel them from it; but on no account to follow them beyond the borders of the Nizam's Country.

We have the Honor to be

Masulipatam
20th June 1787

very respectfully &c &c

/Signed/ James Hodges

Translation of a Letter from Mesaruddeen Cawn Naib of Seif Sung, Fouzdar of Commarnett Circar
Dated the 5th June 1787

That His Highness the Soubah was pleased to dismiss Abdul Dauder Cawn, from the Fauzdar of Commarnett Circar, and appointed Seif Sung in his room, which you may have reported — Seif Sung delivered to me as his Naib the Management of this District, accordingly I have settled the

Zemindary

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Jemmibundy of Mavally &c in a proper Form— the
Jemmibundy of this year have been delayed on
account of some other particular business— I now
come into Colloor to settle the Jemmibundy of
Canagagery Purgunah, and sent my Orders to
all the Zemmindars belonging to this District,
but many of them having a part of Zemmindary
in the Company's District, who disobeyed my
orders, and refuse to attend in the Circar business;
also Papelly Var and Vellunky Var being too bold,
and raised a Disturbance in the District, during
the time of Tazel being Ours management,
should any man of this place run into the Com:
:pany's District— the Company have not
protect him on account of a long friendship
Subsisted between the Soubah and the Company.
I now desire you will be pleased to Send an
Order to Mr. Kinchant to send to me the
People who was ready under his protection, if
they do not come and Settle their Jemmibundy
I must necessarily punish them wherever they
live in, and oblige to find any way of getting
Jemmibundy Settled; I therefore thought proper
to acquaint you, with this circumstance, and
enclose

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enclose you a List of the Names who are in the Company's District, you will be pleased such order to Mr. Kinchant, that if any People of this Place should come to him, not to Protect, and return them to me immediately on my Request.

Soopallah Vencatarow
Do Narasinvarow
Do Vencatramanarasinvarow
Vallunky Ramarow
Do Gopaul Row
Do Vencatarow
Do Ragavarow

a true Copy of the Translation
/Signed/ A.w Scott Secy.

Minute thereon

Agreed to Send to the Board of Revenue, an Extract from such part of the above as relates to zemindars &c being tributary both to the Nizam and to the Company; that they be desired to pay an early attention to the Subject, and requested to adopt such Measures as may prevent a repetition of the

inconveniences

inconveniences now experienced from the above Circumstances.

The Proceedings of the Chief & Council approved.

The Board approve the proceedings of the Council at Masulipatam, and trust that the precautions they have taken, will prevent any Incursion into the Company's Districts.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.

To The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch Campbell Kt.
President and Governor &c. in Council
&c. &c.

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham. In respect to a claim on the late Rajah of Tanjore, on account of the Estate of the late Cashva Chitty Kistnama Naigue

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having learnt only three days ago, that you have been pleased to order an Account of all Debts due on Bond by the late Rajah of Tanjore, to be delivered in, for the purpose of having them put in a train of liquidation, as soon as a general Statement of the whole could be obtained, I beg leave to acquaint your Honor &c. as acting administrator to the Estate of the late Cashewa Chitty Kistnama Naigue, that there is belonging to the said Estate, a Bond of the late Rajah of Tanjore for the Sum of Pagodas 16,500, dated the 29th December 1772, of which Sum

Pagodas

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Pagodas 29,814.21. have been received in part to the 30th June 1773; and as the Ballance still due on this account is all that the Creditors of the Estate can rely on for the Discharge of any part of their Demands, I hope that my application, tho' late, / occasioned entirely from my being unacquainted with the Orders of the Honorable Board on the Subject / will not deprive them, of participating whatever benefit the Creditors in general of the late Rajah of Tanjore may derive from such Arrangement, as may be made for the liquidation of their Claims.

The Original Bond being at present in possession of my Attorney, who is absent from Madras, I have it only in my power now to deliver the enclosed Statement of the Debt, & to promise that the Bond shall follow in the Course of a few Days, trusting in the meantime to the favorable Consideration of the Honorable Board, so that no Detriment may occur to the Creditors of the late Kistnarna Naigue, by a Delay which is unavoidable.

I have the Honor to be,

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with great Respect, &c &c

/Signd/ Wm Sydenham

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Dr His Excellency Tolaja Maha Rajah, late Rajah of Tanjore, in Account with the Estate of the late Ashewa Auttly Kistnama Naigue Cr

		Pagodas Fan.m Cash			Pagodas Fan.m Cash
1772 Decembr 29th	To his Bond bearing Date this Day 29th Decembr 1772 for Principal	16,500 " "	1773 June 30th	By Cash received at different times	29,814 28 "
	To Interest thereon from the 29th Decembr 1772, to the 30th June 1787 - 14 years, 6 Months, 1 Day, at 12 ℘ Cent ℘ annum	20,925 28 "		By Interest Ditto to the 30th June 1787, is 14 years, at 12 ℘ Cent ℘ annum	59,088 28 "
				By Ballance due this Day	47,522 28 "
	Pagodas	1,27,425 28 "		Pagodas	1,27,425 28 "

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Wm Sydenham
acting administrator to Estate
of the late Kistnama Naigue

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The Board are unable to include the above Claim in the provision made for the liquidation of the Debts of the late Rajah of Tanjore; because the provision is limited to the discharge of Such Bonds only, as were granted by the deceased Rajah, to Europeans who were British Subjects.

The above Claim is inadmissible

Agreed that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.

Wm. Campbell

Examined
W. C. Jackson
D.W.S.

G. H. Barnaby jr

Wm Petrie

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To William Petrie Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Board

of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue, to adopt such measures as may prevent a Repetition of the Inconveniences arising from the Circumstance of Zemindars and Renters being tributary to the Company and the Soubah of the Decan.

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose by Order of the President in Council, an Extract of a letter received from the acting Chief & Council at Masulipatam, as Government are very desirous of preventing if possible, a repetition of the inconveniences which have before occurred, & which are now experienced, from the circumstance of Zemindars & Renters being Tributaries, and holding Lands both from the Company and the Soubahdar of the Decan, they desire you will pay an early attention to the Subject, and adopt such measures, as you may judge necessary, in consequence.

I am,

&c. &c.

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(Signd) John Chamier

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To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham,

acting administrator to the Estate of the late

Cashava Chitty Kistnanna Naigue

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, his Claim on the late Rajah of Tanjore, as acting administrator to the Estate of the late Kistnanna Naigue, cannot be admitted.

In reply to your Letter of the 25th Instant, addressed to the Board, I am directed to inform you, that they cannot include the Claim you have preferred, in the provision made for the liquidation of the Debts of the late Rajah of Tanjore, because the provision is limited to the discharge of Such Bonds only, as were granted by the deceased Rajah to Europeans, who were British Subjects.

I am, &c &c

/Signed/ John Shannier Secy

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28th June 1787

At a Consultation Present

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

James Henry Casamajor Esqr.
& William Petrie Esqr.

Friday
the 29th June 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President begs to enter the following

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following Minute

President's Minute 29th June 1787

The Presidents Minute, Stating that the Measures of Council have been disclosed and requesting that the strictest Secrecy be observed by the Members of the Board, the Secretaries & their Deputies—

It is with much regret I have for some time past observed, that the proceedings of this Board, are not kept with a proper degree of Officiab Secrecy, and reserve; that our Consultations and individual opinions whether recorded or not, and even the Secret orders of the Company, find their way to publick discussion, and are subjected to the partial and uncandid comments of those, who think themselves interested in their result, or who chuse to make them the Topics of Conversation.

I am sensible that this Evil, so detrimental to our Councils, and so baneful to the energy of Government, proceeds in a great measure from a cause which I found in full strength upon my arrival, and which I have never yet been able to remove, I mean the employment of Portuguese and Malabar Assistants in all the Departments of Council, that even not excepted, which comprises the most Secret Transactions of Government.

Without

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Without a further supply of writers from England, it may not perhaps be possible to remove this inconvenience entirely, but I am however of opinion, that a sufficient number of Company's Servants may be found for the Political Department at least, and I therefore recommend a proper arrangement for that office, as a matter deserving the immediate attention of the Board.

In the mean time, I make it my particular and most earnest desire, that the Gentlemen of the Board, and the two Secretaries, with their Deputies, will use every precaution in their Power to ensure the strictest Secrecy to our Councils, and to our individual Opinions, which is so indispensibly necessary to give proper efficacy to the measures of Government, and without which, we can have no real confidence in our deliberations.

With a View to promote this necessary object, I beg leave to propose, that no person except the Members of the Council, and the official Servants attached to the different Departments, shall on any account be suffered to inspect the Records, or other publick

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without express leave from this Board, or the Governor in writing.

[Signed] Arch.d Campbell

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

Masulipatam.

To the Honble. Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell &c.

Governor in Council of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir

From Masulipatam, with Copy of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite, on the Subject of the Nabob of Cur: nagar's Request, that several Persons tributary to the Cur: nagar may be delivered up to him.

We had the Honor of transmitting to you, under date the 20th Instant, Translate of a letter which had been received from the Nabob of the Cummamett Circar; and of informing you, that we should postpone doing any thing further, than what we mentioned in this matter, until our Chief either arrived, or we should receive your Orders. We likewise informed your Honor of the precaution we should take of writing to Colonel Brathwaite, and the Resident of Raggapore, in order that we might be the better prepared, in case such an event should happen, as that of any armed force entering the Company's Territories.

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We have now received Colonel Brathwaite's reply; a Copy of which is herewith forwarded, and are far from disapproving of the Sentiments he has expressed, that it is better to prevent an Insult than to repel it when it has been offered, upon which principle he has recommended that the 14th Battalion of Sepoys should immediately proceed to Raggapore, with a Brigade of Field Pieces. If we had therefore looked upon the contents of the Naib of Cummarnets' letter, in the same Serious point of view, that Colonel Brathwaite seems to have done, we should have adopted his Sentiments; but knowing from experience, that such threats as that implied in the Naibs' letter, have frequently been thrown out without being followed with any consequences, and that the only time an Armed force did actually enter this District, which was in March 1785, no such previous intimation was given; and knowing likewise, that the Naib of the Same Circar, did repeatedly in the year 1781 threaten forcibly to Seize Some of the very Same Persons he has now requested may be delivered up to him, without

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having made the attempt, altho' there was a considerable Detachment of Horse and Foot, with several Field Pieces then in the Commanet Country; we are led to think, that there is not cause Sufficient to order a Detachment of 5 Troops immediately to proceed to Raggapore, & that the same precautions that were taken in 1781. of keping a Brigade of Guns in readi: :nefs at Ellore, for immediate Service, is all that is immediately necessary, until we obtain better information.

We have not received any Intel: :ligence from Mr. Kinchant as yet, relative to this Subject, nor do we know of any Body of Troops, more than usual, being at present in the Commanet Circar, from all of which circum: :stances, we are led to conclude, that there is not as yet any Serious intention of entering the Company's Country with an armed Force, and that if it should prove necessary to send a Battalion of Sepoys, and a Brigade of Guns to Raggapore, that there will be sufficient time for doing so, after the Chiefs' arrival.

The March of Such a Detachment

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as Colonel Brathwaite has proposed, would not only be attended with an Expence to the Company, that we do not as yet see the necessity of incurring but would likewise by creating an alarm, probably affect the Payments of the Zemindars, particularly Apparow, whose Country is adjacent to Raggapore, Masulipatam

We have the Honor to be,

22d June 1787

very respectfully &c. &c.

/Signd/ James Hodges

To James Hodges Esqr.

Acting Chief & Council Masulipatam

Sir & Sirs,

I have this day received your letter of the 20th Instant, headed Secret Department, with the inclosed Translation of a letter from the present Naib of the Commanmet Circar, who acts under the order and authority of Seif Dung &c &c.

You are certainly, Gentlemen, the best Judges, being already apprised of the Sentiments of Government, how far it may be right to give protection to the People demanded. It certainly is necessary under such circumstances, to be well prepared for the event, as we have had an instance before of the insolence with which Seif Dung entered this District

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District, and of the disgrace and confusion it occasioned; I beg therefore to call your attention to the situation you have placed me in by your mode of writing, whereby you direct, that if I receive advice from Mr. Kinchant of any Troops belonging to Seif Sing entering the Company's District, I am to order a Detachment without delay to protect the Country, and if necessary, repel them from it, but on no account to follow them beyond the bounds of the Soubahs Territories; I have not the least hint here what force may be expected to enter, of course can form no Judgement what force I am to prepare to receive them; you know Gentlemen that it requires a few days to fit out even a Small Detachment, and when you reflect upon the present Situation of the Troops in this District, you must know how ill I am prepared at Ellore even to send out a Small Detachment, having been obliged to detain there, three Companies of the 2d Battalion, which have otherwise been disposed of by General orders to enable me to carry on the ordinary duty till such time as the Detachments from the 1st now out shall return, of which you do not give me any hint—you will recollect that there are three

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Companies now out at Palavaram under Captain Lieutenant Pedat in the Palavaram County, and one under Lieutenant Walter Wilson at Pettapore, that I have therefore now at Ellore only four Com:panies of the 1st Battalion, and three of the 2d, in which Companies are included the Sick and recruits, so that in fact, there are few enough there for the duty, considering the extent of the Cantonment and the numbers of Europeans there; should it be necessary on the receipt of Mr. Kinchants information, to send a Detachment of any, con:sequence, they must be drawn from Masulipatam, & thence, and before they can be put in motion, the insult at least, will have been accomplished and perhaps the contested point be carried; It is therefore my opinion that the 14th Battalion at Masulipatam, should be immediately put in motion, and ordered to Mr. Kinchant; for although you have not mentioned in what part of the Country the inroad may be expected, if any is made, I conclude from the general import of your letter, and the Translation en:closed it will be at Raggapore where Mr Kinchant seems to have given protection to some who are equally subject to the Honble Company and

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the Soubah, and now claimed by Seif Jung, Ragga:
:pore has also I have observed of late been the roads
taken by the Hurcarrahs going or coming between
Setraw Rauze's the Nabob Sehour allah Cawn Renter
of Rajahmundry and Hydrabad The fourteenth
Battalion therefore in my opinion should move
directly to Raggapore, and lay there to protect the
Country; and as it passes Ellore be equipped with a
Brigade of Six Pounders; such a preparation will
convince Seif Jung that we do not mean to be
tamely insulted as before, and can give no um:
:brage to the Soubah, as we frequently find it nec:
:sary to send Detachments of Troops into the dif:
:ferent Zemmindaries, and it is in my opinion the
only probable means of preventing the insult, or
of repelling it, if made — To wait till Mr Kin:
:hant writes that Seif Jung's Troops have entered
the District, is at any rate to receive the insult
unprepared, nor will you, if the inroad is made, with
any force, be so soon in a situation to repel it.

As I conclude you will be of my opinion I
have the honor to enclose to you the necessary orders
for this preparation, which you can, if you adopt the
measure, forward without delay to the offices Com:
:manding at Masulipatam and Ellore, I would
immediately

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immediately put them in motion, if acted from my own Judgement, but I have not authority to use it, and you have tied me down particularly by direct: ing me to act only in case of hearing from the Kinchant, I cannot therefore be prepared to prevent an Insult, as I am not to act till it has been offerd for such therefore, if it happens, I can have no respons: ibility.—

Anxious as I might be to do it, your letter being headed Secret Department, without author: ising me to take any public Steps immediately, leaves me no other course but this I have taken, of addressing you in reply, and I shall transmit a Duplicate of this Dispatch to the Honorable the Governor in Council.—

I am, with respect
&c &c
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

Samuel Dove
June 21st 1787

A true Copy.
/Signed/ A. W. Scott Secy

The Conduct of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam approved.

The Board approve the opinions & proceedings of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam, and it is in consequence agreed, that the following Answer be sent to the above Letter, and to the one entered on the Minutes of last Consultation.—

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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam, in answer to the foregoing, and to a former Letter on the Same Subject.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 20th and 22d Instant, and to inform you, that he approves the Steps you have taken, in consequence of the letter received from Hesamuddeen Cawn, Naib of Cummamett.—

Government have desired the Board of Revenue, to prevent, if possible, a repetition of the inc: :conveniences which must frequently occur from the Circumstance of Zemindars and Renters being Tributaries, and holding Lands both from the Company, and the Soubahdar of the Decan.

Government having perused Colonel Brathwaite's Letter to you, with your observations thereon, coincide in the opinion you have given, of there not being cause Sufficient to justify the Expence which would be incurred, by ordering a Detachment immediately into the Field— they approve your taking the precautions Sugg: :gested in your Letter, until certain information be

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be received, of there being a greater number of Troops than usual in the Coimmanet Circar, and of a probability of their entering the Company's District.—

The President in Council having strongly recommended to the Board of Revenue, an early attention to the Subject of your Letter, & desires, that in the mean time, protection be given to the Tributaries and Renters of the Company, who reside in the Districts under this Government.—

Fort St George
29th June 1787

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ John Shannier
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Substance of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob

The President lays before the Board two Letters /entered in C.C. Nos 40. 41./ from His Highness the Nabob, and from the Pundit Perdhaun.— The former requesting that an Enquiry may be made on the Subject of appropriating the Sack of Pagodas deposited in the Company's Treasury on account of the Revenues of Tanjore.— The latter Stating, that

Substance of a Letter from the Pundit Perdhaun at Poona.—

Gouvendoss a Soucar at Madras, owes a Sum of Money to Mhadoo Sedasheu & desiring that the President will take measures for procuring a liquidation of the Debt.—

&c.

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Reply to the Nabob's Letter

In answer to the Nabob's Letter, it is agreed that the President be desired to request His Highness will furnish the Board with a List of those Persons who were the Tunka Holders upon Tanjore in the year 1776, and be pleased to State in what manner their Claims were adjusted — after which, the Government will proceed to ascertain to whom the Deposit belongs, and to carry into Execution the Company's Orders on the Subject. — / Vide Country Correspondence No 42. /

Minute on the Letter from Poona.

With respect to the Pundit Perdhaun's request, to procure payment of a Debt due by a Soucar to Mhadoo Shedasheu, it is agreed, that the President be desired to send for Gowindroff, and to use his Endeavours to obtain a compliance with the wishes of the Pundit Perdhaun.

Examined
W C Jackson
D/W

Jno F. Campbell

Jas W. Brasmajor

Wm Petrie

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Ricieved the following Letter from Mr. Spalding attorney to Lieutenant Colonel Burrington.

From Mr. Spalding, respecting a Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Burrington on his Highness the Nabob

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

&c. in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

As attorney to Lieutenant Colonel Burrington now of the Bengal Establishment, I sometime ago gave in, thro' Mr. Binny a Statement of a Claim he has on His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, with a request that it might be examined by the accountants of His Highness in order that my Constituent may avail himself of whatever future arrangement may take place for unliquidated Claims on His Highness — But as His Highness's Servants have not yet investigated this Claim, and as a longer delay will prejudice Colonel Burrington, it would be obliging, were you, Sir, to be pleased to request of His Highness the Nabob Amer ul omrah Behauder, to give orders to the Circars Accountants to examine Colonel Burrington's Claims, and to adjust them in an equitable Manner.

I have the Honor to be.

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J Spalding

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26th June 1787

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Substance of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob

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July 1st Resident at Tanjore.

To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B

&c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore, stating the Substance of a Conversation with the Rajah in consequence of the President's Letter to his Excellency of the 14th June

On receipt of your favor of the 22d Instant enclosing your public Letter of the same Date, I immediately sent to Mr. Swartz, and We proceeded together to his Excellency, who was then at Mannorcoil.

I communicated the Contents of your Letter to the Rajah, and evinced to him the propriety of adopting the advice contained therein.

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I am very happy to add, he appeared to be so fully convinced of the Truths pointed out, that he has agreed to proceed instantly upon clearing the Watercourses effectually; to make speedy arrangements to promote other Branches, also, of the Cultivation; to pay up a very large portion of the present Demand, the moment he arrives at Tanjore, which he assures me will be in Three Days / To day, 2000 Pagodas of it are paid / and to adopt the best mode for recovering the 5 Lacks of Chuckrums Balance due from the Country — In all these points he has agreed that I shall have the most satisfactory and conclusive Proofs immediately, which I will not fail to require.

I thought proper also to touch upon the Subjects of your former Recommendations — The Open Court of Justice advised by you, Sir, is to be instantly carried into effect; Two persons of each cast are to constitute this Court, and sit as judges in a public place, where every body may have access to Justice — The Regulations are to be such as you recommended.

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But I have every thing to hope from the present prospect of a Change of System — Security to the Inhabitants from the glaring rapacity of the Circar's Servants will soon make this Country wear a very different aspect; When it shall be found that his Excellency makes Serious and effectual Exertions for the good of his

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his Dominions, I think the Company will experi-
:ence an equal advantage with the Rajah, in
promoting by proper assistance his laudable
Endeavours.

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

Tanjore
27th June 1787

Signd/ Alex.r Macleod

You have been informed, Sir, I make no doubt,
that the Danes have refused the offer of granting
the Lease of the Lands to an Individual — so that
now no bargain but such as existed before the late
Rajah's Death, is in Force.

Received the following Letter from Mr.
Mabet Resident at Poona

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor of
Fort St George.

From the Resident at Poona — States the Ministers answer to his Enquiries respecting Tippoo Sultaun's Titles — Chief Part of the Maratta army disbanded — Further account of the Proceedings of Bajee Rao.

Honble Sir,

My last Respects were under date
the 5th Ultimo, Duplicate of which was forwarded
the 17th via Hydrabad and Masulipatam — On
the 22d following I was honored with your
Letter of the 27th of april — In Reply to your Enquiries
relative

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relative to one of the Packets from Bombay to Madras being torn open, and only four private Letters deliv: ivered, I have to acquaint you that not one of the returning Cofsids from Bombay has ever called on me, tho' I have repeated my Desire to Bombay, that they may be Strictly enjoined so to do.

In addition to what I have already had the Honor to communicate from the Mi: nister on the Subject of the late Treaty, I have re: ceived from him the following answer to my Enquiries concerning the Discussions on the Subject of Tippoo Sahebs Titles; That hitherto he has been addressed by the Peshwa by the name of Futteh Ally Khan, which, in the late Negociations, He had desired might be changed to Tippoo Sultan Khan Bahauder; To the words "Tippoo Sultan" no Objection could be made by this Government, they having no Relation to Royalty, but actually composing the Name given him by his Mother at his Birth, in consequence of a Vow to name her Child, if a Male, after a famous Mahomedan Peer, buried at Colar in the Carnatic, whose Name was Tippoo Sultaun; That the Title of "Khan" was not new, having been annexed to his former Name of Futteh ally, and in Fact did away any o

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to the former Zemindars, but are garrisoned by the Peshwa's Troops; and a Body of about 8 or 10,000 Men is Stationed on the Southern Frontier under Mehdojee Punt Pehra, I learn that Nizam Ally Khan's Forces will remain in the Neighbourhood of Rachore.

I am informed that Bajirng Roa who returned from Aurungabad a few days ago, does not allow his Recall, but that he is in Expectation of answers to his Letters of Justification to the Nabob Walajah — he circulates that by the late Settlement made with Walajah his Payment to the Company is encreased from 16 to 25 Lacks of Pagodas & Annum — you may rest assured of receiving immediate advice of the Arrival of the Nabobs new Vackeel, but I have not yet heard of his approach, or of his being on his Journy. — It is reported here that you have lately been engaged at Tanjore in establishing a new Rajah in the Room of the former one deceased — Your Agent Rago Punt returned with the Army, and is now here; By a former Letter you will observe that I have advanced him 200 Rupees, & I shall take Care to make him Such further Supplies as may prevent his being distressed.

I have the Honor to be,
with perfect Respect, &c. &c.
(Signd) C. W. Malet

Poona
7th June 1787

Received

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4th Received the following Letter & Enclosure from the Board of Revenue

To the Honible Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honible Sir,

From the Board of Revenue respecting the Balance due by Ragonaut Row the late Renter of Arnee — Mr. Haliburton's Minute thereon.

We beg Leave to acquaint you that Ragonaut row late Renter of Arnee District under the Assignment being now here, we called him before us, and required Payment of the Balances he owes on account of that Farm, but he has declared to us his utter Inability to discharge the Demand unless the Jaghire is confirmed to him, and his Credit thereby established.

It then became our Duty to apply to Trumbuck Sumbaje the Tanjore Vackeel, as the Security of Ragonaut Row, but he likewise declared, as he has repeatedly done before, that he professed no means of Satisfying the Claim.

Under these Circumstances we think proper to recommend, that the Tanjore Vakeel be obliged to Answer the Security he has given, or if you should be pleased to determine in regard to the Claim to the Jaghire, it is probable that the

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Balance may be recovered in that way, agreeably to what we wrote in our Letter of the 4th December last.

Mr Haliburton having entered a Minute in Explanation of some Circumstances connected with this Subject, we think proper to send you enclosed a Copy of the same for your Information.

We are
&c &c
Wm Petrie
Signed/ Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray

Fort St George
28th June 1787

Mr Haliburton's Minute

I think it but proper to state to the Board, for the information of our Superiors, the manner in which the balance has arisen, which now stands against Ragonaut Row:

The Select Committee allowed him to farm the Arnee District, merely I may say, in consideration of his being of the family of the Arnee Zagheirdar, Tho' it was not then necessary to enquire whether he was the representative of the family — The rent however which he was to pay

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yielded, being, then calculated on a peace establish:
:ment, and the same, which had been offered
by the person recommended by the Committee of
Assigned Revenue — But it is now known to a
certainty that it does not yield more in the most
favorable years, than a gross revenue of £ 2,000 Pago:
:das, that part of the country having been much
depopulated and laid waste by the enemy.

Nothing could be demanded of Ha:
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he collected in the District in the few Months
it was in his possession — during the next or Fusly
1194, the Country had suffered so much for want
of rain, that very trifling payments were made
to the Treasury, altho' he, and his Security, were
repeatedly called upon by the Committee of Assigned
Revenue for his Kists — at the same time they were
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enforcing the payment of the rent — However, as
security had been given for the rent, they did not
think themselves authorized to give up the claim or
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when the Assignment was delivered up to the Nabob at the close of that year.

The third year of the lease or Fusly 1195 was more productive, but the Collections were certainly not equal to the rent. It had then been taken from under the management of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, and little pains were taken for some time, to demand payment of the rent, either from Ragonant Row or his Security — The consequence was, as might be expected — an accumulated balance of rent appeared against Ragonant Row, at the time of Sir Archibald Campbell's arrival, but he immediately took measures to enquire into the state of it, and having recovered part of what was due, He afterwards delivered to the Board of Revenue, a statement of the account, with orders to use every means to recover it, and we have now put those orders in execution, by placing a Tahsildar in the District.

What I wish is, to shew, that altho' Ragonant Row, is in Strictness indebted for the balance stated by the Honorable the President, yet were the same consideration paid to the state of the District, as has been to those in the Neighbourhood, which could not have suffered more during

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during the unfavorable year of 1194, It would appear that Ragonaut Row is not near so de: faulty as he now does by the demand made of him for the full rent— He was just come out prison, and possessed of no property, and as Said before, it was more the consideration of his being of the Daghiredars family than any other, which weighed with the Select Committee in letting him have the farm of this District— Placed in this situation, and considered as the head of the Family, He was obliged to support all the individual Members of it who flocked to him from the remotest parts of the country as soon as peace was established, which circumstance must greatly have contributed to his falling so much in arear to the Company.

One way is now open by which the Company may recover this balance & without which it must ever remain in its present state, for Trimbuckrow the Tanjore Vakeel who gave his Security, pleads his inability, and makes use of the same reasons with Ragonaut Row for a diminution of the demand, and I believe it will be found difficult, if not impossible to recover it from him, Ragonaut

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now therefore is the person most likely to discharge
it. — Tho' possessed of no property, as he is
acknowledged to be the lineal descendant of
Trimul Row, the assurance of his being put in
possession of the Jaghire may raise his credit,
and enable him to discharge the balance, what-
ever arguments he may bring against the
justice of it — of the two competetors, who have
also given in their claim to this Jaghire as being
heirs by adoption, Sreenevas Row may be
induced on the same grounds, Viz^t giving up
the Jaghire to him to pay off the balance due
by Ragonaut Row, but he will at the same
time expect the assistance of Government to
recover from Ragonaut Row what he has
collected, and which certainly would only be
doing him justice — but it would also involve
Government into constant trouble, in ascer-
taining the justness of their disputed accounts.

I shall be happy if the above
observations can any way tend to elucidate
a Subject which has already engaged so much
of the attention of our Superiors, and of
which they are so desirous of obtaining
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28th June 1787 /Signd/ David Haliburton

A true Copy
/Signd/ Wm Balfour Secy

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10r Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Masulipatam.

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

From Masulipatam, the Petty Tributaries in the Purgunnahs of Zemmdoy & Madoor Dittos have occasionated matters with the Commanett Rajah.—Inclosing Intelligence from Raggapore.

Honble Sir,

We are honored with the receipt of your Commands, communicated to us in your Secretary's letter of the 29th Ultimo, and are happy to observe, that the measures adopted by us, in consequence of the Naib of Commanetts Letter have met with your approbation.

Since our address of the 22d Ultimo, we have been informed by Mr. Kinchant, that the Petty Tributaries residing in the Purganahs of Zemmdoy and Madoor Dittoo, which are the nearest to Colloor, the present place of the Naib of Commanetts' residence, have occasionated matters with him; with which

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circumstance we immediately acquainted Colo
nel Brathwaite, as also that we would inform
him, as soon as we should have heard that the three
other Tributaries residing in the Chintalapoody &
Purganah had satisfied the Naibs immediate
demands.—

Enclosed we have the Honor of transmit-
ting to you Copy of a Paper of Intelligence Sent
to us by Colonel Brathwaite, which he informs
us he received from two Mircarrahs whom he
despatched to Kissannuddum Cawn's Camp, and
which further serves to confirm us in Opinion,
that there is no immediate cause of apprehen-
sion, that it is his intention to enter the Company's
District at this time.—

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

Masulipatam
6th July 1787

Signd James Hodges

Intelligence from Raggapore

That they delivered the letter they had
in charge to Mr Kinchant, the Resident at
Raggapor, where they found every thing quiet,
and the Inhabitants under no sort of apprehension

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a Vakeel from the Raggapore Rajah having before their arrival been dispatched to Cullor, a place belonging to the Nizam about 8 Cos further to the westward than Raggapore and the Head Village of a District where Nusseemuddeen Cawn Jemedar belonging to the Nizam, but immediately under Syef Sing, lay with some Troops, the Vakeels errand being to carry and pay some money in arrear to the Nizam for some places belonging to him, rented by the Ragapore Rajah; That the Resident desired them to go to Cullor, and bring him notice what was doing there, and what news, sending two Peons along with them at the same time. — on their Arrival at Cullor, they went into the Camp of Nusseemuddeen Cawn, and found his force to consist of three hundred Horse, four Rossallas of Sepoys regularly Armed and Cloathed, each about one hundred and fifty Strong, making in all Six hundred, one Gun 3 or 4 Pr with some Portuguize Gunners, and one thousand Polygars armed with Match locks Pikes &c. This party had been detached from Dilcundah by Syef Sing, but how long ago they do not know, and was then at Cullor with

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the abovementioned Sunddar, who had given Orders for all the People in the Neighbourhood to come in and Settle their accounts; the talk in their Camp was, that Rosan Row the Second in authority to Syef Sung, was then upon his March from Cilcundah with a reinforcement to join Hys muddun Cawn, and that as soon as he arrived at Cullore he was to take command of the whole and proceed against the Pallachelam & Badrachelam Rajahs whose Country's lay about Sixty Cos to the north: west, on account of their being in Arrear to the Nizam and having refused to come in person to settle their Debts; but the Spies heard nothing of there being any intention of this force coming into the Ragapore Country, nor did they hear of any of the Nizam's Renters having taken refuge there. That upon enquiring the reason why Syef Sung himself was not at Cullore, they even told that on account of the War between Tippoo & the Maharattas he remained at Cilcundah, which they say is beyond Hydrabad, to the westward, as Tippoo had lately taken Boidanni from the Maharattas, who were flying before him, and there

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there were apprehensions of his again entering the
Nizams Dominions. a true Copy

/Signd/ Aw Scott Secy

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
President
James Henry Casamajor Esqr.
& William Petrie Esqr.

Friday
the 13th July 1787

Minutes of last Consultation read
& approved.—

Read the following Letter from Messrs
Blinde Grincourt & Lestache at Pondicherry.—

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

From Messrs Blin de Grincourt and Lestache, stating a Claim of M. Monnuron's

Honble Sir & Sirs,

By advices in our Possession lately received from Mons.r Claude Ange Monneron, late Intendant General of this Settlement, We are lead to suppose your Honble Board informed by the Honble the Court of Directors of the United English East India Company, of the nature of a Claim that Gentleman laid before them, respecting the

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Sum of Nine Thousand eight hundred & Ten Star Pagodas, paid by him to the Rajah of Tanjore on the 10th February 1784, for amount purchase of 50,000 Kollams of Paddy & of the Circumstances which prevented the fulfilling of that Contract on the Side of the Raja, thereby, which induced the Gentlemen of the Direction to take upon them W.m Monneron's reimbursement by means of a Bill of Exchange, to be drawn by your Honble Board, on the Honble the Court of Directors for three Thousand nine Hundred twenty four Pounds Sterling at twelve Months Sight. Therefore, acting as attorneys to the said Mons.r Claude Ange Monneron, We beg leave to acquaint your Honble Board of our Willingness and readiness to receive any Such Bill or Bills to that Amount, which We have impowered Mess.rs Benjamin Sulivan & John Balfour of Madras to receive, we beg leave also to inform you, that we have likewise transmitted to the said Gentlemen our Receipt for the Same, in order sooner to end this transaction. the said Receipt explicitly acknowledges our full acquiescence, in behalf of our Constituent, to the optional extension, in the Court of Directors, of three

three years beyond the said Twelve Months for the Payment, or allowing an Interest for such further Delay. We have the Honor to be,

Sr. & Sr.

Pondicherry 2d July 1787

/Signed/ Blinde Grincourt
Lestache

The Orders of the Court of Directors on the Subject of the foregoing Letter being found to agree with what is Stated by the agents of Mr. Monneron, it is Resolved, that an Extract of the General Letter of the 16th February 1787 be delivered to the Accountant General, and that he be directed to draw out a Set of Bills agreably thereto, and deliver them to Mess.rs Sulivan and Balfour, taking at the same time the receipt & acknowledgement of Mess.rs Blinde Grincourt & Lestache, in order that the same may be transmitted to the Court of Directors.

Minute thereon

Arch.d Campbell

Examined
Wm Cr Jackson
Dep.ty Sec.y

Ja.s Webbe Cazenove

Wm Petrie

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Diary

The Packet for the Ravensworth, closed — Ordered that the Packet for the Ravensworth, via Bengal, be closed

18th Received the following Letter from Alx. Macleod, Resident at Tanjore —

John Chanier Esqr.

Military Secretary,

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore — The Rajah acknowledges Mrs. Woods Claim, & agrees that it shall be included in the List of Debts provided for the late Treaty. —

I request you will be pleased to inform the Honorable Board, that in consequence of their Orders, signified to me in your Letter of the 6th Ultimo, I have applied to his Excellency the Rajah, on the Subject of Mrs. Woods Claim on his deceased Brother, & obtained from him an acknowledgement of the Debt, with his consent that it shall be included in the list of Debts, for which a provision was made in the late Treaty. —

I further request you will state to the Honorable Board, that two thousand Pagodas have been received by Mrs. Woods from the late Rajah, in part payment of the abovementioned Claim. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Alex.r Macleod

Tanjore
11th July 1787

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Ordered that the following Letter from the Resident at Poona, be entered hereunder.—

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr Malet reports the assertion made by Mr Monr. Migny, that the French in Conjunction with Tippoo have it in Contemplation to subdue the British Power in the East.

I had the Honor to address you last the 6th Instant, via Masulipatam, Duplicate of which proceeded on the 12th by the first Pair of recurning Angole Coffids that have called on me since their Establishment.—

Notwithstanding that appearance of cordiality between the British and French nations which seems to be so Strongly Cemented by the Conclusion of the late Commercial Treaty, I am informed, through Channels in which I have perfect Confidence, that Mons. Montigny asserts that his nation in concert with Tippoo has by no means relinquished the design of subverting the British Power in the East, and that to perfect the plan, by which this grand Object is to be obtained, three ambassadors from Tippoo, charged with great presents, have actually sailed from Pondicherry, for France, in company with

Monsr

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Mons.r Monneron who during last Rains was in Tippoo's Camp in a publick Character - Though I really believe that Mons.r Montigny has in his own Circle advanced three points, yet I pretend not to insist on any degree of Credit to them arising therefrom, as he may wish to support his importance in Perspective; But you, Honorable Sir, will at least be able to ascertain whether any Ambassadors from Tippoo have actually sailed for France. Since, if Mons.r Montigny's assertion in this instance is true, the Character of that Prince, and the extraordinariness of the embassy give ample room to conclude that its object is not confined to mere form and ceremony; I have particularly to request you will honor me with Information relative to the departure of Tippoo's Ambassadors, and such other Intelligence regarding them and their Embassy, as you may possess, and judge requisite to enable me either positively to contradict the Measure, or to explain it in such a manner to this Durbar as to convince them of its futility since notwithstanding my repeated Arguments of the importance both of the French and Tippoo, drawn from past transactions, and our present force more respectable than ever, the unceasing

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Endeavours and various Means used by that restless and ambitious nation, with people unqualified to form a proper Judgment, and apt to be imposed on by bold and confident Assertions, require equal industry and an accurate Knowledge of facts to baffle them.

I have the Honor to be with perfect

Poona
18th June 1787

Respect. &c. &c.
Signed C. W. Malet

20th

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

Honble Sir,

This Morning I was honored with your Commands of the 21st Ultimo; & the returning Ongole Coffids being this Moment come in gives me this Opportunity of acknowledging its Receipt, and forwarding Duplicate of my address of Yesterday, dispatched by returning Coffids to Mr. Floyer at Masulipatam.

The Locko Indiaman arrived at Bombay on the 15th Instant. She left at Johanna on the 25th of May, the Asterly for Coast & Bay, & an Imperial Schooner called the Venus.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect &c &c.
Signed C. W. Malet
Lieut

The Locko Indiaman arrived at Bombay the 15th June.

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Sent the following Letter & Enclosures to the Resident at Poona.

To C. W.r Malet Esq.r
Resident at Poona —

Sir,

To the Resident at Poona — Enclosing Letter of Recall from his Highness the Nabob to Bujung Row — States the Substance of the Treaties lately executed with the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore — The Reports propogated by M.r Montigny in some measure true, as will appear by the enclosed Extract of a Letter from Pondichery. — The President states his Sentiments in the Event of the French joining Tippoo against the Marattas.

My last Letter to you was dated the 6.th of June, of which the inclosed is a Duplicate; I have received your Letter of the 18.th June, and also of the 19.th enclosing Duplicate of the 18.th, and on the 3 of July I received your Letter of the 7.th of June; the Duplicate whereof came to hand on the 5 of July.

I have represented the recent Behaviour of Bujung Row to the Nabob, who assures me he had no authority for the Reports he has circulated regarding the Treaty between the Nabob and the Company.

I now Send you Letters from his Highness to Bujung Row and his Brother, and also a Letter inclosed in these from the Nabob to Nana Phemaing, which I think must effectually put an End to his future Interference — The Translation of these Letters, as sent to me from the Nabob, are forwarded to you, for your Information.

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It is true, that on the 25th of February last, I had the Satisfaction of concluding a Treaty with His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, and since that period, I have concluded another with the Rajah of Tanjore. That you may be fully acquainted with the Principles on which these Treaties are formed, I have to acquaint you, that the Revenues of the Company in the Carnatic and the Circars being accurately ascertained, as well as those of the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore, It has been mutually stipulated and agreed, that each of the Contracting Parties should contribute a Sum of Money annually, proportionable to their respective Annual Revenues, for the Support of an Army both in Peace and War, for the General Defence of the Carnatic; That the Army shall be under the immediate Orders of this Government, and the Cash so contributed lodged in our Treasury — The Purse & Sword are therefore in the hands of the India Company, by which means our Army cannot fail to be more effective, and our Security more complete, whilst at the same time the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore, do not pay half the Sum

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Lord Cornwallis has sent me the Copy of a Letter he wrote you on the 20th of June, and has said so much on every point relating to our present political Situation in this Country, & particularly such matters as may become Subjects of Discussion with the Poonah Durbar, that it is not necessary to enter into that Subject.

I am, &c. &c.

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(Signed) Arch.d Campbell

Translate

Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob To Nowjee — Dated 18th Jemmadelowell 1201 Hegery answering to 9th March 1787.

From repeated writings of Mr. Malet, Governor Campbell has received Complaints of your Conduct — What occasion had you to interfere in matters wherein you had no authority, when you was sent by me merely upon the business of Vackeel according to established Custom.

you are dismissed from the Vackeelship of Poonah, and on receipt of this writing, you are with your Brother, immediately to repair to

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this place make no delay.

In the Nabob's own hand writing

You have acted contrary to my

expectations.

Translate

Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob

To Rowjee Dated 24th Runzan 1201 answering

to 11th July 1787.

Some time ago I directed you to

Repair to my Presence - I since understand

that you Retired for some time to Aurengabad

and Returned again to Poonah This has sur-

prized me much.

I now write you again, directing

that immediately on the Reciept of this Letter,

you Repair to the Presence, without any excuse -

Consider this a positive Order - The account of your

Arrears of Pay will be Settled here.

Translate

From His Highness the Nabob to Balajee

Jaunden Row Nanaphurnawes

Some time ~~is~~ Since, I wrote to

Rowjee directing him to repair with his Brother

to

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have advanced to Him, He has received Directions to proceed to Madras, and will Set off in a few days.

About the 26th Ultimo, Meer abo al Leis arrived here; He gives Himself out to be the Pier, i.e. the Spiritual Director of the Nabob Walaw Jah; that having embarked from Madras for Mecca, the Vessel lost her Passage, and was forced into Goa, where He left her, and came here overland on his Way to Surat, to which Port the Ship is to proceed after the Monsoon, and whence He means to embark again at the proper Season.

As by the accounts I have received, He seems a respectable Man, and as I am well acquainted with the Influence these People generally have over their Disciples, I shall pay Him such attention during his Residence here, and furnish Him with such Letters to Surat, as I think may be grateful to the Nabob, and tend to convince the People here of our Respect for any Body connected with that Prince.

By Advices from Captain Kirkpatrick dated Agra 12th June, I am informed of that Gentleman's Resignation of the Post of Resident at the Durbar of Mhadjee Sindia; and that the affairs of that Chieftain were much embarrassed by

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by an almost general Combination of the Raja-
:poot Chieftains, in Support of the Rajah of
Jeynaghur, against his attacks, which embarass-
:ment has been greatly encreased by the desertion
of Mahomed Beg Khan Hamdanee & several
other of the Mogul Chiefs and Paghundars, who
have submitted to his authority. Since he assumed
the management of the Moguls affairs. From
these powerful Causes, added to a distrust of the
remaining Mogul and Hindostana Chiefs, and
the Comparative weakness of his native Decan
Troops, opposed to the Rajpoot army, and Inter-
:nal dangers, he has retreated with some degree of
precipitation from the neighbourhood of
Jeynaghur, and commanded Ambaje, who
was detached with a considerable Army against
the Sicks to the Northward of Paniput, and Rau-
:doja appa, employed with a large Force in
Bundelcund, to join him with all possible Expe-
:dition. The Nature of the Rajahpoot Combina-
:tion, composed of distinct Chiefs attached to
their Soil, and averse to long absence from it, &
particularly at this Season, is hostile to its dura-
:tion, and should Sindiah by art or exertion find
the Means of dissolving it, without any further

disaster

disaster or disgrace to his Arms, his Force, united by firmer bonds than that of his Antagonists, and Supported by the vast revenues He has lately acquired, will probably enable him to re-establish his power more firmly than ever, & take ample revenge on the Confederates; but Should the Confederacy encouraged by it's very Superior Strength, by Sindiahs late retreat, and by the presence and exhortations of the Mogul Chieftains, who have joined it, and whose existence now depends on the Subversion of Sindiahs power gain any decisive advantage, or force him to the Southward of the Nurmbud, the consequences may be fatal to the Station he now holds in the management of the King's affairs, and to his interests in Hindostan. At all Events the Crisis is of the last importance to him, and may be so in its consequences to all India,—

On the 4th Instant I was honored with your Letter of the 6th ultimo & Angola Colours. By my address of the 18th you will have observed that New Cause had arisen to apprehend the existence of further intrigues between the French and Tippoo, whence I solicited the assistance of your intelligence, to counteract their designs, to

amuse

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assume or impose on this Government — The Information I had then, and have since received, appeared of Sufficient Importance to merit a particular Communication to the Government General; and the Contents of your last Letter corresponding so precisely in Substance, with that Communication, corroborate it so Strongly, as to remove all possible Suspicion of Chicane or misrepresentation in the channel of my intelligence, or finesse in M.r Montigné, whence it originated. For the further elucidation of this Mysterious affair and for your full Information on Several other Points, the Knowledge of which may be useful and Satisfactory, I now take the Liberty of troubling you with Extract of my Letter of the 27th Ultimo to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

Chunnajee Bhosla did not march from Kumpsee, about five Miles from this City, till the 30th ultimo.

I shall conclude this address, with a Repetition of my Request to be honored with particular Intelligence of the French force and motions at Pondichery, Trincomalee &c — and,

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and with an assurance of being with the
highest Respect.

Yr Yr

Signd C. W. Malet

Poona
1st July 1787

P.S.

Bujjung Rao remains here, and gives out
that He is Still in the Service of the Nabob Walaw
Jah — I hear nothing of the Person whom you
acquainted me had been appointed to Succeed
Him, as His Highness's Vackeel at this Court.

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to the
Right Honble the Governor General in Council
dated 27th June 1787 —

Hurry Punt entered his House in
the City the 18th Instant; I am inclined to im-
pute his Residence so long without the Town
rather to a political than an astrological Cause,
and it was certainly wise to keep at a distance
a Rabble full of Clamour and discontent, on
account of the great Arrears due to it. When are
encouraged to Perseverance in their demands when
surrounded by the Populace, to hearken to and
witness the Justness of their Complaints. In such
a Situation pressed by actual want and warmed

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by a Recital of their Wrongs, the Consequences might have been dangerous to the opulent de: :fenceless Inhabitants.—

Hurry Punt having had the address to get rid of great numbers of the Seramauve or Poligar Troops on his March from the Southward, who left only their Vakeels to support their claims in the ensuing Settlement, found less difficulty in managing those who accompanied Him hither, tho' I am informed a Settlement was not at last made, but by the Practice of all those arts of Humility, Entreaty and Solicitation, in which the Brahmins are so perfectly versed; nor were Threats and Compulsion omitted in some Cases of obstinate Rejection of the proposed Terms, which according to my Information have been thus accommodated.—

That the Arrears of the Third Called Nalbunde, which ought to have been advanced on the Troops taking the Field, but which the Straits of Government prevented, shall be re: :linquished in Consideration of the present Pay: :ment of Forty per Cent.—

That the Arrears of the third called Rogemurrah or daily Maintenance, which

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used always to be paid regularly in the Field, but is now, by the difficulties of Government, four Months in arrear, shall be relinquished in Consideration of present payment of half the Amount due.

That the remaining third Stiled Khefaub or Burran, which agreable to former Usage, should be settled at the End of the Campaign, shall not be agitated at present, but in Consideration of the distress of Government, shall be deferred till a more favorable Period, or till the Peshwa in Person shall lead the Army to Conquests, the Fruits of which will enable the Durbar to cancel all Demands.

The Troops accompanied their acquiescence in these very hard Conditions, with a Request, couched in very decent Terms, that when Government should again have occasion for their Services, it would consider well the means of rewarding them, and that they on their parts, previous to complying with any future Summons, should expect ample Security on that head.

Every Information I can collect, relative to the late Peace, tends to persuade me that it has been highly advantageous to Tippoo, he has dissolved a formidable Confideracy and dissipated ar

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an immense army, the Members of which inv:
:bittered against each other by mutual distrust,
disjointed by ill Succes, and disgusted by Disap:
:pointment in their just Claims to the pay due to
them, will Scarce ever be again united and collected,
while he, at the head of a regular Army, obedient to
his Nod, has secured Leisure to form with deli:
:beration such designs as Policy or Ambition may
Suggest, and which the Promptitude of despo =
:tism will enable him instantly to execute: Not
has he secured these advantages at an excorbitant
price.- 'Tis true, he has stipulated to pay this
Durbar for Countries which have been lately
conquered from it, the Arrears of Tribute, for four
years at Twelve Lacks per Annum, which with
Durbar Charges, will I suppose nominally
Amount to near Sixty Lacks, of this Sum I
find that only twenty two Lacks have been
actually paid, and under pretence of negotiating
Payment of the remainder, a Person has been sent
here by Tippoo in the character of a Soucar, but
who I am informed is in fact one of the principal
Managers of his Docks, and is now accompanied
by a great Number of Lascars Mircarrahs &c
added to this Payment, Tippoo has Surrendered

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to the Peishwa those Places he had lately reduced
Puddanna reckoned to produce a Revenue of three
Lacks, Kittoor Five Lacks, Mullgoond Two Lacks,
and to Nizam Ally Khan Adonie, the restoration
of which implies no positive Losses to Tippoo, as he
had never collected the Revenues, consequently had
on that Account incurred no Expence, in lieu of all
which Tippoo has amply Repaid himself by the
Reduction and Possession of Shawnoor, estimated
at Eleven Lacks of Annum, Connaghere at three
Lacks, and Annagagoande at Seven Lacks, produc-
:cing in the aggregate a Balance in favor of Tippoo
of Eleven Lacks of Annum. The Nabob of the
former Place and the Hindoo Rajahs or Zemin-
:dars of the latter, having been formerly accustomed
to submit to the Marattas Army, whenever their
Power was predominant had on the Army's
late Approach made the usual Tenders of Submis-
:sion to preserve their Districts from the Ruin
which would otherwise have been inevitable —
Tippoo has thought proper to construe this Conduct
into High Crime against his Sovereignty and on
that Pretence to Seize their Districts, and expel the
Possessors which are now wandering about amongst
the Southern Zemindars, the wretched Instances of

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Tippoo's Power and the Peshwa's Inspotence.

In this State of affairs, I have lately received Intelligence, from a Quarter in which I have entire Confidence, that Mons.r Montigny had lately received Letters from Mons.r de Cossigny the Governor of Pondicherry, acquainting him of the Presentity of a new Treaty with Tippoo, the Object of which will be the Humiliation of the British Power in India, to effect which Tippoo has for the Satisfaction of the French, agreed to make them ample Provisions of Money and Territory; That three Ambassadors from Tippoo have actually sailed, or are on the Point of sailing from Pondicherry for France, charged with the Management of this Negotiation and valuable Presents and large Sums of Money to expedite its Completion; That Mr. Montigny's Communications to this Court are to be accordingly calculated to prevent its entering into any such connection with the English, as may ultimately tend to counteract the Object of this Alliance; and that Measures are taken to promote the same End at the Court of Nizam ally Khan, which is to be effected at both Courts, by propogating Jealousies of the English Power, and even in Certain Predicaments by the use of a more authoritative Stile. Sam

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I am further informed, that Mr. Montigny has actually commenced his remonstrances to the Ministers on the apparent Predilection lately Shewn to the British Interest, but that though Mr. Montigny from Situation, and the late Orders He has received, is necessitated to promote the Completion of the Union with Tippoo, and is firmly convinced in his own Opinion that it will in the End prove Successful, yet from Partiality to a Connection with this Government, in the Promotion of which his Endeavours have not been successful, from Resentment of Indignities to which his Countrymen have already been subjected by Tippoo, and from a Persuasion that from his Perfidy, Treachery, and total disregard of every moral and religious Consideration, the ultimate advantage of any Connection with that Prince will be converted solely to his Benefit, He is by no Means a warm advocate for the measure, nor does He even Scruple to insinuate that Tippoo has commenced his present Negotiation, by purchasing the Support of the French Government in India.

Convinced, My Lord and Gentlemen, that Mr. Montigny has held the Language here attributed to him, I am at a Loss for a reasonable Method

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Method of accounting for it. If it originates with M. Montigny the natural Inference is that it must be from a desire to Support by a prospect of future exertion, the present drooping interest of the French in India, but at the Same time it should be recollected that in thus supporting without authority for so doing a prospect of future importance, he Subjects his nation to the present Stigma of covering under the Sacred name of Treaties, the most Treacherous and perfidious designs.

If He really has received documents of this nature from the Government of Pondicherry, it follows either that that Government has adopted the views of Tippoo on principles of publick or private benefit, or in consequence of instructions from Europe.

If those Instructions have been furnished from Europe during the amicable & cordial arrangements which have lately taken Place between the Courts of St James's and Versailles we have only to admire that so much perfidy is united with so little prudence, and indeed so great would be the folly of such language were the designs of which it treats true, that this Consideration alone inclines me to suppose it

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more Gasconade, or if a closer connection with Tippoo is in agitation, that the object held forth by Mons.r Montigny is only meant to conceal the real one, which may perhaps be more immediately hostile to Nizam Ally Khan or the Marattas, than to us.—

Averse however as I may be to giving implicit Credit to the existence of intrigues which brand a nation with the imputation of Treachery, yet as even the mere language without the actual intent, admitting it to be used by Mr. Montigny without the authority of Pondicherry or by the Governor of Pondicherry without the Sanction of his Court, tends equally to prejudice the Company's affairs, by inculcating opinions of the instability of their power— It has been, and Shall be my Study to counteract the effect of any such insidious attempts to mislead the Judgement of this Court, which, notwithstanding its repeated experience of the Credit due to French professions is Still liable to be imposed on by bold and confident assertions— In the Prosecution of this Resolution, I have applied to Sir Archibald Campbell to favor me with any intelligence that He may judge conducive thereto, and particularly with accurate information of the French motions at Pondicherry which application

permit

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permit me, my Lord and Gentlemen, to extend to you also.

In the Course of my Endeavors to undeceive this Court with respect to the above language of the French, I have through Channels by which I am persuaded it would come with greatest Force, endeavoured to impress the Ministers with an Idea that in all human probability the ambition of Tippoo will again employ itself against the Deccan, That however desirous he may be to make an impression on the Company's Territories, yet past experience, when the British Empire was attacked in every Part of the World, and when his efforts were aided by a European Power, must have taught him the impracticability of the attempt, in which the most Solemn Treaties concluded under the immediation of the most potent Monarchs in Europe, now preclude all prospect of assistance from the same Quarter, I have endeavoured to confirm that idea which the Ministers openly avows of Tippoo's faithless Character, by insisting on his prevarications and insidious Delays in the late Negociations; and to awaken his apprehension by explaining the Facility with which Tippoo can

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can immediately take advantage of the dissolution of the great Combination which has been effected by the late Treaty, the members of which cannot be re: assembled without great expence and loss of time — In a word, that the restless, insatiable ambition of Tippoo must have employment, and that the facility of the enterprize and the prospect of Success, palpably give every reason to conclude it will be against the Decan.

To counteract also any tendency on the part of this Government to pay attention to the threats or offers of the French, to which they may be inclined by a seeming absence of all hope or fear from us, arising from that equitable System of neutrality and defence, on which they have been informed the British affairs are now and will in future be conducted; I have Strongly inculcated the impolicy of being Seduced by vague boasts and professions, from the positive good of our friendship — That the same Regard for Equity which prescribes to the Company's Govern: ment the most rigid Observance of Treaties & the most punctilious Forbearance from invading the Rights of others, will operate to insist on an equal Fidelity in the Conduct of our Neigh: bours; and that as the firm Establishment of our

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our Power places us on one Hand infinitely above
their offensive attempts, so does it on the other present
us in the more conspicuous Light of a most
powerful Friend and a most formidable Enemy,
of our Readiness to Support the former of which
Characters they Should be convinced by the Assu-
rances lately given them of taking an active Part
in their Behalf, had the Introduction of the
French Force threatened an ascendancy on the
Part of Tippoo, or a Prolongation of the Evils of War.

Notwithstanding this Seems the Language
of Reason, I am not very sanguine, My Lord and
Gentlemen, in the Persuasion of its having that
Weight which its Truth seems to claim with this
Durbar, either in awaking it to a Provision
against any Sudden Invasion of Tippoo to the
South - Success in which would be prejudicial
to the British Interest and to the Tranquility of
Hindostan, or to impress it with a proper Idea
of our Friendship, and the dangers of a Junction
of the French with Tippoo, the Direction of which,
even against the British Territories should in
the eye of Prudence be almost equally alarming
to this State as against the Decan itself, I induce
it with equal alacrity to offer that Assistance

which

which we promised them in a similar predicament

Chinnaya Bapjee took his formal Leave of the Pishwa the 20th Instant, on which Occasion He was presented with an Elephant, Horse, &c. Sam informed his importunity on the Subject of the surrender of Gurramundla has been very embarrassing to the Minister, nor has he Scrupled to plainly to tell him, that if the Letters which He has now procured from Government for its Surrender, are not complied with, he will immediately attack it with his father's whole Force. Some further discussion on this important point detained Chinnaya here till the 25th Instant; But notwithstanding his Threats and the repetition of the Orders, Sam of Opinion that Asgadur and Ballaje will not surrender so important and so favourite a possession On the Arrival of this Chieftain, I made an advance, through the Minister, to pay Him the same Compliment of a Visit as to Holcar, but as it did not, either from the Minister or from him, meet with the same Return, I did not think proper to urge it, on the Consideration that as I had paid that Compliment last year to his Father, it became less incumbent to the Son.

Holcar marched hence the 17th to his village

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Village of Baubgaum — I hear nothing of his proceeding to Maliva, During his Residence here, He was treated with every appearance of Cordiality and attention by the Durbar.

On the 19th I recd a Letter from Governor Sir Archibald Campbell, in which He does me the Honor to assure me of his entire approbation of my Conduct towards Buying Row, the late Vakeel of the Nabob Walajah, who Sir Archibald adds, is perfectly Sensible of his agents improper behaviour.

In the Same Letter Sir Archibald has communicated to me an account of his having placed Amer Sing, the Brother of the late Tulyajee Rajah, on the Musnud of Tanjore, in Preference to an adopted Son, the Particulars of which I have, agreable to Sir Archibald's Desire, communicated to this Government.

A True Extract
Signed/ C. W. Malet

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob Walajah

The President lays before the Board a Letter from His Highness the Nabob/entered in C.C. N° 49/ stating, that the Tunkas granted upon the Revenues of Tanjore in the year 1776 have all been satisfied by Bonds given in the new Consolidated Fund, in the Cavalry Loan, and by other Means — That the Sack of Pagodas

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Pagodas in deposit, is of course his property, and that he therefore requests it may be paid to his Creditors in the old Consolidation — The Nabob further adds that he has not any objection to the Governor's publickly inviting Claimants to come forward with their pretensions, but requests if any should be preferred, that they may be communicated to His Highness.

Resolved, that a publick notification be given, Stating, that the President in Council will receive from Tunkaholders, or their Representatives who may have unliquidated Claims upon the Government Share of the Crop in the Tanjore Country for the year 1776, an account of such Claims, in order to their being investigated — The Claims, with the Documents by which they are to be Supported, to be transmitted to Government on or before the 15th September next.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be requested to advise the Nabob of the above Resolution, and to enclose Copy of the Notification — at the Same time assuring His Highness that if any Claims to the Deposit Shall be preferred, they Shall be communicated to him agreably to his desire

/Vide Country Correspondence N° 51./

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Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore /as entered in Country Correspondence Vol 50/ enclosing a Bill for 15,000 Pagodas, advising of sundry Payments made by him, Stating that having experienced Several losses, some delay has arisen in the payment of the May & June Kists, & trusting that a little indulgence will be shewn to him, by which means he shall be enabled to give Satisfaction in the compleat payment of his Kists &c &c &c

Examined
Wm C. Jackson
Dep. Sec.y

Arch.d Campbell

John Holland

Jas. W. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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accordingly to be transmitted to the Governor in Council, on or before the 15th of September next.

By Order

/Signd/ John Shannier Secy

At a Consultation Present

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

John Holland

James Henry Casamajor

Tuesday 7th August 1787

&

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.—

President's Minute 7th August 1787

President's Minute respecting the Nabob's Payments to the 3d Kist, with Statement annexed —

The President informs the Board, that he has received from His Highness Amer ul Omrah a Statement, Copy of which is annexed, shewing the Payments made by the Nabob of the Carnatic, on account of his 3d Kist due 31st July; to which period the Sums stated to be paid, amount to 209,800 Pagodas, which is correct, except in the last Sum of 15,000 Pagodas, said to be paid at

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at Trichinopoly; no advice being as yet received of such a Payment; the Amer represented to the President that he had Soucar's Bills in his Possession to the Amount of 90,200 Pagodas, which would make up the payments to 4,00,000, that he could not convert them into Money but at a great Discount, for which Reason he solicited a Delay in the payment of that Sum to the 15th Instant, which the President agreed to, on the Amer engaging to be punctual to that Day, The Amer at the same time assured the Governor, that the further Sum of 2 Lacks to compleat the whole List, would certainly be paid on or before the 31st Instant.

/Signd/ A. Campbell

Four Lacks of Pagodas payable to the Company

Cash Paid at Trichinopoly to Mr. Falk as p his Receipts		23600--
Do. at Madura - to Mr. Johnston as p his Receipt Capt. 23.596		7000--
Do. at Palamcotah to Mr. Oakes as p Do.		16,000--
Do. to Mr. Falk at Trichinopoly for which the Receipt is hourly expected	15,000--	
	61,600--	
Cash paid into the Company's Treasury at Madras	2,11,200--	
In the Course of to day & tomorrow will also be paid into the Treasury	97,000--	
Total Paid Pagodas	3,09,800--	
Balance	90,200--	
Pagodas	4,00,000--	

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Brigadier General Horne.

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

Sir,

From Brigadier General Horne, respecting His Claim on the Nabob, for a House purchased by his Highness—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 23d Instant conveying an Extract of the Honorable Company's dated 16th February last, respecting my claims on his Highness the Nabob, for which condescention and indulgence, I beg leave to assure your Excellency of my warmest gratitude.

But the Satisfaction arising from that agreable communication, is entirely damped, by the light in which Government have viewed those orders, as expressed in the Paragraph of the General Letter to the Court of Directors on that Subject— For after so many delays, so full an explanation of the nature and origin of my demand, after the minute investigation taken by the Committee, appointed to examine those

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claims; The testimony given under his Highness's hand of its Equity, and the favorable Opinion of Government thereon; I cannot refrain from expressing my sense of the Hardship under which I labour, on a reference again made to England, and further instructions desired.

Although, under the pressure of so heavy a disappointment, which once more involves nearly the whole produce of Thirty years hard and faithfull Service in the tedious intricacy of Official Correspondence, it is nevertheless with painfull reluctance I state my dissatisfaction, at that measure of Government in which it has originated.

The Orders of the Honorable Company, authorizing my claim to be put in a train of Liquidation, so as not to interfere with the arrangements made for the other Debts, I presume to say in fair reasoning, seem clearly to warrant an exclusive arrangement with the Nabob for its discharge, being the only one, out of a multiplicity of demands laid before him by the Committee, which appears to have been admitted as Valid by His Highness — in these circumstances

Circumstances Surely a Prince who avowed the Legality could not deem it a hardship to be called on for the discharge of so small a Debt owing an individual, to whom he has repeatedly acknowledged himself under Obligations — and Honored with Assurances of regard and Friendship, if not at one payment, at least by instalments in three or four Years.

I am sorry I cannot concur in the Idea, suggested in your Excellency's Letter to me, that the Company's orders place the payment of my demand after all the Consolidated Claims; for I confess I do not perceive how such an inference can be drawn.

The Court of Directors acquiescing in the Opinion given, respecting the Honora: ble Nature of my Claim, have sanctioned Government to put it in a train of liquidation, which I beg leave to say, cannot be explained to mean removing the adjustment of it to a period beyond the probable duration of my life — Neither is it possible that men whose actions are so much exposed to publick View, would be so unguarded, as place a Claim

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of the nature mine has appeared to be, below that map of Debt; the fairness and equity of which they had repeatedly expressed themselves in doubt; the more especially, as in my representation on this Subject, I introduced the circumstance of my refusal to join in the Consolidating Scheme in 1777, my reasons for that refusal together with His Highness's approbation of my conduct therein, signified by a letter from his Son an: inner Ul Amrah, wherein he Also assured me of His Highness's intention of discharging the Bond when due.

I have to request your Excellency will be pleased to weigh the reasons I have herein offered, for dissenting from the opinion of Govern: ment, in relation to the orders from England, & I doubt not, but on mature deliberation you will agree, that my claim is now thrown into a predicament particularly unjust & unmerited & relying on the favorable Sentiments of your Excellency towards me, I trust if there appears an opening to obviate the difficulties and delay, which will be occasioned by this re: ference to England, your Excellency will not

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not fail to embrace it in the cause of Equity and Justice.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect,

Sir &c.

(Signd) Mat.w Horne

Trichinopoly
July the 28th. 1787

The Board regret that from the late Orders of the Court of Directors, under date the 16th February, they are not empowered to give General Horne that relief, to which he is entitled — The Difficulties that attend the Nabob's performance of his publick Engagements, put it out of the power of Government to interpose in the Cause of Individuals, even in a Case so just and honorable as General Horne's, and the Board are therefore compelled to keep this business in suspence, until the further pleasure of the Court of Directors be known.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to General Horne.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Wooley, attorney to Lady Clerke.

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

President and Governor in Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. James Wooley, attorney to Lady Clerke, requesting that the Dividend due on a Bond of the Nabob's in the Consolidation of November 1777 belonging to her Ladyship be issued to him upon his lodging a Security in Company's Bonds of fifty p Cent more than the Amount.

Having received, within a few days past, a General Power of attorney, from Lady Clerke, to act for her in all matters in this Country, and there being a Bond in the Consolidation of November 1777, to her Ladyship, from his highness the Nabob, I have applied to the Register to issue the dividend due thereon, but on closely inspecting said power of attorney, it appears, that, thro' the Inattention of the notary, there are two Errors, one, My Christian name is therein called John — It is James, the other there is one L, too many in my Sir name — Tho' every Collateral Evidence aids the power of attorney, yet these Errors are supposed, in Law, fatal.

The pressing distresses of this poor Widow are great, & I am sure the Humanity of the Board will feel for them & I hope, remove them, as far as propriety will admit of — I would therefore humbly propose that the Dividend may be issued, on my lodging as Security, Company's Bonds for fifty p Cent more than the Amount.

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

(Signed) James Wooley

agreed

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Mr. Wooley's Request complied with.—

Agreed that Mr. Wooley's request be complied with & that the Security tendered by him be accepted

Ordered that Copy of Mr. Wooley's Letter be Sent to the Register of the Nabob's Debts with directions to acquiesce in Mr. Wooley's offer.—

The President informs the Board, that Sanar: :danah Row, the Maharatta Vackeel, has frequently made application for some allowances which may enable him to support the expences incident to his Station, which the President recommends may be granted, being of Opinion that such a mark of at: :tention to the Vakeel, will be well received at the Poonah Durbar.

The Board Coincide in the Opinion and recommendation of the President, and it is ac: :cordingly Agreed that Sanardanah Row be allowed 100 Pagodas P Month, which is to be regularly paid by the Civil Paymaster

The Maharatta Vackeel allowed 100 Pagodas P Mensem—

Examined
W. C. Jackson
Dep. Secy

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Ja. W. Casamajor

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8th Sent the following Letters.-

To Mr James Wooley

Sir

To Mr Wooley. the Board accede to his Request of receiving the Dividend due on the Nabobs Bond, in the posession of Lady Clarke, upon his lodging the proposed Security.-

In reply to your Letter of yesterdays date, I am directed by the Board to inform you, that, they have acquiesced in the offer you have made of depositing Security for the Dividend due to Lady Clarke, and have given Directions to the Register of the Nabobs Debts in consequence.-

I am &c &c

Signed / John Chamier
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To Mr A. M. Campbell

Register of His Highness
the Nabobs Debts

Sir.

To the Register of the Nabobs Debts, advising of the Contents of the aforegoing letter.

In consequence of a represen=
=tation from Mr Wooley, that, the Dividend
to Lady Clarke has been rejected, from the
insufficiency of the Power of Attorney sent
by her Ladyship to him, I am directed by the
Board to desire you will issue the Dividend
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8th to Mr Wooley upon his depositing Company's Bonds as Security, agreeably to the Offer made by him to Government.

Inclose a Copy of Mr Wooley's Letter, and am,

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Sir &c &c
/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

To Brigadier General Horne.

Sir.

To Gov.r Horne, the Board are concerned that they cannot afford him any Relief respecting his Claim upon his Highness the Nabob.—

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Ultimo addressed to the President, and to express to you their sincere regret, that, from the late Orders of the Court of Directors dated 16th February last, they are not empowered to give you that relief, to which you are entitled.

The Board are also much con=
=cerned, that the difficulties, which attend the Nabob's performance of his Publick engagements, put it out of their power to interpose in the Cause of Individuals, even in a case so just and honorable as yours.— The business must therefore remain suspended until the further Pleasure of the Court of Directors be known.—

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Sam &c &c
/Signed/ John Chamier Secy.

To