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To Edward Garrow, William Webb & James Lauder
Esqrs

Gentlemen.

Mr Taylor having now settled Accounts
between his Highness the Nabob Walajah Behauder and
his concern, we are directed by his Highness to
transmit upon an Account Current of the Cavalry
Loan made up to the 31st December 1785.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servants

Chepauk House
30th May 1786.

(Signed) Robert Lovey
Charles Binney

(Copy)

Ordered that Copy of the above
be sent to England as a member in the
Packet of Ravensworth.

Copy sent to England.

Read the following Letter from
Lieut. Colonel Sydenham, Acting Administrator
to the Estate of Kistnamanaick

Fort St George 11th Octr
1787.

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

Hon'ble Sir

From Lieut Colo Sydenham regarding that the Claim of the Creditors of the late Kistnamaking on the late Rajah of Tanjore may be referred to the favorable consideration of the Court of Directors.

I had the honor to receive through
Mr

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Mr Secretary Chamier under date 28th June last the answer of the Honble Board to my application on behalf of the Creditors of the late Cathoore Chitty Vistnama Naigue, informing me that the Claims which I had preferred could not be included in the provision made for the liquidation of the Debts of the late Rajah of Tanjore, because this provision was limited to the discharge of such Bonds only as were granted by the deceased Rajah to Europeans who were British subjects.

As the Creditors of the late Vistnama Naigue, who are mostly Gentlemen, look to me as the acting Administrator to the Estate, for doing every thing that is possible for the general Interest of the whole, and will consequently hold me responsible for failure or neglect of any kind, I hope the Honble Board will be so good to excuse my troubling them again on a subject which is the more important to the Creditors from the consideration that the debt of the late Rajah constitutes almost the whole of their expectations from the Estate.

Although the resolution of the Honble Board not to admit the Claims of any Native Creditor of his Highness the Rajah that were not included in one of the two Classes of consolidated Debts, naturally led to the adoption of

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of the same principle with respect to the
Native Creditors of the late Rajah of Tanjore, yet
as I am informed that the debt which I have
stated, is the only one that has been publicly
brought forward on the part of any Native
Creditor of the late Rajah, and the persons
principally interested in the Recovery of this
debt are Europeans - British Subjects - I take the
Liberty to request, if your Honble Board, after
a consideration of these particular circumstances,
should not be able to include it in the provision
made for the payment of the Debts of the late
Rajah, that you will be pleased to refer it to
the decision of the Honble the Court of Directors
by the first Dispatch, and the Creditors of the late
Shitnarra Saigue beg leave also to express, through
me, their hopes that you will have the goodness to
represent our Claim in favorable terms to the
Honble Court, it being certain that no Prince
of the Country would ever give his Bond to a
Native, before the absolute receipt of the money,
and the validity of the late Rajah of Tanjore's
engagement being in this case confirmed
by the receipt of the several sums which
he has paid in part discharge thereof, We
trust that the decision of the Honble Court

of

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of Directors will not be limited to Europeans, when a Native being equally under the protection of the British Government, has similar Claims, and — particularly in this Instance, where the Debt is become the property in general of Europeans Gentlemen in the Company's service, and by thus changing its original ground, may justly be considered on the same footing as the Claims of British Subjects in their own immediate Right; but our hopes of success are not founded on this argument so much, as on your favorable representation, and on the justice, and liberal construction of the Honble Court of Directors, which we are persuaded will not be confined to one complexion, or set of Men, but extend equally to Natives, as well as Europeans, when it shall appear that the former have the same grounds, and pretensions to hope for their indulgence, and support, and that in this particular case, (the only one of the kind that has appeared) the persons to benefit by it have the further plea to such indulgence from having long in the service of the Honble Company, in which they have done their duty with zeal, and fidelity.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedt Servt

(signed) Wm Petrie

Wm Petrie Esqr

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Ordered that Copy of the above be sent to England as a number in the Packet

To be sent to England.—

The President proposes that as the Nabob has nearly completed the payment of his third List, a Dividend of three Lacks of Pagodas to his Highness's Publick and private Creditors be made on the 25th Instant.—

A Dividend of three Lacks to be made on the 25th Instant.—

Ordered that the usual Notification be given.—

Wm Harington

Examined Geo. Stl. Martin Sec.

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

Jas. Abercrombie

R. Maunsell

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Diary to Consultation 19 October 1787

October 13th Ordered that the following advertisement be published in the Courier of the 19th Instant.

Notification declaring a Dividend on the 25th of three Lacks to the Public & private Creditors of his Highness the Nabob.

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The Honble President in Council is pleased to notify that a Dividend of three Lacks of Pagodas will be made to the Public and Private Creditors of his Highness the Nabob on the 25th Instant in the usual manner, and agreeably to the established proportions.

By Order of the Honble the President in Council.

Received the following Letters from

From Mr Benfield to the Secretary requesting that the accompanying letter may be sent to England by the Ravensworth.

Mr Secretary Chamier

Sir

I take leave to beg of you to present the accompanying Address as speedily as it conveniently can be done; as it contains a request that the Honorable Board would have the goodness to permit it to be made a number on the Packet by the Ravensworth, with the other papers that respect the Deposit Money

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I have the honor to be
Sir
(signed) Paul Benfield

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From Mr Brunton
Benfield in further
support of his Claim
to the Surplus of
Deposit Money.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been favored by Mr
Secretary Chaviers with Copies of two Letters
from his Highness the Nabob respecting my
Claims on the Surplus Deposit Money, and of
one from Mr. Taylor, Majendie & Call to your
Honors. I observe that his Highness in his Letter
of the 14th September mentions a Letter which he
had written on the subject of the Deposit Money
prior to that Date, Copy of which I have not been
favored with. I have therefore to request of your
Honor &c. that I may be furnished with a Copy
of this, as well as of any other Letters that may have
been addressed on the subject, and I hope you
will not think me presuming in making
this request, as an Occasion where property is
concerned, and where in equity the Honorable
Board will doubtless allow the fullest information
should be given to those who are concerned, and
those who are to judge on the subject.

&c

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Re those Letters of his Highness, which you have been pleased to furnish me with, have not fully explained the nature of my settlement with him in 1777, I must trouble you with a Narrative of it.—

In obedience to the Orders of the Honourable the Court of Directors, received on the 30th August 1777 I was obliged to proceed to Europe, and was thereby necessitated prior to my departure to dispose of my concerns in this Country upon any terms I could procure. I disposed of them with his Highness's the Nabob's knowledge, & Consent, and when those to whom I had so disposed of them intimated, that they had received his Highness's engagements to them on account thereof, I gave his Highness the Cornatmak — mentioned in his Letter.— The Gentlemen to whom I disposed of them were not able to fulfill their engagements to me, perhaps in some respect owing to the Nabob having failed in his — engagements to them: under those circumstances, and as I thought the best means of receiving my large outstanding concerns after my return to India I came to an agreement with those Gentlemen, to take them back in the way they could give them to me. They gave me back

Nabob's

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14 Nabobs Bonds to them, in lieu of the Nabobs
Bonds, and Assignments to me, which had
been given up to his Highness, and for which
I had taken their private Bonds to me, with
the Collateral security of his Highness's Bonds.

Amongst those Bonds I received
back, are two unconsolidated ones, which I took
in preference to others, with a view of recovering
this property which I have claimed. - I took my
concerns back with the Nabobs knowledge, and
upon those Bonds it particularly appears that
they were accepted by me, with the Certificates
of his Highness's concurrence, Acknowledgments,
and Signature; and I must beg leave to insert
at full length his Highness's indorsements
thereon, dated in the year 1783. the time I took
my concerns back from Messrs Taylor, Majendie,
Call, and Savage - The Certificate endorsed on one
of those unconsolidated Bonds runs thus - Viz.

James Taylor, and those concerned
with him, having received from Paul Benfield,
a full, and valuable consideration for all
principal, and Interest of the annexed Bond, and
he the said James Taylor, and those concerned, with him
having fully assigned, transferred, and made

over

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14 over the said Bond together with all Interest due and to grow due thereupon to the said Paul Benfield now I do hereby declare, and acknowledge that no parts of the Principal or Interest hath been discharged, and there remained due on the 12th day of December 1781 upon the said Bond for the principal with simple Interest thereon the full and just sum of forty four thousand five hundred and sixty Star — Pagodas, since which time no money either as for or on account of the Principal and Interest has been paid, or discharged, and that the said Bond together with the money due or to grow due thereupon as and for Principal and Interest is fully and clearly vested in, and the acknowledged Right, and property of the said Paul Benfield, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns. Thus certified, and declared by me this fourteenth Day of May in the year of Christ one thousand seven hundred, and eighty three in the presence, and with the concurrence of the Parties James Taylor, and Paul Benfield.

Signed in the presence
of R. J. Sullivan
Henry Redhead

The Nabobs Seal

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14 The Certificate endorsed on the other unconsolidated Bond runs thus. — Viz^t —

James Taylor, and those concerned with him having received from Paul Benfield a full, and valuable consideration for all Principal, and Interest of the annexed Bond, and due, and full credit being given for all such Sums of money as had been received thereon, the same being paid for, or on account of simple Interest arising thereupon, and he the said James Taylor, and those concerned with him having fully assigned, transferred, and made over the said Bond together with all Interest due, and to grow due thereupon to the said Paul Benfield, now I do hereby declare, and acknowledge that there remained due on the 12th Day of December 1781 upon the said Bond, as the Balance for Principal, and simple Interest thereon, the full, and just Sum of one hundred, fifteen thousand, two hundred, and seventy six Star Pagodas ten Fanams, and sixteen Cash, since which period no money either as for, or on account of the Principal or Interest has been paid, or discharged; and that the said Bond, together with the money due

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14 or to grow due thereupon at and for Principal and Interest is fully and clearly vested in and the acknowledged Right and property of the said Paul Benfield his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns. This certified and declared by me this fourteenth Day of May in the Year of Christ 1783. in the presence and with the concurrence of the Parties James Taylor and Paul Benfield.

Signed in the presence
of R. J. Sullivan
Henry Redhead.

☐ The Nabobs seal.

It is therefore through his Highness that I received these Bonds for without his certifying them as above they could not have been accepted by me, thereby recurring to the same Rights I proposed before I made my Claims now to Messrs Taylor &c.

The Copy of the Letter said to be written to me by Messrs Storey and Benny and forwarded to me by Mr Chamier is the first ever I have had of any such paper. I rejected any communication with these Men as I had ever transacted my Business with his Highness without a medium and I knew those Gentlemen who had constant Access to his Highness had an interest in

defeating

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14 defeating the recovery of my property — I request this Address may be admitted a number in the Packet of the Ravenswood with the other papers that respect the Deposit Money.

I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir &c &c

Your most obedient humble

Servant

Fort St George

13th October

1787

(Signed) Paul Benfield

Copy of the above to the Rabob

Ordered that Copy of the above Letter be immediately transmitted to his Highness the Rabob, that he may have an opportunity of replying to it previous to closing the Ravenswood Packet. (Vide C.C. No 81)

The Board having acquiesced in the Request of Mr Benfield, the following Letter was in consequence sent him —

L.D.

To Mr Benfield his Letter will be sent to England = 1/11 Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Rabob =

To Mr. Benfield

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 13th Instant, and to inform you that a Copy thereof

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14 thereof will be sent to England agreeably to your request.

I enclose Copy of the Nabobs letter referred to in his Highness's letter of the 9th September

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St George
14th October 1787.

(Signed) M. Lindsay
Deputy

15 Received the following Letter and Enclosure from his Highness the Nabob (which are also entered on the C.C. Pt 83.)

From his Highness the Nabob in refutation of the arguments urged by Mr Benfield in his Letter of the 13th October relative to the Carnatic Deposit Money

His Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic &c &c &c

To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell KB

President Governor & Commander in Chief

Fort St George

My Friend

I have received your letter of the 14th October with Copy of one addressed to the Governor & Council by Mr Benfield under date 13th I am much obliged by your sending me Copy of Mr Benfields Letter, before the departure of the Ravensworth, because I am thereby furnished with an opportunity of making my reply thereto for the knowledge of my friend, and through him for the information

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15 information of the Court of Directors by that conveyance.

Mr Benfield is pleased to say my Letters to you have not fully explained the nature of his settlement with me in 1777.

I must confess to my Friend that I have not particularized to him the nature of Mr Benfield's settlement with me in 1777, and that my forbearance proceeded purely from motives of delicacy towards him. I therefore simply mentioned that a settlement had been made and a general discharge given to my Circar for all Claims, and demands up to the date thereof, and though Mr Benfield has been pleased to mention this discharge in his Letter to you by the term Cowlnamah, I have to observe that two years after he had received back his concerns from Mess.rs Taylor &c.a when a paper was demanded of him that he was in possession of, and should have delivered up at the time he settled with Mr Taylor &c.a he referred me by a Letter dated 30th August 1785 to this very discharge under the title of a Solemn Instrument in the following Words. "The accompanying Letter from Mr Binny "has been just now delivered to me. The Articles "it mentions were regularly transferred and "settled at the Durbar, and all the necessary "Accounts passed in consequence, and to indeed "all Accounts and Transactions between his Highness

and

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14 Thereof will be sent to England agreeably to your Request.

I enclose Copy of the Nabobs Letter referred to in his Highness's Letter of the 9th Instanty

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St George
14th October 1787.

(Signed) H. Lockhart
Depy Secy

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From his Highness the Nabob in refutation of the arguments urged by Mr Benfield in his Letter of the 13th October, relative to the required deposit Money.

His Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahauder of Arcott, and the Carnatic &c. &c. &c.

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President, Governor & Commander in Chief
Fort St George

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dated 30th August 1785 to this very discharge under
the title of a solemn Instrument in the following
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"has been just now delivered to me. the Articles
"it mentions were regularly transferred, and
"settled at the Durbar, and all the necessary
"Accounts passed in consequence, and to indeed
"all Accounts, and transactions between his Highness

and

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15 "and me were regularly and finally settled and closed
"and all papers between us of the one part or the other
"should there be any that were not returned were
"rendered null, void and of the seals of his Highness
"and myself, by the solemn Instrument entered
"into by us for that purpose, under date the 26th Nov.
"1777 attested by Colonel Corby, and his Highness's
"Secretary Mr Wooley previous to my departure for
"Europe." but without even surrendering the least
Claim to the Lawful Deposit Money, though he had
been full two years in possession of the two Persian
Bonds made over to him by Mess.rs Taylor &c.a as
already mentioned. however if it is Mr Benfield's
desire that I should furnish my friend with a
compleat view of the nature of that settlement,
I am ready to do so by sending in all the accounts
that passed between us from which the Governor
and Council will be enabled to give me ample
Justice.

That Mr Benfield disposed of his
Bonds to Messrs Taylor &c.a and afterwards
received back from them certain Bonds on
account of their debt to him it will however be
consequence of that transaction between them I
certified the two Persian Bonds attended to for the
payment of which he is now in the Receipt

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15 p.c. Dividend upon Pagodas 6,75,360-29-42 from Bonds in the new consolidated fund in the hands of Trustees, and who have actually paid him upwards of 60,000 Pagodas.—

With respect to the letter that was addressed to Mr. Benfield by Messrs. Story, and Binny by my order, which Mr. Benfield declares so positively having been, I must request leave to declare to my friend that letter after it had been written, and signed, and sealed in my own presence was by myself delivered to one of my Choabdars with directions to give it into Mr. Benfield's own hands. The Choabdar accordingly delivered it to Mr. Benfield whom he met on his way to the Fort; but to put the matter beyond a doubt I have Enclosed Extract of a letter from Mr. Benfield dated five days after the receipt of the letter from Messrs. Story, and Binny, and in which (as my friend will observe) he has alluded to that Letter and in the Evening of the same day) he sent a message through my Dubash, Muttukistnah, requesting that I would order the said Letter to be withdrawn, and I enclose also copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Binny on this subject. My Motive however in sending a Copy to you in my letter of the

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15 1st October was only to correct an error that Mr Benfield had made in his apostion to the Governor, and Council, that the amount of these two Persian Bonds in his hopession resulted from the aggregate of his Claims upon Tanjore, and to shew the justness of his declaration in his Letter to the Court of Directors of 13th December 1780 (Copy of which I found in the printed Book which he sent to my friend) that his express agreement with "me was for ten p.Cent, conformable to the "Regulations of the Company" and which may be seen by the declaration on these two Persian Bonds, which he has transmitted to my friend.

I shall only add that I am sorry to observe Mr Benfield going such great lengths in endeavouring to obtain the Tanjore Pagoreid Money to which he has not the least shadow of right.

May your days be long and happy Chepauk House 15th October 1787. What can I say more?

Extract of a letter from Mr Benfield dated 2d June 1786

May it please your Highness.

I feel most sensibly that your Highness did not favourably receive my requests respecting

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15 respecting, my settling, the little account I have to finish with the Circar of his Highness. but there is no circumstance shall ever make me look aside from the friendship I have so frequently received from your Highness - ill disposed persons might impede, or interrupt for a time, but they never could prevent the operation of your Highness's goodness, and justice.-

Copy -

May it please your Highness -

Mr Benfield having written a letter to the Government of Madras under date 13th October, a Copy of which has been transmitted to your Highness by the Governor in which is the following Paragraph.-

" The Copy of the letter said to be
"written to me by Messrs Storey and Benny and
"forwarded to me by Mr Chamier, is the first news
"I have had of any such paper - I rejected any
"communication with these Men as I had ever
"transacted my Business with his Highness +
"without a medium, as I knew those Gentlemen,
"who had constant Access to his Highness, had
"an Interest in defeating the recovery of my
property

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15 "property" In justice to my late Colleague, Doctor Storey, and to myself, I beg leave to inform your Highness that the letter we had the honor of addressing Mr Benfield by your Highness's command the 15th June 1786 was sent by one of the Chubdars, who returned, and informed your Highness in our presence that the same had been delivered to Mr Benfield in his own house at the Fort. it is true, he did not think proper to acknowledge the receipt of it to us: but we understood that applications were a few days afterwards made to your Highness for the Letter being withdrawn, and that they were not listened to by your Highness.

As to Mr Benfield rejecting any communication with us it will be sufficient to remark that the establishing of any other medium would have been irregular as he was not himself permitted to attend at your Highness's Durbar, but is a fact well known, that for many weeks previous to the declaration of the Cavalry down, by your Highness's order, Mr Benfield's visits to Doctor Storey were very frequent, and I understood the subject of his accounts with your Highness's Circar were then discussed- indeed I had myself the honor of conversing with Mr Benfield on the same.

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15 dame Lopic - after your Highness's sentiments
were communicated in an official manner to
Mr Benfield, it was our duty to decline any further
communications with him, and we did so, nor was
any opportunity offered him of rejecting them -

Mr Benfield is the only Creditor of
your Highness, that we have yet heard of, who
has asserted, that because we had constant access
to your Highness we had an Interest in defeating
the Recovery of their property - Doctor Kory, and I
knew that when your Highness was graciously
pleased at the recommendation of his Highness
the Nabob Ameer-ul-Omrah Behander, to nominate
us to investigate the Creditors Claims, it was the
justice, and humanity of your Highness, that
directed the measure with a view of placing the
whole in an equitable train of payment, and
not for the purpose of defeating the Recovery of
the Creditors property - if such had been the
design - it has miscarried in the present case,
for by the great indulgence of your Highness
towards Mr Benfield, one of the Persian Bonds in
question granted to Mr Sayer, and by him
transferred to Mr Benfield, has been already
paid, and the other will be discharged in the course
of three, or four Years, and thus by your
Highness's

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15 Highness's goodness. Mr. Benfield's unconnected Claims will be cleared off when those of your Highness's other Creditors equally just will be coming in a train of payment.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

May it please your Highness

Your Highness's most obedient and faithful humble Servant

Chepauk House
15th October 1787

(signed) Charles Kinloch.

His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c. &c. &c.

Copy to England.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing be sent to England, a number on the Ramsgate Packet.

To the President at Poona on the improbability of his soon immediate invasion of the Carnatic.

16 Sent the following Letter to the President at Poona

C. W. Malet Esqr

Sir

I had the pleasure to write you on the 30th Sept. of which the enclosed is a Duplicate, and on the 6th Instant I received your

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16 your dispatch of the 2nd September.

My information respecting the motions of Tippoo are various, and nothing has yet transpired through any of the Channels from which I receive intelligence to satisfy me of the certainty of his operations. Reports still prevail of his intention to enter the Carnatic, and the Rajah of Travancore has yet a great cause of alarm. By your last letter and enclosures it would appear his views are towards the Malabar Coast, possibly against Goa. At any rate I imagine he is too well informed of our preparatory to meet him if necessary to think of an invasion of the Carnatic, unless he is supported by some other power than his own.

From a Gentleman just arrived at Pondicherry, who is a particular friend of mine, and who during his stay there has been on an intimate footing with Monsieur de Conway the new Governor, I have the pleasing information that that Gentleman has in the most explicit and unreserved manner avowed to him his sentiments respecting the line of Conduct he means to pursue in this Country, and has evinced the warmest disposition to be on good terms with the English Government, which is agreable to the Instructions he has received from his Court.

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16 He strongly condemns the encouragement given to Tippoos Embassy, which he is confident will not be relished at Home, and his disapprovals of the whole impolitic, and unauthorized system of his Predecessor Mr Cosigney in carrying on Intrigues with the Country Powers through the medium of few Adventurers, whose arts if not timely fought to Hope to work from effect a better harmony than Native Princes, that the English, and French Nations were not cordially at peace. He also declared in the most candid way his disapprobation of the Viscount de Souillac's intemperate conduct in Late discussions with the Supreme Government of Bengal.

In the only matter I have had to negociate with Monsieur de Conway, that respecting the 17 French Gunners taken at Ginjee on their road to Seringapatam as mentioned in my Letter of the 23rd September, he has uniformly disclaimed any knowledge of such a circumstance, and assured me that he never with countenance any thing of the same nature. he has confined Tippoos Officer as a mark of his disapprobation.

In short the whole of his declarations often, as I have every reason to think them sincere, led me to believe his disposition is inclined to cultivate that peace and

Harmony

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16 Harmony, which subsists by the present strong ties, between our respective Courts, and my hope is, that from this prudent, and discreet conduct the Native Powers will soon be convinced the — English, and French Nations have agreed upon wise extended systems for the improvement of their Commercial Interests all over the world, and that no ordinary squabble, or unjust contest — between the Princes of India will induce them to favor measures inimical to the great line they have adopted for their mutual advantage, and benefit.—

There is no foundation for the report circulated by Mr. Montigny of the Marquis de la Fayette coming out in the Character of Governor General; on the contrary, Monsieur de Conway is vested with the appointment of the Commander in Chief of all the French Establishments in India, and the Chief Seat of their Government is now removed to Pondicherry.—

Comte de Conway's power — extends to the Naval, as well as the Military Department, but does not reach to the Islands He has appointed a new French Agent at Calcutta, and has spared Lord Cornwallis of his first determination to pursue a fair, and impartial line of Conduct in all matters

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16 Where the Interest of the two nations come into discussion - Mr de Conway has recalled Sir Thomas Rumbold from Bengal, and declares his intention of making known to all the Country Powers his determination to preserve inviolate in every particular the Hake of Harmony and friendship subsisting between the French and English Nations in Europe - The knowledge of these circumstances will I hope enable you to remove all apprehensions with the Bengal Administration of the possibility of a variance being likely to happen in Europe, and as I have already observed it is the intention of the two Courts to cement their present friendship by every reciprocal accommodation, it is not likely that the Court of Versailles will countenance any act of their Servants in India that may interrupt it -

I am with esteem

Sir

Your most obed. Servant

(Signed) Archd. Campbell

Fort St George

16th October 1787 -

The Ravensworth Packet closed -

Ordered that the Packet for the Ravensworth be closed, and kept in readiness to be sent on board the Ship immediately on her arrival -

Received

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17 Received the following Letter from Mr Benfield.

From Mr Benfield requesting Copies of any other Letters from the Nabob relative to the Deposit Money

Mr Secretary Charnier

Sir

I have the honor of your Letter of the 14th Instant enclosing Copy of his Highness's Letter of the 29th July, and with your former Letter you were pleased to convey to me Copy of his Highness's Letters of the 17th September, and 1st Instant: any Letter his Highness may have sent on the subject of the Deposit since that period, I hope the Honourable Board will be pleased to indulge me with a Copy of..

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George 17th October 1787.. (Signed) Paul Benfield

Your most obedient Servant

19 Ordered that Mr Benfield be furnished with a Copy of his Highness's last Letter, and that the following do accompany it.

To Mr Benfield with a Copy of the Nabobs last Letter, and Enclosures respecting the Deposit Money

To Mr Benfield

Sir

I am directed by the Board to

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19 to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 17th Instant, and to enclose Copy of a Letter and Enclosures lately received from his Highness the Nabob on the subject of the Claims made by you on the Rajaw Deparah.

I am
Sir
Your most obed. Servant
(Signed) John Chamier

Fort St George
19th October 1792

19 Received the following Letter from the Chief at Masulipatam.

From the Chief of Masulipatam with forward to the Rajaw the presents from L^d Cornwallis.

Masulipatam 15 Oct^r 92

Honble Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant, enclosing a Letter for the Rajaw to accompany the presents from Lord Cornwallis, which I will forward to Hydrabad without delay - I avail myself the honor of addressing you also the 6th Instant to inform that the said presents under charge of Lieut Swiney had been safely delivered -

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir
Your most obt Servant
(signed)

To the Honble
Major General Sir Archd Campbell

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No 19 Received the following Letter, & Enclosures from Gurjam.

P.D.

From Gurjam enclosing a translation of three Letters found on two Hircarrahs by the Guard in charge of Mudgedoo, and transcript of the examination which followed - Opinion of the Chief & Council thereon.

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

Honble Sir

Accompanying we have the honor to transmit Copies of the Translations of three Cadjan Wooriah Letters, which were seized upon the persons of two Hircarrahs by the guard, which is in charge of Mudgedoo.-

We have interrogated the Hircarrahs seperately, and do ourselves the pleasure also to enclose transcripts of their examinations, by them you will perceive one of the Hircarrahs is desirous of being held responsible for the Contents of the Letters, and willing to meet every consequence appendant to Detection, but when we reflect that the lower Classes of people in this District are of all others the most ignorant, and unmindful of Foreign transactions, as well

as

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My as on the great importability of a measure
depends with danger, being reported to by very
trivial inducement assigned by them, we can
only attribute their hardiness to an adherence to
that principle of honour which is looked for
as an indispensable qualification in persons
entrusted with such commissions; and we are
confirmed in this opinion from the justifiable
inconsistencies, and contradictions of his
examination. He openly professes to be a
Burmese, and yet that he has submitted to
follow the occupation of a water Carrier-
affirms that he dictated the letters for Vickrom
Runga at a Village two, or three Cos on this side
of Baramahal, where, but as one nearly arrived
he could not have been ignorant that
Vickraim Runga had quitted Ganjam, and
therefore it should be conceived common
prudence, and that he so rewarded by whom
he wishes it to be believed he was stationed
would have induced him first to have delivered
Vickraim Runga his Letters, not only as a
service of the least danger, but also on the
probability of acquiring from him some
information for the readier ascertainment of the

remainder

19 remainder of his Track — He declares he dictated the Letters to a Schoolmaster Brahmin, but afterwards to account for not knowing his name, calls him a travelling begging Brahmin, neither does he recollect the name of the Village, nor know any more of the contents of the Letters, than what it is obvious to conjecture might be collected in any Bazar in the Vizagapatam District; nor are the three Cadjans in the same hand-writing — On the other hand his companion, who is a youth of 15, or 16 years of age, and has evidently been tutored for his narrative, yet disclaims all knowledge of the contents of the Letters, and unfolds a portion of the others history, which is strongly criminatory.

The obscurity of, and want of connexion in the Letters, together with their Style, which is very different from that, which by the manners of the Country is usually addressed to inferiors will not escape your observation; and how far these may be ascribed to Artifice, the lights we have been able to obtain will not allow us positively to determine, but although we conceive the subject, and tenor of the Letters, as well as the general import of the examinations of the Hircarrahs, afford a strong presumption

of

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19 If their having a higher Origin than the[y]
can be prevailed on to confess. We are not
persuaded such an indiscretion could not have
been committed by the Vizianagrum Family
and were willing to give Ranga the suspicion
we thought rather unjustly the fabrication of
Letters, to the intrigues of Brahmanabutter
Balaramdaw's, and Chamdandaw's, concerning
The first we can obtain no information, by
Hearsay we understand it Female to the
Lokally Rajah, and the last is a natural son
to the late Bonapour Rajah, who is made a Prisoner
at Cuttack, and whose Profession has been as
Rajah of Bonapour in prejudice to Chamdandaw
a fugitive at Vizianagrum

At all events these Letters
prove the existence of ideas, which disunite
among a people of the strongest feudal
attachments, and prone to cherish those
that they tend to encourage, may again foster
that Spirit for Independance of the Company's
Government, which its persevering Energy has
with such difficulty suppressed, and the illusion
unless timely prevented may be the cause of
much future misery to the Inhabitants.

End

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19 trouble to our Government.-

We have made the necessary communication to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, and have directed the Officer Commanding at Ashta to take measures for intercepting any similar Correspondence that may pass that Cantonment, between Vizianagrum and the Mahratta Chiefs on our Northern Boundary, at the same time cautioning him to beware of offending the Mahratta Government by detaining such as may not immediately — relate to persons dependant on, or living under the protection of the Company.

Should we obtain any further information on this subject, we shall instantly communicate it to You, and until we may be honored with your directions, or they may recall the Framers of the Constitutents, shall keep the two Circarrahs in Jail in our Cutcherie Choultry. We have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Hon^ble Sir

Your most obed. Servants

Ganjam
2nd October
1787.

(signed) M^r Williams
B^t D^r Munro
George Leyneh

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19 Translate of a letter said to be wrote by Sattaramraiaze, and Vizeramraze to Sanredroo, and his Brother.-

You are two Brothers, and we are two Brothers- you cannot think that we are in one place- Had a Son last new moon, and Cojeramraze is at Madras- Hyder Appoo Sait, Bordajee, and the French desire me to be Nabob- If you agree I will accept the Nabobship, and come to this Country- My Father came to this Country, and died of a broken Heart- If you agree I will liberate you from your imprisonment, and carry you to the Nabal Appoo, and get you the Serrapaco, Lamadoondara Royador, the Son of Bera Casarador, and you will join together in the management of the Etchapore District, collect the money properly, and pay regularly- If you agree to this, return an answer by the Hircarrahs- I am very sorry to hear of your trouble- consider of this and send a speedy answer- you are to consider you are not to continue in this manner- If I have a mind I can carry you away at this time, you all know my power, and what can I write more.-

A true Copy of the Translation
(signed) Thomas Hodgson
Secty Secretary

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19 Translate of a Letter from Sittaram Pauze, and Vizeram Pauze to their friend Vickeram Pauze.

Vizeram Pauze is now gone to Madras and Veneata Pauze is not with me; — therefore Brother went - Suggaroo will join with us, and leave off Veneata Pauze, Dootoolary — Vizeramrauze will send a Letter to Madras about the Nabobship, and the Ithapore District, therefore we write you - dont consider much in your mind. Samasondara Royadoo, son of Veracasaradoo, and you can agree to accept. I will get you the Country. you must send answer soon by the two Hircarrahs. What can I write more? once my Father came to this Country to enquire, he died near the River side therefore I am afraid.

A true Copy of the Translation

(Signed) Thomas Hodgson
Actg Secretary

Translate of a Letter from Bramora Burroo to Vickeram Pauge Maha Rajah with a Dandeen.

Balaram Daoo, and I write you. you cannot get such news therefore you with accept it. They have got a son, and have sent you Hircarrahs to acquaint you of it. when you

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If you receive the letter you must give them a good present - you are a Major Rajah - what can I write more? Your Son went to Nagarum, and borrowed money from a Cow-keeper's woman in presence of Balaram Daro and Vedanor Pantar - the abuses him from morning, until Sun-set before Juggannaut daroo's people - In this place they are all Gentoos, as you do not understand their Language, by Imaha Rajah - Order Balaramdaroo writes you in this Moorcar Language -

A true Copy of the translation
(signed) Thomas Hodgeson
Acty Secretary

Examination of Kistnamah Hircarrah -

Question - Of what Cast are you?
Answer — Of the Kalingee Cast!
Question - Of what Country are you?
Answer — Of the Jerradah Zemindary!
Question — What is your usual occupation?
Answer — A Tiot!
Question — How came you into the Company of the other Hircarrah?
Answer — He promised to give me Victuals, and pay my Expences to Jaggannaut if I would accompany

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accompany him thither, which being soon

I accepted!

Question How long have you known the other

Hircarrah?

Answer - Four Years! -

Question - Do you know any particulars of his -

life?

Answer - Very little! he has told me he served -

Vencata-Rauze - that he has been twice to

Gunga in Bengal, and frequently to -

Vizianagrum, and I know he travels a

great deal about all this Country!

Question - Do you know where he got the Kadjan

Letters that were found upon him? -

Answer - He dictated them to a Schoolmaster Brahmin

at a Village two Cos on this side of -

Baramphore -

Question - Did you hear him dictate them?

Answer - No! I went to dress my Victuals! -

Question - Do you know the Bramin's name, and

that of his Village!

Answer - No, I don't know either, I was a -

Traveller, why should I ask the Braminy's

name? The Village was half-way -

between Naidoo Pet, and Baramphoor - and

one there I will find the Brah! -

A true Copy

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(signed) Tho. Hodges,

Act Pals

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19 Examination of Jagelee Hircarrah

Question - Of what Country are you?
Answer - The Chegutty Zemindary.
Question - Of what Cast, or profession are you?
Answer - I am a Furneem (a Writer, or Accountant)
Question - Whose Service are you in?
Answer - Nobody's now. I was formerly in the Tehsildary Rajah's Service, and used to carry Water for him on a Coorry.
Question - Is it customary for Furneems to carry Cowries?
Answer - Yes, for my Cast, which is the Jaad Furneem, whose custom it is to carry Water to Elephants, Camels, Horses &c. as well as for Men.

Upon this Woorjah, Interpreter, is asked if he knows of there being a Cast of the said Furneem, as described by the Hircarrah - The Interpreter says he never heard of such a one, and that there is not such.

Question to Hircarrah - Did you ever serve the Vizianagrum family, or Venkatarauze?
Answer - I never either served, or saw them, and was never further South than the Tehsildary Country.

Question

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19 Question - How long did you serve the Tehalty Rajah?

Answer - Six months only.

Question - What business brought you to Ganjam?

Answer - I brought letters here.

Question - How many letters did you bring, and for whom?

Answer - Three! two for Vicheram Bunge, and one for Mudgedo.

Question - Who did you receive those letters from? and who wrote them?

Answer - I received them from Nobody. I dictated them myself to a Schoolmaster Bramin, at a Village two, or three Cos this side of Baramphoze.

Question - What reason could you have for procuring such letters to be wrote?

Answer - I was poor, and did it with the hopes of getting presents to bear my expences to Jaggarnaut.

Question - As you say you dictated those letters, repeat the Contents of them.

Answer I said Setteram Bauze is here, and has got a young Son - Vizeram Bauze is gone to Madras - Rajahs Will come, and be Rabob to all this Country, and Jogey Row will come with them - I desire Some

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19 Words to be put in all letters - if Rajah Ittiraun Tanze write Letter he wont write on Radjan.

Question.. Do you recollect any more particulars of the Contents of the Letters?

Answer. No! there was nothing more.

Question - Do you know the Braminy who you say wrote the Radjans, and the name of the Village where they were wrote?

Answer. No! I dont know the Braminy. he was a travelling - begging Braminy, and I dont know the name of the Village..

Question.. As you say you dictated those Letters in the hopes of getting a Reward what induced you to bring Vietheraun Burgee Letters to Ganjam, who has been for some time living at Ingelee?

Answer I did not know that Vietheraun Burgee had gone away from Ganjam until I came here.

Question. How came you, and the other Fircarrah into each others Company at this time?

Answer. I told him I was going to Jaggarnaut, and asked him to accompany me - that we would beg on the Road, and share what we acquired, which he agreed to.

Question - How long have you known him, and what business does he follow?

Answer

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19 Answer - We are from the same Country (or Village) he is a Viot, and I have known him two, or three Years.

Question - Do you know if he has ever acted as an Hircarrah before?

Answer - No! he never has.

Question - You said before you were of the Chiguky Zemindary, does the other Hircarrah belong to that Country?

Answer - No!

Question - Then how can you, and your Companion be Countrymen.

Answer - For these last nine Years I have been living at Seredeah in his Village.

A true Copy

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1st October 1787.

(Signed) Thomas Haodges
Asst Secretary

Secret

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Secret Department

At a Consultation Present.

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Gentlemen of Council at Calcutta.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor of

Fort St. George

&c. &c. &c.

We have had the honor to receive

Sir

Your Excellency's Instant, and we have now the pleasure to forward to you in Cypher, copy of a Letter which we addressed to his Lordship on that occasion.

In

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St.
George
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from the Gentlemen of Council at Calcutta enclosing Copy of a Letter from them to Lord Cornwallis expressive of their sentiments in the Event of Hostilities with Tippoo; with Appearances of support in case of a War in the Carnatic. the Bills of Exchange to be then drawn for.

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In the event of Hostilities, which the intelligence you have last communicated give us more reason to apprehend than we before imagined, some immediate supplies of money will we conceive be required by you, and although we shall be prepared against the demand, we think it advisable to authorize your Presidency to Draw upon us Bills in that event payable at one months sight for ten Lacks of Rupees.-

The powder you have mentioned as necessary shall be sent as soon as the season will admit, unless further information from you should oblige us to incur the risk of an earlier Dispatch- We shall wait the receipt of Advices from the Right Honble Governor General before we reply more particularly to your Letter, though we still hope your apprehensions will be removed.-

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient and
most humble Servants

Fort. William
Secret Department
18th September 1787
Pt? (signed) C. Roberts.

(signed) Charles Stuart.
J. Shore

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That notwithstanding the —
Honble termination of the late War between their
State, and Scindiah the latter has not omitted to —
boast of his great success, and the superiority of
his Arms over the Powers confederated against
him, and to declare that the advantage has
been solely on his side, and that the Mahrattas
have failed in their attempt to regain their
Territories, which were the principal object of the
War carried on by them against the Mysore —
Prince.

That no opportunity can be more
favorable for them to repossess those dominions
which formerly belonged to them, than a time when
Scindiah's Arms, and attention are directed towards
the Decan, and employed against a Power
well able to defeat their utmost exertions.

That the Supreme Government
of Bengal having information of the proposed
of his turning his Arms against their Terr[itory]
in the Decan had authorized him in case the
event should take place, or on such grou[nds]
presumption of the possibility of it to [have]
the Minister the preceding Arguments
before to him a junction of our Troops
Bombay with those of the Mahratta Gov[ernment]

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for the purpose of attacking the Northern Frontiers of the Mysore Country as soon as it is known that Tippoo has commenced Hostilities against our Settlements on the Coast of Choromandel.

That as the ultimate object of this proposition if to put it out of the power of Tippoo to make any encroachments on the Mahratta Territories, or ours, we shall not stipulate for any portion of the Country subdued by our conjoined forces, but relinquish the whole to the Poona Government.

That as however our expences must be very considerable, and the territorial advantages gained by the Mahrattas no less to us than that they ought to bear some part of the Charges which we must of necessity incur.

That Mr Mahratta should not insist upon, or even propose this latter clause if he should be of opinion that the proposition will tend in any respect to defeat, or retard the junction of our forces with those of the Mahrattas.

That to obviate objections which the Minister may be expected to make against a compliance with the above propositions on the ground of our having rejected a proposal to the same purport, and

founded

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founded on similar reasons from him, he does acquaint the Minister that we were positively precluded giving our assent by the orders under which we were obliged to act, however sensible we might be of the political propriety of the measure he recommended, and notwithstanding our anxiety to testify to the Poona Government and to all Hindostan the firmness of the friendship subsisting between us, and them, and though we never doubt notwithstanding the ill founded declarations of Tippoo that the Mahratta forces were fully sufficient to vindicate their own rights.

That this notorious proof of their Alliance with the English, of a junction of their Forces will in future prevent any power from attempting to disturb either, and serve as a foundation for that system of peace, and Harmony which it is our most anxious wish to see throughout Hindostan.

That in the communication of these propositions Mr. Malet be instructed to urge them in such a manner, and form, as he may deem most likely to prove efficacious, with such additional arguments as may occur to him. That for this purpose he take the earliest favorable opportunity, and on no account

suspend

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suspend the communication for any length of time,
or for further reference to us, unless from the
information he has received, he should be absolutely
convinced in his own mind that the communication
will produce no good effects.

If your Lordship's opinion should
agree with us respecting the detail of these
instructions as much as we know it does in
the substance of them we request you will
dispatch them in the most expeditious mode,
communicating information to us that we may
also forward them by other conveyances.

If this should be your Lordship's
determination, it will we presume be necessary
to communicate a Copy of them to the Bombay
Government in their secret Department, with
instructions to prepare for the execution of the
measure, the subject of the negotiation which
Mr. Malet is instructed to enter upon, their
preparations being guided by their advices
from him.

With respect to the force required,
we leave that to your Lordship's determination,
intimating only our opinion that it should be
as considerable as the Army at Bombay and
the security of the Presidency will admit.

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It is not without much concern, we reflect upon the various embarrassments we shall experience in our present, and future Resources in case Tippoo should carry into execution the Hostilities he is supposed to meditate, but it is at least a satisfaction to us to know that our finances will admit of very considerable remittances to Fort St. George, and Bombay in the ensuing months of December, and November of this Year should be necessary. Sir Archibald Campbell has mentioned the necessity of a supply of Powder, which we shall send to him by the earliest opportunity.

The negotiations asserted to be carrying on between the Nizam, and the French recalled to our consideration the late proposition from Sir Archibald Campbell regarding the deputation of an Agent to the Nizams Court.

Although we are sensible that a measure might eventually prove advantageous we are not aware that it would be productive of any positive benefits. If we were assured that the Mahrattas would agree to the propositions made to them it might perhaps be possible to induce the Nizam to enter into the Confederacy but on any other principle we deem it highly dubious, if not improbable. To send a Minister to the

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Nizam's Court without some pretences sufficiently specious in his opinion to justify the desertation, and none such occur to us, would only lead us into embarrassments, and occasion a renewal on his part of those Claims and expectations, which we must be under the necessity of evading, or refusing - In stating these sentiments for your Lordships consideration, we wish to await your reply of your opinion on them, as well as on a suggestion that has occurred to us - Viz. That in case the Mahrattas should be disposed to enter into the proposed agreement for defeating the invasion of Tippoo, Mr. Malet should be instructed to propose to them to urge the Nizam to become a party in the Confederacy, and even to signify that we shall be ready on a declaration of his to depute some person to treat with him on this subject -

We have already addressed Sir. C. Campbell for information regarding such supplies of Money as he may require, but we should be happy to receive your Lordships sentiments on any measures you may think proper to advise either as immediately necessary, or preparatory to future adoption, and we cannot avoid — suggesting an apprehension that if Tippoo is serious in his measures for invading the Carnatic

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Carnatic his attempts will probably be directed to the Northward, as well as the Southward, and that in that case it may become an object of your Lordships consideration, if any and what assistance can be spared from this Government for the defence of our Northern possessions.—

We have the honor to be

& My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient, humble

Servants.—

(Signed) Charles Stuart

John Shore

Fort William

Secret Department

12th September

1787

A true Copy

(signed) J. Lumsden

Asst. Secretary

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Benjamin Sullivan.—

From Mr. Benjamin Sullivan. Attorney General on the application of Mr. De Souza in respect to a Rabats Bond which has been mislaid.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

Fort St. George 12 Oct. 1787

In obedience to the Orders of Government communicated to me in your Letter of the 9th Instant I have perused the application of

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of Mr. Antonio De Souza to the Committee for investigating the Nabobs debts, and the Certificate his Highness has granted him of the sum due in the consolidated debt of 1767 on the Bond No. 153, which is said to be lost, or mislaid.- Tho' the Certificate states that Mr. De Souza has given an obligation to the Nabob "That in case it "shall be hereafter found it shall be null, void" - I do not think that his request to the Committee ought to be complied with until he has executed a Bond to save the Company harmless from any person claiming a property in that Bond, by assignment, or Transfer.- I return Mr. De Souza's application, and the Nabob's Certificate, and am Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

(signed) Benj. Sullivan

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Committee appointed to investigate the Nabob's debts for their guidance, and information.-

Copy to the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nizam (entered in C.C. No. 8th) requesting that one Anonsoram, a Physician may be sent to him with his effects to be recovered from Mohuddeen Ghony Nail of the Venkatagherry Zemindar, who from his enmity to Anonsoram has

Substance of a letter from the Nabob of the Deccan.-

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At a Consultation Present

The Honourable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.
President

John Holland, James Henry Cadamajor
and
Robert Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read,
and approved.

Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Poona.

To The Honorable
Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.
Governor
of Fort St. George

Hble Sir

On the 17th Instant I had the
honor to forward by a pair of returning Dingies
Copies duplicate of my last address of the
2nd Instant.

Tuesday
23rd Oct.
1787.

From the Resident at Poona states the embarrassed situation of Scindia in consequence of his late defeat. Hyder's designs on Goa corroborated. An alliance between Hyder & the Peishwa without foundation. Preparations of Hyder for War.

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My last Advices from the Northward continue full of the embarrassment of Mahadjee Scindia's Affairs. He was encamped near Deeg, but had dispatched his Women to Gwalear. The Rajahpoots were busily employed in establishing their Government in the Districts lately reduced by the Mahrattas, and the Rajah of Jugnagur had dispatched circular Letters to all the Rajahs, and Zemindars in those parts forbidding their supplying Scindia with Provisions or suffering them to pass through their — Territories, by which means a great Dearth — prevails in his Quarters and it is generally thought that Scindia himself would have been forced to recross the Chumbul, had not the Jauts Rajah adhered faithfully to his cause, in return for which I am informed Scindia means to put him in possession of Deeg. The Distress of Scindia's Affairs is greatly increased by the desection of Gulam Kadir Khan, and Ismail Cooly Khan. the former at the Head of a — considerable force is proceeding with great — Activity to expel the Mahratta Armies to the Eastward of the Jumna, and the latter in the parts bordering on his own Jaghire to the Northward of Jeynagur:) The immediate consequence of which is a deficiency in the Sources whence

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The funds were supplied for the support of his Majestys Household, whose complaints are constant, and urgent to the Ministers placed near his Person by desirous though I have very little reason to doubt these Accounts of Affairs to the Northward, yet as I am lately informed by the Governor General in Council of the appointment of Major Palmer to succeed Captain Kirkpatrick I shall hope soon to be able to give you a full, and authentick Account of Affairs in that Quarter, so extremely interesting to this Government, and with which the state of all Hindostan is so closely connected - but notwithstanding the apparent emergency of the occasion; I see no prospect of the very speedy dispatch of a Reinforcement from hence - Ally Bahander, the illegitimate Grandson of the first Peshwa, Ragoba Rao by a Mahommedan Woman, has entered his Lands under orders for that purpose -

On the 3rd Instant I was honored with your Letter of the 3rd September - I have not been able to collect that any advices have been received by this Government

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Government of the supply of Bullocks &c, which you mention to have been dispatched from Pondicherry for the Malabar Coast for Tipsoo, and which I immediately communicated to Governor Boddam to direct his enquiries with respect to disembarkation of the same! —

I have received corroborative accounts of the designs of Tipsoo on Goa, and the failure of them, but the march of the Body from Darwar across the Toombudra has been contradicted. —

I have been assured by the Minister of this Court that the Reports of a seperate agreement between Tipsoo, and — Nizam Ally Khan are without foundation, but of this circumstance you will perhaps receive fuller accounts from Hyderabad. —

By private Channels, I learn from Mons. Montigny I retends by Letters from France of the middle of February, he is advised that he is to be appointed to the Government of Chandanagore — Monsieur Denconstant of Mauritius — Mr. De Cosigny of Bourbon, General Conway of Pondicherry, and the Marquis de la Fayette the Governor General of all the French

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French settlements in India to reside where he pleases.

Some time since six Frenchmen arrived here, who informed me that they came direct from Tippoo's Army under Syud Saheb in the neighbourhood of Darwar, and Hirore: that they had deserted from Monsieur Lally whose party did not exceed 400 men, of which not above 20 were Europeans, including a reinforcement of 30 lately arrived with their Accoutrements from the Isle of France, and that the whole are extremely ill paid.

A few days ago this Court betrayed signs of an apprehension of some internal commotion; the causes of which I have not been able to discover. Reports are still prevalent of the hostile intentions of Tippoo to the Southward, particularly in the neighbourhood of Hirore.

I have been informed by the Minister that he had received the Peshwa Wakeel's Letter, mentioning the Recall of his Agent, Bapuji Rao, but that he had received no subsequent application from him on the subject of his departure.

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539. Fort St George 23d October 1787

I have taken the liberty to enclose a Persian paper of Intelligence for the perusal of his Highness the Rabob if you think proper, and have the honor to be with perfect respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant

Coorna 21st September 1787

(Signed) Wm Medows

The President reads to the Board

Intelligence communicated to the Board by the President of Tippoo's intention to take the field.

sundry papers of intelligence procured from the Mysore Country, from all which it appears that Tippoo Sultaun is preparing to take the field after the Hoplein Ho[illegible] least thought the particular object of his attack does not seem to be ascertained

The following draft of an answer to the letter lately received from the Council at Calcutta is read.

To the Right Honorable
Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General
in Council
at Fort William

To Bengal will acknowledgments for their promise of liberal support in the event of a war. will be under the necessity of drawing on them for [illegible] to the Malabar Coast

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My Lord

We have been honored with the receipt of a Letter dated 18th Ulto from the Gentlemen of Council at Calcutta, and beg leave to make our acknowledgements for the liberal support which is promised therein.

We entertain sanguine hopes that we shall not be obliged to avail ourselves of the latitude given to us of drawing upon the Bengal Government for 10 Lacks of Rupees, but are concerned to inform you that we have experienced some disappointments in our own Revenue Resources, which will we apprehend make it necessary to apply to your Lordship, and the Council at Calcutta for pecuniary assistance

In the event therefore of our being absolutely unable to provide for the expences of the King's Troops we purpose drawing upon your Lordship, at the Council at Calcutta for the amount required for payments to them - From the circumstances abovementioned we trust that the Bills

which

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which may be drawn for payments to
the Kings Troops will be duly honored.

We have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servants
signed Archd Campbell
&c
Council.

Fort St George
23rd October 1787

Ordered that it be copied
fair and dispatched.

Wm Harington

Examined
Geo. Paul Saunders
Sec.

Archd Campbell

John Holland

Jas. Stevenson Major

R. Maunsell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

President

Tuesday 30th October 1787

John Hallond & James Henry Casamajor
&
Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter received from Tippoo Sultaun, which is also entered in the Country Correspondence No. 85.

From Tippoo Sultaun with appearances of his steady adherence to the Treaty subsisting between him and the Company. No foundation for the report of this intention to invade the Carnatic. Country says Coimbetore Palgaut & Dindigul Not

From Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor

Dated 27 Zehudge or 16th October 1787

Received — 25th Do. —

I have received your agreeable Letter, and understand its contents — You say that "there have prevailed strong reports that I am "collecting a large body of Troops with an intention

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&c. in the Talock of Tricotty, and Pettaw.-

"to invade the Country of Travancore, but that
"your regard for me cannot suffer you to give
"credit to it, for that an invasion of that Country
"would be an infraction of the Treaty between
"the Company, and me, wherein the Rajah of
"Travancore is included as a friend, and Ally
"of the Company, and is besides a dependant
"of the Carnatic Payenghaut. That in consideration
"of our friendship you have informed me of
"this circumstance, and that you trust I will
"disperse the Troops collected on the Border of
"the Carnatic Payenghaut, and of the Travancore
"Country, in order to remove all doubts of hostile
"Intentions".

By the blessing of God Treaties have not been violated by Gentlemen, and never will, and the Contents of the Treaty between us shall not be violated as long as there is water in the Sea - It is astonishing that notwithstanding your wisdom you should so far give credit to vague reports, as to become suspicious, and write me what you have done such reports are totally false, and ought to have no attention whatever paid to them - But there are in the Travancore Country, and others dependent on my Circar some troublesome

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Zemindars of the Gaia Cast for the chastisement
of whom a force was appointed, and they are
now employed in furnishing them for their
conduct. - in the like manner when a force
was sent by me against the Mattewar Zemindar
I acquainted you of the circumstances. The
punishment of troublesome people
dependent on me like these becomes unavoidably
necessary on the part of the Circar, but you
will be satisfied that nothing will ever be done
contrary to the Treaty between us. I have been
told that you have given positive orders to the
Talookdar of Nellore &c. not to give shelter, or
protection to the refractory subjects of my Circar,
but yet some of these Annils from avaricious
view give protection to these people - for instance
the Talookdars of Nellore and Bomrauze &c.
have given protection to Seringa Naig, the
manager of the late Mutlewar Zemindar, and
the Brother of the Zemindar of Dindigul, and
Papranze, the Brother of Vinkatram has also
found protection, and the Brother of Mungrah
Ramnaick is concerned with people, who
have committed several Thefts. You will
give them the most positive order not to act

in

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in this unruly manner - Some Rajahs, and Villages have been enjoyed for a length of time by the Zemindars of Muttawar in the Districts of Tripetty, and Nellore - as the Muttawar Country is now in the possession of my Circar, you will give orders to the Amuels of Nellore, and Tripetty to continue these ancient privileges, and give up the possession of the Villages, and Rajahs, and you will even send some — Troops to Nellore, and Tripetty to punish these thieves, who disturb the tranquility of both our Countries - What shall I say more? —

Read the following Letter from —

Bengal.

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From Bengal approving the Letter written to Tippoo in consequence of the Alarm of the Invasion Rajah —

To the Hon^ble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt. —

Governor in Council

at Fort St George

Hon^ble Sir

We have received a Letter of the 13th Ultimo from the President, and Council, with one of the same date from Sir Archibald Campbell to Earl Cornwallis, enclosing the translation of a Letter from the Rajah of

Travancore

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Travancore of 2nd September.

The advices contained in these papers have been communicated to Lord Cornwallis and it is our wish to avail ourselves of his Lordships opinion ere we pass any final resolutions on the subject to which they relate. We do not however hesitate to declare to you, that we entirely concur in your sentiments with respect to the expediency of declaring to Tipu Soo your determination to protect all the Tributaries of the Carnatic, reminding him that the Rajah of Travancore is expressly mentioned in the Treaty of seventeen hundred and eighty four.

We shall write to you more fully on this subject as soon as we shall hear from Lord Cornwallis, and have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most obedient
humble servants.

Fort William
Secret Department
30th October 1787

(Signed) Charles Stuart
J. Shore.

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From Bengal with assurances of the most liberal support in the event of a War in the Carnatic — recommending that the Military Establishment be completed, and that the French Soldiers who have been apprehended be detained for the present.

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

Honble Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two Letters from Sir Archibald Campbell to Lord Cornwallis under date the 20, and 21st Ultimo with the Enclosures mentioned to accompany the latter.—

In our address of the 3rd Instant we communicated to you our sentiments on the Resolution which you informed us you had adopted of declaring to Tippoo your determination to protect the Tributaries of the Carnatic and of reminding him that the Rajah of Travancore is expressly included in the Treaty between him and the Company. We entirely approve the terms in which this notification has been made.—

We cannot observe without the most serious concern the repeated confirmations lately received of the hostile views of Tippoo — they seem indeed appear but too probable, and if he should be induced to suspend —

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suspend the execution of them, we must suppose his conduct to be influenced by observing the preparations made for frustrating his designs - It is with the greatest satisfaction we remark the early precautions taken by you for putting your frontier Garrisons in the best possible state of defence.

That a war in India will be attended with great pecuniary embarrassments to the Company is certain; although we are most thoroughly convinced that the termination of it will be honourable for us, and disgraceful, if not ruinous to Tippoo. for this uncomfortable consideration we cannot but feel the greatest anxiety to avoid it, at the same time we know not what measures can be adopted for this purpose excepting those which you have already taken of preparing effectually to meet it - if it should be unavoidable any attempt to divert it by negotiation, would we are convinced be unprofitable, since Tippoo has received no provocation by us, and is actuated only by his own restless ambition, and insulting enmity against the only power which can oppose him -

Supposing therefore what we are

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are most solicitous to avoid, the certainty of a War with Tippoo, we desire you will take into your earliest, and most serious consideration the mode in which we can best afford you assistance - We have already on this supposition addressed your President, requesting he would inform us what supply of money, or Stores - will be wanted, but we wish you to consider the subject in its fullest extent, either with regard to furnishing you with Men, money, Stores, and ammunition, or as to any other mode in which we can enable you to prosecute the War in the most vigorous manner, which we conceive to be the most effectual way of bringing it to a speedy conclusion - We also recommend you to complete your Military Establishment to the full extent allowed, in case you should not have already taken measures for this purpose -

Sir Archibald Campbell's addresses have been sent to Lord Cornwallis with whom our communications are regular, and we hope to await ourselves of his sentiments on the measures to be taken at this important Crisis -

We &c

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With respect to the French Soldiers who have been apprehended we recommend — their being closely detained for the present in case of Hostilities with Tipsoo.. We suggest for your consideration the propriety of formally protesting against the conduct of the French in sending their forces to our immediate Enemis, and thus renewing Hostilities under cover & authority as a Violation of public faith —

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Charles Stuart
J. Shore

Fort William
Secret Department.
5th October 1787 —

Copy of Tipsoo's Letter to be sent to Bengal

Agreed that the receipt of the foregoing be immediately acknowledged, and that the Letter from Tipsoo this day laid before the Board be copied, and sent to the Governor General, & Council..

The following Letter being drafted is read, and approved..

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To Bengal,
with Copy of a
Letter from
Tippoo.

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

My Lord.

We have been honored with the receipt of two Letters dated the 3rd and 6th Instant from the Supreme Board at Calcutta, and beg leave to repeat our acknowledgments for their liberal promises of support should the state of affairs upon this Coast make it requisite to solicit assistance from the Bengal Government.

Since our last Address to your Lordship our President has received a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun in answer to one written to him. It contains declarations of a pacific disposition on his part, although our latest intelligence corroborates what has been communicated to your Lordship of his intention to invade

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Your most obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Charles Stuart
J. Shore

Fort William
Secret Department —
5th October 1787 —

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Copy of Tippoo's Letter to be sent to Bengal

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To Bengal,
with Copy of a
Letter from
Tippoo.

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K.G. -
Governor General in Council
at Fort William

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the Carnatick, or the Travancore Country.-

We enclose Copy of the Letter abovementioned, and shall not fail to advise your Lordship of any important intelligence which may be received respecting the Plans of Tippoo Sultaun.-

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient

humble Servants

Fort St George

30th October 1787.

(signed) Coote

Campbell

&c

Council-

Ordered that it be copied fair, and dispatched.-

W. Harington

Examined

Geo. Stratton

Sec.

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

H. Watts

Wm. Mayor

R. Maunsell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs.

Tuesday 6th Nov.r 1787.

Minutes of last Consultation read, and approved.

Read the following Letters

from the Resident at Coonah.

From the Resident at Coonah. The late misfortunes of that Agency have caused a revolution in the management of affairs at Bellary.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate of my last address of the 21st Inst.

Since that time having received intelligence of great movements from

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from the Northward, I take the earliest opportunity of making you acquainted with it, for though by the absence of Captain Kirkpatrick I have been long deprived of authentick advices from those parts, I have great reliance on the truth of what I have now the honor to communicate.—

On the 8th of Zeekad Mahadjee Scindia having marched from Deig was encamped near Ramgar, on his way to Alwar, a strong city, the residence of Rao Rajah, who had advanced to meet him.—

On the 15th Gulam Kadir Khan, having advanced to Shah Burra, nearly opposite to Delhy, on the Eastern side of the Jumna, — united the troops sent by Shah Nizam ul Deen, the Kings Minister in the Interest of Mahadjee Scindia.— On this event that Minister, with Rajah Destmook, and ah Scindia's Vakeel fled with great precipitation from Delhy the same night, the consequence of which was the plunder of great part of the Effects of Shah Nizam ul Deen by troops levied by him, whose accounts were left unsettled.—

Immediately after the Action

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in which Gulam Kadir Khan had defeated the King's Troops, the Nabob Nazir the confidential Minister of the King, sent off a Messenger to that Chief, with whom the King is supposed to have had a previous Correspondence. By this Messenger Gulam Kadir Khan sent an Arzee to the King, and a Letter to the Nabob Nazir full of professions of Duty, and Allegiance, and that his sole object was to evince his fidelity to his Majesty - On learning the flight of Shah Nizam ul Deen, the King with much surprize, and Anger issued orders for his Stoppage, and apprehension.-

On the 11th of Zekad. Gulam Kadir Khan crossed the Jumna, having previously admitted Mada Rao Balkea, a Mahratta — Officer, who commanded a party of Horses that had opposed his Progress, and taken Post after the defeat, to a capitulation.-

It appears from the above that a total Revolution has taken place in the management of the King's Affairs by the flight of all the Kindia; Coherents, and the Ascendency of this Mahommedan Chieftain, who it was hourly expected would be in possession of Delhy, and the King's Person, and who, from the credit of his Father Zabita Khan, and

Grandfather

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Grandfather, Nujeeb Khan, as well as his — personal vigour, and activity, seems likely to cut a very conspicuous figure in the future confusions of that miserable — Country- Nujif Koolly Khan, the only remaining Mogul Chief of consequence, is also said to be advancing to Delhy when the last advices left it. If so, and should these two Mahammedans heartily cooperate, the reestablishment of Scindia's authority must be a work of time and difficulty, tho' the circumstance of difference of sect, Gulam Kadir Khan being a Patan, and Nujif Koolly Khan a Mogul, and that jealousy which invariably prevails between those tribes offers a prospect of hope to the arts, and intrigues of Mahdajee Scindia, whose hasty march from Delig arose I presume from a persuasion of being able to support by Credit of his sanction with Row Rajah the tottering State of his — influence at Delhy, and the hope of being able to check the designs not only of Nudjif Koolie Khan, and Gulam Kadir Khan, but of this enemies in the Peiny Councils, at the head of whom he reckons the Nabob Vazir.

Amidst

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Amidst these new Dangers which have presented themselves on the declining of Scindia's late splendid Fortune, I am informed that the Troops of the Rajah of Jeypoor have become clamorous for pay, particularly the Battalions who by their desertion caused Scindia's late retreat, and who it is said have received only a moiety of the sum promised by the Rajah as the price of their treachery.

On the other hand the Rajah is importunately urged by the Son of the above named Beg Hamdanee, and the other Mogul Chiefs who lately joined him, vigorously to prosecute his advantages against Scindia, as the only means by which they can recover their possessions, or ensure to themselves future safety - notwithstanding which, it is said that the Rajah straitened in his finances, and alarmed by the Clamours of his army has shown an inclination to come to an accommodation - We not learn what connexion exists between Golam Khadir Khan, and the Rajah, consequently cannot judge what effect the success of that Chief is likely to have on the resolves of the Rajah.

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In the interim Bijjee Sing Rajah of Joudpoor has not been idle, for exclusive of the great force sent by him to the assistance of Jeynagur, I am this day assured that he has got possession of the important Fortress of Ajmere, and subverted Scindia's authority in those parts.—

The Conspiracy at Goa, and its detection are no longer doubted of here, and the suspicious appearance of Sepoys Troops in the neighbourhood of Bitore, and the open, and frequent depredations of the ejected Deffoy of that District continue the causes of uneasiness to this Government.

I do not perceive that Colly Behauder is a step further advanced in the preparations for his departure to the assistance Mahadjee Scindia, than the first day he entered his Tent.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant.

Poona
27th Sept.
1787 (signed) C. M. Malet

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P.S. I take the liberty to enclose a — Persian paper of news for the Nabobs — perusal if you think proper. —

From the Resident at Poona Tippoo's Conspiracy — against Goa discovered. Further advices — respecting Scindia

To Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

Governor &c &c &c

Fort St George

Double Sir

After closing my accompanying Addrefs, having received some English Papers from the beginning of February to the 12th April, I was induced to stop the dispatch to make an Extract for your perusal, which I have now the honor to enclose in the — possibility that you may not have received any public advices of so late a Date. The — Vessel that brought them to Bombay left Bussora the 29th June. Governor Boddam has received Letters from Mr. Baldwin of 17th May via Suez, brought from thence to Mocha by the Venus packet. Lord William Murray had also arrived at Cairo. Governor Boddam in a Letter to me of 24th Instant mentions that advices from Petersburg notice a broad road being ordered by Tippoo to be made

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made from Seringapatam to Callient. in the same letter Mr. Boddam mentions that he learnt from some Portuguese just arrived from Goa that the conspiracy was discovered about 25th August by an intercepted Letter to Tippoo signed by two European and nine native Padres, inviting them to make the concerted attack on Goa on the Festival of Schahora De Monte (the 8th Sept.) when by the occupation of all the Portuguese his enterprize would be greatly facilitated. This Letter was carried by one of the black Padres entrusted with its delivery to Tippoo by the Bishop of Goa. The two Europeans were an Italian and a Frenchman. Mr. Boddam also mentions that by Vessels from Mauritius he was advised of the Mars, Neptune, and Sir Edward Hughes homeward bound Indiamen having been forced by damages sustained in a Gale of Wind to touch at that Island, which they had all left before the middle of August.

We less regret the delay of the dispatches of the accompanying letter as by advices just received to the 16th of

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If I had I am enabled to acquaint you that a Vackeel from Gulam Kadir had been well received by the King - that Madajee Scindia was much hurt by the news of Hyder Nemock, and Shaw Nizam at Deen having left Delhy, and had some thoughts of sending Ambajee to reestablish his Authority in that Capital - by last advices Scindia was encamped close to Ajmeer, the Keys of which Fortress were presented to him by Rao Rajah, but returned with assurances suitable to so unequivocal a proof of confidence, and attachment - Rhao Holkar Joy has been — dispatched by Scindia to Lucnow, probably to congratulate Lord Cornwallis on his arrival there -

I am informed that Gopaul Rao, the second in command at Bellore has been lately killed in an action with the malecontent Bejoy, who is here generally understood to be stimulated by Tippoo - I have the honor to be with respect &c.a -

Poona 29th Sept.r 87 (Signed) C M Malet

P.S.

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P.S. A report has just reached me that Scindia has been again forced to retreat by the Rajpoots, but I can't vouch for it. Meer Aboal Khoch, and Runjeet Rao are still here.—

From the Resident at Poona continues his narrative respecting Scindia. The loss of Kittoor surrenders to Tippoo's Arms. probable consequences thereof.

To Sir Archibald Campbell Kt

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I had the honor to address you last the 29th & 29th Ult. Duplicates of which are now enclosed.

Having received intelligence of great importance from the Northward through the Channel which I have established to supply the want of those advices, which I used to receive from the Company's Resident at Sindia's Durbar. I lose not a moment in communicating it to you.—

Mahdagee Scindia having reached Kluver, was on the 15th of Feb. splendidly entertained in the Fort by Rao

Raja

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Rajah - the news of the retreat of Rajah Dismook, and that Nizam ul Deen from Delhy greatly affected him, and on the 17th Zehad he changed his ground, and encamped with his front towards Dieg - on the 18th he received intelligence that the Rajah of Jeypagurt Troops had taken possession of Bartana, seven Cos from Dieg - On the 19th intelligence was brought him that the Rajah of Joudpore had made himself Master of the ancient City of Ajmere, on which he issued orders to the Commander of the Fort to defend it to the last extremity - till the 20th of Zehad, 32 days ago Scindia remained — encamped near Alweer, and it was generally understood meant to wait the arrival of Reinforcements from the Decan before he entered on any further operations -

Gulam Kadir Khan having crossed the Jumna with his whole Army between 11th & 12th of Zehad took up his abode in the Garden of Khadar Colly Khan within the City of Delhy, in the precincts of which there is a distinct passage to the Country - his whole intercourse with

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the thing has been strongly marked by the most gracious attention of that Prince, who on the 15th of Zehad dispatched orders to Majr Cosby Khan, and all the Mogul Christains to attend him, which seems a decided measure on the part of his Majesty to endeavour by their means to reestablish his affairs. Siam Rao Bapjy an officer of Scindia's, who was on detachment towards Panniput on hearing these events, and the situation of his Master, was thrown into great consternation, and solicited the protection of the widow of Jumnoo.

From Lucknow I am informed that the Nabob Vizeer proceeded on the 15th Zehad toward Hajeeabad to meet the Governor General, who had passed Benares.

Ally Bhadur remains encamped close to this City exactly in the same state as when he marched out.

I come now, Sir, to the relation of a much more important event. last night I received certain accounts in nine days from Chittore that on the 25th Ultimo that fortress surrendered

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surrendered to one of Tippoo's Commanders who summoned it at the head of 12,000 Horse, and foot with 16 pieces of Cannon. Thus the ambition of this Prince has opened the season for action with the failure of one, and the success of another great design. a general consternation obtains prevails in Goa. I have not yet heard a syllable from the Durbar on the subject of the Capture of Mettore, nor can I divine, embarrassed as they are to the Northward, what steps will be taken, since exclusive of that embarrassment other obstacles present themselves to vigorous measures. you will be able to form a better judgment than me on the reports that have lately prevailed of a seperate agreement, between Tippoo, and Nizam Ally Khan, as I have not heard from the Company's Agent there since the 13th July. I apprehend the probability that Tippoo well acquainted with the causes which must invariably clog, and delay the preparation of great feudal Bodies, increased in this by occasional, and domestick difficulties

with

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will not rest with the mere acquisition
of Bittore —

I have the honor to be with
the highest respect
Sir
Your Honble Sir
&c —

Poona
5th October
1787 —

(Signed) C. M. Malet

Read the following Letter
from Bengal —

From the Supreme
Council, entering
into a train of their
Correspondence with
the Governor General,
and with the Resident
at Poona on the subject
of an Alliance with
the Mahrattas —
communicating
their intention of
deputing Mr. Forster
to Sangster —

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

Honble Sir.

Since the dispatch of our
Letter of the 5th Instant addressed to the
Governor in Council we have received
Lord Cornwallis's reply to our letter of the
18th Ult., to his Lordship, a Copy of which
has been already transmitted to you
in Duplicate —

We are happy to find
that our Resolutions in consequence of
the

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The advices received from you of the hostile intentions of Tippoo, as far as ours have been able to obtain the sentiments of the Right Honble the Governor General, on a communication of them, corresponding with those, which he himself had adopted on the same subject, and that you may be fully informed what those resolutions are, we think it necessary to transmit to you Copies of the following Papers.

Letter to Mr. Malet dated 7th September dispatched under Cover to Lord Cornwallis, approved by his Lordship, and forwarded from Lucknow on the 26th September.

Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Secretary dated 27th September.

Letter from Lordship to Mr. Malet, and to the Presidency of Bombay under Date the 26th September.

We have already requested you to advise us specifically of the assistance you will require from this Presidency in the event of the Hostilities with

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with Despatch, and it is our wish also to be informed of the intended application of such assistance as we may have it in our power to furnish.—

In the present situation of affairs it does not occur to us that any steps can be taken beyond those which have been already adopted.—

You were authorized on the 13th Ult. to draw on us for a sum which will provide for any immediate exigency, and the approaching season of the heavy Collections will enable us to extend our Supplies still further on the information of the necessity of doing so.—

It is proposed by the Governor General to depute Mr. Iverson of the Civil Establishment under your Presidency, who is now at Lucknow, to Bangalore in order to acquire a knowledge of the disposition of Moodajee Boorle, the Rajah of Berar towards us, and our opinion of the advantages which may accrue from the deputation, and of Mr. Iverson's qualifications for this Service, entirely coincides with those of the Governor General.—

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We have the honor to be
Gentle Sir
&c.

Fort William (Signed) Chas. Stuart
Secret Department J. Shore.
16th October 1787.

To Charles Warre Malet Esqr
Resident
at Poona

Sir

We have received your Letter
of 13th July with its Enclosures.

By some late Advices we
have received from Sir A. Campbell we
had reason to apprehend an embragious
disposition on the part of Tippoo, and that
he was meditating Hostilities against our
Settlements on the Coast of Coromandel, but
subsequent and more authentic —
information has removed the apprehension
communicated to us.

Notwithstanding this we
are sensible of the propriety of adopting
every precaution in our power, either for
preventing or defeating, such an attempt
however

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however remote it may be, and we are therefore anxious to know the result of the Communications you were authorized to make by Lord Cornwallis's instructions of 20th June.

The point upon which we wish as far as possible to obtain a certainty is, whether we can expect any effectual assistance from the Poona Government, in case Tippoo, should with, or without the assistance of the French invade the Carnatic.

We do not mean that any formal proposition should be made to Poona on this subject as it would give him an advantage, which we could not well counterbalance, but if after sounding his intentions in the manner directed by the Governor General, you should find a disposition in him inimical to Tippoo, and favourable to our wishes you may be able to direct the Conference in such a manner as will enable you to penetrate the Ministers views without giving him reason to believe that we are alarmed by any apprehensions of the event which we are solicitous to guard against.

When we consider the

close

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reserve of the Poona Ministry, their confirmed habits of inaction, and procrastination, and the tenor of your address of the 27th June we — acknowledge that we are not indisposed to entertain sanguine expectations of any decisive declarations from them of the conduct they would observe in the event proposed.— These considerations as well as others, point out the necessity of the greatest attention to delicacy in your conversations with Nana, or any other relating to the subject of this Letter. we rather therefore leave the conduct of it to your discretion of which we have had so many proofs, than limit you to any precise mode, or terms, for introducing it, agreable to the precaution pointed out in Lord Cornwallis's instructions —

After all, it is possible that your own observations may already have enabled you to form an opinion on the point we wish to ascertain and if that should be the case and you should see the prospect of an inclination in the Poona Government, to adopt the line of Conduct we should — wish them to pursue, it would be unpolitic and unnecessary to introduce any

conversation

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Conversation leading to a further discovery of their sentiments, but if on the contrary Rana should appear to you disposed to enter into our views, and afford you an opening for the purpose, you might then endeavour to ascertain how far he would be inclined to take a part in favor of our Government in case Tippoo should invade the Carnatic, and what returns he would expect.

We are not unaware of the difficulties of obtaining a knowledge of the Ministeri views in this respect, without discovering an anxiety on our part for that purpose, a point to be particularly guarded against, for if Rana were to surpose that our object is to obtain the assistance of the Poona Government, in the event of an invasion by Tippoo he would naturally require from us, some specific declaration of our intentions in case Tippoo should act hostily towards his Nation. as far as relates to a junction of the French, and Tippoo hostile to the Mahratta State, you are empowered to make a free declaration, but we cannot authorize any expectations of our assistance in case Tippoo alone should renew the war with the

Mahrattas

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Mahrattas, and as we do not see upon what Grounds a proposition to that effect could be satisfactorily deviated if made by the Peishwa, nothing should be advanced that may lead him to make it.-

The only case in which you should be explicit, is upon the receipt of certain information that Tippoo has invaded the Carnatic, an event which our latest advices give us no reason to apprehend, but if this should actually take place you will not hesitate to endeavour to engage the assistance of the Bombay Government, by urging in the strongest manner, the Territorial advantages they will be likely to obtain by attacking Tippoo on their side, while he is engaged with us, and the fair prospect such a Confederacy holds out of curbing effectually the dangerous ambition of a powerful Enemy.-

We are Sir

Your

Fort William
Secret & political
Department
7th September 1787

(signed) Charles Stuart
John Shore

A true Copy
(signed) J Lumsden

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To Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor General in Council.

Sir

You will be pleased to inform the Board that late last night I received the honor of their letter dated 18th Instant, with Sir Archibald Campbell's letter to me, and the different Enclosures with which it was accompanied.

An interruption of our present tranquillity in India would be attended with so many pernicious effects to the English East India Company's affairs, that any information through such a Channel as Sir Archibald Campbell giving us reason to apprehend so great a misfortune must give me real concern, I have however remarked, that the materials which have given rise to the late apprehensions are nearly similar to those which had created the fifth Alarm of Tippoo's hostile intentions against the Carnatic, and which had for some time subsided. It must also be observed that the Alarts of the information tending to impress us with this belief, includes the

transposition

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Supposition, that if the French have actually entered into engagements to take an open, and active part against us in concert with him, they must at least have promised a very useful — underhand assistance to induce him to attack without provocation, a power, so formidable in India as ours. — Many French Individuals would no doubt be happy to take an active part in endeavouring to embroil, and embarrass our affairs in this Country, but I have no reason to believe that the French Government in this Country can be authorized from home to take a share in, or to give public countenance, or support to hostile measures, and without such assistance, or support I shall be much surprized if Tippoo ventures to invade the Carnatic. — Under a probability however I do, or part of these events, our publick duty calls upon us to take the most effectual means in our power to —— counteract their effects — arrangements may be made immediately to prepare supplies of men, money, and provisions, but to apply them most usefully it will be necessary (unless some extraordinary circumstances intervene) to request specific opinions, and instructions from Sir Ch: Campbell. There is at present a subsisting Contract for making in the course of next season a large quantity

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of Rice to Madras - In case of an invasion of the Carnatic, that Government in addition to Bombay resources would probably find no difficulty in obtaining large sums of money to satisfy pressing exigencies for Bills upon Bengal, and during the rain upon the Coast of Coromandel, while their Military operations must in a great degree be suspended, the North East Monsoon would enable us to send Troops to the Circars, the Coast of Choromandel, or to Tellicherry as may be thought most likely to contribute to the general success of the War. My opinion coincides entirely with that of the Board on the importance of securing the cooperation of the Mahrattas in the event of the apprehended Rupture. I think it probable that in consequence of my Letter dated 29th Augt and that of the Board dated 7th September Mr Malet will take an opportunity to broach the subject to Nana - Enclosed is the Copy of another Letter that I have written to Mr Malet which is intended to convey Reasons of the Board to him, to go as far to induce the Poonah Administration to renew the War against Tippoo, if he attacks the Carnatic, as it appears to me would be warrantable in our Government upon the probability only of that event - By a Letter that

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I received last night from Major Palmer
Have reason now to expect that he will join
me here in a few days, and I shall dispatch him
to join Scindia as soon as a proper route for
their meeting can be concerted. It also appears
to me that [illegible] advantages may be drawn
from acquiring a knowledge of the real
disposition of Moodajee Bootla towards us, and
as in his last letter to me he intimated that
he had something of consequence to
communicate through Beneram Pandit, who
declines going to Bangalore. I propose to avail
myself of that opening as a pretext to send a
person to him for a confidential conversation,
and to make such observations as may
enable us to judge, whether we could draw useful
assistance from him. I have thoughts of
employing Mr. Forster who is now here upon
that errand if he will readily undertake it.
In case of a War an augmentation of our
Cavalry as well as Infantry will be prudent
and necessary, but the expence would be
great, and in the present State of our finances
I cannot bring myself to propose it upon a
speculation, and the less so, as I am persuaded
my Military arrangements will be sufficiently
ready for the prevention of such measures,

as

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as it may according to circumstances, be found expedient to adopt for the national credit, and safety of the Company's possessions - I perfectly subscribe to the sentiments of the Board, that it would not at present be advisable to send a Resident to Nagpore. It would be proper that Sir Archibald should receive Copies of the Letters which have been written to Mr Kennaway, and with the approbation of the Board I should request that a Copy of this Letter may be transmitted to him.

I have &c
(signed) Cornwallis

A true Copy
(signed) J Lumsden

To Charles Warre Malet Esq
Resident at Poonah

Sir

By a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell dated 2nd Instant, which I received last night, I am sorry to learn that from a variety of information he has reason to apprehend that Tipsoo has resolved to invade the Carnatic. I have no ground

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to believe that the French Government is instructed from home to engage openly in hostilities against us, and it will be extraordinary if without powerful assistance from them, Tippoo shall venture to attack wantonly such a power as Ours; should he however come to that Resolution, with or without Allies, it will be incumbent on us to do every thing in our power to secure a speedy, and happy termination to the War - I think it possible however before you receive this, you will in consequence of my Letter dated 29th August, and that of the Board dated 7th September, have taken an opportunity to touch upon the subject to Nana, and if he has been inclined to listen to the conversation you will no doubt have stated very fully the vast advantages with which the Mahrattas could endeavour to recover all the Losses that they have sustained from him, or his Father, whilst he has our Force to contend with on the other side of his Dominions; you will mention that he has boasted every where in the most insulting manner of Successes gained over them in the late War, and if Nana will in the event of this apprehended Rupture agree to renew the Peace, you may promise

that

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that, if he desires it, we will furnish three or four Battalions of good Infantry, with a train of Artillery to join the Mahratta Army, and as the Bengal Troops are in a better condition than those of Bombay, we will detach that number, or even a greater from the frontiers of the Province of Oude, to form a junction with the Mahratta Army, destined to act against Tippoo, at any place that may be fixed upon as most convenient, but if Nana should prefer it, the detachment shall be furnished from Bombay - my own wish however would be to send the Bengal Troops, as I could be more certain of their quality, and place them under an Officer of my own choice. Should Nana make a difficulty in agreeing to defray the whole or part of the Expences of this Detachment, you may relinquish the demand entirely, or defer the discussion of it to a future day, and to give the utmost inducement to cooperate with us, should we be attacked by Tippoo, you may declare that we shall make no claim for any share of the Conquests that may be made by our united Forces on the North side of his Territories; when you are certain that Tippoo has commenced against any of the Company's

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propositions - You are at liberty to enter into the whole, or as much of the above engagements as may be necessary to secure the Alliance of the Mahrattas - Should Nana have previously proposed that we should engage to assist the Mahrattas in case of their being attacked by Tippoo, you will I take for granted, have answered, that unless provoked we are not instructed to enter into hostile engagements against any power in India -

I enclose a letter to the Governor and Council of Bombay in their Secret Department, which you will forward after you have taken a Copy of it -

I am Sir &c.

Lucknow
26th Sept. 1787. (Signed) Cornwallis

To the Honble
Rawson Hart. Boddam
President &c. Council
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Sir Archibald Campbell —
having

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having informed me that from a variety of intelligence he has reason to apprehend that Tippoo has resolved to invade the Carnatic, I have been directed by the Board to take immediate and effectual measures in the event of a Rupture with Tippoo, to secure the aid, and cooperation of the Mahrattas in the War. I have accordingly instructed Mr. Malet to offer among other inducements to furnish a Corps of three, or four Battalions of Sepoys with a train of Artillery to act with their Army against his Northern possessions, and I have left it to the choice of the Poona Administration to receive this detachment from Bombay, or from our Forces stationed on the Frontiers of Arcot. I have signified to Mr. Malet that my own wish would be, to send the detachment from hence as we have several Regiements in good condition for Service, and they can easily be spared from this Country - but I stipulate that these Troops shall be furnished from Bombay, you will be pleased to comply immediately with a requisition from them for that purpose, and in the event of a War you may depend on the utmost exertion of our Government to supply you with sufficient funds for all your necessary publick

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Services. I have no doubt of your zeal and application in making every necessary arrangement that you think will conduce to your own security, or to promote the general Interests of the Company, but as at present we have no Viceroy's Ships of war in India, I must recommend a very particular attention to your Marine Establishment—

I have the honor to be

&c.ca

(signed) Cornwallis

Lucknow
26th September
1787

A true Copy
(signed) Lumsdaine
A.S.Secy.

The President lays before the Board the following Draft of an answer to Tippoo Sultaun's Letter dated 10th Ult.o and read at the last Consultation.

To Tippoo Sultaun
Expressing satisfaction at his assurances of preserving the peace. The most positive orders will be given to the Zemindars &c.a dependant on the Carnatic not to afford shelter to any of his Subjectory Subjects professing that purpose

To the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun

6th Nov.r 1787

I have received the pleasure of your Letter dated the 27th Zehudge, and clearly understand the Contents.

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into the business at Tripetty, and desire, he investigate the Complaint against the Tahsildar of — Baramahale.—

The assurances you have given me of your determination to preserve inviolate the Stipulations of the Treaty between you, and the English so long as Water remains in the Sea, gives me great pleasure, and satisfaction, and I am thereby enabled from the best authority to acquaint Ram Rajah of Travancore, the Friend, and Ally of the English, that the Reports of your hostile intention against him were groundless, and that the movements of your Army were only directed against the refractory Zemindars of the Inner Coast depending upon your Circar.

I trust you will acquaint me if a difference shou'd at any time arise between the people belonging to your Circar, and those of the Ram Rajah of Travancore, as I shall always have much pleasure in using my best endeavours to settle them on terms the most upright, and amicable.

To the Bottore Ammildar, as well as to Coon Canje, and the Cahstry Zemindary, such Orders have been sent as I am confident will effectually prevent any shelter being given hereafter to the Mutteawar Man, or any other of your refractory Subjects.— Troops are likewise sent to Bottore to enforce the Orders of this

Circar

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Circar in case any of the Zemindars or Zemindars of that District should in future presume to give protection to any of your rebellious Subjects

I have observed attentively what you mention concerning certain Customs, Villages, and Grounds in the Talooks of Tripety, and Nellore, formerly enjoyed by the Mootawar Zemindar, whose Country is now taken into your Circar, and that you request the Talookday of Tripety, and Nellore may be directed to pay the Customs as usual, and give up the Villages, and Grounds.

I have enquired into that business, and have been informed that the Tripety, and Nellore Amildars had made some Grants to the Mootawar Zemindar without authority from this Circar, and that these Grants were actually resumed before the Mootawar Zemindary was annexed to your Country; but to remove every difference of opinion on this head I would propose that two, or more men of upright Sentiments should be appointed by you to meet others on the part of this Circar to enquire into the real state of these matters, and as justice is all that is wanted

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wanted on either side those Gentlemen will settle the business in such a friendly manner as will remove all future doubts concerning your Rights, and those of this Circar, and consequently strengthen, and perpetuate that harmony, and good understanding subsisting between us.

I am likewise informed that this Circar has a Claim to some Rupees that were formerly paid from Dopaud, in the Cummum Circar to the Calmand District.- And I have received Complaints from the Inhabitants of Mutkaparee that the Talookdar of Paramahall depending on the Battaghaut has planted a Hedge in which he has taken in some Villages belonging to the Pergunnah of Amboor. As these matters have undoubtedly taken place without your knowledge, and as it is my earnest wish to remove every cause which could possibly create a difference between you, and the English, I want to propose if it is agreable to you that instructions may be given to the persons appointed to enquire into the business at Tripety, and Vellore to investigate these matters likewise, so that all things may be hastily adjusted on

Your

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Terms the most honourable, friendly, and just—

Be pleased to favour me with your sentiments on this proposal, and in all things depend upon my attention, and friendship—

What can I say more?—

Ordered that it be translated, and immediately dispatched. (Vide C.C. Nº 89)—

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun—

The President informs the Board that he has received another Letter from Tippoo Sultaun (Vide Country Correspondence Nº 90) with further Complaints against the Conduct of Pallore for giving protection to his rebellious Subjects, and for ill treating one of the Hircarrahs sent by Their Excellencies (at Coimbatoor in the District of Chittel) with a Letter on the Subject of his harbouring the dependants of the Balaghaut—

The President observes in reply, That Tippoo has improperly exaggerated the Circumstances of ill treating one of the Hircarrahs—the fact being, that two Hircarrahs having brought a Letter to the Commanding Officer at Pallore, one was immediately dispatched

The President's observation thereon

returned

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returned with a Civil Message, and the other only detained until the Officer's answer to Sheik Imam's Letter was sent to Madras for the President's approbation. The President further observes that the Mircarrah so detained was well treated during his stay at Nellore.—

Agreed that the President be desired to write to Lt Pass to the foregoing purport; and that he be informed at the same time, that as a strict friendship subsists between him, and the English, all Messengers from his Circar can never fail to meet with particular kindness from the Officers under the Orders of this Government.—

(Vide CC. Fo: 91)—

Substance of a Reply to Lt Pass's Letter.—

From Mr Cherry Deputy Persian Translator to the Governor General enclosing a Letter for his Highness the Nizam.—

To C. R. White Esqr

Secretary

Fort St George

Sir

I have the pleasure to transmit you pursuant to the Orders of the Right Honble Governor General a Letter for the Nawaub Nizam Ally Khan informing him of his Lordships Journey towards Hyderabad and

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and enclosing a list of presents which his Lordship has requested in the Letter the Nawaub's acceptance of. The Presents were sent under charge of Captain Fenwick of the Success Galley, and the Letter has been detained in consequence of the probability that the Ship would have a long passage.

I take the Liberty of requesting you will procure it to be forwarded with the presents, and assigning the above as a reason for its delay until the present time.

I have the pleasure to be
Sir &c.

Lucknow
3rd Oct. 1787.

(Signed) G.H. Cherry.
Deputy Persian Translator to
the Right Honble Governor Genl.

The President informs the Board that immediately on receipt of the Letter for the Nizam he enclosed it in one from himself to this Station stating the Reason of its detention (Vide CC. No. 88).—

To the Nizam in Consequence—

Wm. R. Maunsell
Wm. Farrington

Archd. Campbell
John Holland
Lt. Colonel Commandg.

Lt. Charles Hearsey

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At a Consultation present

The Honourable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President.

Friday the 16th Novr 1787.

John Hollond, James Henry Casamaijor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.-

The following draft of an

Address to Bengal, in answer to the Letter entered on the Proceedings of the last Meeting being read, and approved, is ordered to be put into Cypher, and dispatched.-

To Bengal, on the improbability of an immediate invasion of the Carnatic by Tippoo Sultaun. Enclosing Copies of Letters to, and from that Prince.

To the Right Honorable

Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord

Since our last Address to

your

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your Lordship of the 30th Ult: we have been honored with the receipt of a Letter from the Supreme Council under date 10th Ult: accompanied by several Enclosures.

We have already expressed the sense we entertain of the very liberal support promised to us by your Lordship and the Council at Calcutta, and we feel great satisfaction in the reflection that the measures we have adopted on the subject of Tippoo's expected invasion have been honored with your approbation.

We have reason to believe that the steps taken by this Government in furnishing the Frontier Garrisons, and Ports with Military Stores, and Provisions, and in preparing the Army to take the Field, have operated forcibly on the mind of Tippoo Sultaun, and have been the means of drawing from him those pacifick declarations, which are contained in his Letters transmitted by Sir Archibald Campbell to your Lordship.

We are also inclined to believe that Tippoo will have any hostile intention he may have had against the Carnatick

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Carnatick, or its Tributaries, not only from our preparations to defeat his designs, but from the little probability of his receiving open, and actual assistance from the French - in this belief we are strengthened by Letters from General Conway to Sir Archibald Campbell, which are replete with assurances of his steady determination to preserve in this Country the same Spirit of Harmony, and good understanding that appears to pervade the Courts of London, and Versailles.

Although the reasons above recited strongly weigh with us in giving an opinion that Tippoo will not in the present situation of Affairs engage in a War with the Honble Company, yet we shall not be lulled into security, or neglect those means of proceeding for both Attack, and defence as may be within our reach, without incurring considerable expence - Preserving this principle of Economy we have for the present deferred making any material augmentation of our Forces, as such augmentation could not be effected without a great increase of expence, which ought to be avoided until the necessity of incurring it becomes apparent - We have therefore

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at the recommendation of our President —
confirmed the increase of our Military establishment
to the raising of the 5th Regiment of Native —
Cavalry, which has been done lest a longer
delay might occasion a difficulty in procuring
them of a Cast suitable to the Corps. —

Should the situation of affairs
render a greater augmentation of our Army
a necessary measure we shall not lose a
moment in carrying it into execution, and in
awaiting ourselves of the means, & sanction
contained in the Letter from the Secretary
Board under date the 5th Ultimo. We think
also in the event of approaching Hostilities
state fully to your Lordship the particulars of
our Wants in Men, money, Stores, and Provisions
with our suggestion of the Steps to be taken
by which the liberal assistance of the Bengal
Government, added to the Powers, and Resources
of the Carnatic, may have full operation
against the Enemy. —

We have the honor to
enclose Copy of a Letter addressed by
our

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our President to Tippoo Sultaun, dated 6th Instant, also Copy of one from Tippoo to Sir Archibald Campbell dated 20th Ult: with our Presidents Reply thereto.-

We have the honor to be

My Lord &c.

Fort St. George
16th Novr. 1787.-

(signed) Arch. Campbell
&c. Council

Ordered that the Letters sent in Cypher, and dispatched on the 11th Instant to the Governor at Bombay, and to the Resident at Poona be entered hereunder.-

To Bombay -
communicating the Rumour of Tippoo's hostile intentions towards the Company his connection with the French, and the undisguised assistance given him by that Nation. Desiring that intelligence may be procured of the destination of the Astrea Frigate, said to have sailed from Pondicherry for Pegu with Troops, and military Stores for the Service of Tibet.-

To the Honorable
Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
Governor &c.a &c.a
of Bombay

Sir,

For some time past the Warlike preparations of Tippoo Sultaun in collecting a very powerful Force, and great quantities of Artillery, and Military Stores in the neighbourhood of Seringapatam, and at Districts contiguous to the Frontiers of the Carnatic, were objects of

Our

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too serious a Nature to escape the jealous Eye of this Government, especially as the intelligence received from all Quarters, announced the hostile intentions of that ambitious Prince, against the Carnatic, and the Country of Travancore. The Supreme Government who had been uniformly acquainted with Tippoo's movements, and preparations, have sent to this Board, the Copy of a letter from Lord Cornwallis to you, dated 26th of September last, which anticipates every thing I could have said on the subject. Our apprehensions of Tippoo's designs have in some measure of late subsided; in consequence of a letter lately received from him, in answer to one addressed to him on the 19th September, with the approbation of this Board; giving him to understand, that it was expected, he would remove all doubts, of hostile intentions against the Company, and their Allies, particularly the Raja of Travancore; as coming expressly within that description, by the late Treaty of peace. To this letter Tippoo has replied by declaring, in the most solemn manner, his firm determination, to abide by the stipulations of the late Treaty, subsisting between him, and the English, and that his Troops were only intended

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to chastize some refractory Poligars, dependant upon his Circar, on the Malabar Coast; although these apearances do honour to his good faith, yet so long as Tippoo's collected force, is so respectable, it would be the height of madness in this Government to relax in their preparations, against any attacks he may be disposed to make upon the Carnatic; knowing well the little confidence, that can be placed in the Apearances of an ambitious Prince, who from every part of his past conduct, has shewn a rooted enmity to the honble Company, and his firmest reliance on the French.

Within these few days past, I have been informed, that the Astrea French Frigate, which sailed lately from Pondicherry, had taken on board 200 Europeans, 2000 Stand of Arms, and 2,000 Suits of Soldiers Uniforms, intended for Tippoo's Service; and that the Astrea is bound to Mahé. I have likewise been informed, that a Monsieur Vigy, a Serjt Officer in Tippoo's Service, who resided at Pondicherry, and who had been in the habit of enlisting men, at that place, for Tippoo, was also on board of this Vessel. This Officer, used to send his Recruits across the Carnatic, into the Mysore Country, in small Squads, who travelled in the night, and lay in the Topes and Jungles during the

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the course of the Day. It was our good fortune to take, to day hold of seventeen of these Adventurers near to Pengee, in consequence of which I lost no time in representing to General Conway, the surprise of this Government, at a Conduct so —— extraordinary and injurious to the Interest of the Honble Company. General Conway disclaims all knowledge of that business; and as the late Governor, de Cossigney, had but just left the Coast we were inclined to believe, that General Conway was unacquainted with this unwarrantable conduct, and many other intrigues of a similar nature, which Monsieur de Cossigny had been carrying on with Tippoo; and other Country powers without authority from the Court of Versailles. Monsieur Conway in his answer to my address, was open, and candid; in his declarations of the line of conduct, he meant to pursue in this Country, and of his disposition to be on terms, the most honourable, and friendly, towards us. As a proof of his disapprobation of recruiting Men at Pondicherry for Tippoo's Army, he sent Vigy —— immediately to prison, and declared that he should not suffer the like transactions —— hereafter to take place in his Government.

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I am solicitous to learn, whether the Astrea, has landed the Soldiers Arms &c. at Mahé, - and whether they have been sent from thence to Tippoo, or at once disembarked at any of his Ports on the West Coast; and whether Eggs was landed along with them - If these Men, and Stores have actually gone to Tippoo's Territories my opinion of General Conway's friendship will be decided; and I shall know exactly how far I am in future to place a confidence in his solemn Asparances -

I have the honor to be with

Esteem

Sir

&c &c

Fort St George (Signed) Arch.d Campbell

16th November 1787 -

To the Resident at Poona. The report of a negotiation between Tippoo, and the Nizam, corroborated by information from various channels, our preparations for War will not abate while there is a prospect of hostility on the part of Tippoo. An alliance with the Mahrattas a very desirable object.

C. W. Malet Esqr

Resident at Poona

Sir

I had the pleasure to write you on the 16th October, of which the enclosed is a Duplicate - I have since been favored with your Letters of the 20, 27th & 29th of September

and

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and 6th Ultimo, and return you my thanks for the very full, and accurate relation of Hindostan Affairs which they contain, and for the early intelligence of the Capture of Kittore by Tippoo's Troops, which has not yet reached me from any other Quarter.—

Notwithstanding Kanna's Assurances to you, I am still inclined to give credit to the Report of a negotiation being on foot for a Seperate agreement, between Tippoo and the Nizam.—This intelligence is corroborated, by information from various Channels; and my accounts from Hyderabad state, that the business is managed through Imtiaz-ud-Dowla to have appearances; and that Several rich Presents have already been sent from that City to Tippoo.—

I have lately received an answer from Tippoo to the Letter I wrote him, on the 19th September, wherein he assures me, in the strongest terms, that he never will violate the Treaty subsisting between him, and the English; and that the movement of his Troops, was merely to chastize some refractory Poligars on the Malabar Coast, dependant on his Government in answer to a subsequent Letter I had

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occasion to write him, he has repeated the same
assurances, of a pacific, and friendly disposition
towards us.-

Notwithstanding their professions,
I have received intelligence of a nature too
undoubted to be unattended to, that large bodies
of Tipsoo's Troops are ready to take the field, and are
still contiguous to our Frontiers.- While this is the
case, I shall continue to keep our preparations
in a state of readiness, to give him the best
reception possible.

I shall be impatient to learn
the result of the Negotiations, lately recommended
to your attention from Bengal; and I cannot -
help thinking, that whether Tipsoo intends
an attack upon the Carnatick or not, the idea
I suggested to Lord Cornwallis, of engaging the
Mahrattas to penetrate the Northern Districts,
of the Mysore Country, in case Tipsoo should
ever invade the Carnatic, and of recompensing
the Mahratta state with Troops, and Artillery
from Bombay, and all the Countries conquered
by the Arms of those Troops, would render the
Security of this Coast both permanent, and

effectual -

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effectual. The very idea of such an agreement subsisting between the Mahrattas, and us, would deter Tippoo in future, from any attempt upon the Carnatic.

We have nothing new from Europe, and the best understanding continues to subsist between us, and the French Government.

Present
Lord Mornington
Sir Jno Shore
Sir Alex. Campbell
Mr Edmonstone
Mr Webbe
Mr Lumsden

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16th Novr 1797. (Signed) Arch. Campbell

Intelligence of Tippoo's motions communicated to the Board by the President.

The President reads to the Board several papers of Intelligence respecting the intended motions of Tippoo Sultaun, which seem to be directed towards the Northward.

Arch. Campbell
John Shore
H. Webbe
R. Maunsell

W. Farrington
Ed. Gfl

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

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

Hon^ble Sir

From the Commee for investigating the Nabobs Debts stating a Claim preferred by Capt. Lieut^t Hore in favor of Lieut^t Jarvis—

We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter from Captain Lieut^t Hore accompanying Pay, and Batta Bills amounting to Pagodas 503-4-48 claimed by Lieut^t Jarvis from the Nabob; as the time fixed for receiving demands of this nature, is expired, we cannot refer Lieut^t Jarvis's Claim to the Nabobs Agent, without your Orders for the purpose.—

We have the honor to be
Hon^ble Sir &c^a

Fort St George
13th Nov^r 1787.

(Signed) Ed^d Garrow
Wm Webb
James Landon

To Messrs Garrow, Webb & Landon

Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose you Pay, and Batta Bills on his Highness the Nabob

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16th Rabot; and one to Lieut.t Jarvis, now in the Honble Company's Service at Putamcotah; that you might use your endeavours, to get them put in a train for payment. Lieut.t Jarvis has to beg excuse for being so late in his application; his great distance from the settlement, and a bad state of health have conduced to that delay.

I am to request, gentlemen, your joint endeavours, and hope they will not fail of being successful in obtaining payment for the accompanying Bills.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen &c—

Nov.r 9th. 1787

(signed) G. Hore
Capt. Lieut. 24th Batt.n

A true Copy (signed) J Landon for the Committee

Sent the following answer —

To — in answer

To Messrs Garrow, Webb, & Landon
Committee for investigating the Debts of his Highness the Rabot

Gentlemen In reply to your Letter of the 13th Instant, I am directed by the Board, to inform you, that they have not any objections, to your

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your sending to the Rabob's Agents the Claim preferred by the representative of Lieut. Garrow.

I am Gentlemen

Your

Fort St George

20th Nov.r 1787

(signed) J. Chamier

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16th Received the following letter from the Committee for investigating the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore.

From the Committee for investigating the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore, with their proceedings

To the Honble

Major General Sir Archibald Campbell

K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

Having executed your several orders relative to the Bonds of the late Rajah of Tanjore, and ascertained the amount due, on them, according to the Statements we have had the honor to present to you, at different times, we now beg leave to transmit our proceedings at large to be lodged in the Office, and a Copy to be sent home by the next dispatch.

We have the honor to be

Fort St George Honble Sir &c.

16th Octr 1787. (signed) Ed.d Garrow

Wm Webbe Lt London

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22d: Received overland a letter from the Honble Court of Directors, dated 5th June enclosing Copy of their instructions to the Governor General and Council of the 30th May 1787.

Letter from the Court of Directors.

29th Sent the following letter to the Governor of Bombay.

To the Governor of Bombay. — recommending that the Military Establishment, be not encreased, as there is a probability of Tippoo having suspended his hostile intentions against the Carnatic.

To
The Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr
Governor of Bombay

Sir

The Supreme Government have transmitted a Copy of the Governor Generals letter to you, dated 15th last month, authorizing you, to complete your Army to the Military Peace — establishment, in order to be in readiness to — reject the attack which Tippoo was meditating against the Company, and their Allies.—

By Letter to you of the 11th Instant will have satisfied you, that our apprehensions have for the present subsided, and your private Letter to me, dated 30th October, has confirmed me in the opinion, that Tippoo will find himself sufficiently occupied, in settling his new — differences, with the Mahrattas, without — attempting any pursuits against Travancore, or any of the Countries connected with the

Euclid

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2d English.-

I repeat these observations, in order that you may be as much as possible relieved from the necessity of encreasing your Military force to the Peace Establishment ordered from Home, or of putting the Company to expences by Military preparations, which I trust will long remain unnecessary.

I have the honor to be with Esteem Sir &c-

Fort St. George (signed) Arch. Campbell
29th Novr 1787-

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Friday 30th Novr 1787

John Hollond, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.-

The President lays before the Board the following Letters addressed to him by Lord Cornwallis, and Mr Shore.-

Calcutta 8th October 1787

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

&c &c

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to send you Copy of a Letter in Cypher from Lord Cornwallis, addressed to yourself. The original came to me unexplained, but as you have lately mentioned, that some Letters from this Presidency have miscarried

From Mr Shore- hints the Madras Board will not have occasion to act upon the opinion given by him of the declaration to be made to Tippoo, until Lord Cornwallis's sentiments thereon be known. Thinks Tippoo will not invade the Carnatic or the Tanjore Country

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I deemed it most prudent not to leave this Letter to the chance of falling into improper hands. I shall transmit you a Duplicate of it by the same mode.

Notwithstanding the decisive — opinion we communicated to you respecting the declaration to be made to Tippoo. Lord Mornington wants to be sorry, if you were under the necessity of acting upon it, before the receipt of Lord Cornwallis's opinion. Had some doubts of the propriety of giving you our sentiments before we were furnished with his Lordships on this subject. Think that the Lake Fevers will hasten his return to the Presidency, and that he will reach it by the end of November.

I acknowledge that I am rather doubtful yet of Tippoo's intentions, of invading either Travancore, or the Carnatic.

I have the honor to be with great esteem &c. (Signed) J. Shore

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt B.

From Lord Cornwallis stating that Govr. Malet is empowered in his negociation with the Mahrattas to relinquish the demand of pay to our Troops, and promising ample satisfaction in the event of any [illegible] of the

Dear Sir, Lucknow Sept. 28th 1787.

I have received your letter of the 2nd, which, as well as your other Letters since the

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The alarm was opened by the Board. you will receive copies of our instructions to Mr. Malet, who is empowered to relinquish the remainder of pay for our Troops. I should have omitted it altogether, if I had not thought that we should not forward our cause by putting on too much the Character of Beggars.

If the invasion should take place, you may be assured of every support in our power of men, money, stores, and provisions. You will point out the places where the services of our troops will be most useful; and the stores be most wanted. If the Nizam, should take part against us, it will probably be necessary to have a considerable force in the Circars. From Bombay you expect but little assistance. when Sir John Macpherson offered three Battalions from that establishment to the Mahrattas, the Government represented, that they could not spare them, consistently with their own safety, unless they were permitted to raise Troops, immediately to supply their places. I likewise apprehend that the Bombay Army, must be in a most wretched condition.

I am Dear Sir with the greatest regard &c.a (signed) Cornwallis.

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Supreme Board at Calcutta.—

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From Bengal. enclosing Extract of a Letter from L.d Cornwallis to the Secretary containg his approbation of the declaration to be made to Tippoo, and his sentiments on the provision of Horses for the Coast. also — copies of his Lordships Letters to the Poodaun, recommending the completion of the Bombay Military Establishment, and to the Resident at Poona on the subject of an alliance with the Mahrattas.—

Honble Sir

Your Letter to Lord Cornwallis of the 28th Ultimo, has been forwarded to his Lordship with its several enclosures. That you may be advised of general measures, agreed to be taken if Tippoo's designs should prove hostile to the Company, or to their Ally the Rajah of Travancore — We have the honor to transmit to you, an Extract, of a Letter from the Governor, to our Secretary, dated 18th Instant; and copies of those, written by his Lordship on the 15th and to the Governor at Bombay, and Resident at Poona.

We have requested the Governor General to authorize the Government of Bombay, to complete the Military Establishment, ordered for that Presidency, by the Court of Directors, under date 21st September 1785, and to suggest to them, the mode which his Lordship may deem most proper, for carrying the Company's Orders into effect.—

In the event of a renewal of the alarm, in consequence of future advices,

from

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From your Presidency, we shall adopt Lord Cornwallis's recommendation in regard to the enquiries, which his Lordship proposes should be made, whether if any number of Horses could be procured at Calcutta, in the month of January, they could also that Season be safely conveyed in Boats to Madras.--

It has been proposed in consequence of the permission granted for that purpose by the Honble Court of Directors, to fill up the spare Tonnage in the Company's Ships of this Year, after providing for the transportation of their investment to Europe with Goods the property of Individuals, but we should not hesitate in employing some of the Company's Ships in transporting Troops or Stores to the Coast of Chormandel, or Coast of Malabar if necessity should arise for it.--

We shall in the mean time, desire the opinion of those Gentlemen, who may be best able to give us information, on the subject, in regard to the private Tonnage, which this Port could supply, should we wish to employ any the Ships, on freight to the Coast of Malabar, or Coast of Chormandel, in the course of the next

Season

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Season.

We have the Honor to be

Hon^ble Sir

&c — &c —

Fort William
Secret Department
the 29th Oct. 1787. (signed) Charles Stuart
J. Shore

Extract of a Letter from the Right Hon^ble the Governor General to the Secretary dated 18th October 1787.

I must desire that you will — inform the Board, that I most perfectly approve of their having resolved, to support the Declaration of the Madras Government, and of its being our determination, to protect the Rajah of Travancore, as one of our Allies.

For my opinion, upon the measure, which it would at present be proper to adopt, I must refer the Board to the sentiments contained in my Letter of the 27th Ult^o. I shall only say in addition to them, that as soon as War is commenced, I — would by no means advise, that we should confine ourselves to defensive measures; but think that every Engine should be moved to carry it on, in such a manner, as to secure the honor of the nation, and to be the most likely to bring it to a speedy conclusion. Sir Richard Campbell's greatest

distress

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distress with be, the want of stores, and of all his distresses, that will be the most difficult for us to relieve. In addition to our other exertions, it may be proper to consult Captains Rivers and Thornhill, and other intelligent persons who are acquainted with the Bay, whether if any number of Horses could be purchased at Calcutta, by the month of January, they could at that season be safely conveyed on Deposit to Madras. I do not conceive that Indiamen are calculated to carry many Horses.

I have received the greatest satisfaction at seeing the Sepoy Brigade at Poolly Ghaut, and should be glad to have so fine a Corps at hand if any Troops were wanted for Service.

The waste of the Company at Home render it absolutely necessary, to despatch the investment to Europe last after the allotment of Ships, is made for that purpose, I would recommend it to the Board, to ascertain with as much precision as possible, the quantity of Tonnage, on which we might depend, in the course of the next winter, for transporting Stores, or Troops to the Coast of Choromandel, or Malabar.

A true Extract

(Signed) Saunders Sec.y

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A true Extract

(Signed) J. Lumsden Ag. Sec.

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Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General to Mr Malet Resident at Coorah dated October 15th 1787.

Sir

I received Dispatches last night from Sir Archibald Campbell confirming his former account of Tippoo's preparations for War, but adding that from some circumstances — there is now reason to suppose that his first object, is to attack the Rajah of Travancore. As that Rajah is included by name as our Ally, in the last Treaty of Peace with Tippoo, and as we are on that account, bound to support him, it continues to be an important object with the Supreme Government, to form a close connection with the Mahrattas, and to obtain their cooperation in the War, in case of his being attacked. In the event therefore of your receiving certain information, of Tippoo's having commenced Hostilities against the Rajah of Travancore, you will be pleased to act upon the instructions, dated 26th September, precisely in the same manner, as if you knew that he had actually invaded the Carnatic.

I am Sir &c

A true Copy

(Signed) J Saunders
Dpy Secy

(Signed) Cornwallis

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Copy of a Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General to the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr. Governor of Bombay Dated 15th October 1787.

Sir

By advices which I received last night, from Sir Archibald Campbell the former accounts of Tippoo's great warlike preparations are confirmed, but there are some circumstances, which render it probable, that his first object is to attack the Rajah of Travancore - As the Rajah has by Treaty, a right to the protection of the Honble Company, we are determined to support him, and in case of his being attacked by Tippoo, Mr. Malet is directed to act upon his instructions for obtaining the cooperation of the Mahrattas, in the war precisely in the same manner as if he knew that Tippoo had actually invaded the Carnatic. I have recommended to the Board to authorize you to complete as far as may be in your power the new Military Establishment ordered by the Court

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of Directors, and you will probably soon receive instructions, for that purpose; you will therefore in the meantime, be pleased to consider, how the native recruits, can be procured with the greatest facility, and dispatch, and hold the supernumerary Officers in readiness to join the different Corps that may be formed, and make any other previous arrangements, that may enable you to carry the measure into immediate execution - It will be almost unnecessary, for me to mention the necessity upon this occasion, of the most vigilant attention on your part, to the different stations on the Coast of Malabar, that are subordinate to your Presidency. I have the Honor to be

Sir &c

(signed) Cornwallis

A true Copy

(signed) Lumsden Asst Secy

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Poona

Duplicate

From the Resident at Poona Septr 20th taken by a Person of the other District of Ritheri thinks it not improbable that the

To the Honble

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor of Fort St. George

&c &c &c

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the Governor General
the allied subjects
-nd on that of a
Defensive alliance
with the Mahrattas.
Bajeerow has still
remains at Poona.

Hon'ble Sir

I had the honor to write to you the 5th Inst. and now enclose duplicate - since that time Hyder has taken possession of the whole District of Kittoor, and his Troops I am informed are advanced in force, to the borders of the Sunnat District - It seems his Plan to swallow up those little Principalities, whose dependance on this State, or any other, does not furnish a motive strong enough to engage the Principal, at the risk of a War in their defence - This Government has thought proper to give into this line of Conduct, with respect to Kittoor, though absolutely garrisoned by the Peshwa's Troops -

From the Youth, and Rashness of Gholam Khadir Khan, the incapacity of the Rajah of Jeypagur - the want of unanimous exertion in the Mogul Chiefs, and the extreme weakness of the King, I should not be surprized if his Majesty was again to throw himself into the hands of Scindia, and if the affairs of that Chief, were to receive an ill turn, and weaken those of his Antagonists - Should the state of Affairs in those parts leave any hope of the Re-establishment of the Mahratta influence,

&c

and at the same time remain in doubtful and precarious as to render a reinforcement necessary to Mahadjee Scindia, Ally Behauder may probably march from hence in another month, though at present his numbers are not encreased a single Man.—

On the 29th Ult.o I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 23d. September, and on the 27th. the subsequent one of the 30th. September - For the very full, and interesting reasoning and information contained in them, I beg you to accept my hearty thanks. I flatter myself that the intelligence I communicated to you on the 5th Ult.o if it has not entirely removed, the apprehensions, which the hostile movements of Tippoo, on the borders of the Carnatic, and Travancore had given rise to, will have at least convinced you that a similar conduct has been carried to a greater length against this State, whence you will have collected the little probability of those Negociations being on foot, which your intelligence has given you reason to apprehend, for concluding a Quadruple

Alliance

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Quadruple Alliance between France, Spain, Bizan
Ally Khan, and this State hostile to the British
Interests; but as a Letter which I had occasion
to dispatch to the Right Honble the Governor
General in Council on the 1st Instant with —
convey very full information on that subject,
and on that of a defensive Alliance with this —
Court so particularly discussed in your favor
of the 28th September, I have done myself the
Honor to submit a Copy of it to your ——
consideration in the form to the that you will
favor me with any new matter that may
occur in elucidation of the subject.—

By late intelligence from
Monsieur Montigny, I learn that he has just
received Letters from Mauritius, and ——
Pondicherry mentioning the arrival of
General Conway, at the latter place, in ——
consequence of which Monsieur Montigny
expects a speedy summons to return to
Pondicherry, or an order to proceed to ——
Chandernagore. That Tippoo's Ambassadors
were received with every mark of ——
attention, and splendidly entertained during
their stay at Mauritius, and that two French
Frigates are soon expected at Pondicherry

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from France, which will form a Fleet of 12 sail
(this may be a little Gasconade of Mons.r Bontigny's)
who also gives out that a french Naval force
may be shortly expected on the Malabar Coast to
compel restitution, or Compensation for the Loss
the French pretend to have suffered from the
Mahratta Cruizers, Satisfaction for which has not
yet been granted from hence.-

After what has passed, and
the frequent assurances given by his
Highness the Nabob Wabajah to you, and ever
after his positive Orders forwarded through
me to Bujang Rao to return with his Brother
immediately to Arcot, I confess myself at a
loss to account for his continueing here, and
giving out, as he does, that he shall not return
the Orders he has received through me, at
conference; tho they are reiterated by his own
Cossid, that have been dispatched to the Nabob.
He keeps up the same appearance as usual,-
which certainly amounts to a rejection of the
Authority of his Master, or the authenticity of his
Master's Orders communicated through you,
and me.- You, Honble Sir, and his Highness the
Nabob are the best judges of such conduct.-

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I have taken the liberty to enclose Extract of a private Letter from Governor Boddam, corroborative of your intelligence with respect to Travancore, and containing some new matter relating to Lisbon, also some Articles of late Europe News, though I dare say you will have received later by the Ranger that was to leave England in June.

I have just heard from Mr Abbott said that he means to proceed to Bombay in three days; but he has to often told me the same story with respect to Surat that I know not how to believe him: indeed his whole conduct favours more of a worldly intriguing man, than of the religious Character he bears.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Honble Sir &c

Poona 2nd Novr 1797 (signed) C. M. Malet

P.S. Harry Parks wife died a few days ago, and he is much indisposed.

To the Right Honble
Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor

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Governor General in Council

Fort William

My dear, and Gentlemen

Anxious to give his Lordship the Governor General every possible information in his present situation, which must render it peculiarly necessary, I did myself the Honor to address his Lordship, yesterday the 29th. Instant, — & duplicate of which I have now the honor to enclose, for your observation, and have at the same time the very high satisfaction of being able to authenticate the opinions therein ventured with respect to the existence of the Quadruple Alliance mentioned by Governor, Sir Archibald Campbell.—

After having made all the advances, and communications to the Minister of this Court, which I thought most likely to awaken his apprehensions to a return of Cordiality, and to a due sense of the offer empowered by you, to make in prevention of the ambitious designs of the French, and Dispar; to which during his late application for

& This Letter has been since received from Lord Cornwallis, and is entered on the Records of Consultation the 20th December

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for our aid to Madjee Scindia I had not scrupled to add gentle upraidings, with his extraordinary backwardness to make any returns, you will observe by the enclosed duplicate of my last address to his Lordship, that I had begun to — despair of a more candid conduct, and in that persuasion, added to the necessity from the materials (alluding to Lt. Col. Hamptons Letters of 28th & 30th September), then before me, of reducing the point to some degree of — certainty, I had resolved to demand a — categorical answer from the Durbar.—

While thus resolved the Minister influenced, I presume, by those — intimations, which I have constantly repeated to him ~~Colonel~~, of the designs expected from Tippoo, and convinced of the truth of them by Tippoo's late conduct, however much he, the Minister, may wish to hide the weakness of this State by explaining it away, retrieved me from the necessity of executing my resolution, by a voluntary sacrifice of his late reserve in the following Message, communicated to my Vackeel Nowrat Deen Hussein Khan by Nehro Punt, by the express Order of the Minister - dated three Hours after

Then

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the dispatch of my last address, that Mama having jointly with Harry Peat maturely considered the Governor General in Council's offer of aid, it had been resolved that the assistance of the Peshwa should also be granted to the Company on the following conditions - that in case either of the contracting parties should be attacked, the other should write the power so attacking to desist, and in case of non compliance should join the party attacked to repel, and punish the Assailant - The Minister further pledged himself for the Rajahs according to this defensive alliance, which he meant should be understood to extend to the protection of the contracting powers against any attack of Tipoo, singly, or jointly with the French, and that furnishing the aid of the respective contracting powers against any attacks should be held obligatory only on the demand of the party attacked..

As a basis on which to commence the negotiations of this Treaty the Minister made the following propositions: first that the Military equipment of the contracting powers should be equal - second that the

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conquests made by the Forces, of the contracting Powers should be thus disposed of:- all resumption of Territory originally belonging to the Peshwa, or his Servants should revert to the Peshwa, and all recovery of Territory belonging to dependants of the Peshwa should revert to the original possessors. Third, all conquests from Tippoo's own immediate dominions should be equally divided among the three contracting powers.-

Happy as I was my Lord, and Gentlemen on the receipt of these propositions to be able thereby as far as reliance is to be placed on the words, and faith of Men to relieve you, and Sir Arch.d Campbell from the apprehension communicated by him of a hostile Quadruple Alliance, and rejoiced as I was that this Government forced from its strong hold of Reserve had by its offer relieved me from the necessity of proposing, and thereby left us Masters of the advantageous Ground of determining instead of soliciting; my only dissatisfaction was not to me to overlook the contrivance with which the Minister's offer is clogged of extending the operation of the Alliance, to the Attacks of Tippoo Sultaun.

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be able to penetrate his views, without having incurred the evil you are so solicitous to avoid.

With the most clear, and perfect conception my Lord, and Gentlemen of your disinclination to enter into any engagement with this Government, where the hostilities of Tippoo singly are the object, so much reason have I apprehend that the Minister in the present state of his affairs would not listen to the proposed terms of assisting us against that Prince singly, that I am confirmed in the resolution abovementioned of transmitting you for the present their bare propositions, and strengthened in it by my desire of gaining by the necessary delay that must ensue your determination — whether, or not it might as a dernier resort close with the propositions of this Government, in case Tippoo should actually have attacked the Company's possessions, or those of their Allies; since from a reference to the 24th Clause of the 26th of George the 3rd I find such engagement warrants on the consideration of such Prince, or State actually engaging to assist the Company against such hostilities

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hostilities commenced, or preparations made.—

I am this Instant honoured with the Commands of the Right Honble Governor General dated Lucknow 26th Septr repeating the apprehensions arising from Sir Archibald Campbell's communications of 2nd September, and as it appears that the Letter of his Lordship was dispatched after his perusal of your Commands to me of the 7th it again reestablishes the former apprehensions, and consequently confirms the propriety of my keeping this Coast as long as possible under the influence of its above propositions, without committing myself and your Government by unauthorized hopes - should I in the interim receive — certain intelligence of Hyder's having — absolutely entered the Carnatic I shall not fail to make the most advantageous use of the instructions contained in his Lordship's Letters of holding forth to this Government the great advantages that may be expected from the junction of Company's Troops, as prescribed by his Lordship; and as no —

previous

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As however from the late advices of Lord Cornwallis of the 29th August, and Sir Archibald Campbell of the 28th and 30th September, I think it of the utmost importance to make you acquainted with this event as soon as possible; I shall only by this opportunity assure you that I shall endeavour to make use of it to draw this Government into further discussion, and explanation of the state of their, and the Nizam's present connexion with Tippoo, and as from the impression of that Princes late conduct, and the real incapacity of this Government to resist him, should he make an actual, and vigorous invasion, I think it highly impolitic at present to force them to too much submission to that Princes views, or to deprive the Company of all prospect of their desired assistance - should he soon attack our possessions by an immediate rejection of their propositions; I shall therefore decline all power of determination on them, and confining myself merely to the enquiry, and explanation abovementioned, without committing your Right Honble Board by the smallest ground for hope, ultimately

submitting

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submitting the whole matter to your determination,
when in the event of your giving an absolute,
and unqualified refusal, to that part of the
proposal, I shall at least have the satisfaction
of having deferred for a season those ex-
pectations, which may possibly, with Tippoo,
though perhaps he may in the interval
of my receiving an answer have taken such
measures, as will either force them to hostilities,
or to an acquiescence in his views.—

Having written thus far, I
was in the Evening of the 29th honoured with
your Commands of the 7th September viâ Tuticorin,
whence they were forwarded the 26th following.—

I heartily congratulate you
my Lord, and Gentlemen on the authentic
information you there mention to have
received of the non-existence of cause
of apprehension from Tippoo. The whole tenor
of your letters, and that repugnancy which
you so justly express to the discovery of
apprehension by making an advance to
this Government give me new reason to
rejoice in the Ministers message above
described, by which I flatter myself you will

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be able to penetrate his views, without having incurred the evil you are so solicitous to avoid.

With the most clear, and perfect conception my Lord, and Gentlemen of your disinclination to enter into any engagement with this Government, where the Fortifications of Tippoo singly are the object, so much reason have I apprehend that the Minister in the present state of his affairs would not listen to the proposed terms of assisting us against that Prince singly, that I am confirmed in the Resolution abovementioned of transmitting you for the present their bare propositions, and strengthened in it by my desire of gaining by the necessary delay that must ensue your determination — whether, or not tonight as a dernier resort close with the propositions of this Government, in case Tippoo should actually have attacked the Company's possessions, or those of their Allies; since from a reference to the 24th Clause of the 26th of George the 3rd I find such engagement warranted on the consideration of such Prince, or State actually engaging to assist the Company against such

hostilities

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hostilities commenced, or preparations made.—

I am this Instant honoured with the Commands of the Right Honble Governor General dated Lucknow 26th Sept. repeating the apprehensions arising from Sir Archibald Campbell's communications of 2nd September, and as it appears that the Letter of his Lordship was dispatched after his perusal of your Commands to me of the 7th it again reestablishes the former apprehensions, and consequently confirms the propriety of my keeping this Coast as long as possible under the influence of its alarm propositions, without committing myself and your Government by unauthorized hopes. Should I in the interim receive certain intelligence of Tippoo's having absolutely entered the Carnatic I shall not fail to make the most advantageous use of the instructions contained in his Lordship's Letters of holding forth to this Government the great advantages that may be expected from the junction of Company's Troops, as prescribed by his Lordship; and as no

previous

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previous rejection of their present propositions will have taken place, it is not impossible but that in the expectation of a favourable reply, and allured by the prospects held forth to their passion for Conquest, they may give ear to the proposal, though I am rather inclined to apprehend they would wish to remain spectators of a Conquest by which they would expect to see their two most formidable opponents weakened, and exhausted.

I shall expect with great anxiety the specific reply of your Right Honble Board to my query with respect to my utmost latitude of negociation, should Tippoo actually invade the Carnatic, in which case I conceive that the property of the Company's possessions would be endangered instead of being secure, as I do, that the British Forces under Sir Archibald Campbell with be found fully equal to charstise so unprovoked an Attack, I should certainly think myself authorized so far as relates to the Act of Parliament to close with the propositions of the Minister in their present state, after trying

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in vain every other method of gaining his
cooperation..

Having thought the Channel
which I have established to supply me
with intelligence since the departure of
Captain Kirkpatrick, received Copy of
Colonel Harper's letter to Mahadjee Scindia,
enclosing the proclamation of Asaph ul Dowla
with respect to Amrah Sheer Gosaing, in
consequence of the hostilities committed
by him on the Royal Districts subject to
Scindia, I have taken the liberty to
communicate it to this Government
as received from his Lordship, to which I
have been particularly induced by a
persuasion that this government seeing
their late embarrassments and weakness,
and judging of the designs of others by
their own principles of action have been
fatally apprehensive of our designs, as
we can possibly be of others.-

I have the honor to be with
the highest respect My Lord & Gentlemen
Your
Poona (Signed) C.W. Malet
31st Oct. 1787 Poona Resid.t

A true Copy (signed) C.W. Malet

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Extract of a Letter from Governor Boddam
to Wm Malet dated 21st October 1787.-

We have Letters from Tellicherry
by the Greyhound that returned from thence
the 18th Instant. They advise that the grand
Road ordered by Tippoo from Calliecut to
Seringapatam is going on with great dispatch.
That at some distance from Calliecut, —
Barracks, and a large Bazar were building
for a considerable body of Men, and that
Tippoo in person, is soon expected on the Coast.
Reports are current that his intentions —
against the King of Travancore; & so Fear
we shall be involved therein as by the Treaty
of Mangalore, the Travancore Rajah is expressly
mentioned as an Ally of the Company's, and
guaranteed particularly in his Security by us.
The King of Travancore has written to Madras
of his apprehensions, and claims the Company's
protection; and has addressed the Resident at
Anjengo on the subject, desiring that he will
represent the same to the Board. Here - We
are now advising the Supreme Government
of these Affairs - from what you say to me
respecting

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respecting Hitoro, I thank heartily thank
Tippoo wants exactly wish to bring both
the Mahrattas, and the English on himself by
attacking both, particularly the English so
very unprovoked, for he cannot surely
imagine that the Government General
will suffer the King of Travancore to become a
sacrifice to his, Tippoo's ambitious views,
without taking some effectual measures
to prevent it - what his real views are
it is at present hard to say, but his late
negociations with the French, and schemes
he may have in agitation to accomplish
by means of his late Embassy to France
give too much reason to be jealous of his
intentions, for which [illegible] wish to get
possession of Travancore Country, our
Interest on the Coast of Malabar would be
annihilated, and the total loss of the pepper
Trade follow - our Gentlemen at Tellicherry
are not a little alarmed in the idea of such
a Visitor approaching the Malabar Coast.

A Dingy came in the
other day from Muscat which brought
letters

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Letters from Bussora dated 27th August, and some private letters from Europe of 3rd and early in June, the English Papers to low down as the 31st May and Leyden Gazettes to the 5th June. The Ships Northumberland Montrose, and Earl Cornwallis from China were arrived, and the Phoenix from Coast and Bay. Mr. Hastings impeachment was carried to the Bar of the House of Lords, and that Gentleman has been taken into the Custody of the Usher of the Black Rod. He was brought to the Bar, and the several Charges being read to him he pleaded not Guilty, and requested to be furnished with a Copy that he might reply, which was granted, and security taken of him in the sum of £20,000 and two Sureties of £10,000 each. He has been allowed one month to the second day of next Session of Parliament to prepare his answer. Governor Johnstone is dead - about two days before his death a decree was given in his favor by the House of Lords in the cause with Sutton. Several General Officers have died - General O'Hara is gone to Gibraltar to relieve General Elliott. great talk of a War soon breaking out between the Courts

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A true Extract

(signed) W. Maltby

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A true Extract

(signed) W. Mackay

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The President reads to the Board a variety of intelligence, transmitted to him from Hyderabad, and from different parts of the Mysore Country, all confirming the Reports of Tippoo's hostile preparations, but conjecturing differently, as to objects of his intended attacks. —

Intelligence communicated by the President of Tippoo's hostile preparations.

Wm Harington

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

J. W. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell KB.

President.

Tuesday
the 4th Decr
1787

John Gallond, James Henry Casamajor
and
Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation
read, and approved.—

Read the following Letters
from the Resident at Tanjore

From the
Resident at Tanjore
enclosing Copy of
a Letter to him
from the Danish
Government at
Tranquebar, together
with the Reply —
relative to a
Complaint —
preferred by them
against the Rajah.

To
The Honble
Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell KB.
Governor in Council —
Fort St George

Honble Sir

I do myself the honor to
enclose you Copy of a Letter which I have
received

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received from the Government of Tranquebar.-

Previous to the receipt of the

above Letter, General Abercee had communicated

to me the particulars contained therein.-

In consequence of the

General's application, I represented the

matter in a proper light, to the Rajah;

and explained to him, (what he seemed not

to have a just idea of before) the nature

of the insult, offered to the Danish Flag.-

I added, that his Excellency, ought not to

have employed the Honble Company's

Sepoys, in a hostile manner, beyond the

limits of his own Territories; without the

previous consent of the Company: that at

any rate, were the claims he asserts to

the Danish Village well founded, he ought

to have apprized the Tranquebar Government

of it, through his Vackeel.-

Upon these explanations,

his Excellency desired me, to inform

General Abercee, that he had not considered

the

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the transaction in so serious a point of view, as that in which it was looked upon by Europeans: that he only intended to keep possession of the Village, till the claim should be decided; His Excellency desired me to apologize in his name to the Trangnebar Government, for what had happened.-

I cannot refrain, Honble Sir, from remarking, that the present instance of hostile folly exhibited by his Excellency arises, in my opinion, from the instigations of certain persons about him, who have led him into this absurdity, on account of their private enmity to the Danes.-

I have the honor to be with perfect respect Honble Sir &c.a-

Tanjore 28th Novr 1787- (signed) Alexr Macleod

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

In consideration of the — constant, and daily encreasing strict Alliance

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Alliances between our respective Courts, it is, that we address ourselves to you, the — Representative of the English East India — Company at Tanjore; to request your friendly representation, in behalf of our nation to the Rajah of Tanjore, concerning an affair which has taken place lately, and which could — occasion disagreable misunderstandings by misrepresentations, wherefore we beg leave to lay before you the true facts, and flatter ourselves with your good assistance.-

We were informed from our outguards, on the 22nd Instant, that 14 Sebundy Sepoys with two Havildars made an attempt of erecting the Tarnam, or sign of taking possession in the name of the Rajah of Tanjore, of one of his Danish Majesty's — Villages, called Porcaycarangatam, not two — miles distant from Tranquebar. - we sent — immediately a detachment, who arrested, and brought this small body into our Fort, where they are still remaining. We were much surprized at hearing these fellows declare — that they were sent actually by orders of the

Rajah

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Rajah of Tanjore, to commit this lawless usurpation; so entirely against all the Laws, and Rights of Nations - we were not even notified of any complaints against this Government by letter from the Rajah, and his Vakeel residing here did know nothing of the matter, which in the whole, suggests to us the thought, that this insult done to his Danish Majesty's Government, is offered without the knowledge of the Rajah himself, and only by the misusing power, of some one of his Ministers, driven to this act of hostility by private Interest, and animated by the Rebellious subjects, of this Settlement, who have emerged, and taken their refuge to Tanjore; according to certain information received by us, in order to foment their malicious, and condemnable schemes.

The Village of Porayamangalam attempted to be usurped, is a most ancient possession of the Danes, over one hundred years standing, and ceded to us by their reigning Raja, for eleven villages, long

before

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before the present Rajah's family ascended the throne of Tanjore, therefore you will please to observe, Sir, the great injustice, and grievous insult, offered to the King of Denmark, which we request you will in suitable terms remonstrate to the Rajah, with the assurance, of our willingness to maintain always the hitherto subsisted good understanding, and friendship, to his Excellency, which we have shewn, in so many instances, of compliance to his Wishes; but we must also add, that if he thinks proper, not to give us due redress, in the late affair, we shall be obliged to take the necessary steps, to maintain our sovereign dignity, in these Regions; by informing his Majesty, of the unjustifiable proceedings of the Rajah, and we rely on his power, and that of his Allies, of which your Nation is the most intimate. This, together with the esteem, we entertain for you, gives us reason to think it proper, to trouble you with this affair, not doubting in the

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the least, your integrity to adjust it to general satisfaction.

We have the honor to remain

with great esteem Sir

&c &c

(signed) Abbestei
H. Walker
Engl
Front. Lichtenstein

(dated)
Fort Dansborg in
the Royal Government
the 26th Nov.r 1787.

A true Copy
(signed) A. Macleod

Major General Abbestei

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

Tranquebar

Honble Sir

I had the honor, of receiving through Daniel Pilly, your communication relative to the conduct of the Tranquebar Sepoys, on the 22d Instant at Bruhmanga-=alam; and in consequence represented to his Excellency, the Rajah, that you regarded

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required satisfaction for the Insult offered to his Danish Majesty's Government by such proceeding.-

After much conversation on the subject, his Excellency desired me, to acquaint you that he had given Orders for taking possession of the Villages in question; till the Claim, which he has upon it, should be investigated: but finding that the mode he has pursued (though strictly consonant to Eastern custom) is contrary to the established practice, between European Nations; he hereby authorizes me, to apologize in his name for what has happened; and desires that you will consider the whole transaction, and the Orders which occasioned it as utterly annulled. At the same time his Excellency says, that he shall still uphold a Claim, which he has to the possession of the above village, which he will make in due form to your Government in the course of a little time.-

As the Troops employed on this occasion belong to the Honble the English Company, I beg leave to request that

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that they with the two Havildars, may be
set at liberty,- they acted under the Rajah's
Orders, and of course are free from blame.-

I have the honor to be

Tanjore
26 Nov.r 87.-

Honble Sir

&c.-

A true Copy (signed) Alex.r Macleod.

The Board approve the -
Conduct of the Resident at Tanjore in the
Complaint preferred by the Danish Govern.t -
and it is in consequence agreed that this
approbation be communicated to him.-

The Resident's Conduct approved

From the Res.t at Tanjore, requests that a monthly certificate of money, paid into the Treasury at Madras, on account of the Rajah, may be regularly transmitted to him. Encloses Copy of a letter from him to the Deputy Accountant respecting a Bill carried to the Rajah's Debit, drawn by Government in favor of Thom.s Monerow -

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

Honble Sir,

It has not hitherto been
customary for the Resident at Tanjore, to
receive official information of the discharge
of that portion of the Rajah's Bills, which
becomes

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becomes payable every month at the Residency: from the want of such intimation, I have nothing to guide me, in drawing out an account, between his Excellency, and the Honble Company: but the assurance of his Minister, that particular sums have been paid at Madras - four thousand one hundred, and seventy six Pagodas, the Balance of the Rajah's account, remains still due from him at Madras - I understood from the Minister that it had been paid. I trust therefore, Honble Sir, you will approve of the request, which I do myself the honor to make; that the proper Officer, may be directed to transmit to me, on the 20th of every month, a Certificate of money, actually paid into the Treasury on account of his Excellency the Rajah -

I beg leave to refer you, Honble Sir, to the enclosed Copy of a Letter from me, to the Deputy Accountant, on the subject of a Bill, drawn by the Madras Government on the Honble Court of Directors, in favor of Monsieur Monneron for Pagodas 9,810, placed to the Rajah's debit.

No -

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No trace of that Sum, appearing on the Books of this Residency, which balance exactly without it, and the Minister declaring himself totally ignorant of the transaction. I beg leave to request your Orders on the Subject.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect. Honble Sir &c

Tanjore 29th Novr. 1787. (signed) Alexr. Macleod

Robert Woolf Esqr

Deputy Accountant

Fort St. George

Sir

I have had the honor of your Letter dated 20th Instant, enclosing Copy of the Rajahs Account Current, with the Honble Company, commencing 30th September 1785, and ending 3rd November 1787, with an Account, also from the Treasury Journal, shewing what had been actually paid by his

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his Excellency at Madras.-

The above Account Current states, that on the 3rd November, a balance was due from the Rajah to the Company, of twenty six thousand, nine hundred, and forty one Pagodas, nineteen fanams, and eight Cash (Pag.s 26,941..19-8).-

My Letter dated 8th Instant, of which, you acknowledge the receipt in Yours of the 20th, informed you that between the 1st and 8th November, I had received at Tanjore, twelve thousand, nine hundred, and fifty five Pag.s seventeen fanams (12,955..17).-

I observe by the Account Current, that the Rajah is debited at the Presidency in July last, for nine thousand, eight hundred, and ten Pagodas (9810 Pags) being the amount of a Bill of Exchange, drawn on the Honble the Court of Directors, in favor of Monsieur Monneron..

After the most minute examination, into the books of this Residency I cannot find in the Accounts of this, or any former year, a trace of such a sum

obtained

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placed to the Rajah's Debit, so far from it that the Books balance exactly without it.—

I applied to the Rajah's — Minister, on the subject, who having employed two days, in inspecting the Circar accounts, declared that he knew nothing of the — matter.— I shall therefore be glad to receive some explanation, upon the above point.—

Exclusive of the amount of Monsieur Monneron's Bill, the Rajah has paid every thing due to the Honble Company, — except Pagodas, 4,176. 33-8, which, I understood from the Minister had been paid at Madras, as will appear from the following, Statement.—

Due for Current Subsidy, and Arrears of Subsidy from November 1786 to September 1787 ——— Pagodas 5,85,823.40-8

Actually paid at Madras ——— 4,14,000.—.—

Received at Tanjore by Mr. Hudleston — 46,000 ———

Do — by Mr. Macleod 1,21,647-17.—

Pagodas 5,81,647-17.—

Tanjore 29th Novr 1787. } Balance due at Madras Pagodas 4,176.33.8

I have the honor to be &c.

a true Copy (signed) A. Macleod

614.8

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Agreed that the Clerk to the Committee of Treasury be directed to transmit a monthly Account, agreeably to the request of the Resident at Tanjore

Minute thereon

With respect to the Bills -

Do.

drawn, in favor of Mr. Monckton, it is agreed, that an Extract, of the General Letter from the Court of Directors, on this subject, be sent to the Resident at Tanjore.-

2th December 1787.

State of his Highness — payments on account of the November Kist.

The President informs the Board, that his Highness the Nabob, has paid into the Treasury, on account of the Kist, of three Lacks, due 30th November last, the sum of Pagodas 1,38,000, only.-

The President, has not received, any account, of the Sums paid by his Highness, in part of this Kist, at Trichinopoly, Madura, or Palamcotah.-

Arch: Campbell

William Farrington.

John Holland

R. Maunsell

Ja. W. Casamajor

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Diary Consultation 11th December

December 6th Sent the following Letters to the Resident at Tanjore.-

To the Resident at Tanjore. Approving his Conduct in the reference made to him by the Governor and Council at Trangueber.-

To Alexander Macleod Esqr Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed, by the Board, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated the 28th Ultimo, and to inform you that they approve, your proceedings on the subject of the reference, made to you, by the Governor & Council at Trangue bar.-

I am
Sir &c

Fort St George
5th Decr 1787.-

(signed) John Chamier
Mily Secy.-

"To the Resident at Tanjore, an account of money received here on account of the Rajah of Tanjore will be transmitted to him monthly. An Extract of a Letter from the

To Alexander Macleod Esqr Resident at Tanjore

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 29th Ult. I am directed by the Board to inform you

you

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the Court of Directors, relative to a Bill drawn in favor of Mons.r Monneron enclosed

6 you, that the Clerk to the Committee of Treasury, will be instructed, to transmit to you monthly, an account of money received here, on account of his Excellency, the Rajah of Tanjore.

With respect, to the Bills drawn, upon the Court of Directors, in favor of Mr. Monneron, and carried to the debit of the Rajah, I am directed to inform you, that this measure, was in consequence of the Orders of the Court of Directors, in their Letter, under date the 16th Ult.o last, of which an Extract is enclosed.

I am Sir &c.a

Fort St. George
6th Dec.r 1787.

(signed) John Chamier
Mily Secy

Fort St. George 11th December 1787

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

President

Tuesday
11th Decr
1787

John Holland, James Henry Casamaijor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.

The President lays before the
Board the following Letter addressed to him
by the Resident at Poona.—

From the Resident at Poona. Poona retaken from the Mahratters enclosures extracts of Letters from the British Ambassador at the Porte, stating the Probability, of a general War in Europe. The Poona Govt are backward in their resentment in Tippoo's preparing himself at the Port,

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Enclosed, I have the honor
to present you, duplicate of my last addres
of the 6th Instant.— The papers that I have
since

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and District of Vellore

since seen, do not mention the departure of the Squadron under Commodore Gower, but that it was in readiness to sail for India.. The Pacha of Bagdad has retaken Bussora from the Arabs..

I take the liberty of enclosing some Extracts of Letters from the British Ambassador at the Porte, to the Company's Resident at Bussora, furnished me by the Government of Bombay..

On the 13th I had the honor of yours of the 16th October, and beg you to accept my thanks for the very pleasing, and interesting communication, it contains, of the friendly, and candid line of conduct, adopted by Monsieur de Conway; which under the circumstances, of his high station, and late departure from France, must undoubtedly be received as an indication of the real disposition of his Court.- I shall use your intelligence, as occasion may offer, to counteract those ideas, which Mr. Montigny has so industriously disseminated, of an approaching War. The persuasion of which, has greatly gained ground here, since the arrival of the Scorpion at Bombay, and I observe, from Mr

Montigny

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Montigny, - inasmuch that I have received particular enquiries on the subject from the Minister, and in my replies have taken advantage of your communications to persuade him of the little foundation there is for such Reports, and which the European Papers, I have seen give very little ground for. -

Tippoo's late Movements on the S.E. Frontier it seems have been confined to the Kistna District, of which he has taken entire possession, and this Government shew no disposition to an early Resentment of his conduct, or to the adoption of any other active, or expensive measures, so that notwithstanding the Exigency of Scindia's affairs in the North, Ally Bahauder's preparations for reinforcing are not in greater forwardness than when he first entered his Tent, and if he moves at all during the present season, for Action, I am much inclined to think it will be more a motion of Eclat, than of execution. - Reports are circulated in Town of Tippoo's having assumed the Insignia of Eastern Royalty, but I cannot trace them to any Authentick source. -

Monsieur

654 Fort St. George 18th December 1787

Monsieur Montigny expects to proceed on his return to Pondicherry in about a month.

I have the honor to be with Respect Monsieur Votre &c

Poona 17 Novr. 1787. (Signed) B. W. Malet

Copy of a Letter from, and Extracts of Letters from His Excellency Sir Robert Ainslie dated the 17th & 21st August, and 4th September, and received in Busora the 8th October 1787.

Copy

To Samuel Manesty Esqr.

British Agent at Busora

Sir

The so much apprehended rupture between Russia, and the Porte has at last taken place, most probably when least expected, and yesterday morning at eleven O'Clock the Russian Envoy, his Secretary, and his two principal Interpreters after a public Audience of the grand Vizier were conducted to the seven Towers, but no other indignity, or insult whatever was shewn to these Gentlemen, nor the

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The Envoys Suite, who were sent back to the Russian Palace, with Guards for their more effectual protection, and I am confident that no further severities will be exercised against that Mission.—

After such a step taken in consequence of the unsuccessful negociations for the preservation of peace it cannot be doubted that the Porte has adopted a fixed Resolution to prosecute War against Russia.—

Have no time in giving you the earliest information of an event so highly important to the Interests of Trade, in order it may be immediately communicated to all his — Majesty's Subjects in the Extent of your — Jurisdiction, together with whatever Instructions you may think it expedient to issue for their greatest security, Tranquillity, and Commercial Advantages.—

I can only add that his Majesty's Mission was in no manner mixed in those unsuccessful Negociations, which were solely conducted by the French, and German Ministers; and that the latter has obtained the Guidance of the Affairs, and Subjects of Russia.— I have the honor to be with the greatest truth, Sir &c (Signed) R. Ainslie

Extracts.

654 Fort St. George 8th December 1787

Monsieur Montigny expects to proceed on his Return to Pondicherry in about a month.—

I have the honor to be with Respect Monsieur &c—

(signed) C. M. Malet

Poona 17 Novr. 1787.

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British Agent at Bussora

Sir

The so much apprehended rupture between Russia, and the Porte has at last taken place, most probably when least expected, and yesterday morning at eleven O'Clock the Russian Envoy, his Secretary, and his two principal Interpreters after a public audience of the grand Vizier were conducted to the seven Towers, but no other indignity, or insult whatever was shewn to these Gentlemen, nor the

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The Envoys Suite, who were sent back to the Russian Palace, with Guards for their more effectual protection, and I am confident that no further severities will be exercised against that Mission.—

After such a step taken in consequence of the unsuccessful negociations for the preservation of peace it cannot be doubted that the Porte has adopted a fixed Resolution to prosecute War against Russia.—

Have no time in giving you the earliest information of an event so highly important to the Interests of Trade, in order it may be immediately communicated to all his Majesty's Subjects in the Extent of your Jurisdiction, together with whatever Instructions you may think it expedient to issue for their greatest security, Tranquillity, and Commercial Advantages.—

I can only add that his Majesty's Mission was in no manner mixed in those unsuccessful Negociations, which were solely conducted by the French, and German Ministers; and that the latter has obtained the Guidance of the Affairs, and Subjects of Russia.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest truth, Sir &c. (Signed) R. Ainslie

Extracts.

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Extracts

From the Letter dated the 21st. August

"That a moment from my
"occupations, dictated by the important Affairs
"now in agitation, to inform you that War is
"absolutely determined: that the Court of Vienna
"has lost all Credit here - that all the Claims of
"that Minister have been rejected by the Porte,
"who permits no interference between her, and
"the Subjects of Russia, (who are nevertheless -
"treated with the greatest tenderness & humanity), and
"that we soon expect to hear of some important
"Stroke towards Cherson, & Crimea, who are, from
"all Accounts, but ill prepared to receive the
"Turks..

"The Dutch, or rather the Hollanders
"have at last provoked his Prussian Majesty to
"declare War in favor of the Stadholder, Sixty
"Thousand Prussians are collecting on the Frontiers
"of Gueldersland - judge of the critical situation
"of that Republick - God grant all may be
"settled without involving us in serious Disputes
"with France..

Extracts from my Letter dated 4th Sept.

"All foreign News worth
"mentioning is contained in the foreign
"Gazetes - It is still hoped, and much to be
wished

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"wished that the disturbances in Holland with
"be accounted in favor of the Statholder, without
"involving us in War with France. The Emperor
"has his hands full in Flanders, and not a
"little perplexed how to recover his last
"influence in Germany - Here his Imperial
"and that of Venice have lost all Credit.-

"The situation of Russia with
"respect to the Porte is by no means favorable,
"and we daily expect to learn that the Ottoman
"Troops on the Frontiers have in conjunction
"with their Fleet in the Black Sea operated
"some important stroke towards Crimea, or
"the Boristhenees.-

True Copies, & Extracts
(signed) Samuel Mayerty

True Copies
(signed) William Page
Secy.

True Copy
(Signed) C.W. Malet.-

The President lays before the
Board two Letters received from Tippoo Sultaun,
and the Rajah of Travancore as entered in
Country Correspondence Nos. 96. 97.

From

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland, James Henry Casamaijor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Wednesday 12th December 1787

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.-

Read the following Letter from

Bombay.-

From Bombay - with Articles of intelligence on the State of public affairs in Europe. The Garrison of Tellicherry encreased.-

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.-

Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

On the 6th Instant we received a Packet to your address from the Honble the Court of Directors via Bassora, which we have no time in forwarding.-

We think it necessary you should

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should be apprized of the very critical state of Publick Affairs in Europe, and therefore transmit you Copies of Sundry Articles of Intelligence communicated by the British Ambassador at Ottoman Porte to the Resident at Bussora, and it is also our intention to send an Express Vessel to the Straights of Sunday with the interesting particulars, in order to put the returning China Ships on their guard in case of Affairs taking a serious turn with — respect to great Britain.-

We understand you have been advised by the King of Travancore of his apprehensions from the designs of Tippoo, and of the latter's having meditated some hostile intentions towards the English East India — Company's possessions. The accounts however lately received from Poona, which announce his having seized the Mahratta Fortress of Kittoor in the vicinity of Goa encourage us to hope that objects less inimical — towards us will feed his ambition for the present.-

As it will doubtless be acceptable to you to be informed through the most expeditious Channel of his operations; and intrigues on this Coast, we have instructed the Chief Factors at Tellicherry to afford you every

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every information that may be obtained from that Quarter - We have judged it expedient in order to be prepared against any projected insult to encrease that Garrison by an — additional Battalion of Sepoys, and in consequence of the Governor General having lately recommended to us a pointed attention to our Marine, we have resolved to augment its strength by fitting up the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes as a Ship of War on the Establishment.

We remain Gentlemen

&c.a

Bombay Castle
Pol: & St: Department
8th Decr 1787.

(signed) W. Bodham
A. Ramsay
R. Sparkes.

Note. The Articles of intelligence alluded to in the foregoing Letter were entered in the last Consultation.

The Packet from Bussora being opened is found to contain the following Letter from the Resident at that place, giving Cover to a Packet from the Court of Directors.

A Packet from the Court of Directors enclosed in a Letter

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The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell
Bart.

Letter from the Resident at Busora - states the commencement of Hostilities between the Ottoman and Russian Empires - The King of Prussia declares in favor of the Statholder.

Honble Sir

I have the honor to enclose a duplicate of my last address, dated 18th Sept.r and to transmit a continuation of the Leyden Gazettes. - The late intelligence from Europe is very interesting - you will in part observe the nature of it from the Gazettes - His Excellency Sir Robert Ainslie, His Majesty's Ambassador at the Porte, informs me that on the 16th August the Ottoman Emperor declared War against the Empress of Russia, by giving orders for the immediate confinement in the Castles of the seven Towers at Constantinople, of the Russian Envoy, and of his two principal — Secretaries, and that after such a step, taken in consequence of the unsuccessful — negociations for the preservation of Peace, it cannot be doubted that the Porte has adopted a fixed Resolution to prosecute War against — Russia - Sir Robert Ainslie adds. "We soon — "expect to hear of some important Stroke "towards Cherson, and the Crimea, which are "now Accounts but ill prepared to receive

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"the Turks."

In another Letter, Sir Robert Ainslie writes, "the Dutch, or rather the "Hollanders have at last provoked his Prussian "Majesty to declare War in favor of the "Statholder. Sixty thousand Prussians are "collecting on the Frontiers of Guelderland. judge "of the critical situation of that Republic. God "grant all may be settled without involving "us in Persian disputes with France" The "Emperor has his Hands full in Flanders, and "is not a little perplexed how to recover his "lost influence in Germany."

Private Letters from England, Constantinople, and Aleppo, mention the serious fear that is entertained, that the present political state of Europe may lead to a general War.

I am extremely happy that the Scorpion Snow is here, to afford a conveyance of this interesting intelligence to India: She now departs for Bombay, with duplicate public Packets, for the three Presidencies in India; which I had the honor to receive on the 8th Inst. by express Messenger from Aleppo. I have the honor &c - &c -

Bussora 11th Octr. 1787. (signed) Samuel Manesty

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The Packet from the Court of Directors is now opened, and contains — Duplicate of the Dispatches dated the 30th May, and Transcript of a Letter to the Bengal Government dated 8th June last.

Contents of the Packet from the Court of Directors.—

Ordered, That the Letters received this day be immediately copied, and transmitted to the Secretary to the Bengal Government, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General, and Council.

Copies to be sent to Bengal.

Wm Farrington

Ed. Gwatkin Marston
Gt

Archd. Campbell

John Dollond

Jas. W. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

Diary

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December 12th

Sent the following Letter to the Secretary General at Fort William

To the Secretary General at Fort William, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bombay with a Packet from the Court of Directors.

To Edward Hay Esqr
Secretary General to the Government
at Fort William

Sir

I am directed by the Board, to enclose for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, Copy of a dispatch this day received from Bombay, with copy of a Letter which was enclosed in a Packet from the Court of Directors forwarded viâ Bussorah.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.

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12th Decr 1787.

(Signed) John Chamier
Secretary

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday

18th Decr 1787 James Henry Casamajor & Robert Inverarity

Esqrs

(Mr Holland indisposed.)

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.-

Read the following Letter

from the Resident at Tanjore.-

From the Resident at Tanjore. states the bad Consequences likely to result from the mismanagement of the Rajahs affairs by his Vakeel, and suggests a plan by which he offers to become personally responsible, for the whole amount of the Company's demand upon the Tanjore Country.-

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

&c &c &c

Fort St George

Honble Sir

Having hitherto entertained some hopes that the very serious representations, which I have repeatedly made, to his Excellency, the Rajah, on the prospect of Affairs in his Country would have been attended with

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the desired success, and having relied on his Excellency's assurances, tell I find myself forced entirely to abandon those hopes, I now do myself the honor, of bringing forward to your consideration, a statement of facts, relative to this Country, which is the Result of the most diligent, and deliberate enquiry, and observation.

With infinite Regret, and concern, I find that my duty to the Honble Company requires me to remark publickly on the conduct pursued by his Excellency the Rajah; and to declare that he pays not the smallest regard, either to the Welfare of his Subjects, to the Honble Company's Interest, or to his own dignity. Through the interpretation of the Rev.d Mr. Swartz, I have used the most painted language, endeavouring to cause him to a sense of his situation, and of the Claims which the Company, and his Subjects have upon him.

These Representations — being completely ineffectual, have convinced both Mr. Swartz, and myself

That

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That nothing but the fear of forfeiting the Honble Company's friendship, and protection, impressed on his mind, by more forcible Remonstrances, than I am, at present, authorized to make, can induce his Excellency to change his present erroneous, and disgraceful System. - It is also to be lamented, that while the Rajah is sunk in Indolence, and involved in expence, his Minister, instead of endeavouring to close his proceedings, encourages a continuance of them, in order to ingratiate himself with his Excellency.

The Office of Sirkeel, or Minister, involving a most complicated, and extensive superintendance, patronage, and Contract, requires a Man of consummate experience, in detail of the Revenue branch, and of the greatest abilities, activity, steadiness, and diligence. - In fact, a Sirkeel is the absolute Governor of the Country, and upon his ability, and integrity (as far as internal causes affect it) its whole prosperity depends. The present Sirkeel is remarkable for the reverse

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Reverse of all these qualifications. he has neither Ability, experience, nor inclination to content, or rectify abuses - even to those Abuses which have been specifically pointed out to him, he has paid no attention. his want of steadiness to engagements renders him the dupe of designing Advisers; and his want of Respectability has drawn upon his conduct the Ridicule of most of the considerable Natives in the Country.

As it is a particular Duty of my Office, to give notice of every transaction which may prevent the complete payment of the Rajahs Visits to the Honble Company, I must observe that the principal and Interest of a Loan made by Soubaroy a Sowcar, to his Excellency, amounting to more than a Lack of Pagodas, is to be discharged out of the current Revenue of this Year.

Should this Payment take effect, a deficiency equal to the amount of the payment must happen in the Honble Company's Receipts, and although from

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from a failure to ascertain annually, on the part of the Rajah, the Company are entitled to superintend, and secure a — collection, according to the terms of the late Treaty, yet that power would be of no avail, as the Country could not furnish such an encrease of Revenue.—

If the Rajah, is in a condition to prevent a loss to the Company by Sums drawn from any Private Treasury he may have, it would be better for him to discharge Sombaya's Loan in that manner.—

The security given for this Loan, (at first understood to be a Sunnud on Combaconum, Mannargoady, and Poonamallee; but, instead of this the Rajah has been induced to deliver over these three Sunnuds into the Hands of an individual (the Agent on account of the Loan) by giving him Orders upon the Inhabitants for different Sums — payable between the 1st & 10th of every month — the Inhabitants on whom the Orders

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Orders are granted, give written obligations to the Agent, by which means they become his private Debtors.—

Some of these Orders are given for money growing due on account of the Car. Crop, now reaping; but other Orders of the same Tenor, and Date, but on account of the Pethanam Crop, and to the amount of a Lac of Chuckrums have been granted to the same persons.

The Pethanum is reaped in February, and March. An Interest commences on all the Orders not discharged between the 1st & 10th of January next. Of course the Inhabitants must be deprived of the Interest, which (is seldom less than 3 ℔ Cent ℔ Month) on one Lac of Chuckrums for a month, and half. For the Circar do not begin to make any considerable collections, on account of the Pethanum Crop 'till the end of February. Exclusive of the mischief arising from the imposition of

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Burthens on the Inhabitants the measure of giving such an influence to an Individual, is pregnant with the worst consequences, and adds one to the many instances, of indiscretion in the Rajah's Ministers.

The Honble Company,

having so great an Interest in the welfare of this Country, I am led to hope that some proper interference may be speedily adopted, for securing their Property in it - The present system pursued by the Rajah, must end in his Ruin - The Remedy for these evils, to be effectual, must be speedy - My assertions - respecting the Rajah, and his Ministers are the Result of deliberate investigation, and mature reflection, and I can support them by adducing the particular instances on which they are founded -

The accompanying Statement, which from the most accurate, and circumstantial enquiry, I am convinced is by no means extenuated, will enable you, Sir, to judge of the aforesaid

Effects

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effects which must unavoidably result from a continuation of the present impolitic System of Government.

To ensure an efficient administration of affairs in this Country, the Inhabitants ought to be impressed with an idea of the Rajahs Dignity, through the medium of his Servants respectability.

There are two Men, either of whom are qualified to fill the Office of Sirkeel in such a Manner as to retrieve the Country from its present situation.

Unless the present system shall be changed, the Honble Company, cannot receive (even supposing Sambrey's Loan discharged from other Funds) the six Lacks, twenty thousand Pagodas due by the late Treaty.

But if the Rajah shall be induced to listen effectually to my advice, if the Government of Madras will give me such Passport as they may think themselves authorized to afford, I will pledge myself

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myself that the whole amount of the Honble Company's demand on the Tanjore Country (Star Pagodas 6,70,000) shall be punctually paid as stipulated in the late Treaty, and I will give sufficient security for the performance of the engagement.—

Supposing the Country well governed, a considerable overplus will remain. It is impossible at present to ascertain the specific Sum to which that will amount, but whatever it may be, I will engage under a proper penalty, that it shall be applied no otherwise than to the Rajah's use, and benefit.— I have now only to add, Honble Sir, that any explanations which you may do me the Honor to require, I am ready to transmit, and beg leave to repeat my earnest request, that any Resolutions to be entered into concerning this Country, may receive their full, and beneficial effect by a timely adoption:

I have the honor to be with great respect. Honble Sir &c.

Tanjore 5th Decr 1787 (Signed) Alex Read

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Statement

Estimate of the Revenue of the current Year
under the Present Administration Chuc^{rs} 15,11,250

Upon which are the following Claims
acknowledged by the Circar.—

Principal and Interest of the		
Loan — — — — — —	3,10,000	
The Company's Claim	16,75,000	19,85,000

During the last six Months the
Rajah disbursed in unnecessary and
superstitious Expences 1,80,000 Chuckrums
of which drawn from the Revenue
of the Current Year — — — — — — 80,000

Total Claimes Chuckrums 20,65,000

Excess of Claimes above the Revenue. 5,23,750

N. B. In this Statement no Allowance is
made for the Rajahs unnecessary & superstitious
Expences for the next six months; which if
restrained it may be reasonably presumed
will not be much inferior to the last.—

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Estimate of the Revenue of the Current Year if the Country is properly managed ——————— } Chuckrums 19,00,000

From which the following — deductions are to be made.

Actually received on account of the Loan exclusive of the Orders ——————— 67,000

Disbursed by his — Excellency in — unnecessary and superstitious expences 80,000 — 1,47,000

The Company's Claims ——— 16,75,000

Total Claims & Deductions ——— 18,22,000

Excess of Revenue Chuckrums 78,000

E. E.

(signed) Alex Macleod

18th December 1787

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Minute thereon

The Board having taken the foregoing into consideration, agree that the following Letter be sent to the Resident at Tanjore by the Secretary.

To the Resident at Tanjore in Reply.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Board, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 5th Instant, and to inform you, that they approve your making Representations to the Rajah whenever any bad consequences may be expected to result from the mismanagement of his affairs, by his Servants. They also approve your reporting to them the effect of such representations, and referring to them for further instructions, in case remedies are not applied to the existing Evils.

Having expressed their approbation as above, they are sorry they cannot extend it to the proposition

contained

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contained in the latter part of your Letter;
wherein you suggest a plan by which
you offer to make yourself personally
responsible for the whole amount of the
Honble Company's Demand upon the
Tanjore Country. - Such a system is
absolutely incompatible with the Duties of a
Resident, whose particular province it is to
watch over the conduct of the Rajah, and
his Ministry, with the view of guarding the
people from oppression, and securing the
performance of his Excellency's engagements
with this Government.

I am further to remark
to you, that as the Rajah is not at present
in Arrears to the Honble Company there is not
cause to justify the extensive interference in
his affairs, which you have recommended.

The President will shortly
address the Rajah on the points which relate
to the mismanagement of his affairs, by this
Conduct, and the inattention to justice which
exists to the great prejudice, and oppression of
his Subjects. I am Sir &c

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Sec.

Read

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Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in the Country Correspondence No. 99) stating that he has enclosed Bills for 26,000 Pagodas, which completes his November Payment.— Requesting the President will pay no attention to the misrepresentations of those who are ill inclined towards him; and repeating the most positive assurances that the happiness of his people, and the Welfare of his Kingdom, are objects to which his utmost care is directed.—

Resolved that the Bills be sent for acceptance

Wm Farrington

Ed Gwl

Archd Campbell

John Holland

Jas Abercromby

R Maunsell

Diary

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Diary to Consultation

24th December.-

December 20th Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident at Poona.-

To the Resident at Poona. His negotiations with Poona very satisfactory. No prospect of an immediate rupture with France.-

To C. W. Malet Esqr

Resident at Poona

Sir,

My last address to you was dated the 8th November, since which I have received your Letters of the 2nd 10th & 17th November, and their several Enclosures.- The first of these brought Copy of your Letter to the Right Honble Governor General of the 31st October, containing a very interesting and important account of your discussions with Nana in the course of which you have manifested and exact of address, and good conduct that gives me great pleasure, and I think cannot fail to prove very satisfactory to the Bengal Government.-

The advantage you obtained by drawing propositions from the Poona Government, instead of making them yourself

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20 is an essential point gained, and has given time for your procuring the sentiments of the Bengal Government on the whole of the negotiation, in the most ample manner that could be wished. The change of appearances in Tippoo's conduct towards us has prevented any inconvenience from the delay, and we shall become daily more and more prepared, to repel any efforts of his, to disturb our repose.

You have replied to fully to the Supreme Government, and have brought forward every circumstance that appears to me to require consideration, so completely under their view that I have nothing new to suggest. We shall patiently wait the Result of the negotiations, in the fullest confidence, that every thing will be done that can possibly accomplish the objects in contemplation.

I am much obliged, by your attention in sending me the Extracts you had received of Intelligence from Europe, which I have every reason to believe genuine, as far as relates to the disturbances in Holland. The part the King of Prussia is disposed to take

in

20. in these differences, and the declaration of hostilities between Russia, and the Porte, are important events: but I have the best reason to think that there was no foundation for the report which had reached you of an English fleet having sailed for the East-Indies, or of the French having sent a naval force to this Country either secretly or openly.-

A forged London Gazette had been circulated on the Continent, giving an account of an armament having proceeded from Portsmouth to the Coast of Holland, and it is possible that this Gazette has misled people to believe a rupture must happen, between the Court of London, and Paris: but we have Letters from London, of the 3rd August, which mention our being to that period freed from any concern in the troubles on the Continent, and to hope we will continue.-

The best understanding subsists between this Government, and that of Pondicherry, so that you may safely contradict any insinuations of Mr Montgomy, that may be of a different tendency.-

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20 The Nizam, and Tipsoo continue to exchange marks of great Cordiality - Harcarahs are passing constantly between Seringapatam, and Hydrabad which could not happen without some material object - from every information I can learn Tipsoo is endeavouring to form a connexion with the Soubah through the medium of Intermarriages of some of his family to the relations of the Soubah - I am with great esteem

Sir &c

(Signed) Arch: Campbell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President.

Monday
24th Dec.r
1787

John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.-

Read the following Letter from

the Committee of the Nabob's Creditors -

From the Committee of the Nabob's Creditors, requesting that Orders may be issued for the payment of the proportion of the 12 Lacks now remaining due -

To the Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President, and Governor in Council

Honble Sir

As the present year is nearly expired, and we understand the Nabob has completed the payment of the twelve Lacks for the Year 1786, we beg leave in the most respectful manner to request that your Honor &c will be pleased to issue Orders for the payment of the proportion

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proportion of such twelve Lacks now remaining due to the individual Creditors.-

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

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John Turing
James Taylor
Paul Benfield
Edw.d John Holland
Geo. Monbray
Tho.s Lewin

Signed

Ordered to lie on the Table.-

To lie on the Table.-

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.-

From the Resident at Tanjore, explanatory of the sentiments expressed in his former Letter of his not being responsible for the Company's share of the Revenues of Tanjore.-

The Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.-
Governor &c.
Fort St George

Honble Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 15th Instant, and am happy in being assured, that you approve of my Conduct in making the representations relative

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relative to the State of Affairs here, contained
in my Letter of the 5th.

At the same time I am
interested with the deepest regret to find that
that the approbation does not extend itself
to every point, which I have offered to your
consideration; and your censure of what I
thought perfectly just, makes me enter on any
explanation with particular diffidence.

Lest I should not have
expressed myself with so much perspicuity
as the subject of my Letter required, I —
intimated a Wish, in the latter part of it, to
transmit such explanations as might be
necessary. I was persuaded, that my
Statement of the Tanjore Affairs was within
the Line of my duty, and I did not conceive
that the Remedy, which I pointed out for the
existing evils could be deemed a transgression
of it. You very justly observe, Honble
Sir, that there is no failure on the part of
the part of the Rajah in the performance
of his engagements of sufficient —
magnitude

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magnitude to warrant the extensive interference in the management of his affairs which I have recommended.

A prospect of failure on the part of the Rajah, whether caused by the Cruelty, or by the imbecility of a Minister, may be looked on as equally detrimental to the Company's concerns; and it occurred to me, Honble Sir, that you might recommend the choice of a good Minister, as you had done the dismission of a bad one, more especially, when it is evident, that the present Rajahs judgement in the selection of his Servants appears to require assistance.

With respect to the Men whom I represented as qualified to fill the Office of Sirkeel Dumash, and to disclaim every idea of my interference in recommending them to the Rajah directly, or indirectly.

I had made it my endeavour, to become acquainted with the Character of the principal men here; and in this point have often consulted Mr. Swartz; in the present case, we agreed, that the two Men alluded to

were

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were the only persons competent to discharge the duties of Surveyor: and my sole intention was to have stated the particular merits of both, (shewing the Reasons for my opinion) in order that your Honble Sir, might, if you thought it proper recommend them both to his Excellency's notice, as Servants of whome you heard a good Character-

Convinced as I was, of the Evil inseperable from the present Administration of Government, and the necessity of a speedy application of some means, likely to ward it off, I suggested the observation regarding the Dues, not thinking that by so doing, I stepped beyond the line of my Publick Duty-

I am well aware, that as Resident at the Durbar of the King of Tanjore, it is not my province to propose measures, which may tend to lower his dignity, by an interference, either in the choice of his Servants, or the collection of his Revenues. much less to become personally responsible, for the performance of his engagements to the Company: and I have accordingly asked for no interference but what Government may

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may think themselves authorized to grant a very slight interference would enable me to secure the first payment of the Company's money. Let the Rajah, and his Ministers be convinced that the Company's President has the full confidence of your Government; and that desireable end is at once attained. I mean not by this to imply an idea, that his Excellency should believe I am to be supported right, or wrong - far from it - but I wish, if he ever complains of my Conduct in any degree, that such complaint may be made in writing; and I shall esteem it as a favor if I am allowed to have a Copy of the original Letter, that his allegations may be answered; for otherwise it is in the power of the Vackeel with a view of recommending himself by flattering his Master's vanity, to give him a wrong idea of the impression his complaint makes at Madras. The Vacqueel's account, is a Law to the Rajah; who without further consideration neglects my Advice entirely.

With regard to my proposition of securing the Company's share of the Revenue, for this Year, I am extremely concerned

concerned to find that you, Honble Sir, should think it unwarrantable in every point of view - yet Hope you will at least consider it as a collateral proof of my conviction that an alteration of measures would enable the Rajah to fulfill his Treaty: and it must appear a self-evident fact that I should feel more satisfaction in seeing the Company's Rights realized without such a responsibility, than with it.

From my residence at Tanjore the conduct of its Rulers is more continually, and forcibly impressed on my mind, than it can possibly be on the Notice of Gentlemen at Madras - and, if at this Crisis, I have given opinions which are deemed incompatible with the duties of my station, it was with a view to point out the readiest way to secure the Company's property, and Rectitude of intention affords some degree of Consolation for the censure of an imputed error of judgment. I shall be particularly attentive, Honble Sir, to the line you have pointed out for me in the conclusion of

your

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your Letter.

My Letter of the 5th Instant being before the Board, has, no doubt given rise to the same sentiments in the Gentlemen of the Council, which you have expressed relative to my Conduct. I beg leave to request therefore, that you will have the goodness to lay before them the parts of this Address, which I have given as explanatory of the motives that induced me to act in the manner I have done.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Gentle Sir &c &c

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

18th December 1787.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nizam (entered in Country Correspondence No 100) acknowledging the receipt of the Presents sent by Earl Cornwallis, and forwarding a Khelat to be sent to his Lordship.

Substance of a Letter from the Nizam.

Forbes Campbell

John Hollond

Lt. Col. Casamayor

William Harington
Sec.y Gov.t

R. Maunsell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell Knt.

President.

Friday 28th December 1787

John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

read, and approved.-

The President lays before the Board the following Copy of a Letter to Earl Cornwallis from Mr. Malet, which his Lordship sent to Sir Archibald Campbell.

(Duplicate)

To the Right Honble

Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General

Fort William

My Lord

From Mr. Malet to

I have now the honor to

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to the Governor General - states the affairs in agitation for the re-establishment of the Confederation - favour in the North - gives his reasons for believing that the Poona Government will not acquiesce in the arrangement to be proposed by him, in the event of Tippoo making war against the Company - intends however to put the question to the Minister, and to demand a — Categorical answer

to enclose you duplicate of my last Address of the 8th Instant - Since that time an answer has been dispatched from this Durbar to the King's Letter, and instructions have been given to the person through whom the correspondence is carried on to keep it secret from Madjee Scindia - I have not been able to learn the contents of the King's Letter, or the Peshwa's answer.

A reply to my demand of satisfaction for the mal-treatment of my Copies rests on the answers to the Letters dispatched by the Minister to the places where he was stopped, and confined, and which are not yet arrived.

From some intimations I have received from the Minister that the seizure of Bitnor by Tippoo's troops is not an absolute breach of the late Treaty, it seems evident that he means if possible to avoid the renewal of hostilities, in doing which he is driven to the necessity of covering the weakness of the State by justifying Tippoo's Conduct, thereby casting the severest Censures on his own measures. A Brahmin Politician will gladly submit to the imputation of Chicane to avoid the —

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appearance of weakness, but unfortunately the Minister has discovered both on the present occasion. Lisboa has established his Throne as in several other places in the District of Tritore since the seizure of the Capitah, but with his usual Mockery this is all done in the name of the Dejaz, who is a prisoner in his hands though he should have been delivered on the conclusion of the peace, whence it appears that he absolutely infringed the Treaty in the moment of its conclusion, the object of which infringement is now discovered in a more decided violation of it, while his Agent here is busied in making professions of his Masters friendship, and proving them by an a propos discharge of part of his protracted payment.

Having in consequence of your Lordships Letter to me of the 20th June particularly explained to the Minister your Lordships Censure on the Rejection of the large Elephant you had taken so much pains to procure, I pointedly enquired the Reasons of rejecting him of the persons who brought the presents, and I am concerned to acquaint your Lordship that they differ very widely from those which he assigned

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assigned to you, as mentioned in yours above. The Latter Bekroo Punt having informed me that, on being questioned by Nana, he declared he was so old, and infirm that he could not have got here in the space of a Year, and that added to Age, &c. infirmity he had several other faults. This extraordinary difference in Nana's story to your Lordship, and the Minister in a point so likely to do away the satisfaction your Lordship meant to communicate, has induced me to make it known to you.

I have heard nothing further from the Durbar on the subject of upsetting Scindia since my last address, and have to request that the supposition I made to the application be considered by your Lordship to have arisen on the following consideration. 1st The Letter, and spirit of the thirty fourth Clause of the Act of the twenty fourth of his present Majesty - 2nd Our previous predicament with the King, the Vizier, and Shah Zadda - 3rd The ignorance of what measures these connexions might render necessary - 4th The probability that both Justice, and Policy might

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militate against any solicitude on our part for the reestablishment of the Mahratta power in the North, and last, the recollection that should the actual state of affairs in those parts, of which I cannot be supposed to be accurately informed, dictate any countenance to Scindia, the whole merit of the act might rest with your Lordship, while I have encountered, and endeavoured to blunt the Chagrin, and disappointment. I think it necessary however to acquaint your Lordship that in the course of this discussion I have discovered some apprehensions of the possibility of such countenance being granted to Scindia, independent of the interposition of this Government, the knowledge of which may probably be of service in any future negociations with that Chief.

Since my last, advices Ramchunder Row Appa is returned to Poona with Inhabov Row, who quitted the Command of the Fort of Ahmednagur in disgust

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and who will I suppose be prevailed on to resume his Charge - The Reports of the — enlargement of Morabt are less current than when last I addressed your Lordship -

Ally Behander still remains — encamped without an Army - I am informed that a Mahratta Chief named Eswunt Row has engaged to join him with two thousand Horse, to which the Pittanuddee, an hereditary Dignitary of the Empire, is ordered to add - two thousand more - a thousand are to be added from the Nuzeer, or Household Cavalry - It is probable that Bolcar will be ordered to furnish a small Quota, also the Brothers - Gungadur, and Ballagee, and the Governor of Jansy, with which a Corps, that Ally Behander will demand of his own selection, may probably form a nominal Army of eight, or ten thousand Men, with which he may possibly move from hence in another month, should the State of Affairs in the North leave any hope of the — re establishment of the Mahratta Affairs,

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and at the same time remain so doubtful,
and precarious as to render the reinforcement
necessary to Mhadagee Scindia. From the
extreme weakness of the King, the youth,
and Captivity of Golam Kadir Khan, and the
incapacity of the Vajah of Jeypoor, I confess
it would not at all surprise me to learn that
his Majesty had again thrown himself into
the hands of Scindia, and that he had again
gained that ascendency by the folly, and
discordance of his Antagonists, which he
seems to have lost by an imprudent
reliance on the influence of his reputation.

The great coolness with
which this Government has beheld the
embarrassments of its affairs to the North,
and submitted to the violent conduct of
Tippoo to the South, and the great backwardness
which it still shews to levying Troops, and
the adoption of vigorous measures, convey
to the mind either an idea of that well
found strength, which takes its measures
with confidence, and deliberation, or of that

weakness

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weakness, which endeavours to conceal itself under the veil of forbearance, and circumspection. I am inclined to adopt the latter construction, founded on an observation of the issue of the late War, — and the conclusion which the Minister must have drawn therefrom; that neither his Commanders, nor his Army are equal to enter the Lists against Tippoo, and I am without apprehension that this conclusion may render this Durbar subservient to the views of Tippoo more than is compatible with its own honor, or our Interests. In the mean time the utmost attention of the Minister is directed to the reestablishment of the Finances by reducing expence, and multiplying by every possible mode the sources of collection..

On the 15th Instant I was honored with the Commands of your Right Honble Board, dated the 15th and 23th August.. In the former is signified

their

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their resolution to postpone the intended demand of the Guntoor Circar, and their approbation of the conduct I had pursued with respect to the French negotiations at this Court, and their intention of desiring giving me further instructions on subjects where the intrigues of the French may be concerned, till the arrival of my answer to your Lordship's Letter of the 20th June, and as I did myself the honor to answer it very fully in my Address to the Board, and your Lordship of the 31st August, 2nd September, I shall hope soon to be honoured with the sentiments of your Right Honble Board thereon. In the latter is conveyed their opinion that no negotiation should be entered on relative to the Exchange of Salsette without their Special authority previously obtained, and as the Bombay Government express precisely the same idea in their Letter to me of the 26th June, Copy of which I had the honor to forward

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forward to Calcutta the 12th July, and which I conclude had not been received at the time of the Dispatch of the above Letter, I shall hope soon to receive further instructions on that subject.

On the 16th Instant I was honored with your Lordship's commands of the 29th August enclosed in a Letter from Colonel Harper, dated Allahabad 7th September - supposed as I was of any intelligence in confirmation of that which your Lordship had received of Tippoo's hostile intentions against the Carnatic, and thinking indeed that the late discovery of his designs against Goa and the expulsion of the Forces of this Government from Bidore, amounted to a proof that he could not have any present intention to attack the Company's possessions, thought he might have encouraged such Report to conceal his real designs. I thought it prudent to defer making the proposal suggested by your Lordship, but I seized the opportunity of the arrival of your Lordship's Letter to convey to the Minister in your name, a repetition of the customary

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and friendly intimations conveyed in your Lordship's Letter of the 20th June, concluding that your Lordship's regard to this State, and the accuracy of your intelligence would appear in more lively Colours from the late conduct of Tippoo.

While I was thus influenced by a persuasion that the late conduct of Tippoo towards Goa, and this State amounted to a proof that his views could not be immediately inimical to the Company's possessions, I received on the 23rd a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell, containing an account of some hostile movements of that Prince on the borders of our Ally the Rajah of Travancore; and a detail of other interesting circumstances, which fully explain your Lordship's Commands of the 29th of August, and which with the enclosed papers of intelligence, I have thought proper to submit with this Address to your Lordship's perusal, that the whole of the important matter of which it treats, may (as far as I am capable of making it) meet your Lordship's notice in one point of view.

Your Lordship may

recollect

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recollect that in my address of the 2nd September I requested to be honored with your sentiments with respect to endeavouring to procure similar engagements from this Government to that in which we stand should it be attacked by the joint forces of France and Tippoo. Your Lordship will perceive from the enclosed Copy that Sir Archibald Campbell very reasonably conceiving the accomplishment of such engagement a point of no difficulty, and taking it for granted that thereby the Territories of the Company, and the Mahrattas will be placed in a state of absolute security against an open alliance of the French, and Tippoo, proceeds a step further, and expresses a Hope that in the event of Tippoo invading the Carnatic, or attacking the Allies of the Company without the avowed assistance of France, the Mahrattas will penetrate his Northern Frontier, for which Service they may be liberally compensated by the junction of a Battalion of Europeans a Brigade of Sepoys, with a field and battering Train from Bombay, they paying the expence thereof, and receiving in return all Conquests

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to be made by the united Forces, which might probably amount in the course of one Campaign to sixteen or eighteen Lacks of Pagodas annual Revenue, while the Company would remain free from any necessity of assisting their Confederates in any, a like case—

Subscribing as I most heartily do to the palpable advantages of this arrangement, which I perceive has been honored with your Lordships approbation, I have to express my Hope that the execution may be found as easy as the design is good, and objectable, but as the practical part will necessarily fall to my share, I think it particularly my duty to commence my operations with some explanation of the state of a negotiation, the success of which is so much desired, and so sanguinely expected by Sir Archibald Campbell.

On the 29th November last the disavowal of the former promises of aid to this Government as signified in your Lordships Letters to the Bethora, & myself— dated 27th September, was announced to this Government

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Government, and on the 30th of April as advised in my Address of the 5th May I communicated to him your Lordships resolution to prevent any encroachment on the Mahratta Empire by any combination of the French with Tippoo, as authorized by the Commands of your Lordship in Council dated 26th February.- On the 29th June I communicated to your Lordship the intelligence I had received of the designs of the French in combination with Tippoo, of the instructions their Emissaries had received at the Courts of Poona, and Hydrabad, and of the measures I had taken to counteract them at this, which I am happy to learn by the Boards Letter of the 15th August perfectly corresponded with their wishes, though in the same Letter I expressed my doubts of their effect, which by my Address to your Lordship in Council dated 31st August seem to have been well founded, by the intelligence therein contained that my friendly assurances, and professions had not produced that cordial, and confidential return, which I thought they merited, which intelligence was repeated in my Address to your

Lordship

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Lordship, dated 2nd September, and 3rd of October,
with the addition of an application in the
former to be honoured with your sentiments
with respect to endeavouring to procure a return
for the very important engagement in
which we stood to this Government.- To
all which Letters, as they contain much
matter explanatory of the Grounds, and
disposition of this Court, and tending to elucidate
the point in question, permit me to refer
your Lordship: at the same time acquainting
your Lordship that I advised Sir Archd Campbell
of my doubts of being able to overcome the
repugnance of this Court to a more cordial,
or intimate connexion under date 7th July,
and 27th August.-

Having thus, my Lord, endeavoured
to give you some idea of the difficulties
which present themselves in procuring
from this Government a fair, and equal
engagement in a case of great, and
imminent danger, the causes of which I
must acknowledge myself at a loss to
account for, unless in the predatory &
restless

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restless genius of this Government which is as averse to defensive Alliances, as the equitable Spirit of ours is to offensive ones, or perhaps to the consciousness of inferiority, and want of Commanders, with which, as already observed the issue of the last war may have impressed this Durbar. I shall now proceed to state the Obstacles which I apprehend present themselves to the accomplishment of the second Part of Sir Archibald Campbell's proposition. That in case of Tippoo's singly invading the Carnatic, or attacking its Allies, the Mahrattas should jointly with an English Force from Bombay penetrate the Mysore Country. In the first part of Sir Archibald's proposition relative to equal, and reciprocal aid, no notice is taken of the Aids to be furnished, the terms on which, or the participation, or division of the advantages that may be gained, but in the second, as the Act of Parliament expressly precludes the Directors for entering into a reciprocal engagement, and as good Policy likewise strongly inculcates the expediency of gaining foreign aid if possible & without the smallest embarrassment to our own affairs, Sir Archibald rests the compensation

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which the Mahratta will expect on the —
probable Conquests that will ensue, but I am
much inclined to apprehend that they will
differ in opinion as to the liberality of the
reward. Your Lordship well knows how —
exceedingly chagrined, and dissapointed the
Minister, and this whole Court were on our
late refusal of aid to them in exactly the
same predicament, when we were forced
to justify breach of them, by an observance
of the Treaty with Tippoo. Might I not then
expect on making such a proposal, that
the Minister would with some warmth
reply - Your own Treaties are brought forward
as inviolable when it suits your convenience,
yet when the same convenience urges, you —
scruple not to solicit its gratification at
the expence of your faith. we were actually
distressed, and agreed to pay the expence
of your aid, which you refused. We are at
this moment apprehensive of the depredations
of the same enemy, yet you still refuse, while on a
bare supposition of danger you solicit our —
assistance, with a reservation that we should
pay your Troops for their cooperations with Ours
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fighting your Battles, and make a merit of relinquishing imaginary conquests, as a compensation for the sacrifice of our late pledged faith, and as a recompense for drawing on ourselves all the evil, and expences of War. the only certain advantages of which will be Yours. Those arguments which might be speciously urged with gain strength from the secret pleasure which this Court would certainly feel in seeing two powers reduce themselves in mutual contests, whose dominion in the present State opposes insuperable Barriers to their Passion for depredation, and lust of universal Empire in the East, nor am I without a persuasion that the British power, at having the appearance of greater solidity, and permanence is more obnoxious to this Spirit. On the other hand, were Tippoo actually beat on Hostilities against the Company, and suspected molestation from hence, he would not fail to practice on the fear, and the avarice of this Government to remove all cause of apprehension, and from the present state of its affairs to the North, the ascendancy of this Power to the South, and the well known, and avowed acrimony of the

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Brannins I am inclined to think that his endeavours would not be fruitless, more — especially if it be true, that Nizam Ally Cawn has coalesced in the views of Tippoo.—

Upon this very subject — consideration of the whole subject, arising from your Lordships Commands of the 29th August, & Sir Archibald Campbells — Letter of the 28th September, the intelligence — contained in which, is also corroborated by one received from Governor Boddam the 24th Instt Extract of which is enclosed, I have resolved to apply to this Government for an explicit determination on the line it means to pursue in case of a combination of the French, and Tippoo against the British Empire in — Hindostan, because though it will appear from what has been said that I have no reason to be sanguine of success, yet from the present state of the Mahratta Affairs from the late conduct of Tippoo to the South, which should in Policy incline this Government to be careful of forfeiting all expectations of our aid, by refusing theirs from the greater weight of an application not dictated by

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absolute necessity from the consideration, that should the Raja of Travancore be attacked, this Government being thereby relieved from the apprehensions under which it now labours of Tippoo, with them with less hesitation reject our application from the great importance of reducing expectations from this Quarter to an absolute certainty, and from the absence of every possible evil consequence, I think the present season favourable for demanding a categorical answer, by which I shall be enabled to form such a judgement of the real disposition of this Durbar, as to regulate my conduct with respect to the second part of Sir Archibald Campbells proposition on the receipt of those instructions from the Board, which by his Letter, and the Extract contained in it of one from your Lordship, I may daily expect.

The intelligence of the designs of Tippoo on the Travancore dominions received from Governor Campbell, and Boddam, induces me to trouble your Lordship with my general idea of that Prince. That in the true stile of a Mahammedan Despot, which resembles the furious greediness of a wild beast he

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dooms every neighbouring power he can
master to fall up the measure of his ambition.
Impressed with this inordinate passion, we have
seen him storming the Carnatic with
hostile appearances, meditating in vain
the Capture of Goa, seizing on the Frontier of
this Government, usurping Guntoor-ul-Dowla,
Nizam-al-Mulk, the Nizam's Nephew to pay
him Tribute (through whom by a letter
received the 25th Instant from Meer Mahommed
Hussein, I learn that Nizam Ally Cawn himself
has thought proper to deprecate his wrath, and
sooth any hostile intentions, with a present
of two Elephants, two Horses, a Tentant, and Jewels,
and threatening Invasion with an invasion,
that every one of the Powers which bound
his Dominions have experienced his Spirit
of usurpation, though I trust the timely
interposition of Sir Archibald Campbell in
favor of the Raja, our Ally, will prevent
every consequence, but the discovery of
the Spirit we have to deal with, for after
the very great pains which he certainly
has taken, and is taking to procure, and
Join the French into a cooperation with
his views, I cannot help thinking with

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your Lordship, that his attaching the Company, or their Allies before he knows the issue of those negotiations would be very surprizing.

Though I have long since had information of the Nizam Ally Cawn's interposition of the Pondicherry Government in the Concerns of Nizam Ally Cawn, which was communicated to your Lordship so long ago as the 29th June last, yet I scarce think it possible that it can have been attended with the extraordinary consequences described in the enclosed paper; in which the sudden transition of Nizam Ally Cawn from the Language of a Superior, to that of a subservient Creature of the French, and from the Character of an inveterate Foe to a most servile Suitor for an Alliance with Tippoo, through their mediation, and at their Command, carries, I think, rather the marks of French Gasconade, than matters of fact.

Having written thus far, I was honoured on the 27th Instant with another Letter from Governor Sir Archibald Campbell, dated 23d Ultimo, Extract of which I have the honor to enclose, circumstanced as

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I am, and of which your Lordship has been informed - with respect to observation of my Actions, I feel in their utmost extent the disadvantages I labour under, as to the acquisition of intelligence, and I must acknowledge that till the receipt of Sir Archibald Campbell's letter I had not heard a Syllable of the Confederacy mentioned in it, though your Lordship will observe from a former passage in this address, that the late capture of Bitore, and the threatening appearance of Tippoo Sultaun to the Southward, had suggested to me the idea of a possibility that such an ascendancy might enable Tippoo to establish an influence over this Government detrimental to our Interests, and were I to advance an opinion, it would be, that this Government had not been engaged in such a Confederacy previous to the Capture of Bitore, since I cannot perceive any necessity to have gone so great a length merely to deceive us, which has been carried to the last extremity by the subsequent destruction of the works of that by Tippoo's express Orders - The state of the Mahratta Affairs in Hindostan,

wherein

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where the smallest countenance of your
Lordships Government to the disaffected Powers,
would not only, immediately, raise Secundra to the South of the
Coleroon bank, but even endanger the safety of Madras,
the objections which I conceive Secundra, the
Guarantee of the late Peace, and Buddajee Bonsla
would have to a wanton breach of it in favor
of such a Confederacy, the deranged state of the
Mahratta finances, the reconstruction of the
almost total ruin of their Empire, which was
the consequence of their late War with the Company,
tho' aided by Briam Bally Cawn, Tippoo, and the
French, the weakness inseperable from a
Regency, the little prospect of success adequate
to the risk, and expence, for I do not think the
Mahrattas could reasonably expect to make
any impression on the Provinces of Bengal,
so that we have nothing left to gratify their
avarice, or ambition but Bombay, Salsette, and
Surat; whereas the grand prize of the Contest, the
Carnatic, and Travancore must of course fall
to the share of Tippoo, and add to that power, which
is already too formidable for their tranquility.
all these considerations, and many more,
induce me to think that the Mahrattas
cannot be engaged in the supposed Confederacy
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and could I conceive that the intelligence
of the former intentions of your Lordship in
Council in respect to the Guntoor Circar, could
possibly have been divulged, I should be
induced to impute these hints to a manœuvre, not
far removed from the influence of the
Nizam's Cabinet.

At all events, as even the
possibility of so serious, and so formidable a
Combination merits the most circumspect
attention, and the most vigorous opposition,
your Lordship may rest assured that I shall
with the utmost diligence endeavour to
comply with Sir Archibald Campbells wishes,
either to discover the nature of the plan, or
to ascertain its existence in the first conference,
that even should it be brought into execution,
it will, under the Auspices of your Lordships
Government, seconded by the arrangement
and exertions of Sir Archibald Campbell and
in the confusion of its projectors, though
permit me to remind you, my Lord, that
great effects might be produced by a
respectable Force from Bombay, but I
declare, its present Establishment would
scarcely

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Governor Sir Archibald Campbell's last Letter furnishes in my opinion a new argument for bringing this Court to the explanation I have resolved to demand.

I am just informed that Scindia has raised a Loan of five Lacks for Scindia on his private Security, and that advice has been received by Government of Fifteen Troops being in force on the borders of the Carnatic Territory, a nominal branch of this Empire, which is in great consternation, and dread of threatened Hostilities.

I dispatch this direct to your Lordship at Cawnpore, on the probability of your being in that neighbourhood, and shall forward a duplicate as soon as possible, viâ Masulipatam, to Calcutta, for the observance of the Board. In the mean time I shall be happy to receive your Lordship's sentiments on the points it contains. I have taken the liberty to trouble your Lordship with some Articles of Europe intelligence received from Governor Haddam, and Copy of a Letter from Cairo-Poona 28th October. I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) C. W. Malet

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P.S. Since closing the foregoing address I am informed, that though the Minister pretends the loss of Vitore to be no breach of Treaty, he has expressed much displeasure at the Brahmin entrusted with the defence of that place, who since has not been admitted to an audience for — return here. Reinforcements are ordered to some strong holds in the Neighbourhood of Vitore, in the different parts of which District Tippoo's Troops are now quartered.

From Mr Montigny I

Learn that he has just received Letters from the Mauritius, and Pondicherry, mentioning the arrival of General Conway at the latter place, in consequence of which Mr Montigny expects a speedy summons to return to — Pondicherry, or an order to proceed to — Chandernagore. That Tippoo's Ambassadors were received with every mark of attention, and splendidly entertained during their stay at the Mauritius, and that two French Frigates are soon expected at Pondicherry from France, which will form a fleet of thirteen sail in India. Mr M. gives out that a —

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a French naval Force may be shortly expected on the Coast of Malabar to force — restitution, or compensation for the losses the French pretend to have suffered from the Mahratta Cruizers.

This whole intelligence, I think, tends to weaken that of the grand Confederate alliance, which has been communicated to Sir Archibald Campbell, unless we admit the actual Hostilities of Tippoo to the South, and the Threatened ones of the French on the Coast of Malabar meant only to lull us into perfect security.

The Portuguese Government at Goa still continues under alarm, and have posted strong guards at their passes.

N.B. A subsequent Letter from Mr Malet on the same subject as the foregoing is entered on the Records of Consultation the 30th November having been received from Mr Malet.

Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to investigate the Nabob's Debts.

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From the Committee for investigating the Nabob's debts - stating a Claim preferred by Major Johnson in the Nabob's service, on account of the Estate of the late Mr. Wm Leech

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

Honble Sir

We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter from Major Johnson in the Nabob's Service, accompanying an Account current, stating a Balance of Pagodas 6,316..32..5, due to the Estate of the late Mr. William Leech, Paymaster to his Highness's third Regiment of Cavalry. - As the time fixed for receiving demands of this nature, is expired, we cannot refer the Claim on account of Mr. Leech's Estate to the Nabob's Agent without your orders for the purpose We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St George (Signed) B. Garrow
28th December 1787 Wm Webb
James Landon

To

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To Edward Garrow, William Webb
and
James Landon Esqrs

Gentlemen

Having at length obtained his Highness the Nabobs permission, to lay before you the Accounts of the late Lieut.t William Leech, I have now the honor of sending them enclosed.- This I should have done long ago, but for want of the Sanction abovementioned, without which previously obtained, I did not (as an Officer in his Highness's Service) think myself at liberty to make application to you on behalf of the Estate, as the Delay therefore has been unavoidable, I make no doubt but you will readily adopt such measures as may be deemed most effectual in order to obviate any objections that might be made to Accounts delivered in at so late a period; and I flatter myself that whenever Government shall be pleased to make any provision for the payment

of

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of Arrears due to other Officers, it
will be extended to those of Lieutenant
Leech, that to neither the Estate may
incur any Loss, nor my conduct,
as Administrator to it, be called in
question.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) T. Johnson

Fort St George

December 26th 1787.

A true Copy

(signed) J. Landon.

for the Committee

Agreed

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To be referred to the Nabobs Agents.

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