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Fort St George 5th February 1788.

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell L.B.

President

John Holland, James Henry Casamaior
and

Robert Maunsell Esq^r.

Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved.

The Hon^{ble} Court of Directors

having in their Letter to the Public Depart-
ment under date the 31st July directed that

no Proceedings excepting what are absolutely of
a secret Nature be recorded in the Secret Department

it is Agreed to transfer to this Department

Such Subjects, which tho of a political are not of
a Secret Nature, & to consider in future this

Department as Military & Political, under

the Head prescribe by the Court of Directors
of Military Department

By

The Orders of the
Court of Directors
received & Manager
stating the manner
in which they wish
to have the Proceedings
of this Government
kept, and under
what Head the
Correspondence in
future is to be
carried on.

Resolution thereon

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By this Arrangement all the proceedings of this Government will be transmitted to the Court of Directors without passing thro' the Channel of the Secret Committee who will be addressed on Secret Subjects only.

The Board are of Opinion that this mode is preferable to the transferring to the Public Department the Correspondence with the Nabol & the Rajah of Tanjore also several other subjects of a political Nature, which during many Years have been recorded on the Proceedings of the Military Department.

Ordered that these Resolutions be communicated to the Honble Court in our Address from the Military Department.

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary Orders upon such Parts of the General Letter dated 31. July to the Public Department, as are to be brought upon these Proceedings.

Parag: 140 - respecting the Arraignment
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The General Letter
to the Public Depart-
ment taken into
Consideration & the
necessary Orders
passed thereon.

Parag 140.

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Minute thereon

The President informs the Board that a Survey is now making of the Annacut, & that he hopes shortly this Business will be settled in such Manner as to prevent any further discussions between the Nabol & the Rajah of Tanjore

Parag: 152 to 155

Parag: 152 to 155.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Order of the Court of Directors contained in the above Parag. respecting ^{Parag.} 116,000, claimed by the Nabol be obeyed in case & His Highness should persist in requesting the payment of the above Sum being the Balance on Account of his Sixth part of the Collections during the Assignment.

Parag: 156 to 162

Parag: 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above Paragraphs be sent to the Committee Appointed to investigate the Nabol's Debts, & to the Register of the above Debts for their guidance & information: & that the Commands of the Honble Court contained therein, be obeyed.

Parag: 163.

Parag: 163.

Ordered.

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Minutethenon
Ordered that Copy of the above be
sent to the Accountant General.

Parag: 164.

Para: 164.

Minutethenon

Agreed that Copy of the above &
Paragraph be sent to the Register of the Nabobs
Debts.

Parag: 165.

Para: 165.

(Respecting unconsolidated Claims upon the Nabobs)

Minutethenon

The Board having upon several
Occasions expressed their Conviction of the Nabobs.
inability to make payments in Addition to the
engagements into which he has entered by the
Treaty, cannot reconcile to themselves at this
hour the making any Application to His
Highness in favor of Creditors whose Claims
are unconsolidated.

Parag: 166

Parag: 166.

Minutethenon

As the necessary Steps for executing
the Commands contained in the above Parag: have
already been taken no Order is at present requisite
- If any litigious Creditor should make Demands
upon the Nabob, ^{or} Counteract the Orders of the
Directors

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Directors, it is Agreed to Carry into Execution the Command
of the Honble Court contained in the latter part of the
Paragraph.

Parag: 170.

Parag 170

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be requested
to desire the Highness the Nabob will reply to
the Letter addressed to him on the Subject of the
Charges exhibited by him against Mr Irwin, in
Order that the business may undergo a strict
Enquiry agreeably to the Orders of the Honble Court.

Parag 171.

Parag: 171.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the above &
Parag: be sent to Mr Pouchet

Parag: 175.

Parag: 175.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the above Parag:
be sent to Colonel Muller's Attornies & that the
200 Pag^s which were detained be restored to them,
on Mr Muller's Account, agreeably to the Orders
of the Honble Court.

Parag: 185.

Parag: 185

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be
requested to desire the Nabob will reply to the Letter
addressed

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addressed to His Highness on the Subject of his
Charges exhibited to the Court of Directors against
Lord Macartney - This Dubash Turn Criminal.

Parag. 187 to 189.

Parag. 187. 188. 189.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing
be sent to the Accountant General for his Information,
& Guidance.

Parag 190.

Parag. 190.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Accountant General
be directed to report the Amount & Value of the
Booty & Plunder taken at Sadras, Bomlipatam
& Polich in order that the Board may be enabled
to execute the Commands of the Court of Directors,
& to give them the Information which they require.

Parag. 191.

Parag. 191.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the above be
sent to Major Montgomery the Representative
of the Captors of Jaggannathporam.

Resolved also that such information
on the above Subject as the Board may be enabled
to give, be collected, & transmitted to the Honorable
Court.

Parag.

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Parag 192.

Parag: 192.

Minutethenon Ordered that the Information required
be collected & transmitted to the Hon^{ble} Court. —

Parag: 196.

Parag: 196.

Minutethenon The Board observe upon the above
Paragraph, that the Treaty concluded with the
Rajah of Tanjore will, they conceive, found to
secure every object which has been recommended
to their Attention in the Present Despatches &
received from the Court of Directors. —

Ed. Geofule Marten Esq^r

Arch. Campbell

John Roland
J. H. Saramajor

R. Haunsel

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Sent the undermentioned Letter sent in M.B. &

N^o 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.

To Mr. Picher -

To Mr. Picher enclosing for his information
the 17th Para. of the General Letter from the
Court of Directors under date the 31st July.To Major
Montgomery -

To Capt. Brown -

To Major Montgomery, Representative of
the Captors of Agganautporam, & to Captain
Brown Representative of the Captors of Bindipatam,
with the 19th Paragraph.

To Mr. A. M. Campbell

To Mr. A. M. Campbell, Register of the
Nabob's Debts with 164 Paragraph.

To Mr. Moulbray

To the Accountant General with the 163rd
Paragraph.

To Mr. Kingscot.

To Mr. Kingscot, Attorney to Mr. Labrub
Muller with the 175th Parag. & directing him to
restore to Mr. Muller the 200 Pagodas retained
by him, agreeably to the orders of the Court of Directors.To Messrs. Larnau
Webb
&
Landon.To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's
Debts enclosing Paragraph 156 to 162 inclusive
for their information & guidance, & desiring they
will pay Attention to the Orders contained therein.

Copy

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To M. A. M. Campbell

Copy to the Register of the Nabob's Debts

To M. Davidson

To the Military Paymaster General with

the 91st Paragraph -

To M. Petrie -

To the Military Storekeeper with 30 & 31 Para

To M. Mearns.

To the Accountant General with Paragraphs

187 to 190 inclusive, & desiring he will state the Amount & value of the Booty & Plunder taken at Sadras, Bimlipatam & Polico in order that the Board may be enabled to execute the commands of the Honorable Court

To the Board of Revenue -

To the Board of Revenue, informing them, that the pay of a Sepoy in the Revenue Corps is forty Tanams per Month; are clothed by the Company, & are not to receive Batta & that the Covenanted Servants who pay them & receive the usual Allowance of Captains & pay & Batta. -

To M. Latham

To the Paymaster at Madura - if he is unwilling to consider himself responsible for the Grain delivered over to him by his Ordre for, the Board desire he will cause it to be measured & report upon it to the President.

To

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To Mr. Dick

To the Residents at Maddepollam - Mr.

Walker Assistant Surgeon to receive Half Batta
from the period of his arrival at Maddepollam

To Major Maule -

To the Superintendent of the Company's Lands,
the Board consent to grant the request of the
Moormen, whose Petition was lately delivered.

Received the following Letters.

To the Hon^{ble} Major General

Sir, Archibald Campbell & B.

President of Governor in Council &c. &c.

Hon^{ble} Sir & Gentlemen Fort S. George.

We have now the honor to enclose &
upon the Payments & Disbursements to his Majesty's
Troops serving on this Coast from the 1st July 1781
to the 30th June 1782. We shall use every expedition
in forwarding the Accounts of the following years.

As we were not honored with any
reply to our last application, we are fearful
of troubling your Hon^{ble} Board, any further
on that Subject we still hope however that you
will

From Messrs. Norbuck
& Son enclosing Statements
of their Proceedings
from 1st July 1781 to
the 30th June 1782 &
repeating their request
to be allowed an
Increase of Pay.

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will have it in remembrance that we are without
any Employ of Enrolment & have only the Honble
Company's Subsistence of Pay^{re} 8: 23: 25 of Month
tho employed on this essential Duty.

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31st January 1788.

We have the honor to be.

Y^r. Y^r.

Benj^m Roebuck

Benj^m Torin.

List of the Packet. & Fort St George 31st January 1788.

- N^o 1. Letter to the Honble President in Council &c.
- N^o 2. Paym^{ts} & Disbursements to his Majesty's 42 Regiment
with enclosures N^o 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5. **A.**
- N^o 3. Ditto... Ditto to his Majesty's 73 Regiment
with enclosures N^o 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6. **B.**
- N^o 4. Ditto... Ditto to his Majesty's 78 Regiment
with enclosures N^o 1. 2. 3 & 4. **C.**
- N^o 5. Ditto... Ditto to his Majesty's 98 Regiment
with enclosures N^o 1. 2. 3. & 4. **D.**
- N^o 6. Ditto... Ditto to his Majesty's 100 Regiment
with enclosures N^o 1. & 2. **E.**

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell &c.

Governor in Council
at

Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

We have been honored with Your Letter of the 20th Ultimo enclosing Extract of one Addressed to You by the Committee appointed to investigate the Accounts of the Kings Troops serving in India and desiring our further Instructions in Case the mode proposed on by the Committee should not correspond with our wishes on the Subject.

We have examined the Forms You have transmitted to us and Observe with much Satisfaction that the General Plan on which the Investigation is carrying on must be productive of every Information that can be required to enable the proper Officers of this Government to form the General Account which is intended to be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors.

We are aware of the Difficulties that will

Form Bengal approving in General of the Plan transmitted to them for investigating the Accounts of His Majesty's Troops.

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will present themselves to the Committee in proportion to the increase and dispersion of the King's Troops upon the Coast, but our Opinion of their Abilities induces us to believe they will surmount them.

It being our wish to save all Labor that cannot tend to afford useful Information. we think it proper to suggest to You that the Abstract Account which is intitled "Payments & Disbursements to his Majesty's 73rd Regiment from 1st September 1779 to the 30. June 1781." is all that will be necessary for us, and that it will not be requisite for You to send us Copies of the Particulars of the several Charges which form the component Parts of that Account under the different Heads of Gratuity Hospital Charges, Charges General &c. &c. nor are we aware of the necessity of converting each Months Charges into Sterling Money. A further Improvement we think may take Place by separating from this Account ^{the Amount} of Monies advanced towards the Subsistence of each Regiment payable in Terms of the Act of Parliament after the 24 June 81.

We

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But such parts of our former conference as were mentioned specifically he denies positively, he asserts that the sum of 4 Lacks of Pagodas & 4 Lacks of Rupees to be paid for a certain time "was not even hinted at, & likewise that he did not request me to write to the Governor on the subject."

The accompanying Paper contains a faithful account of the conference in which his Excellency desired me to state the declarations & made in my Letter to you of the 4th Instant. - The account is attested by M. Blackburne the deputy Maratta Translator, who interpreted at the conference, the particulars of the conversation were taken down immediately after it happened & M. Blackburne is not inferior to any European in his knowledge of the Maratta language.

When I heard the Rajah contradict his own assertions, it was difficult for me to refrain from expressing to him self my opinion of his Conduct; however I did not. I rather chose to leave it to Government to secure their servant against

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against any future Insult, of a similar nature
by remarking upon the present in such a manner
as they may be pleased to think expedient. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Y^r Obedt^t

Tanjore
25. Jan 1788.

(signed) Wm. Macleod

Substance of a Conference at Tanjore on the 3rd
January 1788. between his Excellency the Rajah
of Tanjore and. W. Macleod President. — taken
down immediately after the Conference by. W. H.
Blackburne Interpreter

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After the customary Compliments had
passed, his Excellency informed W. Macleod,
that being very desirous to have a Conference
with him on a particular subject, he had been
on the Point of sending a Message to him, &
when W. Macleod's Hircannah arrived with
Information of his Approach. His Excellency
then expatiated upon the heavy Burthen that
had been imposed upon him at his Accession,
said, he was at that Time inexperienced and
misinformed

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misinformed of the actual Situation of his Country
— Now he found by Experience that his Revenue
had been greatly overrated, and he was positively
certain that they would not this Year Amount
to more than 6,50,000 Pagodas. — He declared his
Inability to fulfill the Terms of the Treaty, and
desired M^r. Maclure to represent his Station
to the Governor, and to request an Abatement
of the Sum stipulated to be paid on Account
of the Armies of Perheush; and on Account of
the private Auditors, for the Period of two
Years leaving the Company's Subsidy of 400,000
Pagodas, and the Nabob's Current Perheush of
4,00,000 Rupees Notwithstanding this Abatement,
all his care and attention would be required to
enable him to discharge the Remainder. — more
than that, it was entirely out of his Power to
pay at present, but the third Year he should
be able to fulfill his Engagements without
any Abatement. He then pressed M^r. Maclure
to write immediately entreated him to represent
his

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6 his embarrassed Situation in its proper colors, and to enforce it by every Argument in his Power. M. Maclod in Reply, said, he would lay before the Board his Excellency's Request, yet he could not forbear exhorting him not to be too confident of its Success, but rather to rely on his own Caution, and by paying a more pointed Attention to a just & regular Administration, by a strict Economy, and by making every possible Reform, to enable himself to perform every Engagement that he had entered into.

The Rajah again expatiated upon his Embarrassments; extolled his own Exertions, and the Arrangements he had made, which would in the End be highly beneficial to the Country, altho' a little Time was requisite to give them their due Effect. - He again desired M. Maclod to write immediately, said he must also write himself, but should rely on M. Maclod's Representations for Success.

M. Maclod promised to address the Governor upon the subject in a day or two and after
some

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6 some conversation upon indifferent subjects took his Leave.

Signed William Blackmore

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

President

John Holland James Henry Casanajor

and

Robert Mawnsell Esq.^r

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Board having a preamble for the purpose of passing the several Resolutions & Orders upon the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors addressed to the Military Department dated the 31st July last & received by the Ranger Packets, proceed to take the same into Consideration

General Letter dated 31st July 1787. —

Para: 4

The Board have upon every occasion

Orders & Regulations passed upon the Letter from the Court of Directors addressed to the Military Department dated 31st July & received by the Ranger

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Occasion attended to the principle of Economy in
the purchase of Horses, & will not fail to keep
the same Principle constantly in view

Para: 5.

Para: 5

Minute thereon.

Agreed to inform the Honble Court in
our next Despatches that Masters of Cloth were
delivered to M^r. Richard Johnston who carried
them to Hydrabad, where being unable to
execute his plan with any prospect of success
it of course dropped.

Para: 7.

Para: 7.

Minute thereon

In conformity to the Decision of
the Court of Directors it is Agreed that Lieut
John Stuart, & Ensign Wilks be removed
from their Employ of Secretary & Deputy
Secretary to the Military Board.

Read a Letter from M^r. Chase

To the Honble. Major General Sir A. Campbell

President & Governor &c. in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George

Having been informed that M^r.

From M^r. Chase respecting
the Appointment of Secretary
to the Military Board.

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Mr Stewart is removed from his Appointment
as Secretary to the Military Board, I take the liberty
to request the favor of your Hon^{ble} Board be of Opinion
that I at present occupy too many Offices. I have
to mention my willingness to resign the French &
Translatorship & Clerk to the Committee of Store
for the Secretary to the Military Board

With respect I have the honor to be. —

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Yr. Yr.
(signed) J. Chase

The President proposes that &

Mr. Shardon appointed
Secy & Mr. Ince
Deputy Secretary
to the Military
Board. —

Mr. John Humphrey Shardon, & Mr. Daniel
Ince be appointed Secretary, & Deputy Secy.
to the Military Board.

Resolved that the above Gentlemen be
appointed & that the usual Notification be given to
them & to the Military Board.

Para. 8.

Para. 8.

Minute Book

Agreeably to the Order contained
in the foregoing Paragraph the President
proposes

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proposes that Mr Berry be removed from his Post of Secretary to the Hospital Board, & that Mr Edward Atkinson be Appointed in his Room.

Mr Atkinson appointed Secretary to the Hospital Board—

Ordered Accordingly—

Para: 11:

Para: 11:

Minute thereon

Agreed to request the Commander in Chief will procure the information required in the above Parag: in order that the same may be transmitted to the Court of Directors.—

Para 12: 13:
14: 15: 16:—

Para: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16.

Ordered that Copies of the above—

Minute thereon

Paragraphs be sent to Major Tonym, & to Lieut Colonels, Burrows & Campbell, & that those Officers be desired to signify whether they are willing to accept the rank & Station offered to them by the Honble Court of Directors.—

The President intends entering a Minute on the subject of the Cavalry Arrangement

The President informs the Board that as he apprehends there has been some misconception on the part of the Court of Directors in respect to the execution of their Orders by this Government relative to the Cavalry, he purposes giving in a Minutes & explanatory

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explanatory of the subject.

Para: 19: 20: -

Para: 19 & 20

Minute thereon

As it has been Agreed in the Public & Department that samples of the Bengal & Benares spirits be sent to Europe it is unnecessary to pass any Resolution upon the above Paragraphs, excepting to recommend the latter to the Consideration of the Commander in Chief

Para 22

Para 22.-

The Board have paid every Attention to Economy in the erection of the Buildings at Malanjawbad which are now in a very advanced State.-

Para: 26: 27

Para: 26: 27.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copies of the above Paragraphs be sent to the Hospital Board, & that they be desired to deliver immediately an accurate List of the Medical Establishment specifying the Number of Sub Assistants with every other Information required by the Court of Directors.

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Agreed also to desire the Hospital Board will inform us whether the Service can at this

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this time dispense with the Appointments to &
which the Court of Directors have objected, &
what is the number of Assistant Surgeons &
required at present to compleat the Establishment

Para: 29:

Para: 29:

Minute thereon

Ordered that copy of the above &
Paragraph be sent to Colonel Capper

Para 30.

Para: 30:

Minute thereon

The Board observe upon the foregoing
Paragraph that every attention has been paid to
the regulating the Office of Military Storekeeper

Para 31.

Para: 31.

Minute thereon

Ordered that every attention be &
paid to the Directions contained in the above
Paragraph whenever any of His Majestys &
Ships shall be stationed in this Country. &

Para 33:

Para: 33:

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Court of Directors
that the Board have taken every possible Step to
procure Indemnification to the Company for
the

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Lieutenant Gorman
appointed Town Major.
Lieut John Stuart as
Fort Adjutant of St
Fort St. George.

The President recommends Lieut
Gorman, the Fort Adjutant to be Town Major,
& Lieutenant John Stuart to be Fort &
Adjutant.

Ordered Accordingly

The President will
shortly recommend Officers
to the Vacant Appointments
of Barrack Masters.

The President desires it may be
minuted that he will shortly recommend
Officers to the vacant Appointments of
Barrack Masters.

Para: 65:

Para: 65:

Minute thereon

Agreed to mention in the next
Letter to Bengal the earnest desire of this
Government to have an early decision on the
subject of the Gratuity to the King's &
Company's Field Officers.

Para: 79:-

Para: 79:-

Minute thereon

Agreed to direct the Adjutant
General to communicate to Charles Ormel,
a Soldier, the Order of the Honorable Court &
for

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for his Discharge.

Para 80 to 88.

Para: 80: 81: 82: 83: 84: 85: 86: 87: 88.

Minutethereon.

Agreed that the above Paragraphs be referred to the Committee Appointed to investigate the Accounts of the King's Troops, & that they be directed to prepare the Accounts required by the Honble Courts which they will be able to do from being in possession of the Documents necessary for the purpose.

The Secretary in future to State in the General Letter every Appointment made & Allowance granted by the Board.

Resolved that the Secretary do in future report in the General Letter every Appointment made in this Department, & notice any Allowance which Government may judge necessary to grant in consequence.

Six Companies of the 71st Regiment embarked for Bombay.

The President informs the Board that 6 Companies of the 71st Reg^t will embark tomorrow morning on the Ship *Indus*, the *Snow* *Charlotte* & the *Sloop Elizabeth*. & proposes that a Letter be drafted to the Government of Bombay to be conveyed by Colonel Aplin.

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The following Letter being drafted,
& approved is ordered to be Copied fair & despatched &

To the Honble Rawson Mont Boddam Esq^r

Governor in Council
at

Bombay

Honble Sir,

Our President has lately laid
before us a Letter from His Majesty's Secretary at
War, containing the King's Commands for sending
either the 71st or 72nd Regiment to your Presidency.

In conformity to the above Orders,
Sir Archibald Campbell has fixed upon the 71st
Regiment, 6 Companies of which now embark on
the Ship Indus, Snow Charlotte, the Sloop St
Elizabeth. The Remainder will be conveyed
by an early opportunity.

We have the honor to inform
you that the King's Subsistence to the
Detachment embarked upon the above Vessels
is paid up to the 24 April that day included &

To Bombay, enclosed
agreements of the embarkation
of the above mentioned
and troops.

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the Gratuity is paid to the 29th of this Month (inclusive)

We have permitted Capt Hamilton
the Regimental Paymaster to collect from our
Public Office such official documents as he might
think necessary for setting in a clear point of
View the allowances paid to the 7th Regiment while
doing duty at this Presidency. -

We think it necessary to mention
that We have the permission of the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor General in Council to draw upon the
Bengal Government for the payment of the King's
Troops whenever our Funds are inadequate to
the purpose - We doubt not but that the Bombay
Government will have the same permission if
it should be requisite - The Bills ^{are} drawn have
been at 30 days Sight. -

Colonel Alphonston who commands
the 7th Regiment & whose Character is so well known
as to make any Enlogium from us unnecessary
will have the honor of delivering this Letter to
you. -

Fort St George
6th February 1788 -

We have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(signed) Arch^d Campbell
Secy. Council

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Read the following Letter from

Mr. Corbett

To John Chamier Esq^r

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 15th Instant, and am concerned that my health will not permit me to proceed to Ellore.

I request you with solicit Permission for me to resign the Appointment and proceed to the Presidency. —

I am &c. &c.

(signed) Tho^r Corbett. —

Madras.
26. January 1788. —

The Secretary lays before the board a letter just sent to him by Mr. Lind.

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

From Mr. Lind
requesting to be Appointed
Paymaster at Ellore

In consequence of Mr. Corbett's resignation of the Paymastership of Ellore I beg leave to solicit the Appointment. —

I have the honor to be with much respect

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5th February 1788. —

&c. &c.
(signed) J^r Lind. —

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The President recommends
W. Graham.

The President recommends Mr. Graham to be Paymaster at Ellore, whom he thinks particularly eligible from having long had Charge of the Employ, & taken much trouble in bringing up and adjusting the Accounts during the indisposition of Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Maunsell gives
his Opinion that Mr.
Lind should be appointed.

Mr. Maunsell is of opinion that Mr. Lind should be appointed to succeed Mr. Corbett, being without an Employ of any Emolument & having lost the Paymastership of Mellore upon the Assignment being given up to the Nabob.

Mr. Caramajor is of opinion
with the President.

Mr. Caramajor approves the President's recommendation.

Mr. Holland is of opinion
with the President.

Mr. Holland concurs in the President's Nomination.

Mr. Graham appointed.

Resolved that Mr. Graham be appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper at Ellore, & that the usual Notice be given.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from some of the Officers of the 7th Regiment lately quartered at Mallajabad.

To

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the Frauds committed by the late Captain Bedford
but that their Efforts have been ineffectual.

Para 44.

Para: 44.

Minute thereon.

Agreed to report to the Court of
Directors the opinion of the Board that the
Paymasterships of More & Jamulcotah &
cannot be conducted with advantage to the
Service by one Person

Para: 52.

Para 52.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing
be sent to the Hospital Board.

Para 53.

Para 53.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of Colonel &
Sullivan's Narrative be sent to the Governor
General & Council.

Para: 55.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the above
Paragraph be sent to Colonel Kelly, & that
the Orders of the Court of Directors be obeyed

Para: 56

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Para 56:

Para 56:

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Adjutant General be directed to make out a List of Minor Facets with their Age annexed for the information of the Honorable Court

Para 60:

Para 60:

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Number of Conductors of Stores judged necessary to the Establishment be submitted to the Honorable Court by the next Despatch

Para 61: & 62:

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Minute thereon

Inconformity to the Orders & Contained in the above Paragraphs it is Agreed ^{that} the Appointments noticed by the Honorable Court be annulled.

The President intends entering a Minute on the Subjects of the appointments of Surge Major & Barracks Master

The President declares his Intention of delivering in a Minute upon this Subject, as he conceives it particularly refers to him who recommended the Appointments which the Court of Directors have judged proper to Annul. The

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The Hon^{ble}. Major Gen^l. Sir. Arch^d. Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council.

Sir,

We take the liberty of enclosing
to you an Account of a Mess House built at #
Wallajahbad by the Officers of His Majesty's #
7th. Regiment, may we beg the favor of your #
Excellency to lay it before Council.

From Captain Dalrymple
in behalf of himself & the
Officers of the 7th. Regiment,
requesting the Board will
purchase the Mess Room
built by them at Wallajahbad.

The circumstances are these.

Near Twenty of the Officers of the
7th. Regiment. Mess'd together; the Tent that
^{the} Commander in Chief was so good as to allow #
them was worn out, the Monsoon Approaching
they proposed building a Room, and applied
tho' the Commanding Officer of the Cantonment
for the Governor's leave as to the place to build
on and for his Assistance, we had leave to build
and was promised assistance, it occurred in the
course of the building the Room, to the Officers
chose by the Mess to carry it on that as they
thought Government was to pay for it they
would expect something Substantial, and what
would be of use tho' the Regiment was moved.

We

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We understand that it has been represented to the Governor, that it is built in the middle of a Street, that is by no means the case, there is a Street that runs South to the Left of the Grand Parade between the lines of the 5. Battalion of Native Infantry, and the European Barracks one Hundred Feet in width on the West side of that Street stands the Mess House.

The Officers are so conscious of the attention that was paid to the building in every respect that if the Engineer is directed to value it they are sure he must value it at more than it cost.

We must beg leave to mention to your Excellency, that the Officers of this Regiment will be particularly unfortunate if they are not allowed for this Mess House, as they built one at Poonamale before the War which cost them 337 Pagodas, of which they never received any thing, and in which they had not lived Two Months when they were ordered into the Field.

We take the liberty to send with the Account a Plan, Elevation and Section of

Fort St. George 7th February 1788.

The
of House; the Veranda is in Tutu and all
round the Building, it is all of burnt bricks &
Chunnam and Flat tiles.

We have the honor to be

S^r S^r

Madras

7th February 1788.

S Dalrymple

Captain 7th Regiment

for Himself Captain

Baird & Lieut Gorry

Account Expences 7th Mess House

1787-
Dues.

Bricklayers Hoolies	95. 32. "
Chunnam	30. " "
Flat & Pan Tiles	29. " "
Lagore	6. 36. "
Bricks from the country	13. " "
Carpenters & Palmyras for the Roof	68. 31. 60.
Bamboos	12. " "
Larr	11. 28. "
Nails, Iron Brags Wire & Lead	28. 12. 3.
Locks & Bolts	12. " "
Planks & Sheathing Boards from Madras	30. 39. "
Bandy here from Madras, Iron & Straws for the Bullies	21. 13. "
Sundry small Articles	1. 1. "
Carriage	1. " "
M ^r Lure 90 Days @ 3 pence a Day	6. " "
Bricks to Pav the Floor	" " "
fine Chunnam	" " "

Signed

J Baird
S Dalrymple
B. Gorry

By J. Gorry

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By D ^r from Colonel Oglethorpe	50
By D ^r from Capt Baird	77
By D ^r from Capt Dalrymple	85
By D ^r from Lieut Gorry	7
By D ^r from Lieut Rose M ^r Kenzie	6
By D ^r from Lieut Forbes	7
By D ^r from Lieut M ^r Lian	5
By D ^r from Enr Chisholme	10
By D ^r from Enr A. C. M ^r Kenzie	5
By D ^r from Lieut Moore	4

D Baird
(signed) L Dalrymple
W^m Ch. Gorry.

Agreed that Copy of the above be sent to the
Chief Engineer with directions to report whether the
Building is well adapted for a Quarter & worth the
sum for which it is tendered.

L^d Gorry

Arch^d Campbell

John Holland
J^r H^r Casamajor

R^d Maunsell

The Chief Engineer to
report on the Building

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Diary

7.

Received a Letter from Major Tonnys
From Major Tonnys (as entered in M.B. No 20) requesting to be furnished
with such Papers received of Ranger, as relate to him

8.

Dispatched the following Letter.

To Mess^{rs} Benjamin Roebuck
& Benjamin Torin-
Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board, to send
you the Accompanying Extract of a Letter lately
received from the Court of Directors, & to desire you
will prepare the Papers & Accounts required.

The Board are inclined to call
upon you for the Execution of this Service, from
the Circumstances of your being acquainted
with the Subject; Being in possession of the
Documents from which the Accounts
required are to be drawn.

The Military Paymaster General
& The Adjutant General of the King's Company
Troops

To the Committee for examining the Accounts of His Majesty's Troops, with the Paragraphs 80 to 88 inclusive of the General Letter from England dated 24. July 1787. To prepare the Papers & Accounts required.

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8. Troops will be directed to give you every information
& Assistance in their Power. -

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I am &c. &c.
(signed) John Chameis Secy. ^{to}

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

at
Fort William
My Lord.

We have been honored with the receipt
of the Letter dated 9th Ultimo from your Lordship
& the Council at Calcutta; & have given the necessary
Directions in consequence to the Committee &
Appointed to investigate the Accounts of the
King's Troops. -

We have now the honor to forward
to your Lordship, the Account of Payments, &
Disbursements to the King's Troops serving
on this Coast from the 1st July 1781 to the 30 June
1782 - The Accounts of the following years will
be forwarded with all Expedition. -

The

To Bengal transmitting
a further Account of Payments
& Disbursements to the King's
Troops up to the 30 June 1782
& requesting their early
decision on the subject of
Gratuities to the Majesty's
Field Officers serving in
India.

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8. The Court of Directors, having transmitted to us with their dispatches by the Ranger, a copy of a Parag: / Para 7 / addressed to your Lordship & to the Council of Calcutta respecting the Gratuity to the Field Officers of His Majestys Troops; We have to request Your Lordships early decision on this Subject - We are earnest in this solicitation on Account of the Company's Field Officers on this Establishment, whose Gratuity during 4 Years has been stopped in Consequence of the Claim preferred by the Kings Field Officers. -

We have the honor to be with great

Respect -

Yr. H. C.

(signed) Rich^d? Campbell
& Council -

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Sent the undermentioned Letters & (continued in M.B. N^o 21: 22: 23: 24: 25: 26: 27: 28: 29: 30: 31: 32: 33: 34.)

To Major Tomyr, enclosing Parag-
raphs 1st to 16th inclusive of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 21st July, & desiring he will inform Government whether he is willing to

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& to accept the Ranks therein allotted to him.

To Col. Burrows.

To Col. D. Campbell

To Col. Ross.

The same to Lieutenant Colonel Burrows

To Lieutenant Colonel Dugald Campbell

To the Chief Engineer, with a Plan &

Elevation of a Mess Room built at Malajabad
by the Officers of the 7th Regiment to state whether
the Building will serve for a Quarter &
what is worth.

To Col. Kelly.

To Colonel Kelly, enclosing the
55. Para: respecting the Commission given
to his Son.

To Col. Maitland.

To the Adjutant General with the
79 Paragraph. Charles O'Neil to receive his
Discharge accordingly.

To Mr. Theodore Corbett

To Mr. Theodore Corbett, with
permission to resign the Paymastership of Ellon &
to visit the Presidency.

To Mr. Graham,

To Mr. David Graham, advising
his Appointment to the Office of Paymaster &
Storekeeper at Ellon, in the room of Mr. Theodore
Corbett.

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To. Masulipatam, informing them of

To Masulipatam -

the above. -

To. Mr. Edward Atkinson with his &

To Mr. Atkinson

Appointment of Secretary to the Hospital Board
in the Room of Mr. Berry. -

To Mr. Berry -

To. Mr. Berry, with information of the above.

To the Hospital
Board -

To the Hospital Board, informing them of
the above, & transmitting the 8th 9th 26th 27th & 52nd.
Para: of a Letter lately received from England - to
which they are desired to pay attention. -

To Mr. Shandon

To. Mr. John Humphrey Shandon &
advising him of his appointment to be Secretary
to the Military Board in the room of Lieut Stuart.

To Mr. Ince -

To. Mr. Daniel Ince to be Deputy &
Secretary to the Military Board in the room of Ensign
Wilks. -

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board informing them
of the above. -

To Mess^{rs}. Roebuck
& Torin -

To. Mess^{rs}. Roebuck & Torin, enclosing
Copy of a Letter received from Bengal to which
they are to pay attention. -

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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 Esq.^r

Minutes of the Consultation made

and Approved.

last

Read the following Letter from

the Committee of Nabob's Creditors.

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

President and Governor in Council at

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Committee of
Nabob's Creditors with
Observations on the Memoir
of appropriating to the
Expenses of Government
the Money paid into the
Company's Treasury by
His Highness on Account
of the Creditors Request-
ing Copies of such Papers
on Records as have Relation
to the Payment of His
H. -

We have been honored by the re-
ceipt of M^r. Secretary Chambers's Letter of the 4th Ultimo
in answer to our Address to your Honble Board of the
20th December informing us that the Money paid -
into

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into the Company's Treasury by the Nabob and which we requested might be divided among the Creditors, had been appropriated to the Exigencies of Government, and in particular to the Payment of the Troops employed under this Presidency.

The reasons contained in that Letter for deferring the Dividend appearing to be of a tendency, very alarming to the interests of the Nabob's individual Creditors, We feel it a Duty incumbent upon us, to offer a few Observations upon this occasion.

And first, We beg leave to remark, that in the Orders of the 9th December 1784 sent out by the Company for constituting the Arrangement, We do not find that any provisional exception is made to give the Company, or their Agents a discretionary power or Privilege of applying the Funds of the Creditors to the various objects of their Service, whether Political or Commercial; neither as We conceive, so long as the Company are in the practice of making advances of Money for different Purposes ^{and}

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and while the extensive Departments of Fortification, Military Stores, Investment, & Civil Expenditures are either supplied from the Treasury, or immediately dependant upon it, can it be justly affirmed, that any such application of the Creditors money is made more especially for one purpose, than for another. We conceive, that it cannot be otherwise regarded, than as a general Aid taken for the support of the whole Mass of the Company's concerns upon the Madras Establishment.

It ought to be remembered, that the Creditors of the new Consolidated Debt, when they signified the acquiescence to the terms of the Arrangement, consented to the virtual abrogation of a Considerable Proportion of their property in that Debt, by submitting to the reduction which was to take place in the Interest upon it, namely from twelve to Six per Cent. It is evident that the only Consideration on which could induce Men to make a Sacrifice of such extent, must have been the Security which the Company held out to them in exchange for

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owner &c

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owner, who shall say, when that license or privilege is to cease?

All that the creditors wish and desire, is a steady and uniform observance of the Arrangement, established by the Company, under the sanction of Parliament. It is only a deviation that can distress the creditors, or lessen the Gratitude they owe to the Company as the & voluntary Guardians of their rights.

We have to entreat, that your Honor^{ty} will be pleased to order us to be furnished with Copy of such Treaties, or Agreements, as may have been concluded, between the Nabob, and the Government of Fort St. George; as far as they have relation to the payment of Rents, or other matters of Concern to the individual Creditors. It is also a point of interesting & consequence to us, to know, when any payments on their Account are made by the Nabob, in pursuance of such Agreement; but as & this might involve circumstances unfit & for

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for our participation. We forbear to make it a request, lest We should transgress the respectful line which We think it our Duty to observe towards Government, & we only mention it here, that Your Honor &c. being apprized of what We are anxious to receive, may judge how far it is proper that such communication should be extended to us. -

We are with the greatest respect

&c. &c.

" John Turing

" James Taylor

" Paul Benfield

" Edw. In. Holland

" Tho. Lewin. -

" Geo. Moubray. -

The President begs leave to lay before the Board the State of the Treasury this day by which they will be enabled to judge of the Answer which it will be necessary to send to the Committee of Creditors. -

In consequence of the above Letter, the President lays before the Board, the

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31st Janry 1788 -

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9. February 1788.

State of the Treasury
this Day. —Balance of the Cash & Treasury } 1,08,738...
including deposits.....Of which there is due to the
Rajah of Travancore... 30,400.Balance of Cash received } 13,645...
for Bills on England... }Balance of the Military
Paymasters' Indent for } 50,000
last Month, undischarged } 94,045.Balance in hand... Rs 14,693.Tanjore Bills due the 7. of this
Month, and promised to be... } 50,000...
paid in the Course of a few days. }Total: Rs 64,693.Minutes on the Letter
from the Committee
of Creditors.

Agreed that the Committee be
furnished with such Extracts from the Letter
lately received from the Court of Directors, &
as may be necessary for their Information,
& that the following Reply to their address &
be sent by the Secretary. —

To

Fort St George 9th February 1788.

His Excellency
Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.
Sir,

I have the honor to address your
Excellency on a subject materially important
to my future views, and presuming to hope that
my application will be found reasonable. I
beg leave to solicit your Excellency's favorable
representation to the Honorable Board of the
grounds upon which it is supported.

After a series of thirty one Years of
unremitting service on this Coast, the desire of
returning to my native Country, in circumstances
at least comfortable, will not surely be deemed as
exceeding the bounds of modesty, or as a recompense
more than equivalent, to the sacrifice of the best
portion of my life spent, and a constitution
considerably impaired; amidst the hardships
inseparable from the Military profession.

Such

From Lieut Colonel Tamm
requesting to retire from
the service, and to be
allowed a Pension in
England during his
Life equal to the half
pay of a Lieut Colonel.

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Such has been the period of my Service;
and such desire is at present, the summit of my
wishes.

My private fortune indeed, rather
superior to the sum limited by the regulations, &
renders me eligible for admission upon Lord Flavel's
Bounty yet, having a family to support, I am
led to hope, that some indulgence will be shewn
by the Hon^{ble} Company, to the claims of a servant,
whose labors have been honored with the
approbation of the Government under which he
acted; and to the merits of so considerable a length
of Service, during the whole course of which, he
has never been absent from the duties of his station

As the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors,
have on former occasions, granted Annuities to
Officers, whose Services were not perhaps of
such duration, or more zealous than mine, &
(of which Major Callij's in 1768 is an instance in
point) I humbly presume to request and
hope for the recommendation of the Hon^{ble}
Board, that a Pension may be allowed to me
by

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by the Hon^{ble} Company, equal to the Half Pay
of Lieutenant Colonel, payable in England &
during my life. -

Although I trust the result of this
address to a simple statement of my Services, it
may not be unfit to remark, that there being
a supernumerary Lieut Colonel of Artillery
on this Establishment, remains a decisive &
argument in its favor, if considered exceptionable
in regard to Expence. -

I therefore solicit the honor of your
excellencies support, and through it, the
countenance of Government in transmitting
this application to the Hon^{ble} the Court of
Directors. -

Cantonments
Warriore
January the 21st 1788.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

(signed)

C. Tanner
Lt. Col. Artillery

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Colonel
Tanner that the Board are not authorized to comply
with

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with his Request, but will transmit his application to the Court of Directors, and support it by their testimony of his long and Meritorious Services.

Read the following Letter from the

Chief Engineer

To the Honble. Major Genl. Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief President & Governor &c. Council
of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.-

Since my last address on the

Subject of the Works of this Place, I have now the honor to continue my Detail of the repairs made, and Work necessary to be done here and at the several Out Garrison, and first of

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The decayed Parapets of the Fort have been revetted one third in Chunanam and the rest in Clay.- a Granary has also been completed North of the Fort Square, so as to answer the Purpose of

From the Chief Engineer
with a Detail of the
Repairs made & of Work
necessary to be done at
the Presidency and the
several Out Garrison.

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of laying up 15,000 Bags, but as this Building is not Bombproof, nor Capable from its construction of being rendered so, it can only be considered as of a Temporary Nature for a Service of this kind as a Garrison Store. Considerable additions have been made to the Buildings at the Arsenal and new Powder Mill. The Northern Paddy Godowns in the Black Town have been converted into Barracks for an European Regiment. Our other Employment has chiefly been in repair to Buildings. The Accompanying Estimates will shew what is still wanting to complete them.

I have also to inform you that the Repairs formerly recommended to be made to the Wall for Defence of the Fort against the Incroachment of the Sea have not yet been undertaken, I beg leave therefore most strenuously to recommend that the first favourable Moment be seized to prosecute this Work, and that in order to be enabled to
await

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avail ourselves thereof, you will be pleased to give
 Directions that the necessary Provision be made
 of Bricks, Lumber, and Piles for that Purpose.

The Retaining Wall formerly &
 recommended for the preservation of the Glacis
 before the Nabob's Bastion, and Wallajah Pavilion
 remains still to be done; in addition to which, as
 the current of the River sets so forcibly against
 that part of the Glacis so to require constant
 Repair, I propose projecting into the River
 Below the Bridge leading to the Island a
 small Pier for the purpose of deviating the
 stream to the opposite side, whilst the slime
 brought with the Water by setting round it
 will form a Barrier against the future &
 Encroachments of the Water on this Part,
 which will be a considerable saving of &
 Labour and Expence now constantly increasing.

Being again on the Subject
 of the Works, I must consider it a part of my
 Duty to call to your Recollection, what still
 remains to be done in order to render the
 Fortification

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Fortifications of this Place complete; The Operations of War have hitherto prevented the prosecution of these and relieved as we are at present from any Difficulties of a like Nature. I trust you will excuse my suggesting it at a Moment wherein they may be executed with the Advantages that Peace will allow

In my former address to the Honble Board respecting the Fortifications, I took occasion to observe, the Sea Line of the Fort remaining in the unfinished State it now appears, was a matter that afforded me much Concern. The whole of that Line having been raised to the Cordon ever since the beginning the Year 1780 when from the want of Bricks and Churnam and our after Embarrassments there remained and still remains to be done in Order to complete it, a small Quantity of Brick Work to bring it to the intended level near the North Sea Gate. Likewise the Churnaming over the upper Course of Masonry to prepare it to receive the Earth necessary to be

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be filled in at Top for the Security of the Carriageway,
also the completing of the Parapet extending #
along the whole of that line. Together with
the finishing requisite to the Gallery of Commu-
-nication to the Sisters. These works will
I trust now appear to you no less necessary to be
executed than they have ever done to me in order
to Complete the plan; and the Expence but #
trifling when compared to the consequence of
the object. - And let me add the very great advantage
the Fortifications would derive from their
Reinments being Chartered before the Brick
Work has suffered more materially by the
salt corrosive exhalations that arise from
the Ground, and from the pernicious Moisture
of the long shore Winds, by which they have #
already been considerably injured in many
Places. -

I also stated the necessity there
was that an addition should be made for the
Lodgement of a great Quantity of Guns #
Powder in Fort Likewise, the necessity there
is of a Garrison Store for Grain and for an additional
Quantity

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Quantity of Water to that we already have The
present Granaries and Reservoirs being very
inadequate to the requisite provision for a Siege

Black Town

I am sorry to acquaint the Honorable
Board, the Black Town Wall has been so long in
an unfinished State, that it approaches fast
to decay, from the corrosive Salt air which
has mouldered away the outer Surface of the
Bricks, and ate so much into the their Revetments
that I fear, it cannot much longer resist
the Weight of Earth behind it, without &
some Measures be taken soon for their protection.

It has ever been my wish to
see this Wall rendered of consequence sufficient
to oblige an Enemy to open Ground before it,
as any delay we may create to an Enemy
there, will considerably protract the Defense
of Fort St. George by gaining time for our
accomplishing many objects very essential
to the Defense of the Place.

As

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As then Works have already been & much Expence to the Company, and as the protection they have quitted to the Inhabitants of the Black Town has not only been a Personal Security to them, but also become a deposit of great wealth, I submit to the Honorable Board with all deference the propriety of their contributing towards Completing it according to the original design.

The Stockade next to the Sea having stood many Years is now in a very imperfect State. The Gates are in general in bad condition, but with the necessary Repairs may last a few Years longer.

The Temporary Sheds for Sepoys were almost entirely blown down the last Gale of Wind. They have since been repaired as far as the old Materials would go, and they have to submit the propriety of Reinstating the others in a more permanent manner by a Tyles instead of a Thatched covering, as the difference of Expence will not be material.

The

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The long Bridge leading from the Fort to the Garden House has been considerably injured by the late rains. Temporary Stockades & have been placed for the protection of Passengers & were the Revetment has given way, and when the Season is favorable some more permanent & Repair will be necessary.

Mount

Algun Shes to receive Fourteen Guns with their Tumbrils and Limbers complete a Guard Room, and Orderly Room has been built at the Mount since the War and the Artillery Barracks and Hospital there put in good Repair.

Pondamalle

The Barracks for a Battalion of Europeans without the Fort of Pondamalle begun before the War has with its Offices & Guard Rooms, and Orderly Room, been lately finished. Also Two Ranges of Officers Quarters with

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with their Offices for the accommodation of three Captains in each Range, - The old Quarters have had some occasional Repairs but the essential one to the Roofs is still wanting, they having stood upwards of Twenty Years without any thing Material having been done to them. They require to have the whole of the Tysling shifted and the decayed Palminas and Rapiers replaced with new ones. -

Arnee.

Lieutenant Norres's Estimate

for Arnee is so Moderate that I do not hesitate to adopt it although I am yet uninformed of the particulars of the Works intended to be done

Thiagar

The Estimates of Thiagar are for rebuilding the Houses on the Hill for the Reception of Stores, and for enclosing the Taverns, Works already begun likewise for Building the Granaries for which a Provision of Materials is making. These Works have already received the approbation of Government.

Vellore

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Vellore

The Repairs proposed for the Garrison of Vellore, I apprehend to be very necessary, and I cannot help regretting the continual Repairs, that will ever be required to these Buildings, unless a more Permanent Plan should be adopted.

Tanjore.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Works held at Tanjore the 21st December 1787. having been I understand, already transmitted to the Hon^{ble} Board, and the expediency of the Granary recommended by Colonel Stuart to be built in the little Fort being evident to all the Members of your Honorable Board, leaves me nothing to add but my wishes that Government may find themselves in condition to order the immediate execution thereof. The Materials stated to be necessary for the three ensuing Months, at Tanjore are not more than adequate to the wants of such Garrisons.

Palamcottah

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Palamcottah

I understand some of the Officers Barracks at Palamcottah to be in such bad condition that no Repair much short of rebuilding can render them comfortable, and as the Difference in Expence according to Lieutenant Ogg's Estimate between Repairing and constructing them new is not Material, I could wish permission was granted him to Change their Situation, which he represents to be bad, and the Captains Quarters immediately opposite to and within Twenty feet of a Magazine -

Masulipatam..

The Accompanying Letter and Report from Captain Priestly on the State of the Works at Masulipatam will better explain his Estimates than any thing I can offer on the Subject. It is therefore only for me to observe that the Reform of the Royal Bastion recommended will add much to the Defense of that important Fort.

Ellore.

Major Banks's Letter and Plan
Accompanying

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Accompanying the Estimates from Mr. ex-plainers fully
the Works he has recommended, the Alterations he proposes
for Sepoy Officers Quarters, and the Paymasters House are
no doubt an improvement worthy of the expense. The
compound Wall will add to the convenience of the
Gentlemen should the Hon^{ble} Board find it convenient to
indulge them with it; although it does not appear so
essential as the others, I have directed Major Banks to
send a plan and Estimate for New Sepoy Quarters
for your approbation previous to any thing being
done to the present Pandallo.

Vizagapatam.

The Particulars of what was recommended
for Vizagapatam have already been laid before you —

Ganjam

Captain Gent informs me he has in
obedience to the orders of the Chief and Council at Ganjam
laid before them an Estimate of a Retaining Wall for the
Counterscarp and Covered Way of that Fort, the Utility
of such a Work sufficiently speaks for itself.

The Estimate from Ponnacottah, &
Vizagapatam and Ganjam including all that is immediately
required at these places, I have inserted a fourth of them
only in the present Quarterly Expense.

I am With much respect

Yr. Yr.
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Eng^r

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List of Materials & Estimate of Expence for making repairs to the Works for the Defence of the Fort against the Encroachment of the sea to be laid before the Board.

The Board concurs in Opinion with the Chief Engineer upon the propriety of making Repairs to the Wall for Defence of the Fort against the Encroachment of the sea, & it is in consequence of Agreed that he be desired to state the particulars of Materials requisite with an Estimate of the Expence which will attend the prosecution of the above Work

The Bricklayers under the Chief Engineer to be employed in repairing the Walls of the Fort.

Agreed also to desire the Chief Engineer will immediately employ the Bricklayers under him in repairing & filling up the decayed Niches on the Walls leading in to Malabar Gate Garden & Caponier, & on to the Body of the Place wherever it may be requisite - When that Front is done, he must direct the Bricklayers to proceed in like Manner to St Georges Gate &c.

Read the following Letter from M. Gabogan Surgeon at Vellore.

To John Charnier Esq.

Military Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter under date the 23rd Instant conveying to me the Orders of the Board, that I should return the

From M. Gabogan, Surgeon of Vellore, as to Work.

Commissary

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Commissions lately granted to me, and conformably thereto, herewith you will be pleased to receive it, being ever ready to pay implicit obedience to the Orders of Government.

From the knowledge and conviction the Board have of the Justice of my Claim, They will more easily conceive, than I can describe, the painful sensations this Occurrence has given me.

My feelings however are greatly & alleviated, by the Honble testimony of their interposition, in Support of my Memorial sent home by the Ravensworth to the Court of Directors, claiming my original Rank next below. M. Duffen, as it affords me & the pleasing hope that a Reference aided by their approbation, and strengthened by their Sanction & assistance must certainly be productive of the Object of my wishes.

Permit me therefore Sir to entreat the favor of You to make my most grateful Acknowledgements to the Honble Board for this very essential mark of Their Attention, and to assure them that it shall ever be my Study and Ambition, to prove & myself worthy of the flattering distinction they have shown me.

Several Letters very Material to the Object I am pursuing having been either thro' inadvertency

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or ^{at} intention, withheld from the Board.

And as I have been induced to reply to arraigned attacks made upon my Character, and conduct to the Hospital Board, I have taken the liberty of enclosing Copies of such letters, and correspondence as are in # point, that the Board may have in view every # necessary Circumstance, and I shall rely on their Candour, and Indulgence, for the propriety of this Measure, and the additional trouble it will give them in transmitting them as a Number in their next Despatch, to the Court of Directors. N^o 1 and 2.

Are letters from Mr. Duffin, Head Surgeon of Vellore Hospital, N^o 3 is a Letter from Colonel Nixon to me Expressive of Regret for the loss of a very Valuable Officer, Captain. Nodder of the Artillery who was killed at a Siege under Colonel Nixon's command, but had been formerly # Cured by me, of a Schinous liver, and inveterate Dropsy; for the latter, I bled him, and drew off Nineteen pints of Water, when in almost # deplorable State, from which he recovered, and served in the field during several severe # Campaigns, without having experienced the smallest appearance, or Symptom of a Relapse.

N^o 4 is an Address from me to the Hospital Board under Date the 3^d Instant, which I lay

Yours

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You will lay before the board as soon as convenient.

I am extremely concerned that wayward Circumstances should have obliged me to take up so much of the time of the Hon^{ble} Board, but hope the Necessity will apologize for it, being ever studious to avoid unnecessary intrusions on Government.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.

Y^r. Y^r.

(signed) L. Sahagan

Vellore

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Extract of a Letter from. M^r Duffen, Head Surgeon of Vellore, to the Physician General on the late Sickness at Vellore 1787.

"I cannot in Justice but mention the
"very Essential aid I have received from. M^r Sahagan
"whose attention, and Unremitted assiduity has
"been such that for several days, I may say he lives in
"the Hospital to see the administration, and the Effect
"of the Medicines, by which many many lives
"have been saved; I therefore hope some marked &
"attention will be shown by the Hospital Board
"by thanking him, for the very able, and judicious
display

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"display of his abilities, and in the Support that
"he has rendered me, in so deplorable a calamity."

N.B.

This letter was sent
the latter end of
October last, or beginning
of November

Attest Extract.

(Signed) W^m Duffen
Head Surgeon

Copy of a Letter, accompanying an Address from W. Gahagan
to the Hospital Board dated November the 16th 1787.

To W^m Andrew Barry
Secretary to the Hospital Board

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a letter from
W. Gahagan to be laid before the Hospital Board, to
every Member of which his Merits are individually known,
It would be presumption therefore in me to say any
thing further, than that his assiduity and
unremitted attention in his duty has been such, &
with the able professional Support he has rendered
me on every trying Occasion, as demand this tribute
of my Acknowledgement.

(Attest Copy.)

I am Sir &c &c
(signed) W^m Duffen
Head Surgeon

Dear

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Dear Sahagan

You will have pleasure in hearing we are Masters of this place, After an obstinate Siege, and effecting a breach, from the Top of which our Troops were several times repulsed. The Enemy defended it in the most desperate Manner, our loss in Killed, and wounded exceeds 300 Natives and Europeans. Amongst the latter, I am sorry to tell you is my Friend the Commandant of Artillery, Captain Nodder, whom you some time ago I paid for a dropsey at Trichinopoly, and wonderfully-cured poor fellow. He cheerfully went through great, and unremitting fatigues on the two last Sieges, but is laid for the last time by one of Hyper's Doctors, with a Market ball through the thick of the thigh of which wound he is since dead in Tanjore - I have reason to lament the loss of his active Abilities, having several Sieges to undertake, and being reduced to a single Drunken Artillery Officer.

I have no time to say more than that I shall March tomorrow for Adraapatam.

Camp at Mahadeapatam

September the 17. 1781.

I am, Dear Sahagan

Always Sincerely Yours

(signed)

Geles Nixon

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(Copy of a letter to the Hospital Board)

To James. Anderson Esq^r

Physician General

& Members

Hospital Board.

Gentlemen

Having been favored by the Physician General with the Curious perusal of a letter from M^r. Keen to you Gentlemen, pregnant with many Reflections, and unmerited imputations upon my Character, and Conduct, and as he has peremptorily insisted to you that his letter shall be forwarded to the Honorable the Governor, and Council, necessity behoves me to address you in support of Justice, and to prevent any prejudice, that might otherwise arise from unprovoked, and illiberal insinuations, which I trust will appear to have Originated from too futile a source to impose the Hospital Board on the Honorable the Governor, and Council with any Sentiments detrimental to my Interest, or Just Claims upon the Service.

In the Course of my Correspondence with

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with the Honorable Board, and with you Gentlemen,
I can confidently Affirm that I have most cautiously
avoided touching upon the Character or Conduct
of anyone in the Service, and have only Modestly
supported my own pretensions, by a Relation of
Facts founded upon the indisputable Basis of
truth, liberality, and Justice, and it would
have been far more agreeable to my feelings had
M^r. Mein pursued an equal degree of Decorum,
as it would have saved me the mortifying task of
refuting calumny, and exclamation, which have
no foundation but in the extravagance of his
disturbed imagination.

It is therefore in some, and very
unpleasant to me, to be thus compelled to the
necessity of replying to such illiberal insinuations,
so pointedly levelled at me. But as the Vindication
of myself must appear as obvious, and necessary to
you as to me, I shall indulge the hope that
you will not consider this address as intrusive, but
indispensably requisite.

M^r. Mein has pursued his address
and introduced his pretensions in so eccentric
a manner, as would lead any impartial, and
Dispassionate

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Despionate Man to conclude, that Sympathy for him, and Compassion for his Wife, and family alone ought to be sufficient Objects of Consideration, and should have a prevalence over justice, and active Service. But with all due deference to his Sentiments and Motives, I cannot reconcile them with propriety. But if I do, the very plea he has urged as a groundwork for his Claim, is far more forcible in my behalf than his, as my family are more Numerous and my active Service far more conspicuous than he can pretend to. These Gentlemen are in controvertible facts, and cannot be done away by the insinuations of M. Mier; because, I may appeal to your knowledge in both cases, and it is a fortunate circumstance to me that Mess^{rs} Casamajor, and Macmillan, two of the present Members of Government, as well as all the principal Officers of Rank in the Service, with whom I have had the Honor to serve in the Field at a different period, can bear testimony, that I have ever been ready and gone upon all active Service that has been required of me, and I have moreover frequently solicited to be employed when any. —

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any actual Service was in expectation - and I
 may appeal not only to you Gentlemen for
 the truth of this Assertion, but also to the Records
 of Government, which will shew in several
 Instances that I have never attempted to qualify
 my Duty, but cheerfully pursued in my
 Professional pursuits wherever they called me.

A. M. Mein has been free in
 Invective, and indulges himself in wanton
 declarations; I must take the liberty of observing
 that he is mistaken in saying that I am
 out a private Soldier, and in speaking of my
 Education, his opinion is no better founded, &
 altho he has pedantically given a Latin &
 Quotation in support of it, and likewise I
 suppose with a view of offering to you a
 specimen of his sound erudition. I shall only
 reply (in compassion to the Mood that he
 seems to have been in, and the care he had to
 govern when he wrote) "Excitatus Sopon Vinosa,
 Bauchoratus est."

The fortune was not so favorable
 as to send me out with an Appointment to this
 Country, I am nevertheless as a Gentleman
 and

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and after my landing at Madras was introduced
as such, and my Appointment in the Service
arose out of those consequences, Now Gentlemen,
may I be permitted to ask you from what &
consequences did Mr. Meins's Appointment &
arise, Pray was he appointed by the Court of
Directors? I have been informed not. Then let
him indulge in the Ideal preference, he so &
arrogantly assumes. — He prides himself on
a Superior Education he may have had it. But
the effects arising from this assumed Superiority,
have not yet been so operative as to convince &
me, or the Public that they have availed him
in the degree which should give him a preference
in this pursuit. However this is a matter that
cannot be concluded by his opinion, or Mine.

The primary qualifications &
I thought with me, with I hope be thought full
as efficient and respectable as Mr. Meins; for I studied
Surgery under Mr. Woodroffe Head Surgeon of Stevens's
Hospital in Dublin, and I attended Doctor &
Righorri's Lectures, who was Professor of
Anatomy in Trinity College; and admitting that
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the Levety of Youth interfered with my Studies, and would not allow me to retain all I might have done, yet without the Vanity of Boasting, or the arrogance of appreciating my own Qualifications, I may Venture to assert to you Gentlemen without depreciating his, that my Experience may be put in competition with a Man some Years Younger than myself whose Practice previous to his Arrival in this Country, could never have ~~been~~ reached beyond the Extent of a Puercile walk, and the acquirements of the Greenland Fishery.

Had my Luck in this Country been equal to his in the first instance, this Matter of Right of Service could not have come in Competition between us, because I was certainly in the Service before him. But the same cause which occasioned my Coming out, operates in full force, and I was & deemed to feel that want of friendship, which Mr. Mun happily experienced, but which I must ever lament the want of, and it was the want of that friendship, which drove me to seek at Home, what was denied me in this Country, and there are now many Gentlemen of Rank

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Rank, that was of opinion, and declared that I was illiberally treated, and even persecuted. But as the current at that time was too strong to be stemmed by my feeble efforts, I took the only alternative of procuring such Testimonials as even welcomed the allegations against me, and proved beyond the possibility of a doubt, that I had been injured, and oppressed.

Immediately after my Return to England, I studied closely and most attentively under the celebrated Doctors Hunter, Fardge, Crone, and Londer, and was a Pupil of Mr Pott, Head Surgeon of Bartholomew's Hospital, with the privilege of visiting the Principal Hospitals in London. - The Documents I produced at the India House from the Different Gentlemen under whom I had studied, and the Diplomas I obtained from Surgeons Hall, together with Doctor Hosack's, His Majesty's Examining Physician of Greenwich are already well known, and certified by the Honorable the Court of Directors, to the Honorable President and Council at Madras, and I trust my practice since that period has incontestably proved that nothing has been said in those Testimonials but what I may fairly lay claim to.

But yielding to Mr Allen the ground

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ground he claims in asserting that I did come out
in the Station he so caustically seems to abhor;
Believe it will be allowed, and acknowledged that
there have been many Instances in life of men
of honorable Connections, who from the imprudence,
and extravagance of Parents, and Unmerited
strokes of misfortune on themselves have
been reduced to the Necessity of coming out in
the Service in a private Situation, who have
afterwards in their several Stations acquitted
themselves with so much honor, and Credit,
as to gain the approbation, and applause of
their Honorable Employers, whose Minds &
happily transcend the mean Caprice of illiberal
Conclusions upon any one who from casual
Misfortune may have been thrown into a
temporary situation, which however it
unfortunate and obscure, cannot be re-
 deemed Disgraceful to them, and I can with
truth declare that had it not been owing to
the imprudence, and ^{extraneous} of a Father I might now
have been in possession of a landed hereditary
Estate of clear eight hundred a Year, which was
disposed of when I was a Minor, and which
it

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it is well known, I am now using the means to recover,

I can but admire M. Muir's attempts to depreciate my Services, of which he says I so vainly boast. But ^{as I} cannot tax myself with arrogant Vaunting in any thing, he must excuse me if I say I have not Boasted, and that in the Assertions of my Rights, I said as little in my own behalf as could be said, without yielding him a compliment at the Expense of my Profession, and Understanding. But why endeavor to exculpate myself from an accusation ushered in by fancy and unsubstantiated. I have the Horrible and Unfading acknowledgment of my Services from Government attestation too well established to receive any Injury from the Malevolent insinuations of any Individual. - Yet I must confess that as he has no Services to enumerate, or Boast of, he seems to put himself awkward in the want of actions to indulge in Egotism, and I could have passed over all this, if in endeavoring to appreciate himself he had not wantonly attempted to depreciate me.

He says I have been frequently in the
 Unhappy

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Receipt of large sums of Money, and I sincerely wish his
 assertions in this point disputing one has been utilized,
 because whatever his Opinion may be the reverse of the
 position to happens to be the case, and certainly holds
 good as the Paper security with which Lord Macartney
 liquidated my Affairs can clearly win. And I can
 firmly declare, that during the late War I borrowed
 several Sums of Money at Interest in order to support
 my Station in the field, and leave my family whom with
 to subsist them at Madras, when I have sent alone cost
 me upwards of two thousand Pagodas. There are Expenses
 Gentlemen, that Mr. Min never incurred, and had he
 remained satisfied at Fuddalore in his Station, when an
 Hospital was established, he would have been reduced to
 the pittance of twenty one Pagodas a Month which he
 now complains of as a hardship he has experienced, and
 as a Concurring Circumstance that gives him a claim to
 deprive me of my original Rights. —

I cannot forbear remarking that there
 is much inconsistency, if not inhumanity in his bold
 and glowing declaration "that he will sacrifice Wife,
 Children, and life rather than serve under me" Is it
 it an Argument of Reason, or Manly fortitude to say
 that he will not submit to Justice, or yield to the
 orders of the Government under which he serves &
 surely not, such a declaration must rather excite
 Pity than Stimulate Resentment, however expressed
 in itself of Violence, and Contumacy. —

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I must next beg leave to solicit your Attention to an Extract of the orders of the Court of Directors, which pointedly Direct that None but Regimental Surgeons shall be recommended to succeed to General Hospital; which order pointedly and specifically precludes M^r. Binny from Succeeding to the Charge of One - and as this order of the Court of Directors appeared both to the Honble the Governor, and Council, and the Hospital Board so proper, and Reasonable; that as it being Known They subjoined Their own orders in confirmation and Declared, That such Surgeons as were appointed to Regiment, and did not Join, should forfeit all pretensions to succeed to an Hospital. What claim in Reason and Right of those Orders can M^r. Binny have? Why, Certainly None - And as the Honble Court of Directors further Direct that Merit and Services shall be Minutely Attended to," and Considering my Merit to be equal, and my Services Superior to either M^r. Binny, or M^r. Mien, I am induced to indulge myself in the hope, that in the fair, and literal Construction, and obvious Meaning of the positive and pointed Orders of the Court of Directors, my Claim to the Charge of an Hospital is manifestly preferable to theirs.

Having thus Gentlemen Stated my pretensions and Candidly Compared them with those of my Competitors, I shall repose in perfect Confidence, on your Distribution of impartial Justice, and that my Representations will have their

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their full weight with You, and induce you to recommend me for the first Vacant Hospital, In which Station you may be assured that My Zeal, and Austerity shall be exerted as to give full propriety to Your Choice, and to obtain for me Your future Confidence, and Approbation. -- I have the honor to be most Respectfully --

Vellore January
the 30. - 1788. - 3

(Above Copy)

(Signed)

W. F. Gahagan.

To John Chamier Esq^r

Military Secretary. -

Sir,

From W. F. Gahagan
on the same subject

I was last Night honored with a letter from the Hospital Board, enclosing me Copies of M. Meun's two letters, which were forwarded to Government. But having been enabled to Anticipate a reply to them from an early, tho' casual perusal, with which the Physician General favored me, it is needless to trouble the Honble Board with a recapitulation of any part of my address to the Hospital Board, having recently had the Honor of transmitting a Copy of that, as well other letters to Government, which materially concern my Interest, and future prospects. But as one passage in M. Meun's letter has escaped my Notice wherein he pretends to adduce an Extract from one of my letters to him, as an Instance of my want of Candour, and that I can acknowledge his Seniority when it suits my Convenience by Soliciting his exertions &

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in Remonstrating to the Board for not filling up the Staff &c. He quotes the following words from me "was
"to write on my own Account I should not hesitate,
"but an Undertaking for a Body, renders me extremely
"diffident, especially as it must come from You" As the
Honble Board have indulged him in pursuing his
Appendix, I hope I may be allowed the liberty of
claiming the same privilege in soliciting their attention
to a fact which will Effectually obviate, and clearly do
away, any insinuation, and Misrepresentation of my
want of Candour in any of my former Representations
to Government, therefore in order to prove that his
Quotation is the fair, and his Assertion very Remote
from that Candour which he Condemns, the want
of in others, I shall beg leave in my turn to trouble
You with an Extract from a letter of Mr. Munn to
me in June 87. —

"Tell my Dear Friend, what think you now of
"the Humbug that has been put on us about our
"Off Reconning, a sum that I looked upon as certain
"as if in my pocket two Months ago - Indeed so &
"much did I rely on the good faith of Government &
"towards us in that respect, that I would have &
"refused 499 Pags from any person that would have
"offered it, never certainly were a set of men treated &
with

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with so much Injustice - The least they could have done was to have paid the first Year, and to have issued their orders for those that were to come after, having so solemnly pledged their faith by the orders last Year - what my friend is to be done? Does it not behove us to send in a respectful, tho' spirited Remonstrance - and as they seem to stick as rigidly to the orders of the Court of Directors in some points, does it not behove us to demand their Compliance with them in others - say in one that very nearly concerns your Interest, and mine - viz - in that of filling up the Hospital Staff which they had ordered to consist of six - whereas only four have been yet appointed - This I think may be done with infinate propriety, and if you can draw up anything in the form of a Remonstrance, I will subscribe to it most willingly, and can send it to Weston at Cherguist? - M. Minis letter is now before me from which the above is accurately transcribed, and I am sorry to be reduced to the necessity of having recourse to private Correspondence as a matter of Evidence, but as he first opened the subject, I hope the necessity of my own Justification, will give full propriety of my having recourse to a similar Reference -

Permit me to remark that the
G. Pitt

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Hospital Board have been pleased to confirm
W. Meins Assertions with their Signatures as ~~if~~
having appeared to them strictly true. -

I have great Respect for the Hospital ~~and~~
Board, and as Men are not infallible, I am willing
to believe that their implicit Confirmation of several
of W. Meins Assertions was induced in a great measure
by that Estimation in which they hold W. Meins
Fidelity, and without any pointed design to Injure me.

When I first came out to this Country ~~and~~
I was recommended to W. Alexander, then in ~~the~~
Council at Bengal. I came ashore at Madras and
lived with the Commanding Officer and several Cadets
bound to Bengal, for eight or nine days, and went
on Board again in order to procure - But was followed
by the Chief Mate and Surgeon of the Ship, who ~~and~~
assured me that W. John fell then ~~assured~~ in ~~the~~
Council, and to whom I had been introduced while
on Shore, had recommended me for the post of
Surgeons Assistant, and that my pay was to be fifteen
pagodas a month, and as the Army was then in the
field I stood a chance of being appointed a full
Surgeon in the Course of a few Years - I assented to
their proposal and returned to Madras, from ~~where~~
whence I was detached with a body of Europeans in
the Course of forty eight hours to join the Army ~~and~~
which

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which I accordingly did

My loss of baggage during the late war at different periods is well known; therefore I shall not trouble the Honble Board with a recital of hardships in order to excite their pity, as my Chief Study is to gain their attention and applause by public Acts of real service, and not in vaunting on the advantages the Service may have derived from cautions in remote Situations as M. Min has stated in his own behalf while in the firears - I beg Sir You will do me the Justice and Kindness to lay this Letter before the Honble Board to whom I am ready to prove every Assertion I have made.

I have the honor to be with Respect

Vellore

February the 1st 1788.

Yr^{ts} &c.
(signed) J. Gahagan.

Agreed that the Papers transmitted
Copies to England by M. Gahagan be forwarded to the Court of Directors, agreeably to his Request.

Read the following Letter from
Mess^{rs} Garrow, Webb, & Landon.

To

Fort St. George 4th February 1788.

To the Honble. Major General Sir. Archibald Campbell R. S.

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We beg leave to enclose copy of a letter from M^r Bromley, accompanying a Certificate and an Account current of Arrears claimed on account of Captain John Stuart, formerly in the Nabob's Service. As the time fixed for receiving demands of this nature is expired, we cannot refer the abovementioned claim to the Nabob's Agent without your orders for the purpose.

We have the honor to be.

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J. G.
Edw: Larrow
W^m Webb:
J. Landon.

To the President and Committee

For Settling and Adjusting the Accounts of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick. &c. &c. &c.

Sir & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to lay before you Gentlemen an Account between His Highness the

From the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts with a claim preferred by M^r Bromley in favor of Captain John Stuart for Arrears of Pay.

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From the Commandant
of the Henry Dundas

Toom Captain M^c Nab, Commanding
the Henry Dundas requesting a supply of #
6 Tierces of Beef & an equal Quantity of Pork
for the use of the Charterparty Passengers, to
be paid for in England as the Court of Directors
& Owners of the Ship may settle it.

Minute taken

The Board are surprised that
Captain M^c Nab should not have kept #
a sufficient Quantity of Provisions in #
Store for the use of Charterparty Passengers,
& it is agreed that this be signified to him,
& that he be informed he must purchase #
Provisions on Account of his Owners, as he
cannot be furnished with any from the #
Garrison Stores from whence they cannot
be spared.

From the Surgeon
of the 71st Regiment

From M^r Horsman, Surgeon to
the 71st Regiment, stating he having built
a House at Malayaubad, & tendering the same
to Government for Sale as a Field Officers
Quarters.

Minute taken

Agreed that the Chief Engineer
be directed to Report the Value of M^r #
Horsman's House, & state the Accommodation
it

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it is Capable of affording.

From M. George
Forster

From M. George Forster
stating that the Account & Petition of
Venkaty Mootialoo Sea Gate Dubash at
Suddaloo setting forth his claim for
Pagodas 410. 35. 40. is well founded, & would
have been presented by M. Forster if it had
been delivered to him before his Departure
from this Fort.

Minutcheon

The Necessary Information
being thus obtained in respect to the claim,
it is Agreed that the Military Paymaster
General be directed to give a certificate for
a Bengal Bond in discharge of the sum
due to Venkaty Mootialoo.

From Lieutenant
Bowles of Cavalry

From Lieutenant Bowles of
the Cavalry, enclosing a Memorial
for the Court of Directors with some
other papers, which he desires may be forwarded

Minutcheon

Agreed that the Papers
sent by Lieutenant Bowles be forwarded
Conformably to his Request
The

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Intelligence
respecting Tippoo

The President lays before the Board Intelligence received from General Horne Commanding at Trichinopoly to the following Purport. That two Detachments of Cavalry from Tippoo's Army had lately passed the Guzzheraddy Pass towards the Coimbatour Country, one under the Command of Mahomed Ally Zubeck and Unzur Lawn, the other of Maria Mera Saib and Monseer Sally; the General further advises, that from every Information he can procure, Tippoo's Intention is either to penetrate the Travancore Country or the Southern Provinces of the Company.

Read Letter from Lieutenant

From Lieutenant
Darke. —

Darke of His. Majesty's 52 Regiment
inserted in M. B. Marked A. between Nos. 41 & 42/
stating a claim to full Batta & Horse Allowance
for his separate Appointments as Secretary
& Aid de Camp to Major General Oglesby.

Agreed

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Agreed that the above claim be
referred to the Comptroller General of Army
Accounts & that Lieutenant Darke be called
upon to state why it was not brought forward
at an earlier Period

L^d Col

Arch^d Campbell

John Holland

John M. B. Samson

R. Maunsell

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Diary -

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10 Sent the unmentioned Letters (entered in
M.B. N^o 42: 43: 44: 45: 46: 47: 48: 49)

To M. Gabagan Surgeon, His Papers will be
transmitted to the Court of Directors, of favorable
Mention made of his Merit & Services.

To Lieutenant Dashi of the 52 Regiment. -
His claims for Batta have been submitted to the
Commissary General - To state why he did not
prefer them at an earlier Period

To the Chief Engineer. Particular Instructions
respecting the Works & Repairs stated by him as
necessary to be done in the different Garrisons
& Ports on the Coast of Chormandel, will shortly
be sent him - The Board Concur in his Recommen-
dation for the making Repairs to the Wall for
Defense of the Fort against the Encroachment
of the Sea, to lay before them an Estimate of the
Expense - The Bricklayer Masons employed
under him are to join & fill up the decayed &
Bricks in the Walls of the Fort - Colonel Kelly's
Request relative to his Quarters at Malaijaubad
inadmissible. - Works at Malaijaubad to be
executed

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from this date, Vice Lloyd, and to commence on the Pay and Quarters of that Rank from the day. Major Lloyd ceases to draw them.

Captain Lieut Will^m Sankwar to be # Captain of a company Vice Judson Promoted, # and Spediman on half Pay, and is to commence the Pay and Quarters of that Rank from the Day. Major Judson ceases to draw them.

Lieutenant David Willison to be Inspector of Stores at Vellore, Vice Sankwar, # Promoted.

— Infantry —

Major Thomas Trent to be a Lieut # Colonel, Vice Keating Deceased, date of Rank 6 February, 1788.

Major John Mordaunt to be an acting Lieut. Colonel from this Date, Vice Conyngham retired on Lord Clive's Bounty, and Bilecliffe on half Pay.

Lieut. Colonel Mordaunt is ordered to join the Army on the Coast, on or before the 1st of next May from which period his Pay and other Allowances are to commence. — Acting =

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Acting Lieutenant Colonel Oldham
and Acting Major Sale, succeed to Full Rank
from the 24. January, 1788.

Captain P. Bonnevaux to be an
Acting Major from the 6th February 1788, vice
Trent promoted, and Lochrane on half Pay;
and Captain Lieutenant Chas. Stuart to be
an Acting Captain of a Company, Vice Bonnevaux
promoted, and a Captain on half Pay.

Captain Thomas Lighton appointed
to Command the 19th Battⁿ of Native Infantry
Vice, Bonnevaux promoted.

Major Thomas Prudergast appointed
to the Command of Pondicherry, Vice Trent, &
promoted - Lieut. Colonel Trent to remain in
the Command of that Station until relieved.

Capt James Dalrymple appointed
to the Command of the Granadine Battalion
& Supernumeraries, vice Lighton removed to
the 19th Battalion of Native Infantry.

Lieut John Stuart appointed &
Barrack Master of Fort St. George Vice Somers

Capt George Hall appointed Sub &
Director of the Laboratory of Fort St. George,
Vice Baillie resigned

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To be published in
General Orders. —Resolved that the above be
published in General Orders.Intelligence from
Palamcottah & Tiagar
respecting Tippoo.

The President lays before the
Board Letters from Lieutenant Colonel
Bridges & Capt. Flint commanding the
Garrisons of Palamcottah & Tiagar — the former
stating that the following Message was
sent lately to the Nabob's Phousdar, Etabar
Cawn from the Rajah of Travencore. —
"Let the Cawn know that I have reason to
suspect that something very improper is
carrying on between Tippoo and the Great
Marawo Man at Ramnadaporam, that
even now one of his principal Men is with
that restless 'Ve', and that if Tippoo
should seriously determine to make any
attempt on my Country, & thereby break
with the Company, that a commotion
will doubtless suddenly happen near you,
as the Marawo Man will not only be in
arms himself, but gain most of the Poligars
around you to join him" —

— Lt. Col. Bridges, adds in his Letter, his having
been

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been told by Etabar saun that the Poligars in the Tennevelly District have during these two Months past very much altered their Conduct, & that he has overlooked many things, in consequence of his having been cautioned by the Colonel not to disgust them.

The Letter from Capt Flint & dated the 8th Instant says that on the 6th Inst three or four thousand Troops came to Attoor & are reported to be near Sugar, & that 500 Horse are at Attoor Paddy living a small Mud Fort one Mile from our Frontiers that it is removed they are going to Pondicherry & that he shall oppose them if they enter the Nabobs Country.

The President also lays before the Board the following Letter from Tippoo Sultaan.

From Tippoo Sultaan to the Governor

Not dated - Received 9th February 1788 -

You write me some time ago & in

Four thousand Mysorean Troops near Sugar, & 500 Horse, about one Mile from our Frontiers.

From Tippoo Sultaan, sends Mahomed Gajafah Deewan, & the Deputy of the Ashum at Gajafahabad to settle the Frontier Dispute between his Liege & the English.

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in answer to what I have said on the Subject
of restoring the lands belonging to the #
Mullawar district, that in order to prevent
any further disputes a person should be #
deputed by myself to the borders of the Circar
territories and one should at the same time
be sent by you to Tripetty, and after #
meeting together they would enquire #
into the Matters in dispute and settle them
according to equity. I have now in consequence
of this given orders to Mahomed Guezapher #
Dewan and Meer Asking Bussy of the
Asham at Zupherabad, to repair to the
Circar of my territories near to Tripetty from
whence they will give you information of
their Arrival. And as they will act agreeably
to my orders you will send as you intended
to me before, a person of rank to Tripetty in
order that both may settle these differences
in such a manner as that there may be no
dispute or altercation in future. You
will continue to write me frequent Accounts
of your welfare which always gives me pleasure.

What shall I say more?
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The Name is not
legible —

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Major Close to or
proceed to Tripetty,
& Lieutenant Wilks
to accompany him as
Secretary. —

The President informs the Board
that in Conformity to the intimation above
given, he means to order Major Close to proceed,
& proposes, if the Board have no objection,
to direct Ens. Wilks to accompany Major
Close as his Secretary. —

The Board approve the President's
recommendation, & request he will give
the necessary Orders to the above Officers. —

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

J. M. Hasamajor

E. Maunsell

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Diary

Sent a Letter to His Highness the Nabol.

Substance of a letter
to his Highness the
Nabol.(entered in C. C. N. 7) On the Subject of Asim
Lion's confinement enclosing Copy of the
President's Minute defining the Line by which
the conduct of Government will be regulated on
any future Occasions.Despatched the following Letters entered in
the M. B. N. 51. 52. -

To Mr. Hay -

To Mr. Hay Secretary to the Government
at Fort William, enclosing the Proceedings
of this Government in their Military & Secret
Department to the end of the year 1787. -

To Lt. Col. Mordant

To Lieutenant Colonel Mordant, advising
of his being appointed an Acting Lieutenant &
Colonel of Infantry & directing him to join
the Army on the Coast on or before the 1. of
May next. -Received the undermentioned Letters
entered in M. B. N. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. -

From Mr. Torriano

From the Paymaster at Vellore, desiring to
know whether Capt. Turing is to be allowed
Batta while commanding the Garrison of Chittoor.

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From Colonel Ross.

13. From the Chief Engineer, enclosing a Bill from
Lt. Norris for Work done at Vellore, which he
hopes will be approved by the Board.

From M. Mallet

From M. Surgeon. Mallet, stating that
his ill Health has obliged him to take his
Passage for Europe, & returning thanks for
the Board's indulgent consideration to his
request of transmitting his Memorial to the
Court of Directors.

From Captain
Fotheringham.

From Captain Fotheringham, enclosing
four Certificates for Awards of Cloathing due to
Saut Beg Subedar in the 20th Battalion, &
requesting that they may be laid before the
Board for their approval.

From M. Hay.

From the Secretary at Bengal with Bills
of Lading for Thirteen Thousand and Twenty
Seven Gallons of Rum & Fifteen Thousand
& fifty five Gallons of Arrack laden on the
Ketch Phenix for Fort St. George by Mess^{rs}.
Harris & Lambert.

From M. Harris

From M. Harris with Bill of Lading
for 47 Casks of double distilled Rum laden on the
Snow Fairy in further part of Mess^{rs}. Harris &
Lambert's Contract.

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is executed hereafter by contract - The Establishment of Servants at that Cantonment to be reduced, & the Materials & Stores remaining there to be taken at a Valuation - To report the Value of an House built by M. Hornum at Walaujaubad, & state the accommodation it is capable of affording

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts - Captain John Stuart's claim for Arrears of Pay, may be referred to the Nabob's Agents - No further claims to be admitted

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts -

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores - to give the necessary Orders for the supply of Arms - for the use of the Revenue Company at Cuddalore -

To Lieutenant Colonel Tanner

To Lieutenant Colonel Tanner - His Application for a Pension will be transmitted to the Court of Directors, & supported by the Board's Testimony of his long and meritorious Services -

To the Commandant at Pondicherry -

To the Commandant at Pondicherry - with Authority to execute under his own Inspection some small Repairs necessary in that Garrison -

To the Commander of the Henry Dundas

To the Commander of the Henry Dundas - Neither Beef nor Pork can be spared from the

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11. the Company's Stores - the Board express their
Surprise that he should not have kept a sufficient
Quantity, & recommend that he purchase those
Articles on Account of his Owners. -

From Lieutenant
Colonel Sydenham

Received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Sydenham, (as entered in the M.B. N^o 50)
enclosing a Letter from Captain Baillie with
his Resignation of the Office of Sub Director
of the Laboratory; & recommending that Capt.
George Hall be appointed thereto.

Minutes thereon

Ordered Accordingly.

At a Consultation Present
The Honorable. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K. B.

President

John Holland James Henry Lasamaior

and

Robert Maunsell Esq.^r

Tuesday
the 12. Feby^r
1788.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved

The President in his Character
of Commander in Chief delivers in the following
Minute. -

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Commander in Chief's Minute

In Council 12 February 1788.

The Commander
in Chief's Minute,
introducing Regulations
relative to the Pay &
and Allowances of
Officers resigning the
Service during their
Residence in India

Great inconveniences arise to the
Service by Officers who have permission to resign,
being allowed to continue in the receipt of Pay
until they embark; because in such cases, as
the Officers resigning have their private Affairs
to settle at the Presidency, it is necessary &
either to remove them to a Corps at that Station,
or to grant them leave of Absence from the
Corps that should benefit by their being present
at their Posts.

To effect the first, the necessary
Arrangements and Appointments of the
Army must be changed; and if the second is
adopted the Discipline of the Corps to which
the resigning Officer belonged may be materially
injured.

The Situation of the Service being
as above Stated, promotion must be frequently
delayed for Months, unless we increase the
Public Expence by paying at the same time
the

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the Officer who resigns, as well as the Officer who succeeds to the vacant Rank. - I am of Opinion that the Public Expence should not be increased on this Account. - But I think it would be hard to deprive Officers who resign of their Pay & Quarters while they remain in the Country, as they are often unavoidably detained from the difficulty of obtaining accomodation in the homeward bound Ships, and sometimes in getting their Accounts settled for off reckonings or other Allowances. Therefore propose that all Vacancies arising from resignation of the Service, whether on Account of Sickness, or retiring on Lord Clive's Bounty or otherwise, shall be filled up in future from the day the same has been accepted in Council, and that a specific reasonable time shall be expressed in Orders for which the resigning Officer shall be entitled to his Pay & Quarters, (but no other Allowance of the Service) after which period the Officer who is promoted in consequence of the casualty, is to commence & drawing the Pay and Allowances of his advanced Rank. -

A Rule of this kind being Established
will

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will not only prevent an increase of the Public expence, but will enable Government to fill up all Vacancies at the time they happen, which will greatly benefit the Service; and as the Rank, even without the pay for a certain time, is an object of great importance to the Officers who stand first for Promotion on the List of the respective Ranks, they can have no just cause to complain of the Pay of the advanced Rank being withheld for a short time on a principle which will produce a benefit to the Army in General.

The only objection that occurs to me against passing a Regulation of the kind, & applies to the Case of an Officer who may happen to lose a Command by his Promotion, as it would affect not only his pay but the advantages he derived from the Command:— But this can be easily remedied by directing in Orders, when such Situations occur, that an Officer in Command shall retain it so long as the resigning Officer is allowed to draw Pay however, few instances are likely to happen to make this necessary, as in all probability

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probability the supports any command which may be thus vacated will not join within the time that the resigning Officer, is entitled to draw pay. Should the Regulation be approved, it may be published to the Army in the following words.

"The Honble The President in Council having taken into consideration the inconvenience that arises from not filling up the Vacancies occasioned by resignation of the Service whether on account of sickness, retiring on Lord Clive's Bounty, or otherwise, and having also considered the Situation of the resigning Officers during the time they may remain in India after their resignation has been accepted in Council, has come to the following Resolutions, Viz."

"1st That the Vacancies which fall from a Resignation of the Service, whether on account of sickness, retiring on Lord Clive's Bounty or otherwise, shall be filled up from the Day the same has been accepted in Council"

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"² That a specific reasonable time
"shall be expressed in Orders for which the
"resigning Officers shall be entitled to Pay
"and Quarters, but no other Allowance of the
"Service"

"³ That the Officers who obtain a
"Promotion in consequence of such resignation,
"shall only receive the Pay and Quarters
"of New Rank from the period the resigning
"Officer ceases to be entitled to them, but all
"other Allowances from the date of the General
"Order which establishes their rank in the
"same manner and to the same extent as
"if the foregoing Regulation had not been
"passed"

"4. That no part of this Regulation
"is to be understood as affecting the mode of
"Promotion by temporary rank as ordered
"by the Court of Directors, while there are
"Supernumerary Officers on half Pay in Europe"

The Board approve the General

Orders proposed by the Commander in
"Chief & it is in consequence Agreed that it
"be immediately published. - The

Approved

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The Commander in Chief reports to
the Board the death of Lieutenant
Colonel Keating -

The Commander in Chief reports to
the Board the death of Lieutenant Colonel
Keating, & proposes the following Military
Promotions & Removals.

Proposed General Orders.

Military Promotions
& Removals -

Lieutenant Capt. Stockwell, and
Ensign Richard Lator from Half Pay, are
admitted on the Effective Establishment of
Infantry on account of the want of Officers
in the Subaltern Ranks. The former Ranks
from the 3^d June 1783, and the latter from
the 2^d Sept. 1786.

Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham
of the Infantry, and Major Lloyd of the Artillery,
are permitted to retire on Lord Clive's Bounty.
The former is to be allowed his Pay and
Quarters up to the 30th of April, and the latter
up to the 29th of February inclusive.

The following Promotions are Ordered

Artillery

Captain John Judson to be a Major &
from

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15. Dispatched the following Letter to the #
President at Poona.

To C. W. Malet Esq^r

Resident at Poona

Sir,

Since the 16th of January last, #
when I had the pleasure of writing you, nothing
material has occurred on the coast to render #
a dispatch to Poona, necessary. On the 30th Ult.
I was favoured with your letter of the 6th of
January, and duplicate thereof the 11th Instant.

As Reports of the continuation
of Tippoo Sultans preparations for Hostilities
have of late greatly revived, and considerable
bodies of his Troops still too near to Travancore
and our Western Frontiers to be off our Guard,
I am anxious to learn from every quarter #
whether he has been lately attempting #
any secret negotiations with other Country
powers and particularly whether any thing
of that nature has been on the tapis between
him

To the President at
Poona - Tippoo's
preparations for
Hostilities again in
view. To procure #
Information whether
or not Tippoo is #
attempting any #
secret negotiations
with the Country
Powers, & particularly
with the Nizam - The
11th Regiment ordered
to Bombay great
Expectations therefore.

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him and the Nizam, who has had several & embassys lately at Seringapatam the result of which I have not yet learnt, and will be glad to hear from you such particulars relating thereto as may have come to your knowledge.

The subject of the paper enclosed in my letter of the 16 of January is the only the other intelligence received of a similar & nature, and respecting the authenticity of which, I trust you have endeavoured to acquire proper information, and that you have also signified its contents to the Minister.

In consequence of His & Majesty's Commands, the 71 Regiment & serving on this Coast has been ordered round to Bombay - Six Companies are sailed and India Men are to carry round the other four Companies - They are a prodigious fine Regiment about 700 strong all in high & health, under the Command of Colonel Stephenson and together with Colonel Maxwell of the same Regiment

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Regiment will make a respectable addition
to the Bombay Force. In case of any disturbance
with Tippoo this Corps may be turned to
great Account on the other Coast.

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I am with great Esteem
Yr. Obedt. Servant

(signed) Archibald Campbell

The following Instructions were this
Day delivered to Major Barry Close

To Major Barry Close

Sir

Enclosed you will receive Instructions

To Major Barry
Close, with Instructions
for the Regulation of
his Conduct in settling
the Disputes between
the Nabob Wallajah
& Tippoo Sultan.

to regulate your Conduct in the Negotiation with
Tippoo Sultan's Commissioners on the Subject
of Disputes between his Circar and that of the
Nabob Wallajah.

You will observe that you and
Seyd. Mahomed Caon are authorised to enter
into an Agreement for settling the Matter
in difference, and if the Business is so very
near that you can immediately decide upon
it, the sooner you conclude the better, but if
you

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you entertain any Doubts upon the Subject #
I shall be glad to have them referred here for
Consideration before you come to a definitive
Agreement.

I am,

Sir, W^m H^m

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(signed)

Archibald Campbell

Major Barry Close,

Sir,

Major Close's Instructions.

A Difference of Opinion has
taken place between his Highness the Nabob
of the Carnatic and the Nabob Seppoo Sultan
on the Subject of certain Customs, Villages and
Grounds in the Tallochs of Sorpully and #
Nellor, which are now claimed by Seppoo
Sultan, in Consequence of his having possessed
himself of the Mulla-war Zemindary, but which
the Nabob of the Carnatic alleges to be claimed
without any just Foundation.

It also appears that the Nabob
of the Carnatic has a Claim to some Rupoons
that were formerly paid from Dopaund in
the Cummam Circar to the Palnau District.

The

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¹⁴ 15. The Nabob of the Carnatic further represents his having received Complaints from the Inhabitants of Mullaparee that the Talookdar of Baramahal depending on the Balaghaut has planted a Hedge in which he has taken in some Villages belonging to the pergunnah of Amboor

These three points both Parties ¹¹ have on my Recommendation agreed to refer to the Investigation and Adjustment of four persons, two to be chosen by each.

From the great Desire of this ¹¹ Government to preserve a good Understanding between the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, they have resolved to nominate you as one of the persons to ¹¹ act for the Nabob Walajaw in his Inquiry and Negotiation, and I am confident you will discharge the Duty in a manner ¹¹ that will justify the choice which has ¹¹ been made of you for this Service.

The Nabob Walajaw has nominated Syed Mahomed Saïm, Phouzdar of Arcot, to act in Conjunction with you in this Business and I shall now proceed to give such Instructions as appear necessary for your ¹¹ Guidance

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Guidance —

You will immediately proceed to Tripetty, where you will be joined by Syed Mahomed Caon, who is furnished with various Papers and Articles of Information on the Subjects to be discussed, all which he is directed to communicate to you. —

Previous to your entering upon any Business with the Commissioners appointed by Tippoo Sultaun, it will be proper that you and Syed Mahomed Caon desire to see the Powers under which they act, and will please to take particular Notice, that these Powers # Authorize them to settle the whole of the Articles in dispute, as well those # represented by the Nabob Walajaw # as by Tippoo Sultaun.

When you are satisfied as to the Competency of their Powers, you will proceed to enquire into the Points disputed at Tripetty to settle which according to Justice it will be proper that the # Commissioners should converse the Pundits and other antient Inhabitants of Tripetty, together with

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15. with the Amicular of the place, who should be directed to explain every Circumstance relating to the Matters in Difference, as fully and completely as possible, as far as their own Knowledge, or such Information as they can procure from Books or Records will extend. It is by a careful attention to Testimony fairly and impartially obtained in this Manner, and by a due Consideration of the Old Established Usages and Customs of the place, that a just Opinion can be formed on the Rights of the parties

After you have finished the Investigation, and come to an Understanding of what is just and proper to be done at Trujillo, you and the other Commissioners will draw up an Instrument or Declaration in Writing which shall clearly define the Rights of all parties, so as to guard against the Possibility of future Controversy on these Subjects. And you will insert a Clause declaring that within a time to be limited after the Conclusion of the present Commission the

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15. The Articles concluded upon shall be ratified & by an Interchange of Letters, expressing the Approbation and Acquiescence of both Parties to what the Commissioners have agreed on, and that after such Ratification the same shall be Binding forever.

You are afterwards to proceed to Palnau to settle the Business of the Rufuorries there, and from thence you will go to Santquid and Mithpau, and Amboor Gbur, observing the same plan & of procedure at each, that is recommended as the Rule of your Conduct at Snipetty.

You will please to keep me regularly informed of all your proceedings in the Course of this Negotiation, which I hope you will soon bring to a happy Conclusion.

Ensign Wilks is appointed to attend you as Secretary to the Commission.

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I am &c. &c.
(signed) Arch^d Campbell.
Received

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Received the following Letter from Major
Lounge.

To The Honble. Major Genl Sir Arch: Campbell K.B. & C.
President and Governor and the Council
of
Fort St. George
Honorable Sir and Sirs.

From Major Lounge
accepts the Command of
the First Regiment of
Cavalry.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the favor of your Letter through your Secretary
inclosing Extract of a Letter lately received
from the Honorable Court of Directors, and
desiring me to inform your Honorable
Board whether I am willing to accept
the Rank and Station therein allotted to me.

As it has ever been my ardent
wish to give the most convincing proofs
of my Zeal for the Service of my Employers,
I feel a very sensible pleasure in assuring
your Honorable Board that I am ready
and willing to accept of the Rank and
Station

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15 February 1788

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(signed) Arch^d Campbell.
Received

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15

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Toupin.

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President and Governor and the Council
of
Fort St. George
Honorable Sir and Sirs.

From Major Toupin
accepts the Command of
the first Regiment of
Cavalry.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the favor of your Letter through your Secretary
inclosing Extract of a Letter lately received #
from the Honorable Court of Directors, and
desiring me to inform your Honorable #
Board whether I am willing to accept #
the Rank and Station therein allotted to me.

As it has ever been my ardent
wish to give the most convincing proofs
of my Zeal for the Service of my Employers,
I feel a very sensible pleasure in assuring
your Honorable Board that I am ready
and willing to accept of the Rank and #
Station

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15. Station which you have been pleased to tender me in consequence of the instructions lately received from the Honorable Court of Directors.

I am with the greatest deference and

Respect.

Yr. - Yr.
(signed) J. Col. Tongyn.

Madras
13 February 1788.

At a Consultation Present
The Honorable Major General

Friday
15 February
- 1788.

Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President

John Holland. James Henry Saramajor
and

Robert. Maunsell Esq.^r

. Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved.

Read the following Letter

from Bengall.

To John Chamier Esq.

Secretary to the Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis having intimated

From Bengal. The Lord
Cameron & Minerva &
Indiamen will proceed to
Madras for the purpose of
conveying the 71st Regiment
to Bombay.

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to the Council that Instructions have been received by Sir. Archibald Campbell from the Secretary at War to send one of His. Majestys Regiments now at Fort St. George to Bombay, I am directed to acquaint you that the Honble. Company's Ship Lord Camden will touch at Fort St. George on her way to Bombay & China for the purpose of carrying round as many of the Men to the Malabar Coast as can be accommodated in that Ship. The Camden will take one thousand Barrels of Gunpowder from this Presidency to Bombay, & as she will sail in eight or ten days, it is the wish of the Governor General in Council that the Troops may be ready to embark immediately on her Arrival at Madras.

The Minerva will be ordered to call at Fort St. George for the purpose of affording a Passage to such part of the Regiment as cannot be accommodated in the Camden.

Council Chamber
Secret & Military Departments
26. January 1788-

I am, &c. &c.
signed E. Hay
Secretary to the Gov.
Read

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Read the following Letter from

Ganjam.

To the Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell ^{Kt.},
Governor in Council
at Fort St. George
Honble Sir,

Herewith we have the honor
to forward to you at the particular &
request of the Officers who have signed
it, a Representation (M^o 1) setting forth
the Military Services of Subedar Sahur
Mahomed, whom you were pleased to &
dismiss the Service, and direct should
be expelled the Company's Territories,
for unmilitary and irregular behaviour,
during the late Dapurah Festival.

We were some time since &
addressed from Aska by Captain &
William Gent of Engineers on this
Subject, which being now revived and
offered

From Ganjam - &
enclosing Memorial
from the Officers of
the 13th Battalion in
favor of Subedar
Sahur Mahomed,
lately dismissed
the Service, also &
Letter from Capt.
Gent to the Chief
of Council on the
same Subject, &
their Reply -

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offered to your reconsideration, superinduces the propriety of transmitting to you his letter and our Answer (N^o. 2. 3.)

We have declined complying with the Request of the Officers to concur in their Solicitations, as We should justly apprehend the Severest Reproof for a ^{conduct} not to be vindicated by any principles of Policy or Equity. -

We have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

Y^r. Y^r.

(signed) W. Williams

R. D. Munro

Sanjam
7 February 1788

The Honourable. Sir. Archibald Campbell K. B.
President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George
Honourable Sir

We the undersigned Officers of the 18. Battⁿ. of Native Infantry, beg leave to address you in behalf of Subidar Tukker & Mahomed lately dismissed the Service, ^{who} would

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would not presume to intercede with you in favour of a Man who has incurred your displeasure in a late instance, were we not convinced of his Merits as a brave, active, and intelligent Officer during a period of 25th Years Service, to evince which, we have only to enumerate his conduct during the two last Wars, in the former of which he particularly recommended himself to Colonel Cosby by his bravery and fidelity, and for which, was advanced the Rank of a Non-commissioned Officer; from that period, his unwearied attention to, and knowledge he acquired of his profession procured him the appointment of Native Adjutant to this Battalion under Captain Cram, in which station during the whole of the late trying War he so fully acquitted himself, that at the expiration of it he was by him recommended to the Rank he lately held.

Considering his long and meritorious conduct, and that he has been present in all

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all the active Service performed by the Army, during, and since the Siege of Madras in the Year 1764. and convinced of the attachment he bears to the Service, and very great ability as an Officer, we are led to hope you will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and on Account of his past Services, which we are persuaded will appear sufficiently conspicuous to induce you to restore him to his former Rank and station.

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect
Yr^{ts} Yr^{ts}

(Signed) "J. Cuppage

Major and
late Captain of the 18th Battⁿ

" John Lee Lieut 18th Battⁿ

" Geo. Barclay Lieut & Ad^{jt} 18th Battⁿ

" John Dunley Lieut 18th Battⁿ

" In^{ts} Tyrrell Lieut 18th Battⁿ

" Benj^{ts} Harris 18th Battⁿ

" Jeremiah Simons En^{ts} 18th Battⁿ

" William Sougeon En^{ts} 18th Battⁿ

Aska

31st January 1788.

Morgan

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Morgan Williams Esq^r

Chief, V.^c Council.

Gentlemen, Sanjam.

The Station I held as commanding
 Officer of the Troops at Sanjam during the late
 disturbance on the Duporah feast, which I am
 concerned to hear has procured Subedar Fakur
 Mahomed dismission from the Service &
 leads me to address you in behalf of a Man
 who though most unfortunately found &
 culpable in this Instance, has more than
 more length of Service, and common &
 approbation, to plead in his favor. The
 Merit of being remarkably distinguished
 as an able Officer, and in Justice to him &
 I beg leave to inform you of the ready &
 Assistance he afforded me, and the Sollicitude
 he showed to preserve good Order during &
 the late fray, when I was called upon
 to prevent Mischief. As a circumstance
 you may be unacquainted with, I think
 it

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it also necessary to inform you, that William Brummell the European, whose evidence it intends so much to diminish the Subedar, is a poor foolish creature, invaleted (as we understand from his immediate commanding Officer) for Insanity, whose Testimony I should therefore suppose is not much to be relied on, and the less so at such a time, when in his Sakeers dress, the Subedar might be mistaken for another Person, even by those to whom he was better known.

I feel myself for these reasons Gentlemen, and more especially from the Extraordinary good Character of Subedar Sakeer Mahomed, called upon to request your Recommendation in behalf of a Man, whose loss all who know him sincerely regret, as one of the first Native Officers this Service can boast of.

I have the honor to be with
much Respect.

Y^e Y^e

(Signed) William Gent Captain

A true Copy

Thomas Snodgrass Secy.

To

Aska
23. Decr 1787

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To Captain William Gent,
of Engineers,
Aska

Sir,

We have received your letter
of the 23 Instant.

As the Department We
fill renders it our Duty, so are We also
ever disposed to pay due Attention to unmerited
Hardship, and to relieve it to the Extent of
our Ability whenever it may be respectfully
stated to Us, and its existence established
by the concurrence of Facts.

Upon this occasion We are sorry
to observe, that your Address bears neither of
those distinguished Characters, and therefore
cannot but express our Surprise, as well
as displeasure, at your assuming a province
so foreign to your present sphere, and
which in any event could only have been
justified by the strictest adherence to those
points.

We

Fort St. George 15th Feby 1788.

We are far from being of Opinion, that any possible Degree of Military Merit can entitle to a prescription for civil Enormities, but should We admit the Position, do conceive other more regular Channels might be adopted than our Board, for the Subject of such a Representation, and as you have adduced no one Circumstance in Mitigation of the Offence for which Fataher Mahomed has been held so criminal by the Governor in Council, your Application to Us is totally misplaced.

To the above We should except the Solitude for the preservation of good Order, and the Assistance which you say were afforded to you by Fataher Mahomed which we must lament were not productive of better Effects, and the mention of which would surely have been better timed, if Offered to our Notice while we were investigating the causes of the Riots, the Circumstance of the presumed Insanity of Will^m Bromell is most especially obvious to the same

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Fort St. George 15th Feby 1788.

We are far from being of Opinion, that any possible Degree of Military Merit can entitle to a prescription for civil & Enormities, but should We admit the Position, do conceive other more regular Channels might be adopted than our Board, for the Subject of such a Representation, and as you have addressed no one Circumstance in Mitigation of the Offence for which Fakier Mahomed has been held so criminal by the Governor in Council, your Application to Us is totally misplaced.

To the above We should except the Solitude for the preservation of good & Order, and the Assistance which you say were afforded to you by Fakier Mahomed which we must lament were not productive of better Effects, and the mention of which would surely have been better timed, if offered to our Notice while we were investigating the causes of the Riots, the Circumstance of the presumed Insanity of Will^m Bromell is most especially obvious to the same

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Remark, and to the inference of a gross & neglect of Duty on your part, in not warning us of it, if you were then acquainted with it. But no such communication having been made to us, until now that two & Months have elapsed, We are warranted & in concluding that for whatever cause & Invalided, he is not now in the Predicament you state, and for the positive denial of the fact, We dare trust to our own discernment, which marked him when before our Board, for a Man of collected Reason, and cool & recollection. Your conduct therefore in presuming to reflect upon the Equity of our proceedings would incur our & severest reprehension; did We not rather attribute it to your being Misled, than to its proceeding from any impulse of your own disposition.

It should appear that you have been misinformed in respect to Saker Mahomed's Days at the time mentioned in

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in the Deposition of William Bromell,
which being after the Conclusion of the
Religious observances of the Musselmans
on that occasion, admitted of Regimentals,
by which William Bromell was assisted
in Ascertaining the Identity of Sakur
Mahomed's Person in the crowd, and in
recognizing him afterwards before our
Board.

Under circumstances wherein
the Place of the Community was so much
Violated, and our own Authority so extremely
insulted, some striking Examples were
most Urgently required, and as the Honble
the Governore Council with the whole of
Statement of Facts before him, has been
pleased to Judge Sakur Mahomed deserving
of Punishment, Deference due to his decision,
regard to Subordination, and above all
consistency in our own Sentiments, must
preclude us from Adopting the Measure you
have requested.

We are &c. &c.

[Attest Copy]

Thomas Brodgraff (signed)
Secy.

Morgan Williams
V. Council
The

Sanjam
26 Dec. 1787.

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Minute thereon

The Board maintain the same opinion as to the necessity of an Example in the case of Subedar Fakher Mahomed, but are inclined from the very favorable testimony given by Major Luppige of his conduct prior to the late transaction to mitigate the sentence passed upon him. Agreed therefore, that Subedar Fakher Mahomed be ordered to # the Presidency, & directed to remain there without pay, for twelve Months after which he may be restored to the Service, & appointed to a corps but not suffered to return to the Ganjam District.

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Ordered that the above be communicated to the Chief & Council & that it be observed to them that altho Captain Gent was reprehensible in not stating every thing he knew at the time the Inquiry respecting Subedar Fakher Mahomed was going on, he was not deficient in the respect due to the Chief & Council, nor did his Letter merit the # severe animadversions contained in the reply from the Board of Ganjam. Ordered

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Ordered also that the Chief Quarter Master be desired to inform the Officers of the 18th Battⁿ who signed the Letter, that Addresses of this kind are unimilitary & improper; & that the Representation of the Commanding Officer of the Corps is the proper Channel for conveying Memorials to the Board or to the Commander in Chief. - That therefore Addresses which may be otherwise prepared will draw upon those who subscribe them the displeasure of Government. -

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to Ganjam -

Read the following Letter from M^r William Webb

To John Charnier Esq^r
Secretary

Sir,

Understanding that M^r John Spalding will shortly embark for Europe, I beg you will mention to the Honble Board, that I wish to be appointed

From M^r William Webb requests to be most appointed Agent for supplying Clothing upon the Resignation of M^r Spalding. -

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Appointed Agent for the Cloathing and Shops
of the Liberty Corps; which Employ I hope
they will allow me to hold, in lieu of the Water
works, till I may be provided for suitably to
my Rank in the Service. &

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12th February 1788.

I am V^l V^l
(signed) W^m Webb

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

Read the following Letter &
from the Hospital Board. —

To the Honorable. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K^t B.

Governor in Council, Commander in Chief,
V^l V^l V^l —

Most Honorable Sir,

In Compliance with the
Orders of the honorable the Court of Directors,
communicated to us through your honorable
Board, we have deputed our late Secretary
to deliver over his Charge to the Gentleman
whom

From the Hospital
Board. On the Subject
of the Orders of the Company
for the Removal of M^r
Berry. —

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whom it has been your pleasure to nominate for that Office.

We beg leave at the same time to observe, that from the Nature of the Office, None but those regularly bred to the Profession can prove adequate to the task. It is not from the Letters we have the honor to lay before your honorable Board that the necessity of a Medical Man being our Secretary is evident; the extensive Correspondence with the Apothecary and Surgeons at the different Stations &c. can only be carried on by such as have been educated in the Profession.

We have thought it our indispensable duty to lay these our Sentiments before your honorable Board in a matter so immediately connected with the Welfare of the Service.

We have the honor to be with great respect.

Hospital Board
13 February 1788

(signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
The

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The Board flatter themselves that a Company's Civil Servant will be found & competent to the discharge of the Duties of Secretary to the Hospital Board, until the contrary is proved; it is unnecessary to reply to the foregoing.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob—

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nabob (entered in Country Correspondence No 8) expressing his anxiety to know the Sentiments of the Hon^{ble} Company regarding the Balance due to him on Account of the one Sixth Share of the Revenues of the Carnatic & under the Assignment, & requesting to be furnished with a Copy of what the Court of Directors have written upon the Subject by the Ranger—

Minute thereon

Agreed to comply with the request of the Nabob & that the President be desired to send to His Highness the Extract from the General Letters which relate to the Subject. The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Vixar

The

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The Honorable. Major General
 Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
 Governor. Commander in Chief
 &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir, Fort St. George

From Colonel Nixon
 Tippoo still at
 Srirangapatam -
 - Lally & Sidi Saib
 lay Siege to Calicut

By the latest accounts from
 Srirangapatam in 15 days I learn that Tippoo
 is still there, with a large Garrison of Carnatic
 Peons only. Lally and Sidi Saib have laid a
 Siege to Calicut with a large train of Battering
 Guns (30 Pieces) and have sent into Sriranga-
 patam from thence 20 days ago, 500 Prisoners
 Men, Women & Children. The Men are
 made Slaves, and the Women confined in
 a large Village adjacent called Shocravah
 Pettah.

Vellore
 14. Feby 1788

I have the honor to be
 &c. &c.
 (signed) Eccles Nixon.

The President informs
 the Board that the
 Muttavar Man has
 been committing some
 Depredations.

The President informs the
 Board that in consequence of the depredations
 complained

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complained of by the Renter of Nellore, & directions were given to the Officer Commanding at Nellore to give the necessary assistance to the farmer. The following Letter has been received from the Renter by the Officer & Commanding at Nellore.

Translation of a Letter from Pulla Venkata Rao Renter of Nellore.

From the Renter of Nellore to the Officer Commanding at that Garrison, applies for a Company of Sepoys, in consequence of some Disturbances occasioned by the Muthlawar Maw.

I have twice spoke to you in person that Venkatapaty Rango of Muthlawars Country with 1000 Men entered the Country of Baal Ghaut from the district of Culway, committed depredations and brought the Inhabitants and that they should be expelled from this Country; Tippoo's Troop of 1000 horse, 2000 Infantry and 2000 Matchlock Men with Guns now arrived near Somasula, in order to punish him, owing to which, the Inhabitants of that district deserted the Country out of fear, which I represented to the Nabob; his highness was

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was pleased to write to me to apply to you;
that the Governor wrote to you about it,
therefore on the receipt of this Letter be so
good as to send a company of Sepoys with
a gun under command of an Officer to Culway
and disperse the People of Mullavar and
station them by Pass about a Month;
as the interest of the Crown and the Honble
Company are mutual and you are commanding
the Fort of Killore, of course it becomes
your department to quell the hostilities
might happen in this district.

Read the following Letter from
the Committee for investigating the Debts
of the Nabob & of Rajah of Tanjore.

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

From the Committee for
investigating the Nabob's
Debts, enclosing a Letter
to them from Mr. Darke
stating his Claims on
His Highness & family.

Fort St. George
Honble Sir,

Mr. Darke has addressed
a letter

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a letter to us as a committee, referring chiefly
to his demands on the Rajah of Tanjore, but
as the Proceedings on the Raja's Debts
have been closed long since, and delivered
into your Honorable Board, we transmit
M. Darch's letter and Enclosures for your
Information.

We have the honor to be

Yr. Yrs.

(Signed) Edw. Garrow

" Wm Webb.

" J. Landon.

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11. February 1788.

To Edward Garrow William Webb and Jas. Landon Esqrs.

Committee of enquiry into the Debts of His
Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c.
and the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore.

Gentlemen,

My letter to you of the 13 Oct 1786
was in reply as respectfully and delicately
as I could to the envious and cruel
Assertion and untruths contained in the
paper &c.

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Papers sent you by His Highness The Nabob's Agents in Answer to my just Claim on His Highness. and his Family, as set forth in my Memorial to The Hon^{ble} Governor and Council the 14th August 1786. Injurious because done with a View to wrong me of my just right; and # because of my helpless and distressed Situation, brought on me entirely by the Nabob and his Family, and I can prove them untrue, which I ought in Justice to myself to have more fully done in my Reply to you, but # from my Respect to His Highness The Nabob particularly in his then Dangerous Illness, I ~~propose~~ to do myself that Justice that I now find I ought to have done, and with many other # things to have proved to you, that two of the # persons that affirmed their Oaths to that very # extraordinary Paper which was first called # around Robin, for on the minister considering and consulting how he could injure me, and best endeavour to deprive me of my just Claim, it was proposed by an European that all then present in the Durbar should sign a paper # declaring that His Highness had publicly and

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and privately told me not to make any Loans
of Money to His Family, or furnish them
with any Goods on Credit, for he would
not be answerable for any Debts they
might Contract" But when this Paper
the very opposite to truth, was offered
for Signature no one would sign it first
indeed all refused to Sign it, until the
European who advised the paper, and
who had been formerly used to the Sea
proposed around Robin, which was still
refused until the Minister promised
them that would sign it their Jaghires, &
which was then withheld from them, when
Nazar Saun put his Seal, and his Brother
San San Saun followed him, both these
Gentlemen who are Brothers of the late
Sum Sum Doola Bahauder / who owes
me on Bond as per Account that I laid
before you Star Pagodas 96,216..36..14. The
31st December 1785. / went with him from &
the

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the Nabob's protection in the Year 1776, to the Malabar Coast and did not return to this Coast until the Year 1783 or 1784, and I never saw them in the Nabob's presence, as they never attended the Durbar at business hours during all the time of my attending it; two other of their Brothers refused to put their Seals, and so did many others - Thus two Excellency's Saif Ull Mulk Bahauder and Hafsam Ull Mulk Bahauder, that next put their Seals, these two Young Princes said they knew nothing of the Matter, but on their Brother the Minister promising them their Jaghires and insisting upon their affixing their Seals, they did so, altho' during the many Years of my daily attending the Durbar I never saw them there but to come just in the presence of His Highness the Nabob to make their obeisance, and instantly retire, which is well known to every Gentleman that used to attend the Durbar - Venkatachelum Praming who also is one that put

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put his Seal, he during great part of the
time that my Loans of Money and Goods
was made, has displeased the Minister &
who sent him prisoner under a guard from
the Durbar to Jinjee and there he was
close confined in a Dungeon until he &
promised to obey the Minister in every &
thing he was ordered to do, and say &
Kistna Swamy Bramin, who also affixed
his Seal, I saw a day or two after the &
Morning of Sealing and told him I had
heard of the Falsities that him and others
had been subscribing to in what they
called around Robin to endeavour to injure
me and that I would prosecute them for
a Conspiracy against me, and bring him
to answer upon Oath. He answered that
could he do, His Master ordered him to
do so, and I knew he must obey him, that
if I did prosecute him the Truth must
come out, and on my ridiculing to him
the

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The Idea of a round Roben being Signed in the Court of a Prince to deprive a Merchant of his property the Round was turned into a square, as sent to you. Sealed also with the Seal of His Highness. Amier Ml Omrah Bahadur the Acting Minister, and the two Nominat ones under him, who are obliged, as they themselves say, to do as he orders them or he threatens them with Confinement. -

Great pains was taken to prevail upon His Highness the Nabob Omier Ml Omrah to seal the paper which he positively refused to do, and argued on the great injustice of their doing it; and of The Nabobs Honor where every one present know to the Contrary of what they had subscribed to. He was threatened with Imprisonment if he did not affix his Seal to the paper; he still refused, at length he was told unless he signed or sealed a Separate paper that he should be Imprisoned until he did so, and was thus forced to correct the paper sent you, but Signed it with these Words - I sign this because my Honoured Father obliges me; which he would not have out, but

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but it is left out, in the translation to you the whole of this I heard from his own Mouth - and also that upon his arguing of the great injustice they was doing - He was answered that I and my Family was in great distress, that I had laid my Case in such a manner before the Government that the Nabob must relieve me unless something Effectually was done to set aside my Claims, His Highness answered how could they in Honor put their Seals to what was not truth; And asked the Nabob if he did not take two papers from the Tanjore Bonds when His Highness delivered them to me, saying they was of the greatest Consequence to him, His Highness The Nabob himself answered. it was not truth, they wanted my Case laid before the Government was so strong that I must be paid, and it was a large Sum, unless these papers was sealed to prevent it, This also I solemnly declare was told me from his own Mouth in the presence of a third person, and he also added that he never saw the Durbar so disgraced as in this business - But particularly

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desired of me to have patience & I have had ^{the} patience, And I have proved His Highness Amier Ull Omrah the Ministers saying of me true "That I was the Job of the Durbar" to my sorrow, and great distress, I have been too long that patient Job he stiled me, and Hunger starves my Family in the face and myself a prison. I can no longer have patience to refrain from doing myself the Justice I am about - Altho' I must name my Authority for the Injury intended me to deprive me of my property, being that Amiable and Cruelly injured Young Prince Nabob Omdit Ull Omrah Bahadur. I hope and trust the great distress I am in therefrom, will justify me to him, and to the Public for naming my Author - at the same time that His Highness told me what I have here truly related, He asked what was the ^{the} meaning of a Round Robin, and told me the name of the Europeans that advised it.

Holding the Rajah of Tanjore's Bonds in the manner as truly stated in
my

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my last Letter to you, as a Colateral Surety
for His Highness the Nabob, and his #
Family's Debts to me, as I can prove
by Affidavits, and hearing that the Debts
of the Rajah of Tanjore was Investigating
by you, Gentlemen, Committee for that purpose
under the Authority of Government, in
order to be put into a train of payment;
on the 13th August last, I addressed a letter to
the Hon^{ble} Governor in Council enclosing
the Amount of my Claims as a Bond #
Holder and Creditor of the late Rajah, &
a Copy of which Account I shew with enclose
you as Committee of Investigation; For
if it should be, as is the Opinion of the
Hon^{ble} Board, by their Secretaries Letter
in Answer to mine. "That the Nabob
having paid the Rajahs Bonds during the
time he was in the Possession of the Tanjore
Country, the Rajah is discharged from
them."

The Investigation, that I pay
for

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for will give me the Satisfaction to prove & that the Bonds was lodged with me by His Highness The Nabob's own hands, as I have before stated to hold as a Security for all the Debts due to me by the finar and by his Highness's Family, and thereby enable me to do away the Stigma that now stands against me transmitted from the Nabob's Agents thro' you to Government, one & paragraph of which is enclosed to me in their Secretaries Letter.

Altho the Hon^{ble} Board deems the Bonds not binding upon the late Rajah or his Successors, it is evident the late Rajah could not have thought so, for about three years ago he sent his Vakil to me respecting them who desired to see them, I appointed & a day and hour to meet me at Mr. Scottney's Garden House, who then had the care of the Bonds for me, after he had examined them in the presence of Mr. Scottney, he said they was the Rajah's Bonds for Money Borrowed by him, and not paid, and the Rajah & wished to take them up, and proposed paying to

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to me the principal of them if I would give them up without Interest, I told him # that I would endeavour to obtain the Nabob's permission, as they were lodged with me by His Highness soon after he came to me again, and said he had received # a Letter from his Rajah, who desired I would allow him to take Copies of the Bonds; # I sent to Mr. Lottney for them, and he # took Copies, still saying that the Rajah would pay the principal of the whole of them being upwards of 250,000 Pagodas - some short time after the Vachul met me at Mr. Olear's, and in his presence told me that in a Letter he had # received from his Rajah, he said, that on examining the Old Accounts they found that the Bonds had been paid to the Gentlemen, I asked him what Gentlemen, he could not tell, but said that the Bonds had been taken by the Nabob amongst the Rajah's other papers when he took Tanjore. -

By the Account and Copy of my Letter which

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which accompanied it to the Hon^{ble} Governor
 which I pray your Attention to you will see
 that I only brought forward two Bonds, the
 other three being signed by one of the late
 Rajah's official Servants, altho' they was all
 severally acknowledged by the Vakeel, I thought it
 best to bring forward only the two of the late
 Rajahs own, as they would bare the strictest
 Investigation. And it is well known that
 His Highness The Nabob borrowed many very
 large Sums of Money from Europeans to defray
 the Debts incurred by him in the war, and to
 discharge the Debts of the Rajah.

I should not have delayed so long
 this my Address to you for I severely feel the
 least delay, as it is by a fair Investigation
 thro' Government, that I only can hope for
 Justice, by a settlement of my just demands
 and thereby relieved from my cruel Situation
 which hinders my paying the Attention
 so necessary to accomplish it, having Suit
 after Suit and Execution after Execution,
 and

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and Attachments against my Person, which cannot be unknown to two of your Gentlemen being Aldermen of The Mayors Court, and that there is at this time two Warrants of Arrest against me and I have not received one Pagoda of the Large Sum due to me from the Nabob and his Family for upwards of Eleven Years past, because I would aid The Political Views of the present Acting Minister against his Brother, as will # clearly appear to you by the accompanying Copy of my Affidavit the Original I delivered to Archibald Montgomery Campbell Esq^r the 3^d July 1786, to lay before the # ^{Honble} Governor, you will there perceive the proposal made to me to receive a part of what is Justly due to me, which was not possible for me to Comply with, and because I would not #altho the Minister ever expressed himself my # Friend, and repeatedly assured me that as # soon as The Nabobs Country was reassigned to him, that my Claims should be settled # and

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and that I should receive some part Yearly)
 you see how cruelly I have been used by him,
 my particular hard Case must partly be
 known to you - For altho' the very uncourant-
 able means that I will prove to you was
 taken to endeavour to deprive me of my just
 right by the Nabob's Minister, as sent to
 you, neither him, nor any other person
 could deny the Debts due to me by His
 Highness's Family, or say that I ever did one
 illegal Act to invalidate my Claims, by
 receiving or having a promise to receive
 more than legal Interest for Money lent,
 or for Goods sold, and there stands acknowledged
 to you by the Nabob as in your Letter to
 Government dated the 4th November 1786. due to
 me by His Highness and Family the
 1st January 1786 Star Pagodas 334,802..28..14.-
 Then my demands upon the Nabob and
 His Family are fair, just and Legal, that
 I have been deprived of for so many Years,
 and Ruined as a Merchant, every Man of
 Business

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Business must see my great loss, even if
I was now paid, and it is impossible to ~~it~~
suppose what I have gone through, and
suffered for many years on account of it - My
Demands is not for Bribes, such as the Minister
have many times told me was given by him
on The Nabob's Account to Sir Thomas ~~it~~
Aumbold during the time of his Govern-
ment in Ready Money upwards of Twenty
three Lacks of Pagodas besides Jewels, and
Kistnasivamy have told me that upwards
of eleven Lacks of it went thro' him to
Sir Thomas - Nor is my Demands for
such Business as this Kistnasawmy Brahmia
Bond is out against him, for at this Moment
and was about to be sued for about three ~~it~~
years ago having received a Lawyers ~~it~~
Letter to that Effect, which he made known
to The Nabob, who sent for me to desire
I would recommend a Lawyer to save his
Servant from ruin, and ordered his Devan
Cojee Aium Cawn Bahawder to give me
the

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The Account of the whole Transaction, and ordered
me to take it down in Writing, which I did,
and now have by me. And in part is, that, on
the 1st November 1779. a Member of Government
obtained a Bribe from the Nabob Shri his
Minister of the Nabobs Bond for Pay. 60000
for his vote in Council for the Nabob to rent
the Guntoor Sircar for three years, on being
taken possession of by the Honorable Company's
Detachment, The Money not being paid
by the Nabob for the Bond in May 1780 which
he was very much pressed for, Kistnasawmy's
Bond and another Natives was given for
the amount to secure the payment with
the Seven Months Interest together &
Pagodas 64,200, Thirty Thousand of which
was paid by the other Native, and all the
Property of Houses Lands and other Securities
of Kistnasawmy and of the other Mans was
given to a very large Amount to secure &
the Remainder which was about to be
Sued for, until His Highness ordered &
his

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his Dewan to give me the Account, and at the same time gave me the Account of all the other members of Government that received Baibes in Ready Money and Bonds for the same vote - and on my telling the Attorney that I was about to see Krishna Rao of the consequences that would follow by the Nabob's order - the Sects were stoppt - talking to Krishna Rao of the bad Return he made me by fixing his Seal to the paper he knew to be both Cruel and False to injure me. He said I knew his Situation, that all he had in the world was mortgaged for the payment of the Bond he was security for, and if he did not do every thing he was ordered by the Minister, he should never be relieved by the payment of the Money to get up his Mortgages. Every one knows the Detachment was stoppt by Hyder from passing thro his Country to take possession of the Guntoor Country, and every one knows the unhappy fate of Colonel Baile, and the Detachment

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on their Return, and the Distress that followed in consequence in the Carnatic - My claims are not of this nature, and many more of the same complexion, that have come to my knowledge during the Corruption Years that I unfortunately was Dragged by the Minister into a painful daily & attendance Morning and Afternoon at the Durbar as the Merchant of His Highness the Nabob and Family from the Year 1773 to the Year 1786, that I was stoppt from & going by a Message from the Minister in the Nabob's Name to the Honble Governor as mentioned in my Affidavit. My Claims are the just claims of a Merchant the property of many of my Creditors, and of my own Industry - & what is Justice, I ought long ago to have received, to have discharged my Debts, and Support my Family. But on the Contrary, these large Bribes have mostly been paid, and since the Year 1777 I have not received one Pagoda. And at that time not until
for

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for the want of it I was obliged to assign #
 my Estate in Trust for the Benefit of my
 Creditors; and thereby since that period #
 I have been deprived of all kind of Business
 or Dealings as a Merchant, and it also then
 caused a total Loss to me upon the Sales of
 a valuable Stock of Goods that was in
 my warehouses of 79,000 Pagodas which #
 all my late Trustees and Creditors know -
 - And I am now in the utmost Distress -
 All my Houses in the Fort have long been
 sold for my Creditors. and my Garden House
 on the plain sold under an Execution #
 18 Months ago, when I was forced to retire
 to this place with my Family the only one
 left to shelter us. Where to my great concern
 my Family is not only cut off and #
 deprived of all Society - But I have not
 the means to provide them with the
 common Necessaries of Life. For this House
 I have is mortgaged for its full Value, and
 I have not one Pagoda, nor, can I borrow, #
 for

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for if I offer The Bonds of Highness Nabob
Omit All Omrah Bah. or of Sum Sum Dowla
Bah. I cannot borrow 100 pagodas upon 100,000
The Bond of His Highness the Nabob I have #
Assigned to my Creditors, And I have no Salary,
I am not in any Service, nor in any way of business

Therefore as a Duty I owe to my #
Creditors and my family, and in Justice to
myself. I beg through your Gentlemen Committee
of Enquiry to represent to Government, and
through Government to The Honble Court
of Directors, this my particular unhappy
Situation, and also what I have herein #
laid before you and my unfortunate #
Connection with The Nabob and his Family.
This last is too well ^{known} to every person in this #
Settlement both Europeans and Natives - altho
my sad tale is tedious and long for you I rely
on your Justice and Humanity for your serious
attention and candid representation, as it
tends to prove the justness of my Claims, which
I have made to no purpose hitherto, And as
it thus Tends - and as I am by the Orders of
Government debarred from all application
for

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for my property but through them, I humbly
conceive this my Representation thro' you the
proper Channel. —

I never sought the Nabol, nor any
one of his Family. nor any Dealings with them,
My Connection with them, My Connection with
them has made my Friends my Enemy's which
is very Natural; because they placed a Confidence
in me with their Money — and my placing
a Confidence in the Nabol and his Family the
Princes of this Country made me deceive my Friends
by not having it in my power to pay them; &
which has brought upon me the loss of my &
Friends and a great many very distressing Law
Suits that have cost me large sums of Money.
My first Connection unhappily for me was
in the Year 1773 when his Highness Nabol
Amur Ull Omrah the present Acting Minister
sent to desire to see me, I waited on him &
and he received me very kindly — said he wanted
much to see me as he heard I was a very
great Merchant and every Gentleman &
Spoke of me, Asked me why I did not come
to

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to see him before I answered his Highness that as I had no Business I could not presume to take the liberty, but now he had sent for me, I was proud of the Honor to wait on him, He said as I purchased all the Europe and China Largoes He wanted many things, and so did His Highness The Nabob his Father, and his Brother, and Sum Sum Dowla, and desired me to come to him the next day and he would give his own words) carry me near the Nabob and to his Brother and Sum Sum Dowla. The next day I waited on him and he introduced me to the Nabob & to his Brother in Law, who all received me very graciously.

From this time all the Family constantly continued sending to me and for me for every thing they wanted and His Highness The Nabob after told me that neither himself nor any of his Family should buy any thing from any one else, and often have His Highness told me to let his Sons and

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and Nephew & Son in Law Sum Sum Dowla
 have every thing they wanted, this I can &
 prove to you upon undeniable Testimony,
 and that he told me after that his Country
 was very wide and bid me should not be
 afraid with many promises and Profession
 of Friendship Services and I do most &
 Solemnly declare and will swear if required,
 That His Highness The Nabob never did &
 personally or by Letter or Message desire me
 or forbid me not to Trust or to make any
 Loans of Money or not to furnish any
 one or either of his Family with Goods
 upon Credit Save and Except once which
 was when Sum Sum Dowla his Nephew
 & Son in Law in the year 1776, left his &
 protection, and lived in the Maratta Town
 under the Protection of Lord Pigot then
 Governor who furnished him with &
 Hon^{ble} Company's Sepoys to protect him
 when his Highness sent for me by Kistna
 Sawney Bramine and complained greatly
 of Sum Sum Dowla bad and unsatisfactory &
 Behaviour

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Behaviour to him, And told me not one
 any Account to go near him, nor let him,
 have any Money or Goods and for the Money
 he then owed me desired of me to Arrest him &
 for it, and put him in Prison, and His
 Highness Assured me as soon as I had done
 so, he would pay me all the Money that he &
 Sum Sum Dowla then owed me, which was
 43,806 Pagodas Principal - I told his Highness
 that I was very sorry to hear Sum Sum Dowla
 had so displeased him, and beg'd His Highness
 to allow me to go to him And Use my endeavours
 to bring him to His Highness to Ask forgiveness.
 This I requested, as I had been several times
 sent for at all hours to go to him and Prewail
 on him to come back to his House in Chepauk
 Garden where his Family lived, when he had
 left The Nabob and his Family, and gone to
 St. Thomé and I had always prevailed upon
 him to Return) I told his Highness that
 I thought it would be a dishonour to him &
 that any one of His Family should be
 Arrested

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Arrested - And Reminded His Highness that
a few Months before when I was told that
a warrant of Arrest was taken out against
Sum Sum Dowla by a Mr. Whitewood, &
that on my hearing of it I immediately &
wrote to the Attorney Employed not to attempt
serving it, and I would immediately pay
the Money, which I did, Doctor Boswell
who was a Confidential Friend of His &
Highness ^{to the King & Highness} that I had prevented the
disgrace to Sum Sum Dowla, when His
Highness immediately sent for me, and
thanked me publicly in his Durbar, and
said I had prevented great dishonour to his
Family, but to this Hour I am not repaid
the Money. -

His Highness said he was then his
Son, but he was now no longer so, for he
had divulged the Secrets of his Family to
Lord Pigot his Enemy and said as he looked
upon me as one of his Family he hoped and
expected I would do as he desired, I assured
his

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His Highness that I would not go to him
nor let him have any Money or Goods - and
that if His Highness insisted upon my
Arresting him I would obey him, But
hoped he would consider of it. I went immediately
from His Highness to Amur Ull Omerah &
Bak^r and found with him Omdit Ull Omerah
Bak^r. I told them both what had passed, they
both approved of what I had said, and both
joined in desiring I would not cause him
to Arrest, saying their Father was then
very Angry, and with Reason, with Sum
Sum Dowla, but they hoped he would soon
return and that the Nabob would be again
reconciled to him, and then the Nabob &
would be sorry if he was arrested. I urged
the large Sum he owed me and my great &
want of it, and the Nabob's orders to me,
and offer of payment if I obeyed his Order
They then both promised faithfully to be
answerable to me for the payment of the
Money, on my promising not to cause him
to be Arrested. Strictly obeyed His Highness
The

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The Nabob's orders, by not going to Sum Sum
Dowla, altho' he many times daily sent
for me and for Money and Goods, all
which I refused, as by my Accounts You
will perceive. The Day of the Evening that
Lord Pigot was arrested he sent for me &
many times by his Brothers, and one of
them came in the Evening to tell me that
as I would not go to his Brother, He had
many things as well as many Horses he
wished me to take charge of, this I also
refused I so strictly obeyed the Nabob, and
the Night of the Arrest of Lord Pigot him
and his Brothers went privately on
Board a small Vessel and sailed for the
Malabar Coast. I relate all this to shew
you I strictly obeyed the Nabob's orders, so
contrary to what alledged against me.

For the truth of what I have said before
you and Volumes I could I will if called
upon maintain. — I am with Respect

Red Hills
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Yr^s Yr^s
(signed) Chas^r Darke.—

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Having obtained Permission on or about the 9th Instant to attend the Durbar on my own Business, I went the Next Morning to His Highness Amier Ul Omerahs, being # told he was gone to The Nabob, I went there # but finding He was not there, I came away In the Evening I went again to His Highness Amier Ul Omerahs being admitted to His Highness I found some Gentlemen with him, His # Highness told me The Nabob had told him I was at Durbar in the Morning, and said it was the Nabob's desire that if I had any Accounts, or any Business with him that I would deliver them to M^{rs} Benny and M^{rs} Story I beged to know if I should also deliver to them the Accounts of His Highness's Credit Ul Omerah, and Sum Sum Dowla Bahawder, He said his Brothers I might, and he would speak to his Father about any Business, and asked me how much Money his Brother and Sum Sum Dowla owed me. I told him and beged His Highness to be pleased to consider

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consider how much I lost and suffer many years past, That Ten years of the best part of my life, was spent in a state of Misery and inactivity. for the want of my Money that his Family owed me. and hoped he would be pleased to consider my present great distresses, many of my Creditors now was suing me, & that I had not Money for the necessary expences of my Family, and begged his relief in my Business, as thro' his Highness I could only hope it. He said he knew all and ~~told~~ ^{related} my situation very much, That his Brother ought and could if he was minded relieve me a little and that he would have his Tagger at the end of the Year, a part of that he must give to his Creditors, told me he would do me what good he could, and bid me give my Accounts to Mr Binny, who was Present and desired Mr Binny to receive them on the Morrow, I thanked His Highness and took my leave.

I attended the next day at his Highness

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Highness Amur Ml Omerahs and Received
a Message to go to. M^r Binney and M^r Storey
The same again for two or three following
days - on receiving these Messages, I always
Returned my Respects and came away. -
On or about the 14th Instant when I attended
as before. M^r Binney & Vankatchellum
came to me and said His Highness sent
them to me and desired I would thro' them
let him know what I had to say. I desired
them to tell His Highness I came to pay
my Respects to him, and to wait his favour
to settle my Business so as to relieve my
distress. I told M^r Binney he would
see my Situation by a Copy of a Letter #
I had wrote to His Highness Amur Ml
Omerah, which he read they then went to #
His Highness and soon Returned to me
with a Persian writer with them telling
me His Highness had sent them to take an
Account of all that was due to me, which Vankata-
chellum wrote in English, and the Persian #
writer

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Writer in Persian from my Accounts to the 1.st of January 1786 as follows

His Highness The Nabob Charles

Darke Pagodas 45,608.. 22.. 60.

His Highness Omdit Ull Omrah 2.nd 19,4843.. " "

Sum Sum Dowla Hyroodun

Lawn D^r 138,976.. 30.. 40

About Muen Lawn D^r 2584.. 23.. -

About Lawn Lawn D^r 5050.. 11.. -

Star Pagodas 38,7063.. 3.. 20.

They went with the Account to His Highness and soon again returned to me, saying that neither The Nabob, nor them, would receive any Accounts but ~~the~~ The Governor and Council, and them Accounts only those of the Nabob, for they had no Commission to receive any Accounts of any other part of the Family. Mr. Benny tore the English Account before me, and the Persian Writer kept the Persian Account. They then told me that was all The Nabob authorised them to say. I desired my Respects to him and came away. - I attended again the next Morning for my great

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great distress made me do so in hopes that
 by Respectful perseverance I should get
 something done for my relief a Sepoy brought
 me a message that the Nabob said I might
 go to Mr. Berry, he had been told what to
 do I desired my respects to His Highness and
 went to Mr. Berry at his own House &
 told him that Nabob Amier M. Omrah
 had by message refused me with my Business
 to him, He said the Nabob had so far consented
 and given directions that Mr. Story and himself
 might receive and examine my Accounts &
 with the Nabob, and then to return them to
 me that they might be clear for me to send to
 the Governor and Council, who would send
 them to their Committee, their Committee to
 the Nabob the Nabob to them his Committee, and
 they would return them to the Governor and
 Council, to be sent by them to the Court of Directors
 - I told him that would be no relief to my
 present distress, which I hoped the Nabob
 would consider and how many years and how
 much I had suffered for want of the money
 owing

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owing me by His Highness and Family - Mr. Benny said I must never expect The Nabob to pay me Credit till Omirahs Debt, I told him I considered The Nabob answerable to me for all the family's Debt because it was by his Highness's knowledge and Consent many Years ago that I supplied his Family with all goods they wanted, and Money, He said there was no doubt but The Nabob knew of it - I said I believed His Highness so good and just that He would not see me and my Family ruined and Starving, if he knew it, through His Highness's Family - Besides I said His Highness lodged with me a security took until all the Debts of the Family was satisfied, which Security I had, and therefore considered him answerable to me, I said it was the Bonds of The Rajah of Tanjore a just Claim against him Mr. Benny said that was before his time, and altered the Case -

The two following days when I went to His Highness Amur till Omirahs he was not at home, and I left my Request not having

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having his permission I did not go to the Nabob after him, for fear of giving offence.

On Sunday the 18. after I had waited some time, His Highness Amier All Omrah sent me a message which Hista sawmy interpreted as follows what Business I had with the Nabob he referred me to Mr Benny & C. W. Story but if I had any with him, and wanted to see him, he would see me, I sent my respects and said that I would be very glad he would see me that my Business was to pay my respects to him, and to beg his favour to settle my Business. He then sent for me and Hista sawmy, when he saw me he said come Darke I understand that you are very angry with me, I answered that I was very sorry to hear His Highness say so, that I never had given cause for it, and feared I had some secret enemy with His Highness whilst I was waiting his favour and relief. He said indeed I had, that it was his Brother, and as he had provided

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proved what his Brother told him was false. He now saw me, said he had always been my Friend therefore he would tell me and then I should know what a bad Man his Brother was to me, for after all my Services to him so many years he wanted to take away my Character and my Life. I told His Highness that he astonished me, for I never had given the least cause of offence to his Brother. He then said hear me, My Brother came to me by walking at 11 o'clock at Night some 4 nights ago when I was sitting with Mr Kistnasawmy and he seemingly was much frightened calling out that Vile wicked Man Darke was going to kill me, he came just now to my House and told me he must have Money directly or he would Blow my Brains out and put a pistol to my Head. - Yes said Kistnasawmy a loaded Pistol. He then said his Brother told him ~~to~~ reason with me. and asked me why I did not go to and tell Amur all Amurak of my Distress.

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I answered I had been to His House and he would not see me, and swore if he had, that pistol was meant to Blow out his Brains - Said his Brother, told him his People came, and he got into his House and over the Garden wall and run to him for Protection - His Highness then called on Kistnasawmy who declared it was true, He also called on Ramnaw who said it was so, and he asked some of his Commandants who was standing Round if it was not so they answered Yes - I assured His Highness that it was the most unjust thing that ever was Invented, and I could not tell why, that I had been to his Brother or seen him, since I had permission, He said it was before about Twenty Days ago I declared I had not spoken to his Brother or any way behaved to him but with the utmost Respect, and begd that I might as soon as possible, see his Brother and him - together, and whom else he pleased in order to prove myself Innocent in Word and Deed of the Charge, He said no I must follow his advice.

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his advice, He had got proof it was false - for in order to catch his Brother, He desired him to write a letter of what I had done, and he would take it to his Father, and have it translated and take it to the Governor. But his Brother instead of doing so came to him at Gun fire next morning and told him that I had sent Doctor Davis to him to beg his ^{forgiveness} pardon, and beg'd of him not to mention what he had told him of me - This he said was proof it was false. He then said you see M^r. Dairke how good His Highness is to you to let you know what an Enemy On dit All Omerah is of Yours - After ruining you he wants to ruin your Character and Danger your Life - Yes said His Highness he would be very glad you was Dead, After serving him so long - that you might not trouble him for your Money. And then he would say that he did not owe any to you for when he was told that his Prime Minister Captain George Mackay was dead - he said Thank God - His Highness advised me to keep in my mind what had

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Man his Brother was to me and not to mention
to anyone what he had now told me, and promised
to do all he could to serve me, saying whenever
I came he would always see me - I thanked
His Highness and took my Leave - I attended
the next day ^{and} being told His Highness was so
engaged I left my respects and came away;
the next day again I attended, Histrasawamy
told me His Highness was gone to his Father
he also told me it was no use my waiting for
when he came he would not see me then or
Histrasawamy further told me, as he had
known me many Years, and I had done
him many Services in Return he should be
glad to serve me - on which Account knowing
how much I was already distressed, he
was sorry to tell me that the old Nabob's
mind was very much against me - and
I already knew that Omdet Ul Omerah
wanted to ruin me - This Day Histrasawamy
added that I went to the Nabob's Darbar,
and saw Said Ausam Fawn and Nazif Caon
and himself - I went away without seeing the
Nabob, as soon as I was gone His Highness
came

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came out and told them. that I had Long been
 a very bad Man that he was very Angry with
 me, and would not see my Face, for somebody
 had told His Highness that I had supported
 advised and Encouraged his eldest Son to be
 disrespectful and Independent of him by
 supplying him with Money and other #
 things at a time he wanted him to fulfil want,
 that I had advised him, and wrote Letters for
 him to Lord North against his Father, that
 I had introduced him to Mr. Burke - that
 I had been his adviser to join and assist
 Lord Macartney against his Father and
 Family - and also that I had interfered in
 Family Matters - and said if I came there any
 more to trouble him, he would send to the
 Governor to take me away - I asked Kistna Rao
 what could he mean by all these false and
 Dangerous Accusations on my coming to
 the Nabob and his Family to seek Relief #
 where I had so just a Claim - But instead
 of any Relief I am plunged into new difficulties
 to add to my Distressing wants - by these #
 false Charges, that I must and would publicly
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clear myself of, and which I could easily do
as they were all false. He desired me to take
patience, and follow Amur Ul Omrah's
advice. He said I saw how much he was
my friend in having told me what an enemy
his Brother was to me. Then Krishna swamy
advised me to come and declare all these things
which he said the Nabob understood I had
done for and with Amudat Ul Omrah, and
anything else I could say against him, and
then my Business would be settled, and in
six or seven days all my Distress would be
over, if I did not my Business could not be
done, and the best time for me to come was
after Gun Fire that night, at which time
the two Doctors would be gone, and his
Highness Amur Ul Omrah would see me
and would bring the Business forward. -
I told Krishna swamy that if I came I could
only complain of Amudat Ul Omrah's
treatment in my own Business, which
I had by a letter told him - and of the unjust
Charge I was told he had now made against
me. But as to saying what he wanted me to
declare I could not if my Business was never
settled

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settled and told him when I supplied the young nabob with whatever goods he wants from my Stores - and Money - it was with the Nabob's Knowledge and Consent I never wrote a letter for him in my Life nor did I ever know that he corresponded with Lord North nor (did I ever hear him speak a disrespectful Word of his Father but always quite the contrary - that I never saw him in the Company of Mr Burke nor hear his Name mentioned in his Company - nor did I ever know that he assisted Lord Macartney against his Father and Family - nor did I ever interfere in any thing of Family Matters - nor would I by such means as he proposed interfere in them now; He said I now know his Opinion that was the only Road to get my business done and if I did not declare such things my Business could never be done - I said I will not then come in the evening for such purposes I waited the Next Morning as usual An Amier ul Omrah, his Highness was not at home, The Morning following my indulgence to attend the Darbar was taken away -

(signed) Cha. Clarke
29 June 1786.

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On this third day of July 1786, I appeared before me Alexander Davidson Esq. One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town of Madraspatnam and the District thereof Charles Darke of Fort St. George Free Merchant and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist deposeth and saith that the contents of the Paper Writing hereunto annexed are true in every respect ^{to} the best of his / this Depo^rant's belief and knowledge.

Fort St. George 3. July 1786.

Sworn before me this day
(A true copy) (signed) Alexander Davidson
Chas. Darke Justice.

I immediately after the conversation with Kistnaswamy, I waited upon Said Ansum Lawm Bahadur, not believing that His Highness the Nabob had thus spoken against me as related by Kistnaswamy. And I asked him if the Nabob knew that I was at the Durbar the morning I came there and saw him and Nazif Lawm and

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and Krishnasawmy, he said yes, he came out of the Maut as soon as I was gone, and asked for me saying he is my old Friend, and a good Man, and much distressed, and his Family is come something must be done in his Business, and asked why I went away, Anson said, he told him I came to look for Amur ull Omurah. I then told him which had passed, He shook his head, and said all Honor about the Durbar was gone, that what I had been told was all false, and wicked.

I attempted several times to get a Letter delivered to His Highness The Nabob by my Servant that always used to attend him on Business, but in Vain, The Chubdars and Servants that attended His Highness's Person, said without Amur ull Omurah's Chop for the purpose they dared not to deliver any Letter or Message to him. The Reason of my staying to pay my Respects to His Highness The Nabob the day I went, after having Permission from The Hon^{ble} Governor was, said Anson Lawan and Nazif Lawan & Bahadur

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Bahadours - after saying they was glad to see me, and that I again had permission to come to the Durbar, asked me if I had seen Amur ul Omerah, and got his Permission, I answered no, they desired me to go away directly and see him and get his Permission; and then come to the Nabob, or he would ^{be} angry and jealous. This I left out of my Affidavit because I wished not to mention the Dewan Said Ansum fawn Bahadours name, But I solemnly Declare it is truth, and am ready to Verefie it on Oath. -

(signed) Chas. Darke

The Board having already recorded their Opinion that they cannot interfere in the Accounts between the Nabob & Mr. Darke the Letter & Enclosures are Ordered to lie on the Table, they are however to be mentioned in the Letter to the Court of Directors Agreeably to Mr. Darke's Request. -

Read the following Minutes of the Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Providing

To lie on the Table but the subject to be mentioned to the Court of Directors.

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Proceedings of the
Hospital Board
Messrs. Whyte &
Turing apply for
Permission to resign
the Service, appoint-
ments in consequence

Read the Orders of
Government, & directed our
Secretary to have a Return
made out of the Surgeons
against Monday next, agree-
able thereto.

Read Letters from
M^r. James Whyte, & M^r.
Robt. Turing, requesting
permission to return to
Europe, as they both stand
high in our Estimation,
we beg leave to submit their
application to the Honble
Board, & hope they will
comply with their different
requests.

In Case Government
approve of their resignation,
The Hospital Board recom-
mend that M^r. Benny be
appointed to the Hospital
at

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at Masulipatam
 vice Turing, & M.
 Min to the Hospital
 at Trichinopoly &
 vice Whyte should &
 Government Approve
 of the above appoint-
 ments, they recommend
 M. Stuart to be appo-
 inted Surgeon, & stationed
 with the 1.st Battalion
 of European Infantry
 & M. Richardson to
 do Duty at Ganjam
 till further orders &
 M. Laird at Tanjore,
 vice Stuart. M. Allen
 Severnought to be appointed
 Medical Storekeeper at
 Tellore vice M. Lord &
 promoted. -

The Hospital Board
 hope the Honble Board
 will be pleased to &
 publish the above in
 General Orders. -
 (signed) E. D. Pittinson
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To James. Anderson Esq^r

Physician General &c.^o

Member of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

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thereby so much worn out, as to render me
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upon to do duty in the Field, which my
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I have to request you will do me the favor, to
address the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council,
for permission for me to return to my Native
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think it proper to grant me leave on any
other terms, than my resigning the Service,
I hope they will be pleased to allow me Passage
Money, or any other Indulgence they shall
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If my resignation is thought
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Dundas.

I have the honor to be

Fort St George
4th February 1788.

Yr^o H^o
(signed) James Whyte.
Head Surgeon

(A true Copy)

Edw^d. Atkinson
Surj.

To James. Anderson

Physician General President

H^o. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

Some Circumstances Relative

to family Affairs, rendering it indispensibly
necessary for me to proceed to Europe, I have
to Request you will apply to Government, to
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or if the orders lately arrived from the
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to officers, such is the urgency of my particular situation that in compliance with Prescribed Form, I am under the necessity of requesting leave to resign the Company's Service at the end of this Month. - But after serving the Government faithfully above twenty three years, I trust you will make mention of me in such a Manner, to the Honble the President in Council, that they may be induced to recommend me to the Honble the Court of Directors, that I may be permitted to return to my situation without prejudice to my Rank in the Honble Company's Service.

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I have the Honors to Remain
Yr. &c. &c.

(signed) Robert Turing
Head Surgeon.

Agreed that. Messrs Whyte & Turing be permitted to resign the Service & that they be mentioned to the Court of Directors in a Manner suitable to the Merit & Services.

Messrs Whyte & Turing permitted to resign the Service

Read