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Diary

The Deputy Accountant sends in the following Statement.

State of the Balances of Principal due on the 1st March 1788 to the private Creditors in the three Classes of Debts of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic included in the Arrangement of December 1784.

Statement of the Balances due on the 1st March 1788 to the Creditors of the Nabob.

To the Creditors of the Old Consolidated Debt of 1767

Amount of Balance of Principal due to them on the 6th June 1787 — 3,44,580.. 25.. 47.

Deduct the Dividend declared 25th October 1787 & paid in part of Principal 79,288.. 25.. 57. 2,65,341.. 35.. 70

To the Creditors of the New Consolidated Debt of 1777

Amount of Principal due to them ------ 5,49,849.. 23.. 72.

To the Creditors of the Cavalry Debt

Amount of Principal due to them ---- 7,19,224.. 33.. 10.

Pagodas 6,48,306.. 29.. 72.

N.B. Interest on all the above Debts is due to the Creditors from the 1st October 1786.

In respect to the State of the Nabobs Debt to the Company Vide Quick Stock

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) Robert Woolf

Depy Accountant.

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Minute thereon

Ordered, that Copy of the foregoing Statement, be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Princess amelia.

The following Notification is ordered to be published in the Gazette

Fort St George 28th March 1788

A Dividend of three Lacks declared for the 4th april

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of three Lacks of Pagodas will be made on Friday the 4th april to the Public and Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, In addition to which the Sum of Pagodas 47037.23.7. formerly paid to the Officers holding new Cavalry Bonds, will be divided amongst the Creditors of the old Consolidated Debt of 1767.

The new Cavalry Loan Creditors will at the same time receive payment of three months Interest on their respective Bonds at 12½ Cent, in order to place them on an equal footing with the old Cavalry Debt, agreeable to the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

Signed John Cramer Secy.

Lest

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Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in the

M. B. Nos 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135.

To Mr Lawes Strange - to provide the supernumeraries of the 72 Regiment with conveyances to Madras; Patnam and with provisions for their Voyage from thence to Madras on the Dolphin, to report particular account of the Disbursements to the President - and in case of the Dolphin having sailed to comply with any requisitions from Colonel Stuart.

To the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Sanjore. - To Captain Williams - with permission to take on Board Mr Thomas Wist. - Volunteer in the 36th Regt.

To the Commander of the Princess Amelia

To Mr Thomas Welch - to discharge the Monthly Artificers employed under the Chief Engineer.

To the Paymasters at Wallajabad

To Captain John Slippes - to receive from the Chief Engineer all his Entrenching Tools, and receipts of the Commanding Officers of Corps for such as they have had

To the Commissary of Stores at Arcot. - To Alexander Davidson Esq. with Extract of a Letter from Bombay - to give the necessary information,

To the Military Paymasters Generals

To Mr A. Mr Campbell - Enclosing a notification and desiring the Dividends may be issued accordingly.

To the Registers of the Nabobs Debts. -

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 136. 137. 138. 139. 140.

From

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From Colonel Brathwaite

From Colonel Brathwaite on the Subject of the Barrack Masters Regulations lately transmitted to him.—

From the Surgeon of the 52d Regiment

From Mr. P. Drummond enclosing his Chitts as required in the Letter to him of the 26 March.—

From the Resident at Nagore

From Mr. W. Tallofield States that he has drawn a Bill on Government in favor of the Military Paymaster General for stoppages paid into the Treasury by the Paymasters.—

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

From Mr. Edward Atkinson requesting an Order on Tanjore for the amount of the Instruments purchased from Mr. Thompson.—

From Mr. Alexander Dirom Deputy adjutant General

From the Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops — Requesting that Mr. Mortimer Lewis may receive an order for a Passage on the Princess Amelia.—

In consequence of the receipt of the abovementioned Letter from the Deputy adjutant General, the following Letter was written to the Secretary at the India House.—

To Thomas Morton Esqr.

To the Secretary at the India House — Mr Mortimer Lewis coming Clerk on the Princess Amelia.—

Secretary to the Honble Court of Directors.

Sir

I have the Honor to inform you, that since closing the Packets of the Princess Amelia Mr. Mortimer

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29th Mortimer Lewis has obtained Permission of the Commander in Chief, to proceed to Europe on the above mentioned Ship, the Company being at no Expence on account of his Passage.

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
31st March 1788

&c. &c.
Signed John Hamilton Secy

At a Consultation

Present

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

President

John Holland James Henry Casamajor

Tuesday
8 April 1788

and

Robert Maunsell Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President in his Character of Commander in Chief, informs the Board, that Captain Stevenson has solicited leave to resign his appointment of Barrack Master, South of the Coleroon, which the Commander in Chief recommends may be granted, and proposes Lieut.t Alexander Dyce, Major of Brigade to succeed Captain Stevenson as Barrack Master.

Captain Stevenson resigns the Barrack Mastership—Lieut.t Alexander Dyce appointed thereto

The Commander in Chief further proposes

That

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Lieutenant Henry Colby appointed Major of Brigade Vice Dyce

That Lieutenant Henry Smith Colby be appointed Major of Brigade vice Dyce.

The Board approve the foregoing Recommendations, and it is Agreed, that they be published in General Orders.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Editors.

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

President and Governor &c. Council at

Fort St George.

From the Committee of Editors - Messrs Buckingham and Porcher appointed Members - Trusting that the Board will make a speedy Provision for the Payment of the Dividend due the 31st January last.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to inform you that Messrs Benjamin Buckingham and Josias DuPre Porcher, were elected by a General meeting of the Editors, held pursuant to public notification on the 8th March & March last, Members of the Committee, for the affairs of the three Classes, of the Nabobs Editors, in the Room of Messrs Holland and Swinton whose Seats had become vacated.

On the 21st of February we addressed your Honor &c. on the Special affairs of ourselves and Constituents, to which Letter we have not as yet been favored with a reply, we must again beg leave to call your attention to that address.

We

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We are happy to learn, that yesterday it was your Pleasure, to declare a Dividend of the three Lack of Pagodas, which were due to the Creditors, according to the Treaty, the 10th of July last; and we hope in your justice to the Creditors, you have taken effectual measures, to secure a speedy Dividend, of what became due to them on the 31st January; we beg leave to remark, that the month of March is nearly expired, and you cannot be insensible, to the very great loss, the Creditors sustain, in the value, and Credit of their Fund, from delay in the payments, that have become due to them.

We shall stand excused, in expressing our hopes, you will be pleased to consider, as an object worthy of your early attention, the Defining the Debt of the Nabob to the Company, conformable to the Spirit of the Arrangement; without this measure is adopted, the period for the liquidation of the new Consolidated Debt, agreeable to the Spirit of this arrangement, is not ascertainable; and the fund suffers greatly, in its real Value from the period not being determined.

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St George
29th March 1788

Signed

John Turing
James Taylor

"George Mowbray
Saul Benfield
Benj.n Roebuck
Jos. du Pre Porcher

Ordered

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To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table,

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell KB.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

In the accounts transmitted us from the different Settlements, there are charges for Batta &c. of Sibbendy Sepoys employed on Revenue Duty, which altho' included in the accounts of this Department come within the discription of Military Expences and the allowances established on such Occasions being unknown to our Accountant, we conceive it to be the Province of the Comptroller General of accounts to report upon the propriety of all Charges of this Nature.

We therefore request that your Honor will be pleased to give Instructions to that Officer to audit all such accounts as may be sent to him by Mr Cockburn, who will consider his Report as the Standard for admitting, or rejecting any Articles therein contained.

The Tasildar at Arnee having represented

From the Board of Revenue - requesting that Orders may be given to the Comptroller General to audit all Accounts sent him by Mr Cockburn - and that a Company of Sepoys may be stationed in the District of Arnee to aid the Tasildar in quelling disturbances.—

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represented to us that some Polygars from the neighbouring Hills have lately committed Depredations in that District, which at this particular Season are attended with infinite Prejudice to the Revenue, we request that you will Order a Company of Sibbendy Sepoys to be stationed there to aid the Tasildar in quelling these Disturbances, or that you will furnish the commanding Officer of the Garrison with such Instructions as you may think necessary on the subject.

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
John Holland
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray

Fort St George
24th March 1788

Signed

Agreed that directions be given to the Commissary General as Suggested by the Board of Revenue.

Minute thereon

Resolved also that the necessary Orders be given to the Commanding Officer at Arnee for giving assistance to the Tasildar at that Place.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores.

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To the Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell KB

President and Governor &c in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Committee of Stores respecting Military Stores sent to Trichinopoly - the Old Arms in that Garrison to be sent to Madras for Sale - The Chief and Council at Masulipatam to send down a Report of the Gun Powder under Proof, and of the condemned Guns.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamiers letter of the 2d Instant enclosing an Application to your Honor &c from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam accompanied with a letter from the Committee of Stores in that Garrison and the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly transmitted with a letter from Brigadier General Horne desiring to be informed how far his Indents can be complied with, and at what time the Stores will probably be sent, we have accordingly directed our Clerk to send this Information in future to the Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly as early as possible after we have received your Commands But we confess ourselves at a loss to understand to what Indents the General refers when he says "that we have "no Information untill we receive an account of the "Stores when sent perhaps one Year, after the Indents are "made, which commonly are but a small Part order'd "for." —

We

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We beg leave to observe to your Honorable Board that on the 12th of August last Mr. Secretary Channier transmitted us a Copy of a Letter from Brigadier General Horne to the Governor in Council enclosing an Indent for Stores part of which we compliied with on the 27th of that Month agreeably to the List No 2 the monsoon intervening prevented our sending any for some weeks after but immediately as the Wind and Weather became favorable and a Vessel could be procured we sent a further Supply which happened on the 18th January last agreeably to List No 3 and on the 12th of this Month we completed their Indent as per Lists No 4 as far as the State of our Stores would permit consistently with the Securit of this Presidency — with respect to the Storekeeper of Trichinopoly making up those Stores that were not sent, we can only say that they consist chiefly of Articles sent from Europe those that can be procured in this Country must be better made at the Presidency where not only the Materials are Superior, but also the Workmen from very great practice of course much more expert.

With respect to the old Guns mentioned in the Procedings of the Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly We conceive that as many of them are of a different Size and make from those now in use that those had better be

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be sent to Nagore where from the considerable Trade between that Place and Pegue and the Island of Sumatra they may probably be disposed of for Exportation to great advantage, if not they can easily be brought in and brought to Madras in the Purse of the approaching Southern Monsoon such of the old Arms as are of a similar Construction to those now in Use may be easily repaired by a small Temporary addition to the present Establishment of Artificers.

The news lately received from Europe induce us to think that the proposed Expence of laying in a Stock of Wood as recommended in the proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Trichinopoly is unnecessary but with great deference we submit this Idea to the Consideration of your Honor &c.

We beg leave to remark that the form observed at Trichinopoly of the Storekeeper reporting the damaged State of the Gun Carriages is irregular and Contrary to the Spirit of the regulations for Storekeepers at out Garrisons as published in G.O. on the 28th October 1786. We conceive the Deputy Commissary or Inspector of Stores should have made the report to the Commandant of Artillery who must be the best Judge of the State of the Carriages and both together would serve as a Check on the

Storekeeper

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Storekeeper who is the Person that executes the Work and pays the Workmen.

Respecting the Tents sent to Trichinopoly we can take upon us to assert from the authority of the Commissary General of Stores that the Muster was established when Sir Hector Munro who Commanded the Army was present as a Committee of Stores and therefore we do not take upon us to Judge of the Dimensions but if your Honor &c. are of opinion that any alteration should be made in the Colour of the lining to the Fly we can only observe that it may be made for the additional Expence of dying the Fly of the Tents being at present lined with white Cloth.

The Commissary General of Stores lays before the Committee an Indent for Stores for the Garrison of Trichinopoly and for the Cantonment of Warriore, which we are of Opinion should be complied with agreeably to the Remarks made by the Commissary General of Stores.

We entertain no doubt but the Gun Powder mentioned in the letter from the Committee of Stores to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam was below Proof and the Guns they have condemned unfit for Service, but we are unable to offer any precise Opinion of either as they have not sent us a regular

Report

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Report of the Proof of the Gun Powder nor the Survey of the Artillery we therefore beg leave to request your Honorable Board will order the abovementioned Papers to be transmitted to us without delay.

At our last Meeting being the 3d Tuesday in the Month agreeably to annual Custom we examined the Books of the Director of the Laboratory and the Conductors Books all of which we found regularly brought up to the end of last Month.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
19th March 1788

Sir &c.

Signed J Capper
Wm Petrie
Wm Sydenham
J J Moorhouse

Minute thereon

The Board approve the several Opinions and Recommendations of the Committee of Stores, and it is agreed that they be communicated to General Horne, to the Resident at Mayore and to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Tulloh, attorney to Mr. Brodie

John

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John Shannier Esqr

Secretary.

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of the 15th Instant, accompanied by an Extract of one from the Commissioners of accounts relative to an objected charge of Gunny bags stated in the accounts of Mr. Brodie while Garrison Storekeeper, and intimating that the Honorable Board have deferred coming to a final resolution respecting it until they are furnished by Mr. Turing or me with such further explanation as may be in our power to give on the Subject.

From Mr. Tullekattorney to Mr. Brodie in respect to the objected Charge of Gunny Bags stated in the accounts of Mr Brodie while Garrison Storekeeper

I am sorry it is entirely out of my power to offer any further explanation of that charge, than has already been stated in answer to Mr. Balfours Remarks upon it, for tho' I was a witness to the unremitting exertions of Mr. Brodie during the critical period he held the office of Garrison Storekeeper, and bore a share in his labours by a constant attendance on the Beach to receive and embark Stores occasionally yet I had no Connection with the Office so as and prevent pilferage as much as possible to afford any knowledge of the accounts, which were always

kept

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Kept by the present Garrison Storekepers Onicoplys, who had been the Keepers of the Garrison Store accounts, before Mr. Brodie had been appointed to that office.

I will only beg permission to add from my knowledge with respect to Mr. Brodie himself, that I have often heard him declare that his Constitution was scarce able to sustain the constant fatigue and anxiety he suffered in the execution of the laborious duties that office required during the important period he held it, and am persuaded no consideration would have induced him to have continued in the department at so critical a time, but the desire of approving himself to the utmost of his capacity and power on all occasions, conducive to the advancement of the public service.

When the state of his health obliged him to apply for permission to return to Europe he often solicited for an examination into his accounts, before his departure, that he might have an opportunity in person to clear up any objections that might be made to them. The Examination of them had been however postponed till after his departure; — but as he was conscious of the rectitude of his conduct, he made no hesitation to comply with the desire of Lord Macartney, to furnish securities for indemnifying the

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the Honorable Company, for the value of such defficiencies as might be found in his accounts, whatever time they should be examined.

After his departure, these accounts had undergone three different audits, first by Mr. Holland, afterwards by Mr. Jackson, and latterly by the Commissioners of accounts, and in the course of the two first examinations several Vouchers had been mislaid by the office people, the want of which form the grounds of many objections in the last examination.

I take the liberty to mention these circumstances in submission to the Honorable Board as an object of consideration with them in behalf of Mr. Brodie who am persuaded, if he were on the spot would be able to satisfy Government in every point relative to his accounts.

If it should become necessary to adduce testimonies of his extraordinary activity and zeal in the execution of his duty, in an office on which the existence of the settlement and the fate of the Army in the field principally depended, and wherein the least relaxation in his attention, and perseverance might be followed by consequences of immediate ruin, I am confident that Mr. Alexander Davidson

and

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and Colonel Lyderham who are intimately acquainted with the nature of Mr. Brodies department, in which the public service on all emergencies depends for resource, will readily declare their Sentiments of his Conduct.

I will only take the liberty further to observe, that if the Gunny bags have been heretofore allowed as a perquisite of the Garrison Storekeeper in a period of peace and Tranquility, when no uncommon exertion of duty was required in that department I humbly hope the Honorable Board will be disposed to consider that not only these perquisites had a gratification of a higher nature, namely their approbation may be judged well bestowed on Mr. Brodie for the uncommon degree of Zeal and Perseverance, which he has manifested for the advancement of the Public Service while Garrison Storekeeper, during the most distressing and critical Juncture of Hostility and Famine.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed J. Sutton

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Read the following Letter from the Civil Paymasters General.

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Mr John Shaner

Military Secretary

From the Civil Paymaster General reporting on the List of additional Attendants necessary for the Barrack Master's Employ at Fort St George

Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 18th Instant enclosing a List from the Barrack Master of Barrack attendants necessary in Fort St George upon which Government have been pleased to direct me to report I have the Honor to enclose a List of such attendants as were allowed in this Garrison previous to the Regulations of September 1786 and request you will be so good as lay it before the President in Council.

I am also to acquaint you that the amount charged for these people was always carried to the Head of Charges Garrison in the Books of this Employ.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir &c &c

Signd Alex. Davidson

Paymaster General

Fort St George
29th March 1788

Report of the Paymaster by Order of Government

Barrack attendants Employed in the Garrison of Fort St George Previous to September 1st 1786—

	Waterwomen	Horse	Sweepers
6 Waterwomen for every 100 Men —			
Main Guard — — — —	1	2	
4 Port Do and Greatways — — —	2	2	4

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Commander in Chief's Quarters	..	1	1
Admirals house	..	1	1
Adjutant Generals Quarters	1	1	1
Quarter Masters General D°	1	1	1
Town Majors - D°	1	1	1
Fort Adjutant - D°	1	1	1
Commandants D°	1	1	1
Chief Engineers - D°	..	1	1
Major Gratton's D°	1	1	1
Officers Quarters in the Fort and Black Town at 6 Quarters	..	..	11
	9	11	26
Mastry's in General	1	..	1
	10	11	27

NB None of the attendants allowed to the Commandant of Black Town.

Minuted thereon.

Ordered that the Barrack Master of Fort St George be directed to keep up the Barrack attendants mentioned in the above List & that he be informed the number must not be encreased without a special authority for the purpose.

Read the following Letter from the Import Warehouse Keeper

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Import Warehouse Keeper with an account Guage of sixty Casks of Arrack from Fort Marlbro' Requests to know if he is to pay the Freight, and what charge is to be made against it on account of Deficiency.

I have now the Honor to lay before you the Account Guage made by the Company's Oper of the Sixty Casks of Arrack imported from Fort Marlborough per Snow Triton, & request to know your pleasure whether they are to remain in their present state or be filled up to merchantable Measurement.

Sir John Menzies having made a demand for 300 Pagodas for the freight of the said Arrack, I likewise request to know if I am to pay the said Sum, or make any & what charge against it on account the deficiency of 826 Gallons - the customary allowance for leakage, I understand is five per cent.

I am, &c. &c. (signed) Geo: Savage
Import Warehouse Keeper

Fort St. George
31st March 1788

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Account Gauge of Sixty Casks of Arrack Imported from Fort Marlborough, per Snow Triton, Captain William Arthur Commander Vizt

Casks No	full Measure contents of the Casks	Dry Inches	Nanty Gallons	Remaining Gallons
1	150	3	6	144
2	150	3½	7	143
3	149½	3½	7	142½
4	127½	9½	32	95½
5	135	7½	23	112
6	151	3	6	145
7	123½	7½	24	99½
8	150	4	9	141
9	150	2	3	147
10	146½	6	16	130½
11	137	5½	13	124
12	152	3	6	146
13	138	7½	24	114
14	150	3½	7	143
15	132½	6	16	116½
16	157½	5½	14	143½
17	144	8	26	118
18	147	3	6	141
19	148½	3	6	142½
20	134	6½	17	117
21	152	3	6	146
21 Casks Arrived ave	3025½		274	2751½

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Casks Nos		full measurement of the Casks	Dry Inches	Wanting Gallons	Remains Gallons
21	Casks Brought over	3025½			
22		150	3	6	144
23		150	3	6	144
24		142	8	26	116
25		148½	11½	47	101½
26		150	3½	7	143
27		150	3	6	144
28		141½	2	3	138½
29		138½	7½	23	115½
30		134½	7½	23	111½
31		150	3½	7	143
32		125	5½	14	111
33		149	4½	10	139
34		147½	4	9	138½
35		150	4	9	141
36		130	6½	17	113
37		140	3	4	136
38		132½	5½	14	118½
39		152	3½	7	145
40		150	3½	7	143
41		150	4½	10	140
42		150	4	8	142
43		120	5½	14	136
44		145	3	6	139
41	Casks Carried over	6351½		557	5794½

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Casks No.	full ones: measurement of the Casks	Dry Inches	Wanty Gallons	Remaing Gallons
44 Cask Brought Over	635½		557	5794½
45	148	15½	74	74
46	133½	9½	27	106½
47	150	7	22	128
48	139	4	9	130
49	144	4½	10	134
50	147	5½	14	133
51	144	3½	7	137
52	150	3½	7	143
53	130	3	6	124
54	120	4	9	111
55	151	6	18	133
56	150	6	18	132
57	140	4	9	131
58	140	5½	14	126
59	149	6	18	131
60	151	3½	7	144
60	8638		826	7812

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Signed Geo. Savage

Import Warehousekeeper

Read

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Read also the following Letter from Mr Roebuck, attorney to Mr Cochrane agent for Spirituous Liquors —

To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary

Sir,

From Mr Roebuck recommends that the Arrack at Fort Marlboro be put up at Public Sale & bought in for the Company

I am favored with your Letter of the 26th Instant in which you tell me the Honorable Board desire to be informed whether the Arrack of which the Invoice is lodged with the Import Warehouse Keeper can be applied to the use of Mr Cochranes employ or whether it can be sold at present without loss to the Company.

I do not think that either at the present period or at any period within these twelve months it can be sold without very great loss to the Company — It appears to me to be invoiced extraordinary high and I should presume the best mode in the present occasion will be to put it up to Publick Sale to buy it in on the Honble Company's account to give Credit to the Bencoolen Presidency for what it fetches at the sale, and to deliver it over to the Arrack agent debiting the Arrack agency for it at the Bengal Contract Price. I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Benj.n Roebuck

Fort St George
31st March 1788

Benj.n Torin
for the Honble Paul Cochrane agent for
Spirituous Liquors —

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Minute thereon

Agreed to direct the Import Warehousekeeper to expose the Arrack sent from Fort Marlborough to Publick sale, and to buy it in unless it can be disposed of with profit to the Honorable Company — If the Arrack should be bought in Credit must be given for it to Bengal Presidency at the price bought in, and the Liquor delivered to the Arrack agent, debiting the Agency for it at the Bengal Contract Price.

D.

Agreed also that Sir John Shaw Menzies be paid his Demand for Freight deducting five p.Cent, if that be the Customary allowance for Leakage.

Ordered that the above Resolutions be communicated to Mr. Savage & Mr. Roebuck.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.

To His Excellency Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President &c. in Council

From Brigadier General Horne. Relative to the Disputes between Tondiman and Shinna Meuda.

Sir

I

His Highness the Nabob Fouzdar of this place some time since informed Shinna Murdah the Sherrigar of Shevegunga of his intentions to

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to proceed to the borders that devides that District from Tondimans Country, inorder to investigate the claims which both parties might have to bring forward, to ascertain the right to that part of the Country which has given rise to the late disputes between them; and desiring him to proceed to the same place, where Tondeman would also be directed to attend that this Business might be finally arranged; as also some other circumstances which His Highness had directed should be adjusted.

I manimally Kehan at the same time ac-companied the Sherrigar, that in order to have the different points which he was instructed to adjust with him: Shetapetty, and Tondiman, elucidated with more facility, and satisfaction to the Nabob and them, he had requested me to accompany him for that purpose and which I had engaged to do in consequence of the Honorable Boards Permission / He was also given to understand that we intended to bring as our Escort a Guard of two Companys of Sepoys and a few Troopers; but that he was permitted to bring whatever number of attendants and Guards he might think proper and necessary.

Shinna Murda in reply to this letter informs

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informs the Tongdar, that the spot of Ground in dispute was not of sufficient importance, as to render it necessary for him and myself to proceed so far to settle But that if Emaum ally Khaun would order a person of some consequence to proceed to the place mentioned, with directions to enquire into the rights claimed by him and Tondiman he would on his part (if Tondiman consented to this mode of adjustment) do the same.

Emaum ally Khaun, not satisfied with the Stile of this reply, nor the purport of it, again addressed Chinna Murdah, informing him, that he had matters to settle respecting the Circar, exclusive of those existing between him and Tondiman and which made a personal interview absolutely necessary, at the same time represented to Chinna Murda not to occasion his Highness the Nabob's displeasure as well as your Excellency's (who would be informed of his proceedings) should he persist any longer in declining to meet, which was so necessary for the public Welfare &c.

Notwithstanding the above requisition Chinna Murda, still persists in declining any personal interview, but proposes to send one of his people to Trichinopoly to adjust such points as might be necessary

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necessary; at the same time complains much of the Dryness of the Season and that he is apprehensive the Inhabitants will fall short of their Payments, but that he will endeavour to satisfy the claims of the Circar.

A fortnight has passed over since this letter was received, but no Person from Chinna Murda is yet arrived at Trichinopoly, who appears to observe in this as well as on every other occasion very little deference to the Orders of the Circar.

His Highness the Nabob will doubtless acquaint your Excellency, with the various causes he may have for being displeased with the Conduct and Behaviour of Chinnat Murda, in the administration of the Ceded Marawa Country, and by what Stratagem and means Chinna Murda and his Brother got possessed of the Powers they now hold; which will enable your Excellency to be better able to judge what measures may be the most Eligible to pursue respecting them, I shall only remark here, that Chinnat Murda is generally allowed to be a Man of Abilities, and active in the Station he at present holds; particularly so, for one of his Cast, and former situation in life.

I am with the greatest Respect, &c &c &c

[Signed] Matt.w Horne

The

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Trichinopoly March the 25th, 1788

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The President, in his Character of Comm:
mander in Chief, recommends that the 6e Battalion of
Native Infantry Commanded by Captain Crawford be
appointed to form the Garrison of arree, and that the other
Troops now at that Station be directed to join their respective
Corps as soon as possible.—

The 6e Battalion commanded by Captain Crawford, to form the Garrison of arree.

Ordered accordingly —

The Secretary informs the Board that Mrs de
Brincken Widow of the late Lieutenant de Brincken is desirous
of being permitted to take the usual Oath of Qualification
for Lord Clive's Bounty.—

Mrs de Brincken being called in produces
the following Certificate of her Marriage.—

This is to Certify that on Tuesday the thirty first of May
1785 George V Brincken and Elizabeth Fowel were
joined together in the Holy bands of Matrimony, at
Fort St George in the East Indies by me.

Mrs de Brincken takes the oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty, and produces a Certificate of her Marriage —

Witnesses present — { Jno Best, A Rolleston, W. Ruseberry, S. Rolleston } F. L. Langstaff, Chaplain of the Hanovenans

The Prescribed Oath being administered by the President, it is agreed that the usual Certificate be given —

Read.

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Read the following Letter from three Hanovenian Officers

To His Excellency Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. Governor in Council. Fort St George

Noible Sir,

From the adjutants of the Hanovenian Regiments respecting Pay.

The General Order from the 15th December of last year will we hope excuse us in submitting the following Lines with the permission of our Commanding Officer to your Excellency's generous decision if the Claims therein stated may be brought forth agreable to the tenor of this Order.

1st/y — We have been adjutants since the Regiments were received into the Honorable Compans pay for a considerable period, for which post we were particularly appointed being supernumerary to the Compliment of Officers belonging to Companies, As such we humbly suppose we had been entitled according to the agreement made with the Honorable Company in the same manner

As Such

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manner as his Majesty's British adjutants from the date the Regiment was received into the pay of the Honorable Company till our arrival here in India to an allowance of three Shillings per day which we did not receive.

2dly In the printed Regulations for the Company's Troops from 78 page 10 the adjutants allowance stands with 5 Shillings and the Quarter Masters with 4 Shs: In the Statement of pay for his Majesty's Troops in India signed by General Stuart the then Commander in Chief and approved by the Select Committee dated 7th December 82 which is meant to extend also to the Hanoverian Troops, these allowances are set forth

Adjutants		Quarter Masters	
British Pay	3 Shillings		3 Shillings 6d
Gratuity	2		6
	Total 5 Shillings		4 Shillings

But in the Hanoverian Regts the Matter has — and as much as we know without any authority — been reversed, the Quartermasters have drawn for the adjutant but 3 Shs - 8d but for themselves 4 Shs 8d which last they have continued till now.

To the further explanation of the above we must humbly beg leave to add that it is a standing rule in our Service that the Quartermasters who always

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does the office of Pay masters draws not only the Pay but all different allowances for every officer which Custom has been here constantly adhered to, even in drawing the batta, and as no officer has therefore any opportunity to learn what is his due, the respon: sibility in this point rests on the Quartermasters.

Submitting the validity of the above Claim on our part to your Excellency's decision as our Com: mander in Chief, we do not fear that the period which has elapsed since that time will have any weight with your Excellency as till now we were uninformed to what allowance we were entitled by the Company's Regulations as also that the Quartermasters who drew's the Pay's for us, drew's them more for themselves as stated in the Regulations.

We have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect &c &c

A Monsteatt Captain 14th Regt
D Castex Lieut. 15 Regt
A Lohlegel Lieut. 14 Regt

Madras
31st March
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To be referred to the Military Board

Ordered that the above be referred to the Military Board and that they be desired to report their Opinion thereon.

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The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nizam ascertained in the P.C. No 23 stating that a Vessel belonging to his Circar, the Darogaship of which has been transferred from Hagy Abutty to Ray Mekabat Raim, is now at Porto Novo; and requesting that in Case the former refuse to deliver over the Charge of her to Shaick Mahommed Tarker Ulla, who has been appointed by the Latter, the Governor will oblige him to do so desiring also that the Timber necessary to repair her be permitted to pass Duty free; & that the Chief of Masulipatam and Resident at Maddepollam do give every Assistance.

Substance of a Letter from the Nizam +

Agreed that Copy of the above be transmitted to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam and the Resident at Maddepollam, and that they be desired to attend to His Highness's wishes.

Minute thereon

Agreed also that the President be requested to procure the restoration of His Highness's Ship at Porto Novo as mentioned in his Letter.

The President informs the Board that, as he has reason to apprehend the loss of the Company's Packet enclosed in a Letter from Bombay dated the 24th February of which the Duplicate has since been received – he recommends that a Letter be addressed to the Government of Bombay desiring them in future to send the Company's Packets to Anjengo, or if the Season suits, by a Cruizer to Madras.

The President's information to the Board, respecting the Company's Packet sent from Bombay the 24th February

This recommendation in consequence

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to the Governor and Council at Bombay.

From Mr Darke

Read Letter from Mr Darke entered in M.B. & I. requesting that a Copy of his Letter to the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts, be sent as a Number in the Packet by the Princess Amelia.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr Darke that his Letter arrived too late for transmission by the Princess Amelia, but that the Board have in their Dispatches by the Henry Dundas submitted the Contents of his Letter to the attention of the Court of Directors.

Ext G.L.

Wm. Campbell

John Holland

Jas. Wm. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to Bombay.—

To the Hble Archd. Campbell Esqr.
Governor in Council
at
Bombay

Hble Sir,

To Bombay requesting that the Company's Packets from Bussorah may in future be transmitted by Sea or by the way of Anjengo

We have been honored with the receipt of the duplicate of the Letter from the Hble President & Council at Bombay dated the 24 Febry last.

As the Packet from the Hble Court of Directors mentioned in the 5th Paragraph of the Letter just acknowledged must have miscarried with the Original of the address from the Government at Bombay, We are induced to offer it as our recommendation that the Packets which may in future arrive from Bussorah be forwarded in a Company's Vessel to Madras or if more suited to the Season to Anjengo & from thence transmitted to Madras.—

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

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(signed) Archebald Campbell
Hble Council
Dispatched

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be written to the Governor and Council at Bombay.

From Mr Darke

Read Letter from Mr Darke entered in Min. Bk 81 requesting that a Copy of his Letter to the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts, be sent as a Number in the Packet by the Princess Amelia.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr Darke that his Letter arrived too late for transmission by the Princess Amelia, but that the Board have in their Dispatches by the Henry Dundas submitted the Contents of his Letter to the attention of the Court of Directors.

Ext G.L.

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

J. H. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to Bombay.—

To the Hble. Andrew Ramsay Esqr.

Governor in Council

at

Bombay

Hble Sir,

To Bombay requesting that the Company's Packets from Busserah may in future be transmitted by Sea or by the way of Anjengo

We have been honored with the receipt of the duplicate of the Letter from the Hble President & Council at Bombay dated the 24 Febry last.—

As the Packet from the Hble Court of Directors mentioned in the 5th Paragraph of the Letter just acknowledged must have miscarried with the Original of the address from the Government at Bombay, We are induced to offer it as our recommendation that the Packets which may in future arrive from Busserah be forwarded in a Company's Vessel to Madras or if more suited to the Season to Anjengo & from thence transmitted to Madras.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Archibald Campbell

Council

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters &c
entered in Mss: Nos. 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16)

To the Barrack Master of Fort St. George.

To Lieutenant John Stuart, Inclosing a return of the Barrack Attendants previous to September 1786 and directing that it be not exceeded, without Authority from the Board.—

To Colonel John Braithwaite

To Colonel John Braithwaite—In reply to his Letter of the 21st. Ultimo, respecting the Regulations for the Barrack Master's Department

To the Comptroller of Military Accounts

To Colonel Capper Enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Revenue Board respecting the Audit of Sibbendy Accounts, and desiring his Compliance therewith.—

To the Committee of Stores.—

To the Committee of Stores— Their proceedings of the 19th. March approved: the necessary Directions to be given.—

3.

To the Resident at Nagore

To the Resident at Nagore with Extract of a Letter from the Committee of Stores &c respecting the Disposal of some old Arms.—

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam to send down a Report of Gun Powder of Gunpowder under Proof, & of the Condemned Guns.—

To the Import Warehouse Keeper—

To the Import Warehouse Keeper the Arrack sent from Fort Marlboro' to be exposed to public Sale, & brought in, unless disposed of with

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with proset to the Company — If the former the # Bengal Presidency to be credited for it at the # Price bought in, and the Liquor to be delivered # over to the Arrack Agent at the Bengal Contract Price — To pay Sir John Menzies for Freight, deducting 5 ℘ Cent for Leakage if usual. —

To Mr. Benjamin Roebuck, Attorney

To Mr. Cochrane's Attorney as Agent for Spiritous Liquors. —

for Mr. Cochrane, Enclosing Copy of the # foregoing Letter —

To the President at Madapollam with # Copy of a Letter from the Soubahdar of the Deccan, to which he is to pay attention. —

To the President at Madapollam #

To. Masulipatam — On the same Subject —

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam —

To Mr. Charles Darke. His Letters # came too late to be included in the List of the Packet ℘ Princess Amelia; the Contents thereof were mentioned in the Packet by the Henry Dundas. —

To Mr. Chas. Darke

To the Paymaster at Tanjore — To pay # Mr. Thompson Surgeon's Mate of the 1st Batt. Pagl. 45 for Chirurgical Instruments. —

To the Paymaster at Tanjore —

To the Military Board — Enclosing for their Opinion an Application made by three Adjutant

To the Military Board

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Adjutants of the Hanoverian Regiments.
relative to allowances.

To The Board of Revenue. Colonel

audit

To the Board of Revenue

Capper has been directed to audit the Subsidy
Accounts. Orders will be sent to the Commanding
Officer at Arnee, as they recommend

To Brigadier General Horne, Enclosing

To Brigadier General Horne.

Extract of the Proceedings of the Committee of
Stores at the Presidency, on those of the
Committee at Trichinopoly of which the
Government approve.

At a Consultation Present

Friday 4 April 1788

The Honorable. Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President
John Holland James Henry Casamajor
and
Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and Approved.

Read the following Letters from
the Committee of Stores with Enclosures
entered in M. B. Nos. 17: 18: 19: 20).

To

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To The Honble. Major Genl. Sir. Archd. Campbell &c.
President & Governor &c. in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.—

From the Committee of Stores recommending that an allowance be made to the Families of those who were Killed by the late Explosion at the Powder Mills.—

We have the honor to lay before You the Copy of a letter we received from the Military Store Keeper at our last Meeting, & accompanied by a Petition from the Family of the Bullock Mastry who perished at the late Explosion of the Powder Mills & the Account of the Number of People & Cattle destroyed Copies of both we have the honor to enclose No. 182.—

As it appears to us of great Consequence to encourage the Natives to engage in the dangerous Service of making Gun Powder, who are at this time very much terrified at the unhappy Consequences of the

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The late Explosion — We beg leave to recommend that the Allowance of One Pagoda per Month be given to each of the Families of those Poor who lately perished at the Powder Works in the Black Town likewise that Ten Pagodas be paid the Owners for each of the Bullocks which were destroyed at the same place

We are at all times extremely cautious in recommending any increase of Expence, but in both these Instances we are actuated not only by a Regard to Justice & the Public Welfare but likewise by the well known Usage of the Service from the Observance of which great benefit has often been derived in procuring Cattle for the Army in the Field.

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

(signed) " J. Capper
" Wm Petrie
" Wm Sydenham
" J. Moorhouse
" Geo Maule.

Approved —

Approved —

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To

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To the Hble. Major General Sir Archd. Campbell Kt.
President & Governor &c.a in Council.

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Hble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores recommending that the unserviceable Guns & Stores at Ganjam to be Sold at Public Outcry on the spot. Enclosing List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper & Yard Month.e

The Committee of Stores at Ganjam in a Letter of the 15th Ulto request to know what should be done with some Military Stores and Guns that have been Condemned as unserviceable at that Garrison, as both have been regularly surveyed, and to remove them to the Presidency would only be an useless Expence, We beg leave to recommend that they shall all be Sold on the Spot at public Outcry.—

Approved.—

The Commissary General of Stores laid before us a List of Stores (Copy of which we now enclose) received from the Military Storekeeper last Month Musters of which we examined and approved as we also did of twelve 24 Pounders

Twelve

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Approved.—

twelve 18 Pound.r Lumbers and
Sixteen 5 ½ Inch Mortar Beds
which are reserved from the
Contractors Yeard.—

We have the honor to be
&c.—&c.—

(signed) J. Capper
" Wm. Petrie
" Patrick Ross
" Wm. Sydenham
" J. Monro esq.—

Fort S.t George
2.d April 1788—

From the Deputy Postmaster General.—

Read Letter from the Deputy Post Master General (entered in Mil: No. 21) representing the dangerous condition of the Company's House allotted for the Post Office, and requesting that it may be immediately repaired.—

Minute thereon

Agreed to desire the Chief Engineer to survey the Company's House abovementioned, to report its condition, and to lay before the Board an Estimate of the Expence attendant on a compleat Repair.

Ex.d

Arch.d Campbell

John Holland

Ja.s H. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary.—

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Sent a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore (as entered in Country Correspondence N° 29) enclosing a State of the Account between the Government General and his Circar — the Balance of which will be paid on Demand from the Madras Treasury — Recommending that he give no Provocation to Tippoo Sultaun that may lead to a serious Quarrel; and assuring him of the Company's Protection and Assistance against any Attack from the Chief of Mysore. —

Dispatched the Undermentioned Letters (entered in M. B. N° 22: 23)

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Claims for Prisoner Batta, to be added to the List in his Office. —

To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer — to survey the House belonging to the Company Now occupied by the Post Master General, and Report its condition.

The President sends in Circulation Translation of a Letter from His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry, and Draft of the Reply, which are Ordered to be entered hereunder. —

To

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No 5

To His Excellency. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's
Troops on the Coast of Coromandel Governor General
of Madras &c. &c. &c.
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Comptr de Conway intimates his Intention of Sending to Karical Sixty Sepoys & Requests Permission to pass them through the Nabobs Country

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that it is my Intention to send from hence to Karical a Detachment of Sixty Sepoys as this Detachment Must pass through the territories of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, I shall not put it in Motion but with the Consent of his Highness and after having Received Your Excellency's Reply on the Subject

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

Pondicherry
1st April 1788

A true Translation
Tho.s Chase
French Translator

To

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To His Excellency

Comte de Conway &c. &c. &c.

Pondicherry

Sir.

I have the Honour to enclose a Dustuck from His Highness the Nabob of Arcot for the Detachment your Excellency proposes to send from Pondicherry to Karical. This Dustuck is addressd to a Servant of his named Sheaboorow, who is at Pondicherry, and who has received Orders to send an Hurcarrah to accompany the Detachment through the Nabobs Territories to prevent any Difficulties or Obstructions to them on their March.

If your Excellency will have the Goodness to direct this note and Dustuck to be given to Sheaboorow, an Hurcarrah with the Dustuck will instantly attend your pleasure respecting the March of the Detachment

The Chiefs at Cuddalore have also been informed to give your Detachment every Assistance in passing through Bounds under his immediate Orders

I have the honour to be with the highest

Respect

&c. &c.

(signed) Arch.d Campbell

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Order

To the Compte de Conway: encloses a Dustuck for the Sepoys to pass from Pondicherry to Karical.

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5th Ordered, that the Chief of Cuddalore be directed to give the Aforementioned Troops a free Passage through his District, and afford them every Assistance, by furnishing them with such Articles as they may want, on paying for the same (Vide M.B: No 24)

To the Chief of Cuddalore

6th Received the following Letter from Bombay.—

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

Gentlemen,

From Bombay Mr. Ramsay takes Charge of the Government as appointed third Member of Council.—

Conformably to the intimation given you under the 1st. Inst we have the honor to acquaint you that Andrew Ramsay Esqr. has taken Charge of this Government, the late President having embarked for England on board the General Elliot on the 9th Instant, Since whose departure we have appointed John Beaumont Esqr. third Member of Council.—

We have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(signed) Andrew Ramsay
Robt Sparks
John Beaumont

Bombay Castle
1st January 1788.—

Sent

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6. Sent the following Letter to

Brigadier General Horne.—

To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the Southern Forces.

To Brigadier General Horne with Copy of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore a fair answer to be given the Rajah in case Tippoo should attack his Country.—

Sir, I am directed by the Board to send you Copy of a Letter received from the Rajah of Travancore, and although they cannot imagine that Tippoo Sultaun will in the present State of Publick Affairs, venture an attack upon the Travancore Country in violation of the late treaty of Peace you will nevertheless be watchful of his Conduct and take such Measures as you shall think most expedient for the Rajahs support if necessary.—

I am &c. &c.

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7th April 1788.—

(signed) John Shamier Secy

From the Chief of Cuddalore.—

Received Letter from the Chief of Cuddalore, (as entered in the C.L.B: No. 25) Acknowledging Receipt of the Orders respecting the March of the French Detachment thro' his District, which will strictly be complied with.—

&c

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At a Consultation Present

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

John Hollond James Henry Casamajor
&
Robert. Maunsell Esqrs

Tuesday 8. April 1788.-

Minutes of last Consultation
Read and Approved.-

Read the following Letter from the
Military Board.-

The Honble. Major General Sir Archd. Campbell. K.B.
Governor in Council

From the Military Board recommending that the Memorials of the Artillery Officers be transmitted to those over whom Ordnance is solicited, and enclosing proposed Arrangements for the Cavalry.-

Hble Sir,

We have been honored with your Commands in two Letters from Mr. Secretary Chamier under date the 18. and 25. Ulto. The former enclosing a Memorial from Lieutenant Fred. Wm. Morris and the latter Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation, respectively on the Subject of Claim for Rank.-

Previous

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Previous to entering upon a Discussion of these Points, and in pursuance of the Mode of proceeding hitherto observed by us in similar Cases, We beg leave to recommend to your Honor &c. the transmission of these Papers to the Gentlemen over whom Precedence is solicited, that by the Knowledge of such Circumstances as may be advanced by them We may be enabled the more equitably to decide on the nature of the Claim exhibited against them.

The accompanying Arrangements proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, & having received a careful Revision by us, We now do ourselves the Honor of submitting them for the Approbation of your Honble Board. And as the Pay of the Invalids and Pensioners of the Native Cavalry Corps, has not hitherto been settled We shall on this occasion beg leave to explain to your Honor &c. on what Principles the present Arrangements have been made —

We have on this Subject considered the Pay of Cavalry, as Effective, is at all times equal to what the several Ranks would receive in the Field as Pay and Batta; — but as Batta is a

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a Field Allowance, and has not been reckoned upon in fixing the Pay of Men transferred from the other Corps of the Army to the Invalid Establishment, the same Rule, we are of opinion, should be observed for the Cavalry.- The Natives of all the other Corps receive accordingly the same Net Pay, as when they stood up on the Effective Strength.-

In stating the Invalid Pay, which, we conceive ought in reason to be allowed to all the other Natives of the Native Cavalry, the matter may be clearly understood by fixing that of a private Trooper, because the application may then be easily extended, on Comparison, to the other Ranks.-

The present Monthly Pay, excluding the Batta, of an Effective private Trooper, is as follows.-

	Full Pay	Stoppage	Net Pay.
Effective Private Trooper...	3: 21:-	0-21--	3---

The Pay Monthly, supposing Batta to be deducted, for 30 days - will stand thus.-

	Full Pay	Stoppage	Net Pay.
Invalid Private Trooper...	2: 21: 60-	0-21--	2-60

It appears therefore, that the Expence to the Company, after deducting the Batta, for every

Private

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Private Trooper of Invalids will be monthly 2:21:60
whereas an Infantry Invalid, of the same Rank,
costs only 1-29-40- difference against the Publick
34 Fan: 20 Cash Monthly, on each private Invalid
of Cavalry:- This may be thought too considerable,
when it is considered that both, when transferred
to the Invalid List, must perform the same
duty, but as the Cavalry, when Effective, receive
a higher pay than the Infantry, it may not
seem unreasonable to continue to them a preference
even after they are placed in a situation to
perform only the same Duty with the latter, but
the difference of 34 Fans: 20 Cash on the
Pay of a private Monthly may be reckoned
excessive against the Publick. —

If the Matter then can be regulated
without making the Neat Pay of the Trooper
less monthly than what will arise by striking
off the Batta, which he cannot reasonably
expect to receive when considered only as an
Invalid or Garrison Soldier, the Plan may not
be thought exceptionable— In other words— if
the Saving to the Company arises from clothing
the Trooper the same as the Infantry Invalid—

as

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as they both perform the same Duty—the former can have little cause to complain, as he will still continue in the Receipt of a higher Pay than the latter, without diminishing the Neat Pay, which he would otherwise have received, after deducting the Batta.—

The following We therefore propose as the Pay Monthly of a Native Invalid Private Trooper.

Full Pay.	Stoppages	Neat Pay.
2.. 5.. 40.—	" 5.. 40..	2— .. —"

From this, when compared with the former Calculation of the Invalid private Troopers Pay—and with the Pay of a private Invalid of Infantry, it will be found, that he will still receive 18 Fan.s per Month, more than the latter and in a Month of 31 days, the Balance will be in his favor, as in the above Calculation, the deduction of Batta has only been reckoned upon for a Month of 30 days.—

The Matter is then brought to this Conclusion, that as the Soldier of both Corps must necessarily perform the same Duty when they become Invalids (which was not the Case when they were on the Effective Strength

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Strength of the Army) they shall therefore be clothed at the same Expence to the Public, & without diminishing the Neat Pay to be received by the Cavalry after a reasonable & deduction of Batta— but on the contrary, & preserving for the Cavalry Private Sandies proportion to the other Ranks of that Corps a clear monthly Balance above the Infantry of 18 Fanams, or nearly one fourth of the Infantry Mans Neat Pay, which is 1 Pago 24 Fan.

— It is observable that the Saving is made from the rate of Stoppages, which from a Private of Cavalry is 21 Fan.s Monthly— and from a Private of Infantry 5 Fan.s 40 Cash— when the total Saving to the Company will be 16 Fan.s 20 Cash on each Invalid Native Trooper, and of course in a much greater proportion on the higher Ranks.—

On the same Principle We beg & leave to recommend the Regulations of the Allowance to Cavalry Pensioners.

We

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We have the honor to be &
very respectfully.—
&. &.
" J. Casper
" Patrick Ross
" James Edinglouon
" Henry Malcolm
" James Campbell
" Wm. Sydenham
" J. Moorhouse.—
" "

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4th. April 1788.—

P. S. Accompanying We have the Honor to forward our Proceedings, subsequent to the Date of our last.—

Minute thereon

Ordered that the proposed Arrange=ments for the Cavalry be sent in Circulation for the Separate perusal of the Members of Government.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Board be requested to transmit the Memorials to the Officers over whom Lieut. Fire Worker Morris & others Claim Rank, that they may have an opportunity of replying thereto

Board.

The President lays before the Boards the following Cards received by him

Ens

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him from the Nabob & from his Second Son. —
(which are entered also in the C.C. Nos. 30: 31:)

From the Amer, enclosing Card from his Highness the Nabob respecting the Payment of his present Rist.

His Highness the Nabob Amer
ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments
to Sir Archibald Campbell, & has Received his
Card of Yesterday, which he communicated to
His Highness The Nabob Wallajah Bahauder.
His Highness the Nabob Amer ul Omrah told
Mr. Montgomery Campbell on the 1st Instant
that in the Course of few days he would make
every Kind of exertion to pay the Company
all the Money excepting about 40,000 Pagodas
of the Lack of Pagodas, which is to be paid at
the end of April, probably Mr. Campbell has
misunderstood his Highness's Words. —

His Highness Requests Sir Archibald
Campbell to be assured that it is not his wish
or that of the Nabob Wallajah, that any delay
should happen in the payment of the Rists
they are themselves with all their people solely
devoted to that object. His Highness the Nabob
Wallajah only asked a few days to pay off
a few Thousand Pagodas besides the Lack to

be

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be paid in April / which in Consideration of
his long & steady Friendship for The Company,
& of the heavy Engagements he is now under,
and the difficulties & impediments which has
been met with in the Collection of the
Revenues, from the Zemindars & Polligars
with-holding The Circars Money &
which is well known, he assures himself
will be allowed by his good friend Sir
Archibald Campbell and in that hope His
Highness The Nabob Wallajah has addressed
a Card to him, which will be received herewith

Triplicane House
8. April 1788.

His Highness the Nabob Walajah
Bahauder presents his Compliments to Sir
Archibald Campbell and has been made acquainted
with the contents of his Card of Yesterday by
a Translation of it which his Son sent him
His Highness in a Card of the 28th. of last Month
stated in brief the several difficulties he had
met with in the payment of the present Kist,
in consequence of which he requested his friend
would give him till the end of April to compleat
One Lack of Pagodas, besides the Lack which
the

From the Nabob. States the Difficulties he has had to encounter in the Collection of his Revenues, & request the President will allow him till the End of April for the Payment of a few thousand Pagodas which became due on the 31st March.—

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the Treaty allows him untill that Period to compleat
- and not receiving any answer to that Card, his
Highness concluded Sir Archibald Campbell had
acceded to his Request - Sir Archibald Campbell +
will perceive that there has been no remissness
in the Payments - On the 28 of last -

Pagodas 49,000 was due, the Balance this day
for which Receipts are exchanged from the Southward leaves it
is 185000 - from which deduct 18,000 - only so that
of 67,000
33,000 - Pagodas has been paid since that Period,
and as other Monies will be daily paid into the
Treasury, as they are received, the whole will
most certainly be discharged by the end of this
Month - When Sir Archibald Campbell considers
the difficulties he has met with himself in
getting in Money from the Company's own
Dependants, and what large Balances there
are still due to the Company, he will instantly
conceive how many difficulties his Highness
must have experienced in the Collection of his
Revenues, particularly in the present Situation
of his Affairs when his dependant Zemindars
and Polagers will not pay their Rents and Tribute -

His Highness always received assistance
in the collection of his Revenues from every Governor,
at a time too that he was not under such +
heavy

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heavy engagements to The Company, and #
Sir Archibald Campbell has been so good to
accommodate him in the former Visits he
hopes therefore his Friend will also assist
him on the present occasion by allowing
him to the end of this Month for payment
of a few Thousand Pagodas - The long Friendship
of his Highness for the Company and the
punctuality with which he has always
made his payments to them, the #
consideration of his present very heavy
engagements and the Situation of his #
Country and Ryotts, he assures himself
will have weight enough to induce his old
friends the Company, and his good Friend
Sir Archibald Campbell to accommodate
him for so short a time, and for so small
a Sum - It is not his intention to delay the
fulfillance of his engagements, - large
Sums will in the Mean time be paid
daily, the balance will be rapidly decreasing
and by the end of the Month the whole #
will be cleared off

Chepauck House
8th. April 1788 -

The -

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The Board having taken the foregoing into Consideration, resolve that a Letter shall be addressed to the Nabob on the Subject of this

Minute thereon

Hist.

The following being drafted & &c approved, it is Agreed that the President be requested to send it to His Highness (vide also C.C. N: 32)

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

May it please Your Highness

It is necessary that I should represent to your Highness, that there remains considerable Balance on Account of your March Hist. the whole of which according to the change made out at your request in the payment of the Hists, I consider to Amount to the Sum of Pagodas.....1,20,000.—

To the Nabob Wallajah stating the Balance due on Account of his March Hist. and entreating the Payment of the Balance.—

In

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In part of which Government are willing to give Credit to your Highness for the whole Sum expected to be received from Tanjore, for Pushcash and Arrears of Pushcash, altho a very small part thereof has been as yet received ..... 2,20,000..--

Balance to be paid by your Highness ..... 9,80,000..--

In part of which there is received ..... 6,02,212..--

So that there remains a Balance due by your Highness of ..... 3,77,788..--

Your Highness must be sensible that this Government is bound to call upon your Highness for a Settlement of the Balance now due, and Entreat Your Highness to take immediate and effectual measures for its being discharged.

I have the Honor to be
May it please your Highness
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Arch.d Campbell

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Read

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Read the following Letter from
the Attornies to George Stratton Esq.r

To The Hon.ble Major General Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor &.c in Council
Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sirs,

From the Attornies to Mr George Stratton requesting the payment of a Balance due their Constituent, on Account of Secret Services while Governor of Madras; together with the Interest arising thereon. —

Having been instructed by Mr. Stratton to apply to the Government for the payment of a Balance of Pag.s 1677: 14: 69. due to him on Account of Secret Services while he acted as Governor of Fort S.t George in the Year 1776, which Sum The Hon.ble Court of Directors in their General Letter of the 12 July 1782, (Extract of which we have the honor to enclose) directed to be Paid to his Representatives in India, We beg leave, as Such to request, that your Honor &.c will be pleased to give Orders for the Discharge thereof, being persuaded that no doubt will arise as to the Justice of his Claim, which would have been brought forward. —

representations

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forward at a much earlier Period. had his ℔
former Letter on the Subject reached our ℔
Hands, the Failure of which induces our
Constituent to hope that you will be
pleased to allow him the established ℔
Interest on the Same, from the Time the
enclosed Order was received at this ℔
Presidency.—

We have the honor to be with great
Respect

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
3.d April 1788— }

(signed) Antonio d'Souza
Wm. Sydenham
Attornies to Gen.l Stratton Esq.r

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of
Directors 12 July 1782.

Para 33:

"W.m George Stratton having represented
to us that during the Time he acted as
President and Governor of Fort St. George
in the Year 1776, that he had been obliged to
send a Vessel on Secret Service to Mauritius whereby
an Expence was incurred to Pagodas 24,795..7..63.
"of Which he has already received

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"receive Pagodas 23,117..34..74. We therefore direct
"that as the Measure seems to have been adopted
"for Public Utility and with the Recommen-
"dation of Sir Edward Hughes (then in
"Command of His Majesty's Ships in India)
"that Mr Stratton's proper Representatives
"at Madras be paid the Balance of
"Pagodas 1677:14:69: due to him on that
"account provided you find the facts to be as
"Mr. Stratton has stated."

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing be sent to the Accountant General & that he be desired to report thereon.

The Accountant to report on the above

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions (with Enclosures entered in Al. B. No 26)..

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

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provision on the Claims of Colonel Oliphinston, Lieutenant Bulman, & the late Captain Patterson for Cattle delivered to the Deputy Agent in Camp during the War Requests Order regarding the balance due the Honorable Company by the Estate of the late Mr. William Segrave

Hon'ble Sir.

In my Letter to Mr Secretary Charnier under date 31st. December last, I informed the Hon'ble Board that application had been made

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made to me by Colonel Elphinston and Lieut.t Bulman for Payment of their Claims on the Honble Company for Slaughter Cattle and Sheep, delivered to the Deputy Agent in the Camp for the use of the Army in the Month of May 1783. for which, Mr. Kenworthy granted his receipts and Credited those Gentlemen in his Accounts and I have since that period received another Claim from the Attorneys for the Executor to the Estate of the late Captain Patterson deceased, demanding payment for a thousand Head of Cattle delivered to the Deputy Agent in the Same month for which they also produce his Receipt and the whole appears to the Credit of the following heads in the Books of the Agent for victualling the Troops, now Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Colonel Elphinston

For 1360 Slaughter Cattle at 1½ Pag.s each ... 2040.—.—
For 600 Sheep at 4½ Pagodas ..... 150:—: 2190:—:—

N.B.: There is a difference between the Book and the Claim given in by Col. Elphinston — he States 1460 Bullocks & 71 Calves, but Credit is only given for 1360 as here stated

Lieutenant Bulman

For 200 Slaughter Cattle received from him @ 1½ P.ch ... 300:—:—

Captain Patterson

For 1000 Slaughter Cattle received from him @ 1½ P.ch 1500:—:—

Pagodas 3990:—:—

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The Bullocks and Sheep are here charged at the price usually allowed for captured Cattle delivered to the Deputy Agent but Lieut Bulman in his application (No 1. enclosed) mentions a Circular Letter having been addressed by my Predecessor to all Officers commanding Stations, to use their best endeavours to supply the Army with Slaughter Cattle at that time going against Cuddalore) and that a reward of 2½ and 3 Pagodas a Head would be given— I remains with you Honble Sir to determine whether any and what allowance shou'd be made to Lieutenant Bulman on that account.—

Having in consequence of the Auditors Report frequently called upon the Attorney for the Executor to the Estate of M.r William Ledgely deceased, for payment of Rupees 7890: 7: 10 due to the Company by the deceased since 31st December 1779. They have hitherto declined complying with my request for want of instructions from M.r Brodie the Executor, as well as from an insufficiency in the Funds of the Estate which have

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have considerably reduced in supporting an
Orphan Daughter of Mr Sedgeley's. — I have
the honor of laying before you Copy of the Acting
Attorney's last letter (No 2) and beg to be favored
with your Orders thereon

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(signed) Tho: Cockburn
Commissary Genl for Grain Provisions

Madras
7th April 1788

Memorandum respecting the Claims for Cattle

Agreed to desire Mr Cockburn will lay
before the Board a Statement of the Credits in
his Books for Cattle delivered to the Deputy
Agent in Camp during the War, with such
further information as he may be enabled to
give. —

Memorandum respecting the Claim upon the late Mr Sedgley's Estate —

With respect to the Claim upon the
late Mr Sedgley's Estate, it is Resolved that
it be stated to the Court of Directors who
alone have it in their power to remit the
Claim in Consideration of the Circumstances
mentioned in Mr Cockburn's Letter. —

Read the following Letters from
the Chief Engineer. —

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs -

From the Chief Engineer with Estimates for the Repair of Quarters in the Fort & Portuguese Square for the Soldiers Barracks at Pondamallee which he recommends may be executed by Contract & for the Honble. and by the 2 Members of Committee

I have the honor to lay before you the Abstract of Estimates for the Repairs, of Mr. Savages and Mr. Call's Quarters the former No. 43 in Fort Square and the latter No. 1 in Portuguese Square - These Repairs are included in the Annual Account now before the Board for your consideration, on which you did me the honor to inform me on the 10th Ultimo you would issue your orders, but these Gentlemen having Repaired their Apartments may be prepared. I beg leave to request your Consent to their being Undertaken - Mr. Clerk having expressed a desire that some Additions may be made to the Expence of Repairing his Apartments in the Fort Square; I enclose a List of the same and request your Orders thereupon. -

You were sometime since pleased to communicate to the Committee of Works & your intentions to Repair the Soldiers & Barracks

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Barracks at Pondamaly. I have now the honor to lay before you the Estimate of the Expence & that will accrue therefrom calculated in the Terms of the present Contract, and beg leave to submit to you, as it is to a large Amount, & the expediency of advertising for Proposals to do it by Contract

Lt. Holland judging some Repairs Necessary to the House he inhabits at the Out post Water House in addition to those provided for in the List of Annual Repairs. - I have the honor to lay before you a List and Estimate of the same desiring your consent thereto. -

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Col. Chief Engineer. -

To the Hble. Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell Knt.
Commander in Chief, President and Governor &c. Council of
Hble Sir & Sirs. Fort St. George

From the Chief Engineer recommending that the Quarters damaged by the firing of the Guns in the Artillery Park at Wallajabad may be immediately repaired -

I have the honor to lay before you a Letter from Lieutenant Weinmeng acquainting me, that in consequence of the firing of the Guns in the Artillery Park at Wallajabad, near to the

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the Back Wall of the Eight Range of Quarters & Newly Built, some of the cross Walls of that Building are so much cracked as to require immediate attention, which if given the Injury they have sustained may be removed at an Expence of Eight or Ten Pagodas. I therefore hope you will be pleased to Direct his doing it without delay, that the whole may be settled all together. &

Colonel Kelly on a Representation of the aforegoing Circumstances has Directed the Morning and Evening Gun to be fired in Front of the Grand Parade and a Temporary Shed to be made for it there. —

I Remain most Respectfully

&. &.

(signed) Patrick Ross. —

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Senr Col & Chief Engr

Minutes respecting the Soldiers Barracks at Poonamallee —

Resolved that the Committee of Works be desired to Publish an Advertisement declaring they will receive proposals for completing by Separate Contracts the Square of the New Barracks at Poonamalee, & for & repairing

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repairing the Soldiers Barracks at that Garrison

Resolved also that the Repairs to

The Repairs stated by the Chief Engineer to be executed.

the Quarters on the Fort & Portuguese Squares be made, & that Colonel Ross be desired to direct the execution of what he has recommended at Walajaubaad.-

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller Genral of the Army's Accounts.-

To The Honble. Major General Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.

Governor &c. Council,

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller of General of Army Accounts - With address Government in a few days on the Subject of the Barrack Masters Accounts - The Paymaster at Pondamallee has been instructed to give the Company Credit for the objectionable Charges in his Accounts - Noted the Accounts be hereafter audited since his last Report.-

Since my Report to your Honor on the 18.th Ultimo on General Lang's Accounts, I have concluded and forwarded to the Barrack Masters of the Center and Southern Divisions my Remarks on their Charges to the Latest period delivered into the Paymaster's Office; - the whole are now before them, and I expect to receive their Explanations in a few days, when I shall have the honor of addressing you on the Subject.

The

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The Accounts of the Paymaster at #
Poonamalee for the year 1785 having caused along
Correspondence which by no means tended to
explain in a satisfactory manner the Remarks
I had made on them, I found myself obliged by #
your Orders of the 11th December last to require
of M. Hawkins to place the Amount of the
Charges I had objected to, being Pagodas 567..27..-
to the Company's Credit in his Accounts for
last Month.-

The Military Payments at Palamcotta
and Permacoil for the Year 1787. have been #
examined and the Charges found to agree with
the Vouchers, which are regular.- The Military
Payments at Madura, Vellore, Amboor & Arcot
for 1787 are now under examination.-

The Accounts of the Paymasters at
Vellore, Amboor, Ongole, Madura, Palamcotah,
and Permacoil with the Superintendent from
the 1st January to 30th June 1787. exclusive,
have been examined, and the few Remarks that
occured in the Charges at the three former #

Garrison

inclusive

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Garrisons have been explained in a satisfactory Manner. The Paymasters at Madura and Palamcota have not yet replied to the Observations on their Accounts. The Charges at Permacoil are regular and correspond with the Vouchers.—

I Keep in view your Orders of the 11th December last, for a Monthly general Statement of Expence and Balance, and am making the Arrangements in order to comply therewith in the fullest extent, but must entreat your Indulgence to delay for sometime my carrying those Orders into effect, as only a small part of the Accounts have yet been delivered in, and the Investigation of the Barrack Masters Accounts together with the long Arrears of Accounts which were unexamined when I took charge of the Office, will prevent my complying with them so soon as I could wish.—

I have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c.

(signed) J. Kipper

Cpt. Lieut.

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Read &c.

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Read the following Letter from

General Horne to the President

His Excellency. Major General

Sir. Archbald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief &.c &.c

Sir,

From General Horne with Intelligence of the large Detachments of Tippoo's Troops passing to the Southward - States that from appearances Tippoo is serious in his Intention of attacking Travancore -

In my letter to your Excelleney of the 7 Ultimo, I observed there was then no appearance of any further Movements of Troops, or any preparations going forward near Syringapatam that indicated any appearance of more Troops moving this Way; However I have since that time learnt that Considerable reinforcements have passed the Ghauts, some through that of Guglerady and others through a pass (not much frequented) 110 Cos S. W. of Guglerady and is a nearer route from Syringapatam to Coimbatoor, from which place most of the Detachments have filed off, to their different destinations —

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I have the honor to be with Respect

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&c. &c.

(signed) J. Lapper
Capt.

Read 8th

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Yesterday received information, that a very large body of Troops consisting of

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of Cavalry, Infantry, and a number of Cannon, with a large quantity of Stores, together with Monsieur Lally's detachment, were on their march towards the Gingy Paddy Pass - This information is not such as I can depend on, being only from the Current report of the Country people: But as it in some respects agrees with some information sent me by Major Burrows (an extract of whose letter, I have the honour to enclose,) - I give the more Credit to this information. -

By a letter I received yesterday from Lieut. Colonel Bridges, it appears the Rajah of Travancore is now seriously alarm'd - and expects his Country to be soon attacked, he has desired Ettiban Cavon to send him his two Battalions which have been employed in the Tennevelly Country several years, and he has signified to Colonel Bridges his hopes of his assisting him -

Inclosed is a Copy of a paper of Intelligence sent by the Rajah to Ettiban Cavon — By the

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the number of Troops that have at different
times come thro' the Passes on this side, who
have mostly filed off towards the Southward and
are now in a chain from Dindigul to Pallacachery
together with the Troops in the Calliaut &
District, on the Malabar Coast, and considering
the length of time, and the number of men &
employd in clearing and making roads towards
his Country from different places — It appears
as if Tippoo was serious in his intentions of
attacking the Rajah, And if this last report
proves true that a large Body of Troops are
on their march towards Guzleraddy Pass and
that they come thro' it, can only be with &
intention to overawe us, and prevent our &
being able to give any effectual assistance to &
the Rajah —

I dayly expect some of my People from
Seringapatam, but fear some of them have by
some means been prevented returning, as I have
been longer than usual without one of them &
bringing intelligence directly from there, However

I hope

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I hope in a few days to ascertain the truth or falsehood of this last intelligence; which I shall communicate to your Excellency.

Captain Crawford's Detachment having been paid from this Station, and supplyd with Stores &c. until last Month, has constantly sent me monthly Returns, with his return sent me on the 5th of March he informd me he understood the Detachment was not to be paid from hence any longer However I have this morning received returns from him for last month; and a letter informing me he has received no pay from any Quarter for two Months - I am at a loss how to act, whether to direct Mr Johnson to continue to send them pay or not - No public orders having been sent up to discontinue furnishing Pay to that Detachment as heretofore

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

(signed) Matw Horne

Trichinopoly
April 3d 1788.

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Extract of a Letter from Major Burrows to Brigadier General Horne - dated Madura 28. March 1788.-

My Dear Sir,

The man whom I employed for Intelligence in consequence of your desire, that I should obtain the best I could from hence, & from whom I had what I last transmitted to you, have returned to me from Dindigul, and now brings me the following Intelligence from Sering apatam, which he is decided in declaring is Authentic, it left that place the 12th Instant. The whole strength of Tippoo's Army is as follows.-

Twenty five thousand Horse
Thirty thousand Sepoys
Thirty thousand Peons
Ten thousand Cammallys
About three hundred Europeans in various duties
One hundred Guns for Field Service.-

That part of the Army which are on this side are as follows.-

From Calicut to Annantulgerie near Canoor.

Four thousand horse &
Ten thousand Sepoys in different Stations

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A Detachment on their march from Seringapatam.-

Consisting - of Three thousand horse
Twelve thousand Sepoys
Thirty Field Pieces.-
Sally with fifty Europeans
Two thousand Commatty's.

These were at the pass of Gutshall lastly, about twelve Cos beyond Coimbatoor, said to be coming to reinforce the Troops against Veerapatchy.-

These

There were at Mysore
Four Thousand Horse
Four Thousand Sepoys
Fifteen field pieces &
Two thousand Commatty's

One Report says that these are to follow the foregoing Troops as soon as they have passed the Gaults; Another report says, that they are to proceed to Pongunda not far from Chundergeree.-

Said Sahab is at Dindigul, he has in his own pay, as Jageerdar,

Seven hundred Horse
Two hundred Sepoys &
Fifteen hundred Peons.

&c

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A Darogá had arrived at Annanta Gerie, near Carroor for the purpose it is said of drawing a line from thence to Dindigul between the ⁊ Nabob's Country and Seppoo's — His people had examined the Country and he had sent a report to Tippoo, and waits his orders for ⁊ beginning the Work; he had with him —

One hundred Horse
Two hundred Sepoys &
Three hundred Commatty's. —

waits

Intelligence from the Rajah of Travancore to Mahomed Ettabar Cawn dated 19.th Jumady Sawny or 28.th March 1788 —

Paliacate Cherry is two days March from the West Wall of the Travancore Country. —

Anna Mallay is one days March from the West Wall of the Travancore Country. —

Damal Cherry is a Hill whereon a Detachment was encamped for some time — they have now marched from that place, and came within Three days March of the West Wall (Malabar Coast) of the Travancore ⁊ Country. —

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Arshed Cauen Marched his Troops &
from Caliant to Shawcote which is two
days March from the West Wall (Malabar
Coast) of the Travancore Country.—

The Troops at Dendigel have
cleared the roads of Cumbum in order to
bring the Guns & Stores.—

The Rajahs people went to prevent
their coming that Road.—

Tippoos people caught two of the
Travancore Hill Men to Shew them the road—

Intelligence from Tippoo Sultauns Country.—

About twenty Six days ago came
through the Guzzaratty pass a Detachment
consisting of five Hundred Horse. ten Guns
and Six Rachellas or regular Battalions of
Infantry with two thousand Matchlock &
Pikes &c. under the Command of Commandants
Shaik Anon and Doolat Cawn, and tis
reported have joined the party against the
Verupatchy Poligar.—

Verupatchy

about

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About 12 days ago another Detachment came through the Ramah Samy pass; about 10 Cos W. S. W. of the Guzzaratty pass) consisting of two Cheglah Battalions and one twelve. — Pounders and are now encamped about 7 Miles distance from Coelmotoor.—

Meera Saib, who always commanded the advanced Guard of Hyders Army during the late War, and who as a Soldier is highly respected by Tippoo Sultaun is arrived at Nunjengoor about 12 Cos on the other side of the Guzzaratty pass, waiting for further Instructions.—

Accounts are this moment brought in that 5000 Horse are arrived at Coelmotoor, and that Orders are sent to the several adjoining Districts to collect all the provisions they can, and send it to that place.—

Tis currently reported that after the celebration of the Feast at Syringapatnam that Tippoo Sultaun will join the Army and that they are to proceed immediately against the Travancore Country.—

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I have the Honor to be with Respect

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&c: &c:
(signed) Dug.d Campbell
Major Commt. 3. Reg.t Cavly.

Fort St. George April 7th 1788.

Major Campbell.—

Sir,

In Answer to the favour of your Note, I beg leave to refer You to the Court Calender for the account of the full Pay of a Lieut Colonel & of a Major of Dragoons in His Majesty's Service, which I know to be correct from having been paid accordingly, in both those Ranks, in England.—

Certain Stoppages are made from the full Pay: but their ultimate objects the advantage of the different Ranks.—

I have the Honour to be

&c: &c: (signed) J. Floyd Col:
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Full Pay.	L:	S:	D:	Subsistance	
Lieut: Colonel	1:	4:	6:	13:	6:
Major	1:	"	6:	15:	6:—

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Ordered that the above be referred to the Military Board, & that they be desired to report thereon.—

To be referred to the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Rollestone.—

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

Honble Sir,

After the repeated Applications with which I have already troubled you on the Subject of my Claim to Rank in the Army, I feel no small reluctance in again trespassing on your patience; but necessity urges me to request your attention to some other Circumstances in any Situation which call for speedy Redress — A Person named Lanshnight who acted as a Lieut in the Irregular Cavalry under my command during a part of the War although the Corps was disbanded the 15th June 1784, received his pay up to the end of August following, and was

From Mr. Frances Rollestone requests that the same Indulgence may be extended to him as have been granted to others not in the Service, of being provided for by Government in Consequence of past Services — Encloses some Pay Bills for liquidation

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Minute thereon –

The Board are willing to receive in Rice the Amount of the Balance in Mr. Macleods hands provided the Rice be of the best Quality & that the Price be such as will ensure a profitable Sale on Account of the Company –

Ordered that the Secretary do signify the above to Mr. Macleod –

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General –

To The Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President in Council –

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General – applies for an Office.

I take the Liberty of addressing you respecting the very great insufficiency in point of room in the Office allotted to the Employ of Military Paymaster General one small apartment in the Fort Square being all that is allowed for the preservation of the Books & Vouchers of thirty years back – & the accommodation of the many Servants

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I have the honor to be
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Agreed to inform Mr. Davidson that the Board will appropriate to the use of his Office any Set of Apartments in the Fort & Square which may be vacant & Convenient for the purpose of lodging the Papers & Accounts under his Charge but that they decline Authorizing the hireing of a House for the use of the Publick Office.—

The Secretary's Representation to the Board, relative to the Inconveniencies attending the present mode of receiving his Allowances.

The Secretary begs leave to represent to the Board, that he suffers great inconvenience from not receiving his Salary in the manner drawn for by the greatest part of the Civil Servants at the Presidency, & that as his Case, with the exception of his Deputy, & a few others, is singular in this respect, he is induced in their, & in his own Names to solicit an Order to the Civil Paymaster General which may put him & those in the same predicament on footing with the Majority of the Servants at the Presidency.—

Resolved

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The Company's Civil Servants under the Council at the Presidency to be paid their allowances monthly.—

Resolved that the Civil Servants under Council at the Presidency shall be paid Monthly the Amount of the Several Allowances Annexed to their Employ, & that the Civil Paymaster General be directed to include in his future Indents the Allowances granted to Such of the Covenanted Servants as are paid from his Office.—

Read the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book No. 27: 28.)

From the Masters Attendant enclosing

From the Masters attendant.— their Bills from the Month of January with the Vouchers, Amounting to Pagodas 844.. 8.. 70. & requesting that the Same may be discharged

Agreed that the Bills be discharged

Minute thereon by the Military Paymaster General provided the Vouchers are sufficient for the Charges.—

From Lieutenant Doveton stating

From Lieutenant Doveton.— the Knowledge he has acquired of the Persian Language & Claiming the Allowance granted by the Honble Company in Similar Cases.—

Resolved that the Persian Translator

Minute thereon be directed to examine Lieut Doveton, & to Report upon the proficiency he has acquired.—

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The President lays before the Board Some

Intelligence, Tippoo still at Seringapatam

Intelligence received from Hydrabad, & Poonah from which it appears that Tippoo is Still at Seringapatam from whence there was not any prospect of his moving &c

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieut Colonel Mordaunt at Calcutta.—

To Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. &c &c.

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt, requests Permission to remain in Bengal for the Arrangement of his private affairs.—

Having received an order to join the army on the coast by the first of may, I avail myself of the earliest opportunity to represent to you, that such at present is the state of my affairs, that to quit this Country without a previous and necessary arrangement of them, would be attended with the most ruinous consequences to me.—

With a thorough reliance on your friendship, I therefore take the liberty of soliciting your good Offices—and of requesting your protection, and indulgence, should such Arrangements detain me here beyond the period mentioned in the order.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Calcutta
the 11 March 1788.—

(signed) John Mordaunt

Minute thereon

The President recommends that the Leave of absence granted to Lieut Colonel Mordaunt on the 26 Sept 1786 be confirmed to him in Consideration of the ruinous Consequences which would attend his affairs were he to join the Army immediately.—

Ordered Accordingly.—

Ed Grosjean Hunter Sec

Archd Campbell

John Dallas

Lt Col & Major

R Maunsell

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Diary

8th This Day imported the Honorable Company's Snow Syren from Bombay, bringing with her the Original Letter from the Governor and Council under Date the 24th February, enclosing a Packet from England, containing a Duplicate of the Honorable Court's advice of their appointment of Major General William Meadows to be Governor and Commander in Chief of their Settlements on the Coast of Malabar.

The Snow Syren imports from Bombay, and brings the Original Letter of the 24th February, enclosing a Packet from the Court of Directors.

9th The following Letter from Brigadier General Horne, having been omitted to be entered on the Records in it's proper Place, it is ordered, that it be inserted hereunder.

John Shannier Esqr.
Military Secretary &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, accompanying a letter from Colonel Stuart to the Commander in Chief's Secretary, and am to inform you that I received a letter from the Colonel of the same date as his address to Mr. A. M. Campbell, containing the like information from his Excellency the Rajah to him.

Immediately after the Colonels advice came to hand, "that a considerable body of Horse had come through the Passes" I dispersed people different Routes in

Brigr General Horne-Tippoo's Troops have not entered the Company's Domains - a Detachment arrived on the Borders of the Trichinopoly Province claiming Restoration of Cattle seized in the Nundall District by some Dependants of the Carnatic - The Chief of the Robbers seized and Part of the Cattle restored - Recommends that a severe Example be made of the Prisoners; - and advices that the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore should cooperate in the Reduction of the troublesome Colleries bordering on their respective Territories.

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9th in order to ascertain the truth of it, and in case of it's being authenticated I should have been prepared to have opposed any attempt they might have made to have disturbed the Peace of the Country, and to have endeavored to have chastized them for the Insult — But by every Information I have received, I have reason to believe that no reinforcement of Cavalry are arrived hitherto on this side the Passes; and those under the Orders of Fouzdar of Shankel Durgum, whose authority extends over all the Provinces dependant on Tippoo's Government to the Eastward of the Ghauts / does not exceed above Six or Seven Hundred / But by various Reports, he has lately received Orders to Enlist more, and offers great encouragement for both Cavalry and Infantry.

A few days since I acquainted his Excellency the Commander in Chief of a party of Horse and irregular Infantry having advanced to the Borders of the Trichinopoly Province, and sending a compliant to the Renter of some of the Dependants on the Circar having entered the Nuncall District, and carried away a number of Cattle &c of which they demanded an immediate restoration since that representation

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9th I understand, half of the Cattle have been found and returned, but there is some difference in respect to numbers, The Chief of the Party who committed this Depredation is now here in close confinement and insists that the numbers brought off, are not so great as Tippoos Sherrigar declares to have been stolen, as they did not exceed Seventy or Eighty.

The strict orders lately observed by the Inhabitants in Tippoo Sultaans Country on the Frontiers of these Provinces, and who formerly were committing frequent depredations by carrying off Cattle &c from the Villages dependant on the Nabobs Government as those of the latter also did from theirs, renders it highly necessary that his Highness should be equally pointed in obliging his Subjects to behave more regularly. But the lenity of his Government renders it impossible for his Fouzdar to prevent these irregularities, except some serious Examples are made of the principal Offenders The person now in custody who has committed the late pillage, the Fouzdar and Renter represents as an old transgressor and in every respect deserving of being made an Example of for which purpose they have written to his Highness

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the Nabob, but are apprehensive he will not admit of his being Executed. This lenity in his Highness they urge to me as an argument why they cannot prevent the various Irregularities of the Borderers, and which if permitted to be continued must occasion matter of complaints from Tippoo's Government.

The Rajah of Tanjores observation, relative to the Polleries, who ought to be dependant on his Government I believe is well founded, and their Neighbors dependant on Trichinopoly, are nearly in the same state of Independence, at least they are so, in respect to irregularity of Conduct, so that between both parties they carry on a constant scene of Robbery and Villainy, as they protect and assist each other. The Jealousy that has so long subsisted between the Nabobs Government and the Rajahs, has always operated in such a manner as to prevent either power from being able to reduce these Borderers to proper subjection, and in order to effect this it will be necessary that both the Nabob and Rajah should warmly co-operate in the measure, otherwise any force of the Company's Troops sent against them can be of little

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little importance; but it will be also advisable that his Highness should lay positive injunction on the Poligar Tondiman, not to give Countenance to any Men coming under this description, but on the Contrary to be called upon to aid & assist in bringing them to order and regularity; which if once properly effected I can presume to say that the Revenues of the several Districts they inhabit would increase, as they are capable of much greater Cultivation then what is now carried on.

I am, &c. &c.

Sign'd Math.w Horne.

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Trichinopoly January the 20th 1788—

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. No. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40.

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General—directing him to investigate the Claim preferred by the attornies of Mr. George Stratten, on account of Secret Service, and to state whether the Balance is a just one.

To

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To Colonel Capper

To the Comptroller General of army accounts -

to audit the accounts of Mr Francis Rollestow.

To Mr. Alexander Macleod - The Board

To Mr. Alexander Macleod

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To the Chief Engineer - to direct that the

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Quarters of the Cavalry Cantonment at Arcot, consumed by the Lightening, be rebuilt at the Companys Expence.

To the Military Paymaster General - the

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To the Civil Paymaster General to include

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in future in his Monthly Indents, the Amount of allowances granted to such of the Covenanted Servants under Council at the Presidency, as are paid from his Office.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - to lay before the Board a Statement of the

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9th the Credits given in his Books for Cattle delivered to the Deputy agent in Camp during the war, together with such Information on the Subject as he may be enabled to give — The Claim upon the Estate of the late Mr. Ledgley, will be referred to the Decision of the Court of Directors.

To the Chief Engineer — to direct Lieutenant Henning to repair the Damage to the Quarters at Walajanabad, occasioned by the firing of the Evening Gun. — the Estimates enclosed in his Letter of the 28th March, sent to the Committee of Works.

To the Chief Engineer

To the Committee of Works — with the Estimates abovementioned, and directing the necessary Repairs to the Quarters in the Fort and Portuguese Squares — Enclosing also Estimates of Works to be done at Poonamalle, which are to be executed by Contract.

To the Committee of Works

To the Military Board — that Recommendation of transmitting the Memorials of Lieutenant Fireworker Morris, and of Lieutenants Darke, Copland and Lieutenant Fireworker Burke, to the Offices over whom Precedence is solicited, approved. — To report upon a Letter of Major Dugald Campbell of the Cavalry, respecting Pay.

To the Military Board

To

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9th To the Persian Translator - directing him to examine Lieutenant Gabriel Doveton, and report if he is entitled to the Reward given by the Company to such of their Servants as attain a competent knowledge of the Persian Language.

To the Persian Translator

10th To the Military Paymaster General - to discharge the Bills of the Masters attendant, amounting to Pagodas 244-8-70.

To the Military Paymaster General

12th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 41. 42. 43. 44.

From the Resident at Nagore - settles with the Captain of the Dolphin for the Freight to Madras of a Detachment of the 72d Regiment, and incloses Copy of a Letter from Colonel Stuart on the Subject.

From the Resident at Nagore

From the Resident at Nagore - the Detachment embarks - Pays the Captain of the Dolphin 250 Pagodas on account of Freight.

From the Resident at Nagore

From the Paymaster at Bondamalle - desires to know if his Letter of the 4th October 1786 was sent to England in the Packquets of the Henry Dundas or Princess Amelia.

From the Paymaster at Bondamalle

14th From Captain Stevenson of the Cavalry - expresses his acknowledgments for the allowance granted to him on account of the Quarters & Stabling built

From Captain Stevenson

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14th built by him in the Cavalry Line at Trichinopoly

Sent Letter to the Paymaster at Poondamallee

/as entered in the M.B. No 45/ informing him that

To the Paymaster at Poondamallee

his Letter of the 4th October 1786 has been entered on the Proceedings, and sent to England in Duplicate — His Request to have it go a Number in the Packet by the Henry Dundas, arrived after the Dispatches were closed.

15th Received the following Letter from Mr.

Secretary Hay.

John Shannier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

From Mr. Secretary Hay — 770 Barrels of Gunpowder laden on the Ranger for Fort St George

In consequence of an application made to the Governor General in a late Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell, a Quantity of Gunpowder — about seven hundred and seventy Barrells — has been ordered on board the Honorable Company's Snow Ranger for the Fort St George Presidency — The Commanders Receipt for the Powder will be enclosed in this Letter.

I have the Honor to be,

Fort William
Secret Department
15th March 1788

W. W.
Signed E. Hay
Secy to the Govern.

Sent the following
to Bengal.

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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord.

To Bengal due attention will be paid to their several Letters lately received - a Deficiency of one Barrel of Gunpowder by the Minerva - Their Presidency credited for the Amount of Arrack lately Arrived from Fort Marlbro - with acknowledgements for the Supply of Gunpowder sent by the Minerva & Ranger

Supply

We have been honored with the receipt of the following Letters from Your Lordship & the Council of Fort William

Letters dated - 27 February

21 March

& one 24 Do

From Mt Stuy May 15 .. Do -

to all which We shall pay due Attention

Our Military Store Keeper has reported to us that there was a Dificiency of one Barrell of Gunpowder by the Honble Company's Ships Minerva, a Mounting as per Invoice to Current Rupees 48 .. - .. 11 .. or Pagodas 13: 26: 24 -

We have lately received from Fort Marlbro 55 Casks containing 7794 Gallons of Arrack estimated at Pagodas 43 20/h per Leager of 150 Gallons for which We have credited your Presidency agreably to the request of the Deputy Governor & Council at Fort Marlborough. -

We

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We have to make our acknowledg-
-ments to your Lordship for the Supply of
Gunpowder sent by the Minerva & Ranger
Packet, & for the further Quantity promised
in your Letter of the 24th March.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Archibald Campbell
& Council

Fort St. George
15th April 1788—

Received the following Letter from
the Governor General in Council.—

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

From Bengal respecting the Accounts of Monies issued to the Kings Troops &c Abstracts relating thereto to be forwarded by the first Conveyance

Hon'ble Sir,

We beg leave to refer You to
Our Letter of the 3d October 1787 concerning the
Accounts of Monies issued to the King's Troops—
It is not now our Intention
to make any Alteration in the Instructions

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which we then gave, relative to the several Accounts, We shall require to enable Us to comply with the Commands of the Honble Court of Directors We imagine that the detail of these Accounts, is already far advanced, and that we shall soon receive them Complete.—

"We have now to request that You will furnish us with two other Accounts, or rather Abstracts which as they will be very short, We trust may be forwarded to us, by the first Conveyance after you receive this—

"An Account or Abstract of the total Amount, of all Monies issued, by your Presidency upon Account of Kings Subsistance, chargeable against the Sum stipulated to be paid, in Terms of the Act of Parliament: distinguishing the Amount issued each Year, and the name of the Person, to whom the issue was made—

"An Account or Abstract of the Total Amount, of all Monies issued by Your Presidency on Account of what is termed Extraordinaries, in the Act of Parliament, or in other words,

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the Allowances payable by the Company, to # make the King's Subsistance, equal to the # Pay and Allowances of the Corresponding # Ranks, in the Company's Service; and that this last Account, shall also include all # Monies issued upon Account of Freight or Passage of the Officers and Men of the King's Troops: and generally, every expence whatever, that has been incurred, over and above the # King's Subsistance.—

We are aware it may be said that the Accounts already applied for, will # contain this Information, as they will exhibit the Sums charged in the Disburse-ments of the several Paymasters, who issue the respective Allowances, but our present Application has a further object in View, # which is to ascertain the correctness of the # Accounts formerly required, by their # Correspondence with those now called for, which can only be satisfactory established by the due Accordance of the Issues from

Town

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Your Treasury, under the seperate Heads of Kings Subsistance and Extraordenaries, with the detail of their Subsequent Distribution and it is further our wish, to have the Subject before us in one Short Abstract, which we conceive may be thus effected, much earlier than it will be possible for You to have the particular Accounts compleatly prepared. —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Cornwallis

(signed) " J Shore.

Ordered, that the following Letter be immediately sent to the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops. —

Fort William
Secret & Milry Depart.
21 March 1788. —

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To. Messrs. Roebuck & Sorin

Committee for investigating the Accounts
of the
Kings Troops.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board
to enclose copy of a letter from the Right
Honble the Governor General and Council
and to desire you will immediately
comply with the Instructions contained therein

I am
Gentlemen
&c. &c.
(signed) John Shaw Secry

To the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter & directing that the abstracts be furnished.

Fort St. George
14th April 1788.

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday
15th. April
1788.

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

John Holland James Henry Casamajor
and
Robert. Mawnsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

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The President acquaints the Board

The Commander in Chief proposes that a Board of Officers be Assembled, in Communication with the Agent to Arrange the Distribution of the Proffits arising on the Spirituous Liquors for the use of the Army That Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt be permitted to remain in Bengal 'till the 20 Sept. 1789, but during his absence not to be considered as effective on the Establishment,

that in consequence of the Regulations of Government published to the Army 10th Decr. 1786, for the Management and Distribution of Spirituous Liquors lodged in the Publick Stores for the use of the Army he has, in his capacity of Commander in Chief, directed the Commandants of Stations to render the Abstracts of the Monthly Effective Strength at each, in order that a division of the advantages arising on the total Sales may be made # conformably to the 14th & 15th. Articles of the # Regulations.—

Previous, however, to such # Division of the proffits being finally adopted, the President is of Opinion that it will be # proper to Assemble a Board of Officers in # Order to examine and compare the Accounts and the Abstracts of the Effective Strength on the Returns, and from those Vouchers, in communication with the Agent to

Arrange

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Arrange the Destribution of the prosits agreeably
to the Regulations of Government

This will comprehend Two periods
of Distribution — first, to the 30th April 1787.
and then from the 1st May 1787 to the 30th
April 1788 — and the President proposes that
the Agent for Spirituous Liquors shall be
directed to lay the Accounts and Abstracts &
before a Board of Officers that will be appointed
by the Commander in Chief with Instructions
to compare the Accounts and the Abstracts
of the Effective strength on the Returns and
to settle the distribution of the advantages
arising on the total sales conformably
to the Government Orders of 10th December 1786.

The Board having been pleased
to contenance to Lieutenant Colo.l Mordaunt
the Leave of Absence granted to him on &
the 20th September 1786 Viz.t "for Three Years
from that date to settle his private Concerns
in Bengal but without pay untill the day of
his return to do duty on the Coast" which

will

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will expire on the 25th September 1789. the C.
Commander in Chief is of Opinion that
the leave so granted to Lieut Colonel Mordaunt
should not operate to stop promotion in the
Army during his Absence, as no additional
expence will be incurred by the Company if
perferment is ordered to compleat the Establish=
=ment on the Coast untill the period at
which Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt is to
return to his duty —

The Commander in Chief in conse=
quence proposes,

Major Thomas Prendergast to
be an Acting Lieutenant Colonel from this
Date Vice Biddeiff on half pay

Captain Cornelius Grant to be
an Acting Major from this date vice P.
Prendergast and Cochrane on half pay —

Captain Lieutenant J. B:
Butler to be an Acting Captain of a Comp.
vice Grant and a Captain on half pay

Lieutenant Colonel Patterson
Major Wragg and Captain William Kenzie
confirmed

Major Prendergast to be
an Acting Lieut Colonel
Capt Grant — D: Major
Capt Lieut Butler D: Capt.
Capt Gowdie to succeed to
the Command of the 2
B. Battalion at Cajam=
=etah, & Major to
succeed Gowdie at
Royahmundry — Capt
G: Stuart to Command
the 5th Battalion, to
be stationed at Ellore

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succeed to Sullivant dated the same as before.—

Captain Francis Gowdie to be removed to the Command of the 1st Battalion at Caspermettah vice Grant, and Captain George Stewart to be appointed to Command the 2d Battalion vice Gowdie.—

Captain George Mault with Two Companys of the 2d Battalion to succeed Captain Gowdie at Rajamundry. Four Companies of the same Battalion to March to Samulcotta and Two to Condapilly.—

The 2d Battalion of Native Infantry to be stationed at Ellore vice the 1st.—

Colonel Braithwaite to order the above relief to take place as soon as possible.—

Lieutenant Colonel Pendergast to remain in the Command of Condapilly until further Orders.—

The Board approve the difference recommendations of the Commander in Chief & it is Accordingly Agreed that the Appointments & Removals above proposed be published in General Orders.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal.—

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

Honorable Sir

From Bengal. a further Supply of Gun powder will be sent down in a few days on a Pilot Vessel, also the number of 18 Shot & Hand Grenades indented for. Recommend that Spades & Shovels be made up at Madras.—

We have been favored with your Letter of the 3d Instant, and shall comply as far as we are able with the Application you have made in it for different Articles of Military Store. Seven hundred and thirty Barrells of Gun powder were despatched to you by the Ranger, and a further Quantity, which will make the whole Supply of the Gun powder larger than that you have required, will be sent to you in a few days in one of our Pilot Vessels, with the number of 18 Shot and Hand Grenades you have indented for, but it will not be in our Power to supply you with the Spades and Shovels. We have directed our Agent to have a number made here for our own Store, and recommend to you to give a similar

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Similar Deviations at your Presidency for providing a Number for Yours.—

We have the Honor to be,

&c.— &c.—

(signed) Cornwallis.—

Fort William
Sec.t to Military Depart:
24th March 1788.—

Agreed that a Letter be drafted to Bengal acknowledging the Receipt of the above

Minute thereon

The President lays before the Board the following Paper drawn up by Mr. Attorney General Sullivan on the Subject of the Nabob's Debts, & the Claims made by the Committee for the three Classes of the Nabob's Creditors.—

The 37.th Sect: of the Stat: of 24th Geo: 3. Ch. 25. in order that the Court of Directors shall give Orders, to their Presidencies abroad, for establishing in concert with the Nabob of Arcot, such fund for the discharge of his just debts to British Subjects, as shall be consistent with the rights of the Company, the Security of the Creditors, & the honor & Dignity of the Nabob.—

State of the Case by Mr. Attorney General Sullivan on the Subject of the Nabob's Debts, & the Claims made by the Committee for the three Classes of the Nabob's Creditors.—

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The 40 Sect. of the same Stat: has for its objects - the greater Security of the State, and benefit of the Company - the Support of the honor & dignity of the Kingdom, and Safety, defence, & Security of the British possessions in India. -

In Obedience to this Act the Court of Directors sent out orders to the Government of Fort St. George as well for the Security of the Coast as for the defence of the Coast in their general Letter of 9th December 1784. -

The Paragraphs relating to these two Subjects are 26 to 38 Inclusive for the liquidation of the Nabobs debts. the 26th par: directs that twelve Lacks of Pagodas p Annum payable by Instalments be appropriated to that purpose "until these debts & "the Interest be discharged" and a formal Deed entered into with his Highness "according to the tenor of these instructions" is directed by par: 29:

defence

For the defence of the Carnatick &

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the 33d. enforces the punctual discharge of the Contributory proportions of the Nabob, the Rajah of Tanjore to the Military to the Military peace establishment, and the 34th. providing for the Civil establishment, the 35th requires that the whole aggregate revenues of the Country be applied to the War, and be continued "so long after the War as shall be "necessary to discharge the burthens contracted "by it."-

These Orders gave rise to an Agreement with the Nabob dated the 28th June 1785 and a Treaty dated 25th February 1787.-

The 1st Article of the Agreement goes to the safety of the Country it does not however ascertain the Nabobs proportion of the Military Peace establishment, or, as it is there called, the Current Charges, but merely considers them, until their Amount should be finally settled by Treaty as at four Lacks of Pagodas.-

The 2d. provides for the Annual payment of 12 Lacks more to the Company

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referred for ascertainment to it. Vizt the Nabobs proportion of the Current Charges or Military peace establishment, and settles it at 9 lacks of Pagodas instead of four.—

The 9th Article stipulates that in time of War the whole of the Nabobs revenues, except a certain Sum for the Support of his civil Government, shall be applied to the expences of the War, and continue after its termination until all debts &c. incurred by it are discharged.—

But by the 10th Article, the Agreement, so far as it relates to the Creditors it is declared to continue in full force and virtue.

Under this Article the Creditors claim the full benefit of the Agreement and require of Government the payment of the 12 lacks of Pagodas according to the original Instalments, and before the Company receive any further Sum for the Support of the Military Establishment than

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than the four lacks, which were evidently a temporary Computation only of what was to be ascertained by the Treaty, which by the 2 Article fixes the Nabob's proportion at nine

1 ..... As the defence of the Carnatick & the means of providing for it appear to be the primary object of the Agreement of June 1785, and of the Company's Order, upon which it was founded, and as the Nabobs proportion of these means appears to be computed only, & not settled by that agreement, but referred by it to subsequent ascertainment by Treaty

Qu: How the words "four lacks of Pagodas" computed Amount of the Nabobs proportion, are to be construed - Whether as a Specific Sum of four lacks, in no case augmentable, by such Treaty, to the prejudice of the Creditors, - or as meaning, wherever they occur, the Nabobs real proportion of the Military establishment whatever it may be fixed at by the Treaty?

2 ..... As by the Agreement any deficiency in the Rists was to fall upon the Creditors and

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the Support of his civil Government,
shall be applied to the expences of the
War, and continue after its termination
until all debts &c incurred by it are
discharged -

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so far as it relates to the Creditors it is #
declared to continue in full force and virtue -

Under this Article the Creditors #
claim the full benefit of the Agreement #
and require of Government the payment
of the 12 lacks of Pagodas according to the
original Instalments, and before the #
Company receive any further Sum for the
Support of the Military Establishment #
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than the four lacks, which were evidently a temporary Computation only of what was to be ascertained by the Treaty, which by the 2d Article fixes the Nabob's proportion at nine 9ths ..... As the defence of the Carnatick & the means of providing for it appear to be the primary object of the Agreement of June 1785, and of the Company's Orders, upon which it was founded, and as the Nabobs proportion of these means appears to be computed only, & not settled by that agreement, but referred by it to subsequent ascertainment by Treaty

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revenues, except a certain Sum for #
the Support of his civil Government,
shall be applied to the expences of the
War, and continue after its termination
until all debts &c. incurred by it are
discharged -

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so far as it relates to the Creditors it is #
declared to continue in full force and virtue -

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and require of Government the payment
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- or as meaning, wherever they occur, the
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establishment whatever it may be fixed
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in the Rists was to fall upon the Creditors
and

and in no wise to affect the Sum computed
to be the Nabobs proportion of the Military
establishment, but left for ascertainment
to the Treaty, and as the Agreement therefore
gives a priority in payment to that proportion

Qu: Whether the 9 Lacks of Pagodas, at
which that proportion was fixed by the
Treaty are, or are not to be wholly paid off
before the 12 Lacks to the Creditors, and
if not how otherwise?

2d
3. ..... Is the payment of the 12 Lacks
to the Creditors by Instalments was
not provided for by the 37. Sect.r of the
Act of Parliament, but originated in the
the Orders of the Company; & as the
Private Creditors were no parties to the
Agreement of June 1785.—

Qu: Whether those Instalments as
settled by that Agreement were or were
not legally alterable by the Nabob & the
Company the only parties thereto &
without the Consent or Concurrence of
the private Creditors? if not whether the
former silence of these Creditors be sufficient
evidence

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evidence of Consent? and if such alteration was allowable whether the 19th. Article of the Treaty operates as a second alteration, and brings the Instalments back to their first periods & first sums.?

4th. — As the Agreement Stipulates that 12 Lacks shall be paid annually to the Creditors until the Principal & Interest of the Debts due to them are discharged, and as the Treaty provides for the application of the Nabobs whole Revenue to the exigencies of War, should any arise, and yet confirms the Agreement so far as it concerns the Creditors. —

Que: Whether the Confirmation of the Agreement, by the Treaty, is to be construed to extend to matter repugnant to the Treaty itself, and to make the Company answerable to the Creditors for 12 Lacks in time of War, thereby diminishing their means for the defence of the Country by 12 Lacks annually. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be transmitted to the Governor General & Council & that they be requested to obtain as soon as

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as to obtain as soon as possible the Opinion
of the Judges upon the Queries Stated by
W.m Sullivan. —

The following Letter to Lord
Cornwallis being drafted, is read and
approved. —

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

To Bengal requesting they will call upon the Judges to clear up some Doubts concerning the payments to the Creditors of the Nabob out of his Annual Rents; & to enclosing Copies &c. Papers tending to & elucidate the Subject.

My Lord.

Some Doubts having arisen concerning the payments to be made to the Creditors of Hes Highness the Nabob of Arcot, out of the different & Rents or Instalments, payable by him annually, we think it necessary to & state these Doubts to Your Lordship, in the hope, that you may procure & the opinion of the Judges thereon, so as to guide our Conduct in the & Discharge of the Trust reposed in us, in

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in such manner as shall prevent Injury to the Honble Company or to the Creditors

In Consequence of the Directions contained in the Act of the 24th Year of His Majesty The Court of Directors did, on the 9th December 1784, order this Government to make an Arrangement with the Nabob Creditors for the Liquidation of their Debts.

In the same Letter they directed a Treaty to be formed for the Security and Defence of the Carnatic, which should define the exact Proportions to be paid by the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore towards the Support of the Army, as well in time of Peace as in War

These Orders were in part carried into Execution by the Preliminary Articles of Agreement entered into between the Nabob of Arcot and this Government on the 28th June 1785.

In that Agreement, it was declared, that until the exact Proportion could be ascertained and settled by Treaty agreed &c

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agreeably to the Orders of the 9.th December 1784
the Sum to be paid by the Nabob towards #
the Current Charges or Support of the Army #
should be considered at Four Lacks of Pagodas
p.r Annum. It was by the Same Agreement #
stipulated, that the Nabob was to pay #
Twelve Lacks of Pagodas annually #
towards the Discharge of his Debt to the
Company and his private Creditors,
making his whole Contribution amount
to 16 Lacks of Pagodas.—

When the Business came to
be minutely investigated, it was found,
that instead of four Lacks the Nabob #
ought to have paid Nine Lacks Annually #
towards the General Defence, and the #
Treaty was concluded accordingly on the
24. February 1787 which encreased the
whole Sum to be paid by the Nabob #
from 16 Lacks to 21 Lacks annually.

The Nabob's Creditors have
entertained an Idea, that the Arrange=
ment as far as they are concerned, was #
finally

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finally concluded and ended by the preliminary Agreement dated 28. June 1785; which # States, that after the Company received the Four Lacks therein mentioned, the Creditors were to come into the Receipt of the subsequent payments until they received their 12 Lacks of Pagodas.

But as the Company are now to receive Nine Lacks instead of Four, it is # natural for them to expect, that the same # priority, secured to them by the 8. Article # of the Preliminary Agreement, for the # Receipt of the estimated Sum of Four Lacks of Pagodas, should be extended to the # ascertained Sum of Nine Lacks; of Course, that the whole of that Sum should be secured to the Company annually, before the Creditors can commence the Receipt of any part of their Money.-

The Creditors allledge, that their Agents in England have obtained Law Opinions from high Authority declaratory of their having a legal Right to be paid according to the proportions and Periods Mentioned

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mentioned in the Agreement of 28 June 1785.
and no otherwise. We are extremely desirious
to prevent any vexatious Contests or Litigations
and have therefore directed our Attorney &
General to make a short State of the Case, &
a Copy of which we have the Honor to enclose,
together with all the papers therein referred
to. As the Matter in Doubt affects
a large part of this Community we shall be
much obliged to your Lordships to urge the
Judges to give their Attention to the Busines,
as soon as they can any Way make it &
convenient so to do; so as that we may be
enabled to decide the Question here &
before the Month of July, when the
last Dividend of this Year falls due.

We have the honor to be
with great Respect. —

Fort St. George
16 April 1788. —

By &c &c
signed
Arch.d Campbell
& Council
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2 State of the Case by the Company's Attorney General.—
3 Extracts from the Company's General Letter dated 15th December 1784
4 Copy of a Letter from the Creditors dated 1st July 1785.—
5 Copy of the Agreement with the Nabob dated 28th June 1785.—
6 Copy of the Treaty dated 24th Febr 1787.—
7 Copy of the Nabob's Letter dated 28 Sept. 1786
8 and the Answer of this Government dated 27th Oct. Do.
9 Extract from the Company's General Letter dated 31st July 1787.—
10 Copy of a Letter from the Secret Committee of Directors to this Government dated 22 Sept. 1785
11 Letter from Do 28 April 1786
12 List of the Packet.—

(signed) W. C. Jackson
D. M. Secty.—

Fort St. George
16 April 1788.—

Ordered

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Fort S.t George 15.th April 1788.-

Ordered that the above be Copied
Sent & transmitted by the Company's
Snow Syren.-

Copies of the above to be sent by the Syren.-

Read the following Letter &
from the Committee of Works.-

To the Honble. Major General Sir. Arch.d Campbell Kt.
President and Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir,

From the Committee of Works - enclosing a List of Tools & Materials unfit for Use - recommending the Sale thereof, & that the Loss accruing thereon be carried to the Head of Profits & Loss.-

We have the honour to lay
before you a List, delivered in by the Chief
Engineer, of Tools and Materials unfit for further use, We request Your Order
for the Sale of them by publick Auction, and
for writing off the Loss which may accrue
thereon to the Head of Profit and Loss.-

We have the honor to be

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12.th April 1788.-

&.- &.-
(signed) R.t Masonell
J. Napier
Patrick Ross.-
Lieut.

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List of Tools and Materials on the Honble Company's Works, unfit for use, Fort St. George, 31st. March 1788.

Mamooties	650.
Spades	195.
Pick Axes	172.
Iron Crows	14.
Iron Wedges	9.
Hammers	11.
Broad Axes	17.
Hand Hatchets	45.
Bill Hooks	162.
Country Hatchets	5.
Miners Auger	1.
Sap Hook	1.
Shears	6.
Augers boring Wall	13.
Iron Ladles cleaning Grains	14.
Sickles	10.
Chunam Sticks	5.
Do. Grinding Stones	5.
Brick Cutts	20.
Grass Shovels	6.
Scythes	4
Thorn Holer	2.
Brick Moulds	28.
Round Rammers	24.
Well Rammers	28.
Flat Ditto	34.

Triangle

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Triangle Mallets 3
Hand .... Ditto ..... 115.
Turf ..... Ditto 7
Wooden Rollers ..... 4.
20 Feet Rod ..... 1.
15. D° .... D° ..... 2.
10. D° .... D° ..... 3.
6. D° .... D° ..... 4.
4. D° .... D° ..... 10.
3. D° .... D° ..... 2.
2 .... D° .... D° ..... 2.
Levels ..... 1.
Slope Rulers 6
Plumb .... D° ..... 4.
D° .... D° Small ..... 6.
Light Boards ..... 2.
Log Reals ..... 2.
5. foot flat ..... 3.
rulers Plain Rules 5
Chunam Sieves ..... 2.
Teack-wood Scotar, large 30.
D° .... D° Small ..... 3.
Redwood D° Large ..... 5.
Ditto Small ..... 13.
Water Spouts large 4
D° Small ..... 2.
Iron Buckles ..... 5.

Teak

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Teak wood Saddles Large	2.
Palmira Do	3.
Iron Rings for Piles	3.
Cross cutt Saws	2.
Whip cutt saws	2.
Hand Do	2.
Chissels	13.
Plains	4
Gimblets	4.
Augers	1.
Turner Lath	1.
Cordge Coil	3.
Tools empty Boxes	2.
Water Carts	1.
Sledge Hammer	2.
Country Do	6.
Smith Tongs	3.
Brazers Do	4.
Screw Plates	2
Auger Tools	4
Nail Tools	2.
Polexars	4.
Sett Hammers	1.
Charcoal Parrak	1.
Desk	1.
Stool Bench	

Grandiery Stone

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Granding Stone	1.
Chopping Hammers	8.
Ebony wood pieces	103.
Teak Joists	45.
Calmer planks	33.
Half D°	12
Sheuben D°	2.
Scaling Ladders	16
Augels	2.
Chevaux de Frize	7.
Red Wood Piles	246.
Teak Wood Barrier	1.
Teak Wood Ports	3.
D° Bombproof Doors pair	5/2
D° D° Windows	1/2
Red Wood Pails	10.
D° D° Palasadoes	120
D° D° Posts	42.
D° Palesadoes Gates	8.
All the Fascines Gabbeons and Hurdles Palmeiras	2120
Boat	1.

Crate

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the List of Tools, & Materials be sent to the Committee of Stores, & that they be desired to order an accurate Survey to be made of the Tools, & Materials

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Materials from which Government may decide upon the propriety of their being exposed to Sale.—

Read the following Letter from the Attornies to Lieutenant Colonel Gibbings.—

To the Hble. Majr. Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell Kt.
Governor in Council and Commander in Chief &c.
Fort St. George.

Hble Sir,

From the Attornies to Lieut Colonel Gibbings in Support of his claim to Stoppages made from a Corps of Native Infantry raised by him for the Defence of Madura

We took the liberty to lay before Your Honor &c. a claim in behalf of Lieut. Colonel Gibbings on the Stoppages made from a Corps of Native Infantry raised by him for the defence of Madura, in consequence of Orders from the Hble Board in the Month of December 1780.—

Your Honor &c. have been pleased to refer this claim to the determination of the Military Board who were of opinion that it could not be admitted.—

The Lieutenat Colonel Gibbings has been known to have incurred considerable expence

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experience in cloathing that Corps during the time it had been under his immediate command. We are willing to wave every pretension to it reimbursement which does not prove to be compatible with the regulations of the Service - yet as Lieut. Colonel Gibbings situation will be found upon examination to have been similar to that of Lieut. Colonel Erdington whose claims to Offreckonings have been admitted - We hope your Honor &c.a will be pleased to consider Colonel Gibbings on the same footing, and to admit his claim to the Offreckonings which may accrue from the Stoppages, a certificate of which we had the Honor to accompany it with our former address on this subject

We have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(signed) "Wm Balfour

"J Bullock

"Attorneys to Lieut Col. Gibbings

Fort St. George
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To be referred to the Military Board.

Ordered that the above be referred to the Military Board.

The President lays before the Board the following Letters.

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

Sir,

From General Horne & the Rajah of Travancore applies for his two Battalions employed by Ettiwar Cawn in the Tinnevelly Country. Encloses Intelligence which seems to threaten an immediate attack by Tippoo on the Travancore Country.

I yesterday received a letter from Lieut Colonel Bridges enclosing the translation of a letter to him, from the Rajah of Travancore, which I presume the Colonel also transmitted to your Excellency.

I cannot conceive what reason Ettiwar Cawn can have, for not complying with the Rajahs requisition and not sending home the two Battalions of his Sepoys. The Rajah is very apprehensive of an Attack being made on his Country and by the Movements of different Bodys of Tippoos Troops for sometime past.

as

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as well as from General Report I am of
Opinion he has strong reasons to be so
Inclosed I have the Honor of
transmitting your Excellency a Paper
containing Intelligence I have received this
Morning The Numbers of Sippoys mention'd
in all probability are exaggerated. However
the person from Coimbatoor speaks af-
firmative as to the Camp the day it halted.
Covering a very extensive plain.—

To Obtain a More particular
Account of the News sent by the Nabob
Poligar. which I mentioned in my last
Letter I wrote to him desiring him to
send me a particular account of what
information he had received of any Troops
marching from Dindegal against
Travancore— his Answer is that some
Merchants from Dindegal gave information
that a large Body of Troops were assembling
there which were to go against Travancore
this he had written to the Moodelier. but

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as to the Numbers he was unacquainted. —

I have also just received a letter from Captain Flint a Copy of which I also inclose — and shall put the Reddy of Tanjore on his Guard — altho' I do not suppose Troops assembling near Attoor, can be intended to go against Tanjore — some little dispute indeed did lately arise between some of the Reddys people and Tippoos, who in Marking out the line for his projected Hedge to divide his Country from the Nabobs had encroached on the Reddys bounds — and One or two lives were lost on the occasion — a similar Circumstance also happened On the Ram Ghaut boundarys. —

I have the Honour to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Matt.w Horne

Trichinopoly
April the 9.th 1788

P. S. Not one of my own people yet arrived from Syringapatam. —

Intelligence

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Intelligence from the Mysore Country received at Tritchinopoly 9th April 1788.—

That avery considerable body of Troops arrived at Coilmotore on the 28th Ultimo consisting of 500 Horse 12 pieces of Cannon and 10,000 Infantry.—

They encamped only one Day at this place, and then proceeded towards Paulgautcherry.—

Sam Naigue the Poligar of Ram Gurry sends Intelligence that from the Hill of Ram Gurry on the 4th Instant it was seen encamped, 2000 Horse; who marched the next day to Avar-Courchy, and then proceeded on to the Southward.—

This Intelligence is confirmed by several people on the Frontiers.—

A Person from Seringapatnam, about 14 days since declares that when he left that place Tippoo Sultaun was putting his whole Army in motion: and as reports say: In order to attack the Travancore Country.—

Copy

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Wm Flint
dated the 6th April '88 &
Received the 9th.—

Sir,

Two Thousand Infantry &
belonging to Tippoo are assembled between
the Nabobs Country and Attoor, they are said
to be waiting for some Cavalry and order
from Tippoo to enter the Tanjore Country
I will watch their Motions and give you
the earliest Notice.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Wm Flint

The Honble. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

From Colonel Stuart
General Horne applies
for Troops, in Consequence
of his Intention to
encamp on the Plain
of Trichinopoly. Reports
Instructions in Respect
to the Garrison to be
kept in Tanjore in
case of a War, and to be
permitted to take the
Field in the Event of
actual Service.—

Sir,

I have had the honor of a Letter
from Brigadier General Horne of Yesterdays
date informing me of his intention to
Encamp the Troops at, and in the Neighbour-
hood of Trichinopoly upon the Plain and
hoping

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hoping that I should be able to Spare from this Garrison and from Vellum 500 Men of the 72, the 1st. Battalion of Sepoys— The two Flank Compys of the 10th Battalion & with one Brigade of Twelves and three of Six Pounders— and for this Body with # the 4 Brigades of Guns &c. to be in Readiness to join the Troops on Trichinopoly plain on the Shortest Notice.— Which I have # directed Accordingly, by Giving private Orders for that purpose, to Avoid giving any Alarm to the Inhabitants by # Ordering it publickly.—

Not having received any Instructions from the Honble Board respecting the # Garrison it is their intention should be Kept in Tanjore in Case of all War— # I have now to request being honored with your Orders on this Subject— The Garrison that will remain after Complying # with General Harnes Requisition for the Field, (by Calling in the Troops from Vellum) Will be 200 Men of the 72— The #

Invalid

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Invalid Artillery Stationed here - 6 Company,
of the 10th Battalion, and the two Revenue
Corps. -

Should it be found necessary for
March the Southern Troops - Either to
the Support of the Rajah of Travancore,
or any other actual Service - I request Sir
I may have your permission with that of
the Honble Board to serve in the Field
- And in that Case I request your Instructions
to whom I am to deliver over the Command
of the Fort and Garrison of Tanjore. -

I have the Honor Most respectfully to be
Yr. &c. &c.
(signed) J Stuart
Col. Commanding

Tanjore
12 April 1788 -

The Secretary also lays before
the Board the following Letter from
General Horne. -

John Cramer Esqr.
Military Secretary &c &c &c
Sir,
I have the Honor to acknowledge
the

From General Horne, per
press encamping on the
Plain all the Troops he can
draw together, in the hope

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of deterring Tippoo from his attack on Travancore

The receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant, covering the Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore and desiring me to take such measures as I may deem most expedient for the Rajahs support if necessary

From various Accounts which I have at different times received, considerable bodies of Tippoo Sultaums Troops have been moving from the neighbourhood of Seringapatam have come through the passes towards the Travancore Country: One devision of these Troops have been employed against the Poligar of Veraputchy a tributary to the Dindigal Circar. The other Devisions are at Dindigal Paulegautcherry, or the Calicut Country and by some information received yesterday from an inhabetant of this place who has been at Seringapatam on private business and left it twenty days ago; the remaining part of the Army marched from thence and the general report was, that they were first to proceed at Calicut and from thence against Travancore and that Tippoo Sultaun

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Sultaun himself was to proceed in a few days to Calicut. This account I give the more Credit to, as it agrees in Substance with several accounts recieved from other Quarters.—

As the principal part of Tippoos whole Army, were drawn towards Travancore should he come to the Resolution to Attack that Country, he will do it with such a force as will require a very considerable one to oppose him as well to protect the Southern Provences; However as it may be of some consequence to let Tippoo Sultaun understand that it is the intention of Government to support the Rajah in Case he attacks him I think it highly necessary to Encampon the plain all the Troops I can draw together, which I am preparing to do— these will consist of the Artillery 1.st Battalion of European 2 Reg.t of Cavalry, and the 7.th 13.th and 20 Batt.ns of Sepoys. and I have written to Colonel Stuart on the subject of what Troops he conceives can be drawn from Tanjore: But which I shall not put in motion, without a Treaty—

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Receive the sanction of the Honble Board for so doing or the Commander in Chiefs instructions on that Head.-

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces Tritchinopoly April the 12. 1788.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(signed) Matco Horne

Read the following Letters &
(entered also in Country Corresp: No 33. 34)
from Tippoo Sultaun, & from the Rajah of Travancore addressed to the President

From Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor

Dated 20. Jemmady ul awy 29 March 88
Rec'd 15 April &c.

From Tippoo Sultaun states that Sam Naik a Zemindar in the Tritchinopoly District gives protection to the Zemindar of Verupachy, and that the Colleries and Poligars dependant on the Carnatic commit disturbances in his Country, and requests that they may be Punished.

I have received information that Samy Naick a Zemindar of the Trichinopoly district has sent his people to assist the Zemindar of Verupachy against whom the troops of my Circar are employed and that he has also given shelter to the family of the latter in his District - besides this the Colleries and other troublesome people

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people belonging to the districts of Madura
and Tschinopoly committ disturbances &
in the Dindigal country and have plundered
cattle and other effects and have seized &
some Ryots of that District— the Polygar
of Ashary and —, who are dependent on
you, have in the same manner committed
disturbances in the districts of Sanganor,
the particulars of which are contained
in the enclosed Arzee received from my
Aumils— As a firm friendship subsists &
between you and my Sirkar and the conduct
of such foolish and indiscreet people may &
occasion a Breach of the treaty subsisting
between us I am convinced that this has
been done without your Knowledge and
I write this that you may send such positive
Order to your Talookdar as to put a stop to
such improper conduct in them, and
that they may not occasion a difference be=
=tween us, so that our friendship may daily
encrease— Such petty Zemendars who are the

causes

causes of such disturbances deserve to be enquired
ted into and you should reduce them and take
profession of their Districts — Continue, to w
write me of your welfare that I may rejoice
May your happiness encrease —

From the Rajah of Travancore to the Governor

Dated 28th Jemmadyel Awel 6 April 1788

Received — 14 — Do

From the Rajah of Travancore — Receives Intelligence that Tippoo is certainly determined to commit Hostilities as a Prelude to which, a Vakeel will be sent with some unwarrantable Demands — requisite that an Officer and four Guards may be sent to him to be present at the Introduction of the Vakeel, and that the English will afford him Assistance

I wrote to your Excellency lately of the preparation made by the Myssorean Chief, and of his having cut passages in the woods into my Country — The Rajah of Cochien has now written to me, as a matter of certainty and my Vakeel in the Ports of Seringapatam, and Calicut have also written to me that the Myssorean Chief first sent his Army towards Kummumcolum and Palacacherry and Shawvatchich are in the neighbourhood of my country with great quantities of war like stores and that he himself has now marched from the Fort of Serengapatam and is

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encamped at Aperatora; and entends going to # Calicut that his design is when he arrives at Calicut to send a Vakeel to me, and on some frivolous or other to commence hostilities against me.—

This intelligence has given me such uneasiness, as to pass all discription because if the Mysorian Chief deputes a Vakeel to me it will be the Cause of great difficulties to me it not being in my Ability to give him such Answers as he expects and I do not wish on the other side to prevent his # coming into my Fort to me — As I look to no other protection but that of the Company. I beg you will write a letter to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah, to send one of his # Officers to me with four guards of Sepoys as soon as possible — In doing this two ends will be obtained first it will give me # consequence in the eyes of the World, and # next, it will have such effect on the Vackeel of Tippoo, as that he will not expect # such success from his demands.—

The Almighty knows that I am

your

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your Excellencys most sencere welwisher
and that I look up to no one but the Company
for protection, and it is on that account that
I hope they will assist me with their troops,
and that you will write to the Officers
commanding in the neighbourhood to
assist me, when there is occasion, and not to
wait for fresh orders from you. Now that
the Company manifest such favor towards
me, I am astonished that notwithstanding
I have asked for Assistance on the reports
which prevail of an attack against me
by the Mysorean Chief that none is
given to me, and that so much time is
lost - I beg and request Your Excellency will
now out of your gracious favor, send me
some Assistance, and on no Account to post=
=pone it because when the time comes, it
will take up a long interval for me to write
and you to send me Assistance, and great
difficulties may happen - Be pleased to
consider me at all times, as entirely your
own, and do me the favor to give me your pro=
tection and Assistance. May your happiness encrease!

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The President lays before the Board the following Draft of a Letter which he purposes sending to Tippoo, if it meets their approbation.—

To Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo.—Orders have been given to prevent any of the People of the Carnatic from Committing Disturbances in his Country.—States the Apprehensions of the Rajah of Travancore, and desires that he will make no Movement of Troops, that may occasion Alarm.

I have had the Pleasure to receive your Letter of the 29th of last Month, previous to which, I had anticipated your Wishes, in sending the most positive Orders to all the Talookdars dependant on this Circar, not to commit Disturbances in your Districts, and to inflict severe Punishment upon those who should presume to violate the Public Tranquility. These Orders will be obeyed, and prove how desirous I am to preserve the Friendship which subsistes between this Government and your Circar.

I was lately informed that the Chittal Poligar and his Followers had plundered some Villages in your Country, and had driven away some Cattle towards our Frontiers. On this Information, a Party of

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of Troops were ordered to march against their
Freebooters from one of our Frontier Stations,
and I have the Satisfaction to inform you,
that their Plunder, and twenty four of the
Freebooters were seized

You will have heard before this
Period, that I have ordered the Plunder to
be restored to the right Owners in your
Country, and that I have directed Major
Close to deliver over to Gazzaphar Aly
Khan the Prisoners so taken, as an
additional Proof of my Friendship and
Attention to you.

Having mentioned these Cir-
-cumstances, I cannot omit to state to
you, that Ram Rajah of Travancore, in
a late Letter to me, expresses his Apprehension
of your entertaining Views hostile to his
Country. Although I do not entertain any
such Ideas, I wish that the Rajah, who is
included in the late Treaty with your Court,
should not have any Cause of Apprehension,
and I now mention this in the fullest Confidence
that

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That you will not make any Movement of the Troops, calculated to occasion Alarm to the Inhabetants of the Travancore Country, or to those who are on the Boards of the Carnatic.

Let me often hear of your Health

What can I say more?

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15th April 1788.

(signed) Archd Campbell

The Board approve the foregoing, & it is agreed that it be translated & forwarded by one of Tippoo's Hircarrahs, & that it be entered also in the C.C. No. 35)

Letters to be written to General Horne and Colonel Stuart - the former not to move any Troops out of Trichinopoly

Agreed that the President be requested to write to General Horne & to Colonel Stuart, enclosing to the former Copies of the late Letters to & from Tippoo Sultaun, & intimating a wish that he will not move any Troops out of Trichinopoly as such Measure would create Expence, & alarm the Country with the apprehension of approaching Hostilities.

Read.

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Read the following Letter from the Administrator to the Estate of the late Dawsonne Drake Esqr.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Administrator to the Estate of the late Dawsonne Drake, States that a mistake has been made in numbering a new Consolidated Bond in his Possession, which he requests may be rectified, and that the Dividends now thereupon it, be discharged.—

Upon taking on me the Administration of the late Dawsonne Drake's Estate, I found it in possession of a New Consolidated Bond, for 5000 Pags Principal, numbered by Mistake 161 instead of 160, which error has prevented the Register of the Nabobs Debts from discharging the Sums due on it

That the Circumstance of this Bond being numbered 161 instead of 160, is certainly a mistake merely of the Pen, will I believe appear evident, when I have the Honor to inform you that

1.st

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1st There is another Bond of the same Date & Tenor in every respect, numbered 161 & which being first presented was of course entered in the Registers Books as such, & paid accordingly. This Bond belongs to Mr. Bromley's Estate & I have procured it for your Inspection & Satisfaction

2d 2: No such Number as 160 (which the Bond in my Possession should in fact be) has ever been presented to your Register for entry or for payment

3nd 3: The former Trustees both on the Part of His Highness the Nabob & Creditors (Vizt. Messrs. Dupries & Binny, & Messrs. Moubray & Taylor) were so well convinced of the Mistake, that they recorded & paid Dividends on this Bond & on Mr. Bromley's as No. 160 & 161.-

4th 4: The very Amount of the Nine % Consolidated Debt would be erroneous % without the admission of the Exact % Amount of the Bond in my Hands.-

These, I venture to promise myself, are proofs as Strong as the Case will admit,

that

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that the Bond in my Possession should be No. 160 instead of 161.-

I request you will therefore be pleased (after such further enquiry as you may judge it necessary to make on the Subject) to direct the Register to enter it as such & Discharge the Dividends due on it

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Nath.l P. Hendersley
Administrator to Davanone
Dadrie's Estate.-

Fort St. George
10 April 1788.-

P. S. I have put the two Bonds (Mr. Bromley's & mine) both numbered 161. into the hands of your Secretary.-

Minute thereon.

The Original Bonds mentioned by Mr. Hendersley being produced by the Secretary, & examined, & the Matter appearing very clear, it is Agreed that the Register of the Nabobs Debts be directed to receive Mr. Hendersley's Bonds as No. 160 & that he be further instructed to pay the Dividends now due upon it

Read

Bond

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From the Import Warehouse Keeper

Read a Letter from the Import Warehouse Keeper (entered in Mr. No. 46) reporting that he has not been able to Sell the Bencoolen Arrack, & that he has therefore delivered it to the Arrack Agent - The Quantity delivered is 55 Casks Containing 7794 Gallons - estimated at Pagodas 43.. .. 20 ½ ₰ Legger of 150 Gallons, for which Bengal Presidency is credited in the Manner directed -

2nd Consl. Mauntey 95

Jno. Campbell

John Dalrymple

W. Erasmajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

Agreeably to the Resolution of Council, the following Letter passed this day in Circulation, & having been approved, were copied fair & dispatched.-

To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the Southern Army

Sir

To General Horne the President of Opinion, that it is not the Intention of Tippoo at present to violate the Treaty in opening hostile, not encamp the Troops unless there is an absolute necessity for the Security of the Carnatic or the Support of Travancore.

I have received your Several Letters and Intelligence relative to the Movements of Tippoo's Troops towards the South, for all which I return you my Thanks.-

I have also perused your Letter to the Military Secretary and I have be informed by Colonel Stuart of your Instructions, that a great part of the Troops under his Command, should hold themselves in Readiness to move towards Trichinopoly.-

I am of Opinion, that Tippoo is not serious in attempting any Measure that can involve him in a Controversy with

been

16 with us at this Juncture. I have already
notified to him, that we consider the Cause
of the Rajah of Travancore as our own and
that any Injury done him will be treated
as a Breach of the late Treaty of Peace; I have
now repeated to him the same Declarations;
and have given him to understand, that if
I suspect he will not make any Movements to
distrub the Publick Tranquility.—

Tippoo might have been regardless
of these Representations so long as he
thought we were on the Eve of a War with
France, but I think he will differently
now. For your Information I enclose Copy
of a Letter I received from Tippoo this Day;
by which you will perceive, that he is
perfectly polite, and only requires that
our Poligars may be debared from
disturbing his People; a principle which
we are disposed to establish fully as much
as he can be, as you will perceive by my
Answer to him which is also enclosed.—

From all these Circumstances it
is necessary that You should avoid any

Measures

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Measures that are likely to create much
Expence, or alarm the Country with the
Apprehension of approaching Hostilities:
Unless there is an absolute Necessity for
taking the Field in Support of the Travancore
Rajah, or the Security of the Carnatic, I could
wish the Troops at Warriore did not encamp

I have the Honor to be with
great Respect and Regard
Y.r &c.r &c.r

Fort S.t George
1.st April 1788.

(signed) Arch.d Campbell

To Colonel Stuart
Commanding
at
Tanjore.

Sir,

To Colonel Stuart.—
General Horne has
been directed not to
encamp the Troops
should the Army take
the Field, his Request
to be actively employed,
will be attended to.

I have received the favor of your
Letter of the 12 Instant, intimating the
Directions you had received from Brigadier
General Horne to hold a large Part of the
Troops under your Command in readiness
to march to Trichinopoly.

General Horne was very Apprehensive
about

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about the Danger to which the Rajah of Travancore was exposed, from the Movement of Tippoo's Troops towards the Rajah's Country, but I cannot permit myself to think, that Tippoo will take so rash a Step, as he # knows the Determination of this Government to support the Rajah, as the Ally of the # Company agreeable to the last Treaty of Peace

I have written to General Horne, and have given him all the Information possible on this Head; He is directed to avoid encamping the Troops, unless it shall # appear absolutely necessary for the Security of the Carnatic, or the protection of the # Travancore Country.—

If, contrary to our Expectations it should become necessary for the Army to the Southward to take the Field you may be assured that your Wishes of being actively employed will be attended by Government

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Esteem.—

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&c. &c.
(signed) Arch.d Campbell

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To the Rajah of Travancore

I have received your Letter dated
28th Jemmady ul Sani informing me of the
Intelligence you have received concerning
the Movements of Tippoo Sultaun's Troops
which have encreased your apprehension
that he has hostile intention towards
you and that you expect he is to send a
Vackeel to you with news to make
Demands, which you cannot comply
with, whereupon you think he will
ground pretexts for commencing hostilities
against you, you say that you are desirous to have with you
four Guards of the Honble Company's
Sepoys and an Officer in order to convince
the World that you enjoy the protection
of the English, and because you think
their presence would tend to relieve you
from the importunities you apprehend
when Tippoo's Vackeel waits upon You.

I have already informed you
that

To the Rajah of Travancore thereby recommending that no Cause be given to Tippoo for Commencing Hostilities against Travancore - to defend the Passes in Case of an attack - Captain Parramore with a Company of Sepoys sent to him -

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That I do not believe Tippoo will be guilty of a Breach of the Treaty of Peace between him and the English by disturbing your Country which he knows the Company will protect so long as you continue firm in your attachment to them, & while you avoid any Act that can give just Cause of Offence to Tippoo I have therefore only to recommend to you to be watchful and to be prepared to defend the Passes into your Country in case You are attacked - but you must not on any account be the Aggressor, and you must be careful not to give assistance or Encouragement to any of the Polegars or others on the Malabar Coast, with whom Tippoo may have disputes because if you engage in such matters the Company will decline taking any part therein and you will become liable to the Effects of Tippoo's Wrath without any prospect of Relief from this Government who can only protect you while you preserve Peace and Neutrality in all Disputes with other Powers. —

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In order however to convence you
of my good will towards you, I have ordered
Colonel Bridges to dispatch a Company of
Sepoys from Palamcotah under the Command
of Command of Captain Bannerman who
will proceed to your Capital and Act as a Guard
to your own Person so long as you may
consider their presence necessary, Captain
Bannaman is an Officer of great merit
and Experience and I recommend it to You
to take his advice when necessary.

I hope to hear soon that all your
Alarms are removed which becomes extremly
desirable on the part of the Honble Company
who are at present put to very great
Inconvenience as well as Expence in getting
the Army at Tuchinopoly ready to protect
your Country, and as these are important
Considerations it is necessary that you
do not write upon Doubtful Information
nor take any Steps to raise an Apprehension
of War unless there is an Absolute Certainty
of Sepoys Commencing Hostilities against you,
What Can I say more.

(signed) Arch.d Campbell

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17. Ordered, that the foregoing Letter to the Rajah of Travancore be entered also in the C.C. Vide No. 36).—

Recived the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.—

To His Excellency Sir. A.n Campbell. K.B.

&c.a &c.a

Sir

From General Horne is preparing to take the Field Seppoo, with a Considerable Force is on his Way to Calicut,— His Government on the Malabar Coast said to be very insecure.

In consequence of the instructions I received in M.r Secry Chamier's Letter of the 4th Instant I am taking measures to have the Troops at this Station prepard to take the Field at the Shortest Notice; This cannot be done without incurring some Expence as the Paymaster must entertain Artificers to supply the Corps. and Bullock must be taken into the Service &c.a This expence appears to me unavoidable. otherways it would be impossible to be able to move at a Short Notice to the Rajahs Support. should he be attacked. I hope therefore the this measure will meet your Excellency's Approbation.—

Yesterday

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17. Yesterday two of my people ⁊
returned from Tippoos Country. and Confirm
that part of a Paper of Intelligence transmitted
your Excellency on the 6th Inst. Vizt. that
a Body of 500 Horse 10,000 Sepoys and 12
Guns came down the Gugleady Pass. marched
to Coembatore from thence to Pallacautcherry.
and were then to proceed to the Calicut ⁊
Country. –

They also bring accounts to the
remainining part of Tippoo's Army in the
neighbourhood of Syringapatam. having
marched from thence to Calicut where
Tippoo himself is gone to, he set off from
Sultaun Pettah about 12 days Ago he ⁊
must therefore have Arrived at Calicut by
this time. –

Whatever may be Tippoos Views
by moving such Numerous Bodys of
Troops into the Calicut Country. It must
now soon be known. in a late letter from
the Rajah of Travancore to Colonel ⁊
Bridges he takes notice of having heard ⁊
that

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17. That Tippoo meant to send a Vakeel to him on his arrival at Calicut— This may be to warn the Rajah not to give protection to any of his Tributarys or Subjects. or on some other Account— But whatever may be the Occasion of this Embassy, it appears as if Tippoo does not mean to commence hostilitys before he has made his demands on the Rajah,

Several reports among the Natives mention that Tippoos Government on the Malabar Coast is in a very unsettled State. and some disturbances have happened among the Nairs. and the Mopolys and that to bring the Country into good Order and Obedience is the purpose of his going in person to Calicut— and of drawing so large a Force on that Side.—

I have the Honour to be with great Respect.—

Yr. &c. &c.

(signed) Mat.w Horne

Trichinopoly
13. April 1788.—

Received the following Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry—

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To Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor &c.a &c.a

of

Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir

From the Chief of Tellicherry - Tippoo arrive at Calicut with a large Force - States the Situation of Tellicherry, & declares his Belief that it could not be maintained if it were besieged -

I have been favored with your Letter of the 14.th February by Captain Hyd.e and you may be assured nothing in my # power shall be wanting to forward the Service he is come upon. -

I despatch a Boat express to Anjengo purposely to advise you that yesterday received advice from Calicut that Tippoo Sultaun, arrived at that place on the 5.th Instant with a very large Force it is impossible to say what his Views in coming into the Malabar Country may be; I cannot conceive that it can be for his # Interest to break the Treaty of Peace, by attacking such a trifling place as Tellicherry but his Sudden appearance at this late Season of the Year, when it is scarcely # possible for advices to reach Bombay and #

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17 a reinforcement to come from thence before the setting in of the Monsoon, together with his avowed inveteracy to the English, has alarmed our Inhabetants greatly—

Should the Nabob really make an Attack on this place, I am clearly of Opinion He must carry it, our Lines being so very extensive and in such ruinous state—however you may be assured every endeavour shall be used to repair them as well as we can, that every means will be exerted by the Troops I am confident, but after all Sir what can be expected from a Garrison of two Battalions of Sepoys, two Companies of European Infantry and a few Artillery in the defence of an extent of five Miles, against so superior Forces as Tippoo will undoubtedly bring with him—it is said he has at present between twenty and thirty Thousand Men with him, and that he has given orders to all the Malabar Rajahs to hold their Troops in readiness, without informing them for what purpose.— I am very respectfully &c. &c.

(signed) William Lewis—

Tellicherry
8th April 1788—

The

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18.

The President sends in Circulation a Card from his Highness the Nabob's Second Son, enclosing Translation of a Letter from the Amildar of Tewatoor (as entered in the C:C: No. 37) setting forth, That he (the Amildar) while employed on the Duties of his Station, had been Surrounded & Conducted to Tewatoor by a Guard of Troopers sent by Major Tonyn for the Recovery of a Sum of Money which was due by the Amildar to the Major, & requesting that Sir Arch.d Campbell will give such orders as shall prevent in future the Company's Officers from seizing the Persons of the Servants of the Dunbar.

Substance of a Card from the Nabob's Second Son.—

In Consequence of the above, the following Letter was written to Major Tonyn.—

Minute thereon

To Major Tonyn

Sir

I am directed by the Board to enclose Copy of a Card & Enclosure sent to the

To Major Tonyn to reply to a Complaint preferred against him by the Amildar of Tewatoor.—

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The President by His Highness the Nabob's Second Son, & to desire you will explain the reason of your adopting so extraordinary, & so improper a Mode of effecting the recovery of Money which may be due to you.—

The Board desire an early & answer to this Letter that the same may be communicated to the Nabob's Second Son.—

Fort St. George
21st April 1788—

I am &c. &c.
(signed) John Chamier Secy

His Excellency General Campbell &c.

Sir,

I have this moment received & a Letter from Colonel Bridges accompanying an Extract of a Letter to your Excellency & from the Chief of Tellicherry containing an Account of Tippoo's Arrival at Callicut &c.— I wrote a few days ago to inform & M. Hutchenson at Anjango Accounts of Tippoo's Marching from Syringapatam for

From Brigadier G. General Home intends on the Morrow to draw out of Garrison the Field Train & form a Camp on the Plain

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for Calliecut. and at the same time informed him of my preparing to take the Field &c. should it appear his intentions were to attack the Rajah of Travancore. Tomorrow I propose beginning to draw out of Garrison the Field Train and forming a Camp on the Plain. that we may be in as much readiness as possible tomorrow & should the situation of Affairs render it necessary.-

I have the Honour to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Stat.ve J. Cornu

Tritchinopoly
16 April 1788.
5 P.M.

Received Letter from Ganjam (as entered in the M.B. No 47) requesting further Medical Assistance Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Manager of the Hawkly Lands stating The Impracticabiety of exporting any Considerable Quantity of Grain from the District in Consequence of

From Ganjam.-

impracticability

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19. of the Failure of the Corps.—

Ordered, that an Extract be made from the foregoing Letter, & transmitted to the Hospital Board, with Instructions to pay Attention to the Representation therein made Vide M:B: N° 48.)

To the Hospital Board

Send the undermentioned Letters (entered in the M:B: N° 49: 50: 51: 52: 53)

To the Military Board

To the Military Board a Claim preferred by Messrs Balfour & Tulloh, in behalf of Lieutenant Colonel Gibbings.—

To the Committee of Stores.—

To the Committee of Stores.— to Order an Accurate Survey to be made of the Tools reported by the Chief Engineer to be unfit for further Use, & decide on the Propriety of their being exposed to Sale.—

To the Register of the Nabob's Debts

To the Register of the Nabobs Debts.— directing that the Bonds in the Possession of M^r. Henderson, as Administrator to the Estate of the late Dawson Drake Esq^r

be

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19. Be requested as No 160, If the Payment of the Dividends due upon it, be discharged

To Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt.

To Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt.—

The Board confirm the Leave of Absence of three Years granted to him on the 20th September 1786.—

To the Commandant at Palamcotah

To the Commandant at Palamcotah.—

to forward by a careful Person an enclosed Letter for the Rajah of Travancore.—

Received the following Letter from the Committee of Creditors.—

To The Honourable. Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. President and Governor &c.—Council at Fort St. George

Hble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Creditors requesting Copies of the Papers sent to Bengal to be submitted to the Judges respecting the Application for the payment of the First Div. 30 January.

Understanding that it has been your pleasure, to transmit papers to Bengal, as a foundation for the Opinion of the Judges, on Questions in which

19 which the property of the three Classes of
Creditors is concerned, we have to request your
Honors will be pleased to afford us an early
communication of such papers, as have been
sent to Bengal on this Subject, or any
other Resolutions or communications in
which their Interests are implicated; and
we assure ourselves, it cannot be your
desire, an Opinion, or serious judgment, is
should be obtained, either from the Judges,
or the Governor, General and Council
upon a Case of property, that vitally
affects so great a number of Subjects, #
without an Opportunity being afforded
them, of remarking upon any points,
that in their Opinion might appear to
have been partially stated; And tho' we
have not been favored, with an Answer to
our Letter to your Honble Board, under
date the 21st Febry, & 29th March, calling
upon you to divide the Money, you had
received from the Nabob on the Creditors
Account, We cannot help repeating our
Application

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Application, that you will be pleased
to order payment of the First, which
became due the 31st. Janry Last, and we
understand the whole of it has been paid,
Although you have not been pleased to
communicate to us that it has been
received—

We have the honor to be—

Fort St. George
17 April 1788— (Signed)

&c. &c.
" John Turing
" James Taylor
" Paul Benfield
" Benj.a Roebuck
" George Moubray
" Jos du Pre Porcher.

To which the following Answer was returned.—

To. Messrs. Turing
Taylor
Benfield
Roebuck
Moubray
& Porcher

Committee for the three Classes of the Nabob's Creditors—

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of Creditors enclosing Copies of the Letter to Bengal & States of the Case the Dividend will be issued as soon the First is compleated

I am directed by the Board

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the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your #
Letters dated the 25th Febry 29th March & 1st Inst.
which have been taken into Serious Considera=
tion, & would have had an earlier reply if
the Matter therein contained had not involve
points of Such Consequence as to render it
at length necessary to take the Opinion of
the first Law Authority in this Country

These Points have originated from
the Sentiments expressed by you that the
Preliminary Agreement dated 28th June 1785.
could not, as far as related to the Nabobs #
Creditors, be altered by this Government, who
are bound to make Dividends agreably to
the proportions and periods fixed in the
Abovementioned Agreement which you
expect shall be preserved entire without
being in the least affected by the 2d Article
of the New Treaty wherein additional #
payments are exacted from the Nabob

But, as the Company are now to
receive 9 Lacks for current charges instead
of 4, they may, it is conceived, expect that
the same priority given to them by the

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19. 8th Article of the Preliminary Agreement # for the Receipt of the estimated Sum of 4 Lacks should be extended to the # Ascertained Sum of 9 Lacks, of Course, that the whole of the latter Sum should be # Secured to them annually before the # Creditors Commence the Receipt of any # part of their Money.—

In order that the Matter might be placed in the clearest point of View, the Board have instructed Mr. Attorney General Sullivan to draw a State of the Case with the Queries resulting from it that the whole Might be laid before the Judges at Calcutta for their Opinion & Decision.—

And in order that you may be enabled to bring forward such Documents and Sentiments as may Support the # Claims you have preferred the Board have directed me to send You a Copy of the State of the Case so drawn out by Mr. Sullivan with a Copy of the Letter from this Government to the Right Honble

the

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the Governor General on the Subject—These Papers are accordingly enclosed.—

I am further directed by the Board to notify to you that they will readily forward to Bengal any Papers you may wish to send in support of the Claim you have made on the part of your Constituents

With respect to the wish you have expressed of having the Nabobs Debt to the Company ascertained I am to inform you that it is not less the desire of this Government, who have taken every means to procure the necessary Materials, and have directed the Accountant General to lose no time in the Accomplishment of the Business

In reply to those parts of your Letters which relate to the issuing a Dividend of the 5 Lacks now due to the Creditors, I am Commanded to assure you that the Money will be issued as soon as the Kist is compleated by the Nabob which is expected in the course of the present Month—

I am &c.

(signed) John Shore Secy

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I am &c.

(signed) John Shore

Fort St. George
20. April 1788.—

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At a Consultation Present

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

John Holland James Henry Casamaijor
and
Robert Maunsell Esqrs.
Members

Tuesday
22. April
1788.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and Approved.-

Read the following Letter &
from the President at Poonah.-

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

From the President at Poona with Extract of a Letter to him from Major Palmer relative to Scindia.-

Honble Sir,

I have the Honour to enclose
Copy of my last Letter of the 19th Instant, with
an Extract of a Letter received from Major
Palmer the 27th Instant, to which I beg to
refer

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refer you for Information of Affairs in that Quarter.—

Since my last Dispatch, I have learnt that instead of Mohyoodeen Gaunsevan is the Name of the Person who is to proceed with Bunanuse to Madras.—

Having received an Application from Mr. Ramsay to procure an Order from this Government to prevent further Impediments to the Passage of Captain Torin's Horses to Bombay, it has been forwarded, and will I trust fully answer that Purpose.—

By Advices from Colapore, I learn that a Settlement was expected to take Place between the Rajah and the Desjoy of Sawrent, on the latters making his Submission, and surrendering some Places to the former. I am from the same Quarter advised that a strong Body of Tippoo's Troops, with a large Train of Artillery, has moved toward those Parts.

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If true, it has the Appearence of some cooperative Agreement between the Rajah and Tippoo that threatens disturbance to this State or to Goa, and perhaps to both.—

It is currently reported here that the Peshwa means shortly to proceed to Sattara. The Intention, if it exists, may probably have arisen from some Suspicion of the designs of the Colapore Rajah.—

Holcar, I am informed, has reached Chandore, where He is busied in Preparations for his Sons Marriage.— Ally Bahauder had not reached Bassaunpore ten Days ago. Reports prevail of Nizam Ally Khan's having lately seized and confined a Number of his Chieftains; but of the Truth of this, and the Causes, if true, You will certainly be better informed than Me. There is at present no News from Bombay, though I expect soon to hear of the Arrival of Colonel Hartley from Bussora; but as General Meadows

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Meadows did not leave England till December,
I do not think He can be expected before
May. Monsieur Montigny, I am told, is
at last really preparing to depart.

I have the Honour to be with &
perfect Respect. &c. &c.
(signed) C.W. Malet

Poona
2.d March 1788.

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at the &
Durbar of Mhadjee Sindia to the Resident
at Poona dated 24.th Febry.th 1788.

It affords me particular Satisfaction
to be able to furnish You with a Detail of
occurrences on this Side of India, & &
I shall continue to transmit to You &
as frequently as possible the series of
Intelligence which I receive from the &
Durbars & Camps of the Chiefs engaged
in the Present Contests. I wish I could
accompany the State of Facts in the
News Papers, with any accurate infor=
=mation of the Motives which have &
induced them, & the Consequences that
are likely to result from them. But
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there is so little of System, consistency, and steadiness, in any of the Parties, that they appear to act from the impulse of the Moment, with no further design than immediate Security or temporary advantage, and wholly regardless of the future. In short not one of them has any principle of Conduct on which might be founded a tolerable conjecture of their designs & Prospects. The Post from which Sindia has been driven is still unoccupied, & notwithstanding the Events which have lately taken place at the Shahs Durbar, will not probably be soon supplied Nor do I see which of the Competitors could support himself against his Rivals, or who his Majesty will chuse or be compelled to chuse. They are all in such distress to support their Troops, & so embarrassed by mutual intrigue & circumvention, that the recovery of the Maratta Influence would not be a difficult

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difficult under any other Chief than Sindia.
But such is the dread & Distrust which
his Conduct has excited, that the nego-
ciation of this power is perhaps the single
circumstance that could possibly unite the
Force of Industan in a Common Object —
The King has been severely disappointed
in his expectation of contributions #
towards the relief of his Necessities from
the Rajahs of Jodpore & Jeypore. The
difficulties which you will observe in
raising the paltry sum of one Lack of
Rupees by the Jeypore Raja is almost
ludicrous, if one did not feel for the #
deplorable state of humility to which
the descendant of the mighty Timur
is reduced. I expect that the King will #
in few days return to Dehly, from #
whence it is probable he will be prevailed #
upon by Himmut Bhadur to repair to
Agra, the consequence of which measure #
will probably be the reduction of that #
Fortress, & the elevation of Ismal Beg Khan
to

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to the Office of Ameer ul Omrah, which
is the Object of Hemmet, who, if it succeeds
will obtain the real power under the #
nominial Appointment of the other, #
and this Plan appears to me the best
of his Majestys Interests which can be
adopted in the present situation of
his Affairs, Ismael Beg has the largest
& best Appointed Army in the Field,
& is first in Military reputation of all
the present Competetors for Power. #
The Hony has an invincible aversion
to Nudjuff Cooly Khan and will never
forgive the Insult offered to Him by
Gholam Caider Khan; and tho his
distresses might have compelled #
him to invest either of those Men with
his Authority, if they had professed the
means & the Disposition to relieve
his wants, he would first try every
other resource, & trust to any chance,
rather than put himself into the power
of Men so odious to him. I have good
reason to believe that his Majesty #
prefers

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prefers Sindia to any of them, & if his return to Power was practicable, would instantly recall Him. I believe that the Shah has less reason to complain of Sindia than every other person has, & more reason to be satisfied with him than with any Minister who for a long period past has had the conduct of his affairs.—

You will conclude from the movements & situation of the Prince, that he is but little qualified to make that Figure in the present Scene of which becomes his Rank, & the expectations which he doubtless formed when he quitted his Asylum to engage in it.—

This consequence seems to have been justly appreciated by the other Leaders, and we shall probably soon see him in his Old Quarter at Benares again.—

True Extract

(signed) C. W. Malet

Read

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Read the following Letter &
from the Agent for the Captors of Bemdepatam

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
papers Nos. 1: 2: 3: 4 & 5, relative to the Booty
taken by a Detachment under my Command
in the Dutch Fort of Bimilipatam. —

From Captain A: Bonner enclosing & sending Accounts relative to the Booty taken by a Detachment under his Command in the Dutch Fort of Bimlipatam —

To accommodate the exigency
of Public Affairs Government was pleased
to order the Bales of Cloth, there captured,
to be exported from Vizagapatam to the
Presidency; nor have I an Idea to call
in Question Such Authority: Yet as it seems
reasonable to conclude that the Captors,
by delivering the Goods to the Chief and
Council, as the Representatives of Govern-
ment at Vizagapatam, became free from
all future Risque. I have brought to account

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One hundred and fifty two Bales shipped by them on the Snow Betsy, (as appears by the Charge for Freight to that Amount in the Account Current (№ 2) transmitted from Vizagapatam) and with her Captured by the French on her Passage to Madras —

In Consideration of the length of Time, the Money arising from the Bimilipatam Booty has been employed for the Use of the Public, to the very considerable Detriment of the Captors, who by the Usual Interest of this Country might nearly have doubled it by this time; and of the very unfavorable Market the Cloth found at the Presidency, where it had been brought at a large Expence for Freight, without the Captors being in any way Consulted, and where, by the Warehouse-Keepers Account of Sales (№ 3) it appears that Something less than One Sixteenth part of the whole only was put up to public Sale, and that the Sixteenth part Thus publickly sold brought a Price Considerably higher

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higher than the other Fifteen parts of
which appear to have been sold by the
Private Bargain. I have to request,
Honble Sir, that the Captors may be
allowed for the 519 Bales, delivered to
the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam,
at the rate of Prime Cost as stated in
the Account of Valuation (No 4); and
the Loss, which the Captors, even
with this Indulgence, will sustain
by the Advance in Price which these
Goods would have brought at Vizagapa-
tam, and the Freight and other Charges
incurred by bringing them to a much
worse Market may perhaps tend to
conciliate favorable Consideration of
this Request, in expectation of which
I have not charged any Interest. —

I have the honor to be
with the most perfect respect

Fort St. George
9th April 1788 —

&c. &c.
(signed) Archd Brown
Representative of the Captors of
Bien Aimé &c. —

Account

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Account of Merchandize and Civil Stores belonging to the Dutch East India Company taken in their Fort at Bemulipatam 17th July 1781.

426 Bales of different sorts of long Cloth in the Warehouses.
92. Ditto ... Ditto ... Ditto at the Bleaching Plains
35. Pieces of Mussa Cloths
315, Pieces of Dungree
770, Pieces of Gunnies
413, Chests of Copper
37, Chests of Cloves
1046, ℔ of Iron (Dutch Weight)
412, ℔ of Steel (Ditto)
1 Anchor (Old)
1 Europe Cable
1 Coir ditto
1 Small Europe Rope
44. Weights of Different Sizes
2. Setts of Weighing Scales
1 Triangle
2 Common Country Carpets
538 ℔ of Country Twine
2 Small Bale Screws (old)
11. Bale Hooks.
3 Iron Cows
5 large Blocks
1 Bell
1 Clock
1 Small Top Mast
1 Cash Chest
4 Brass Horns used for Country Musicks
1 Piece of Teak Wood for Measuring the Company's long Cloth
4 Wooden Measures for Grain.

(signed) Charles Maxtone
Commissary

A true Copy
(signed) Wm Drake
Secry

Archd Brown
Representative of the Captain of Bemulipt.

A true Copy
(signed) J Chamier Secry.

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D.o ..... Expedition against

1781.					
December	10.	To Cash paid Captain French of the Snow Jno			
	"	Mason for Freight of 137 of the Captured Bales			
	"	of Biemlipatam and sent to the Presidency by			
1782	"	the abovementioned Snow at 16 Rupees pr Bale ...	2192	"	"
February	3.	To Cash paid Freight for 152 Bales sent to the			
	"	Presidency pr Snow Betsy at 16 Rupees pr Bale ...	2432	"	"
May	15.	To D.o reimbursed the Purchasers of the Paige			
	"	Spices on account of a deficiency in the Weight ...	339	2	8
September	30.	To Cash paid Freight on 68 Bales laden on the			
	"	Snow Lord Macartney at 16 Rupees pr Bale ...	1088	"	"
October	17.	To Cash paid Freight on 50 Paige Bales laden			
	"	on the Snow Tenby at 16 Rupees pr Bale ...	800	"	"
1783.					
December ...	26	To Cash paid Freight on 52 Bales of Goods			
	"	sent to Madras on the Ship Hastings			
	"	at 12 Rupees pr Bale	624	"	"
			7475	2	8

To Balance ..... 70954. 14. 5.

Total Rupees 77.954. 1. 1.

Vizagapatam 4th
Errors Excepte

(a true Copy)
(signed) J. Chamier Secry.

Archibald
Representative of the ex

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Bimlipatam ..... Cr.

1781.
November — 1st. By Cash received from the late Cheu[ltys] and Second of Bimlipatam on Account and in Part of a Defi-ciency found in that Treasury for which they are accountable ..... 25,000 " "

By Cash received at different times from the Company Agent on Account in part of Captured Goods sold at this Place ..... 12,893. 8. "

13th By Cash received from the Company's Agent in further Part on Account of Captured Goods sold — Do ..... 1870. " "

December — 18th By Cash received from ditto on Account of — ditto ..... 6907. 5. "

31. By Cash received from W. Crawford on Account of the Agent ..... 8111. 10. 6.

By Cash received from the Company's Agent in further part on Account of Captured Goods Sold — Do — 1295. 9. 7.

56078. 1. 1.

N: B:

Besides the above Sums received into the Treasury at Vizagapatam, There were two Bills of Exchange in favor of the Governor & Council, received from the Agent by the then Chief and Council, which were transmitted to the Presidency as p. the accompanying letters (No 182) The Agent received them from the Purchasers of the Vessel & Cloves, being the Amount Sales of these Articles. The Bills were drawn on the following Persons.

1781. Rupees S. P.
December — 3: One on Chocapah Chitty for ..... 11,050. — —
21st Ditto on William Jackson for ..... 10826. — —

21,876 " "

Total Rupees ... 77954. 1. 1.

2 March 1788.-

x P.
(signed) Shar. Maxtone
Accountant
Brown
Captn of Bimlipm.-

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Account Sale of Bimlipatnam & Vizagapm Dutch Prize Goods.

Bimlipatnam Goods 205 Bales.

Long Cloth 12 Punjum

	Bot.	Rs.	As.	P.		
Sold to Mr. Mitford	173	15	@25	—	℔ Corge.	4343 27 ..
do	61	1	@23	22	40.	1442.11.2
do Brown	2	—	@23	3	48	46 7.16
Sold at Public Outcry	8	1	@23	18	—	189. 6.24
do	4		@27	18	—	5.18..
Corge.	245	1	..			6026.33.42

Long Cloth 18 Punjum

	Cor.	Rs.	As.	P.		
Sold to Mr. Mitford	19	19	@38	—	℔ Corge.	758.3.48
do	10	19	@36	27	—	402.14.68
Sold at public Outcry	"	19	@46	9	—	43.33.60
do	1	..	@35	—	—	1.27..
Corge.	31	18				1206 7.16

Long Cloth 20 Punjum

	Cor.	Rs.	As.	P.		
Sold to Mr. Mitford	17	16	@48	—	℔ Corge.	854.14.32.
do	18	2	@48	10	64 —	874. 8.22.
Sold at public Outcry	1	18	@50	—	—	95 .. ..
do	"	4	@23	—	—	4..21.48.
Corge.	38					1828. 8.22

Salampores 12 Punjum

	Cor.	Rs.	As.	P.		
Sold to Mr. Mitford	103	4	@10	27	60 —	1111 19.64
do	21	16	@11	—	72 —	240.12.33
do brown	15	—	@10	18	—	157.18..
Sold at public Outcry	4	—	@12	9	—	49 .. ..
do	3	19	@11	27	—	46.14.68
Corge.	147	19				1604.29.5

Betelas Plain & flowered

	Cor.	Rs.	As.	P.		
Sold to Mr. Mitford	49	12	@16	28	64 —	" — 833.10.6
Corge.	512	10				11,499.16.11.

Carried over Pagodas .. 11499.16.11.-

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Corge 512.10 Broughtown Pags 1499 16.11.

Vizagapatam Goods 162 Bales

Long Cloth 12 Punjum

	Cor.	P.	Pat.	F.		
Sold at M. Boatham	71.	16.	@ 22	18.	Pags.	1615.18. "
do M. Mitford White	49.	9	@ 23	22.40		1168.9.18
do do brown	39.	10.	@ 23.	3. 48		912 16.16
do M. Ewing White	59.	13.	@ 22.	18.		1342. 4. 40
do Brown	12.	—	@ 22.	—		264 " "
Sold at public Outcry	5.	—	@ 27.	18		137. 18. "
do	7.	12.	@ 27.	9.		207. 3. 48.
do	3.	13.	@ 20.	18.		74. 29. 56
do	3.	—	@ 19.	—		57. " "
Corges	251.	13.				5778. 27. 18.

Long Cloth 18 Punjum

	Cor.	P.	Pat.	F.	C.	
Sold to M. Boatham	1.	15	@ 38	—	—	66. 18. "
do to M. Ewing	4.	—	@ 35.	—	—	140. " "
Sold at public Outcry	"	5.	@ 44.	—	—	11. " "
Corges	6.					217. 18. "

Long Cloth 20 Punjum

	Cor	P.	Pat.		
Sold to M. Boatham	14.	9	@ 48	—	693. 21. 48
do to M. Ewing	15.	14	@ 40.	18.	635. 30 48
Sold at Public Outcry	"	2.	@ 23.	—	2. 10. 64
do	1.	1.	@ 41.	9.	43. 11 20
do	"	8.	@ 40.	18.	16. 7. 16
Corges	31.	14.			1391. 9. 36.

Salampores 12 Punjum

	Cor	P.	Pat.	F.	C	
Sold to M. Boatham	40.	—	@ 10.	27.	60	430. 30. "
do to M. Ewing	15.	6.	@ 10.	18.	—	160. 23. 32.
do at Public Outcry	"	1.	@ 11.	27.	—	" 21. 12
do do	"	8.	@	—	—	2. 18. "
do do	"	1.	@	17.	—	17. " "
do do	1.	15.	@	12.	9.	21. 16. 60.
do do	"	9.	@	13.	18.	6. 2 56
do do	8.	4.	@	18.	—	147. 21. 48.
do do	"	7.	@	10.	18.	3. 24 24
Corges	67.	10.				790. 12. 72
Corges	356.	17.				8177. 31. 46
Total Corges	869.	7.	Amounting to Pagodas			19677. 11. 57.

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Brought over Pagodas ---- 19.677-11.57.+

Charges. Merchandize

Boat hire for landing 367 Bales @ 15 fan.ˢ each Boat ---- 32-6-

Tarpaulen hire on d°-- on 90 Trips ---------- 8.24.-

Cooly hire on 367 Bales from the Sea Gate to the Warehouse --- @ 1. 20. ₱ Boat ---- } 2.28.40.

Writer's Wages, Cooly's employed in the Warehouse Watchers for landing Bales, Conyers Fees for attending the Outcery and Sundry other Charges &c.ˢ &c.ˢ Amounting to Pagodas ---------- 173.22.27.

5 ₱ct. Paid M.ʳ Oram's Commission on Pag.ˢ — 19677.11.57 } 5.983.31.15.

D.° Warehousekeeper's on d.° ---------- @ 5 ₱c.ᵗ 983.31.15

2184.17.17.

Pagodas ---- 17492.36.40.

Madras 24. March 1788.

E. E.

(signed) Jn.ᵒ Mitford

Capt.ⁿ H. M. 74.ᵗʰ Regt.

A true Copy

Arch.ᵈ Brown

Representative of the Captors of Bimlipatam. —

Account

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Account Valuation & Joint Cost of Bimlipatam Vizagapatam Dutch Boze Goods

Bimlipatam

Long Cloth	Bales Corgees	Rals	@	A° A° Cachary	C. I. C.	
White 12 Punjums	122.243 1.	120 & 6 Corg	29166	@ 360	8101.28.	
Brown do	1. 2.	@ 118	do 236	" "	65.2326	
White 18 do	16 31. 18	@ 180	do 5742	" "	1595. " "	
Brown 20 do	19 38.	@ 200	& 7600	" "	2111. 4 53	11873. 13. 79.
Salampores						
White of 12 Punjums	33. 131. 19	@ 60	& 7957	" "	21997. "	
Brown do	4. 16.	@ 59	& 944	" "	262. 9. 26	
Bettelas Flowred	10. 49. 12	@ 320	& 15872	" "	4408 37 26	6870. 11. 52.
Vizagapatam						
Long Cloth						
White of 12 Punjums	100. 109 13	@ 120	& 23958	" "	6655. " "	
Brown do	26. 5.	@ 108	& 6136	" "	1704. 1853	
White of 18 Punjums	3. 6.	@ 118	& 1080	" "	300. " "	
Ditto of 20 Punjums	16. 31. 14.	@ 200	& 6340	" "	1761. 453	
Salampores 12 Punjums	17. 67. 10.	@ 60	& 4050	" "	1125. " "	41545. 23. 26.
	367. 869 7.					30,289. 6. 77.

Particulars of 152 Bales shipd by the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for the Presidency by Order of Government on Board Batty taken by the French as appears by the Charge made for Freight in the Account Current of Expedition against Bimlipatam –

Long Cloth						
White of 12 Punjums	91. 182.	@ 120 & 8 Corg	21840. " "	@ 360	6066. 8. "	
Ditto of 18 D	15. 30.	@ 180	& 5400. " "	" "	1500. " "	
Ditto of 20 D	22 44.	@ 200	& 8800. " "	" "	2444 5.26	
Salempores						
White of 12 Punjums	22 88.	@ 60	& 5280. " "	" "	1466 8. "	
Brown of D	2. 8.	@ 59	& 472. " "	" "	131. 1. 26	11607. 22. 52.
Total Bales delivered by the Representative of the Captors to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam as per Account of Merchandize	519 122 7.			Total Pagodas		41896. 29. 49.

Signed Roch.d Brown
Representative of the Captors of Bimlipm.

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Abstract Account of the Bimlipatam and Vizagapatam Dutch Prize Goods

To the Amount of Sales at Vizagapatam as ℔ Account Current with the Expedition against Bimlipatam Rupees 77954.. 1.. 1 Exchange at 360 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas		Pags. F. C. 21653.38.7
To the Amount of 519 Bales delivered to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam as ℔ Account Valuation at prime Cost		41896.29.49
		63550.25.56
Deduct Freight &c. as ℔ Acct. Current with the Expedition against Bimlipatam Rupees 7475.. 2.. 8 Exch.ᵍ at 360 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas		2076.6.53
Deduct Charges of Merchandize as ℔ Account Sales at Fort St. George		2184..17..17
		4260.23.70
Balance due to the Captors Pagodas		59290.1.66

Arch.ᵈ Brown

Representative of the Captors of Bimlipt.ᵐ

At a Meeting of the Board the 22.ᵈ April 1788

Minute thereon

The Board see no Objection to the Accounts delivered in by Captain Brown excepting that the Exchange between the Rupees & Pagodas ought to be Rup.ˢ 375 ℔

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₱ 100 Pagodas, instead of Rupees 360 =
₱ 100 Pagodas as charged by Captain Brown

Resolved that the Account

Memorandum — allowed, as above, be passed & that a Certificate on Bengal be granted for the Amount.

Read the following Letter
from the Committee of Works.—

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

Honble Sir

From the Committee of Works enclosing Copy of a Letter & Abstract from Messrs. Wolf & Shawe & submitting the same to the Consideration of Government.—

We have the honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter and Abstract which we have received from Messrs. Wolf & Shawe

We are of Opinion that the repair of the Store Room, Bakers Godown, Magazines, Bazars, Officers Quarter and Cookroom ought to be considered each, as a

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a distinct Job, and therefore are such as
Messrs Woolf and Shawe have a right to
under their Contract to execute but it
appears to us that the Repairs of the two
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to be considered as one Job, or piece of Work,
and in this view does not come within
their Contract, the Estimate Expence
exceeding 2000 Pagodas – We beg to
submit to your Consideration what
those Gentlemen represent respecting
the Works done by them at the Powder
Mills in consequence of your Orders.

We have the Honor to be

&c – &c –

signed R.t Maunsell.

J: Casamaer

Patrick Ross –

Fort St. George
20. April 1788 –

Robert Maunsell Esqr

President &c – Committee of Works –

Gentlemen.

We have seen an advertisement.

for

1021. Fort St. George 22d April 1788

for the performance of some repairs at Poonamalee

Having Contracted with the H

Honble Company for the performance of all

works which shall not Amount to the Sum

of 2000 Pagodas in the piece - and the intended

Work within the Fort of Poonamalee H

consisting of several distinct pieces below

the Sum of 2000 Pagodas each, as appear

by the enclosed Abstract of the Estimate

We naturally conceived ourselves entitled

to the performance of them agreeably to the

terms of our Contract - We cannot suppose

Gentlemen the various Repairs to be executed

at Poonamalee are to be considered one H

piece of Work, for the same Rule might

hold for all the Work done in Fort Saint

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It is our intention to offer H

proposals for the performance of the work

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Fort St. George
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J. Caspers
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with which we understood the present work carrying on at the Powder Mills with an evident certainty of loss to us, and as the Amount will considerably exceed the Sum of 2000 Pagodas, not coming within the terms of your Contract your orders to us were peremptory, and we made not the smallest hesitation, in the confidence that we should thereby recommend ourselves to Government.—

We have the honor to be with respect.—

&c. &c.

Fort St. George 16. April 1788.

(signed) Robert Woolf
Joseph Stuart

Abstract of the Estimate for Repairs to be performed within the Fort of Poonamalee—

Roofing &c. of one Range of Barracks 166 Sq.rs and 98 Feet at 10 Pag.s ℔ Square Pag.s 1669: 33: 47.		
Pointing the Walls and Piers 225 Square and 10 Feet @ 19 Fanams ℔ Square	101. 34: 63.	
Paving 114 Square and 88 ft. @ 3½ Pag.s ℔ Square	402. 3.. 32	
	2173. 29.. 62	
From which deduct 12 ℔ Cent Agreeable to the Contract	260: 29.. 62	
Pagodas 1913.		

One

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One Range of Barracks, Repairs &c.
as for the following ..... 1913.—.—
Cook Room, Repairs &c.—.—..... 308.—.—
Store Room, Repairs &c —..... 408.—.—
Bakers Godown ..... 32.—.—
Magazines ..... 103.—.—
Bazzars ..... 52.—.—
Officers Quarters and Cookrooms — 350.—.—

Minute thereon

The Board approve the opinions given by the Committee of Works, & it is Agreed that the Same be communicated to them.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores.—

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

From the Committee of Stores stating the proportions necessary for Garrison & Field Ordnance & recommending that the Same be transmitted to the different Out Garrisons & that in future all Indents to be regulated agreably thereto—

Honble Sir & Sirs.—

The Commissary General of Stores at our last Meeting laid before us a Proportion of Stores necessary for Garrison &

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& Field Ordnance, & Copies of which we have now the honor to enclose with all due deference we beg leave to recommend that Copies of these & Papers may be transmitted to the different out Garrisons & that all Indents be in future regulated agreable to the proportion ascertained by the Commissary General of Stores

We further beg leave to propose that in future no Guns under a Six Pounder be issued for Garrison Service

Agreeably to our usual Custom we examined the Books of the Directors of the Laboratory & the Conductors Books all of which we found regularly brought up to the end of last Month.—

We have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) J Capper
" Patrick Ross
" J. Moorhouse

Approved

Approved.

Approved

Fort St. George
18. April 1788—

Prop.

Proportion of Ammunition and Stores for Garrison Ordnance

1825.

	Number	Serviceable Carriages	Repairable do	Serviceable Mortar Beds	Repairable do	Iron Round Shot	Grape Shot Double	Do Shells	Carcasses	Double Fuzes	Empty do	Fuze Balls	Empty do	Tubes	Empty do	Spunges	Worms	Ladles & Worms	Sponging Rammers	Do Ball Nippers	Tompions & Elbows	Gauges Quoins	Elevating Screws	Elevating Screws	Cotton Cartridge Bags	Flannel do	Hand Shifting Cartridges	Canvas Cylinders	Do Mortar Caps	Leather Buckets	Ammunition Boxes	Tubes & Tubes	Rasps Frogs	Mallets	Saws	Cartridges	Sand Bags Powder	Wedges Oars Tackles	Rope
18. Pounder and upwards	1	1	"	"	"	"	600	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	662	4	"	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	"	"	1	4	"	6	1	"	1	1	"	"	700	"	"	"	"	18
All Calibers below 18 Pdrs.	1	1	"	"	"	"	800	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	882	4	"	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	"	"	1	4	"	4	1	"	1	1	"	"	1100	"	"	"	"	18
13 Inch Mortar	1	"	"	1	"	"	200	10	220	25	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	4	1	6	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	1	1	1	"
10 Do	Do	1	"	"	1	"	"	300	10	330	25	10	5	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	4	1	4	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	1	1	1¼	"
8 Do	Do	1	"	"	1	"	"	300	"	330	25	10	5	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	4	1	4	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	1	1½	"
5½ Do	Do	1	"	"	1	"	"	500	"	550	50	20	10	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	4	1	4	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	1	1½	"
4½ Do	Do	1	"	"	1	"	"	500	"	550	50	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	4	1	4	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	1	1½	"

N.B. A Quadrant and perpendicular to every four Mortars.—

A true Copy
(signed) T. Chase
Clerk—

(signed) J Moorhouse
Com.y Gen.l Stores

Proportion of Stores for light Field Ordnance

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| Nature of Ordnance | Number | Carriages | Limbers | Guns and Mounting for Chain Traces | Traces | Round Shot Fuze & Bottoms | Grape Shot Canisters & Bullets | Shells | Cartridges Large & Empty | Port Fires | Tubes Friction | Tinder Boxes | Cotton | Country | Rick | Portfires | Chain Hammers | Iron Bars | Pincher Tools | Spikes | Gun | Rammers | Ragged Staffs | Sponges | Rammer Heads | Worms | Handles with Worms | Sponges with Heads | Ladles with Worms | Handles with Worms | Sponges with Heads | Ladles with Worms | Handles with Worms | Sponges with Heads | Ladles with

Proportion of Ammunition and Stores for heavy Field Ordnance 1801

		Number	Carriages with Limbers	Muskets Balls	Round Shot	Shells	Carcases	Signs Stores	Fire Balls Stores	Cloth Cartridges	Powder	Leather with Worms	Leather Worms	Priming Horns	Priming Horns	Steel Pistols	Tompions with Collars	Tompions with Chains & Handspikes	Ditto	Handspikes Prickers &c	Copper Stores	Worsted Caps	Buckets Leather	Buckets Stores	Haversacks	Knapsacks Collars	Matches Cotton Slows	Do Quicks	Do Quicks	Cylinder Sponges for Landsers	Rasps Sponges	Rammers	Cartridges	Do	Do	4½ Inch	3½	3	Wadds	Chain Stores	Cases Stores	Single	Double	Single	Double
																																			European Rope Coils									
24	Pounder Iron Guns	1	1	"	1000	20	"	"	"	"	1100	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	"	6	1	"	2	2	2	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1/2	"	"	200	1	2	1	29	1	4
18	Do Do	1	1	"	1000	20	"	"	"	"	1100	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	"	6	1	"	2	2	2	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3/4	"	200	1	2	1	24	1	3
12	Do Do	1	1	"	1000	20	"	"	"	"	1100	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	"	6	1	"	2	2	2	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1/2	200	1	2	1	14	1	2
13	Inch Mortar	1	"	1	"	"	200	10	240	"	"	4	"	1	"	"	"	1/4	1	4	"	1	2	"	"	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	"	1/2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10 & 8	Do Do	1	"	1	"	"	300	10	330	10	"	4	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	4	"	1	2	"	"	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	"	"	1/2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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(signed) J Moorhouse
Com.r Gen.l of Stores

A true Copy
(signed) T. Chase
Clk.

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Fort St. George 22d. April 1788.

Read the following Letter from
the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops

John Chamier Esquire
Military Secretary.-

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the favor You will order The Honble Company's
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from the 25th June 1781 to 25th October 1783.—
when Mr. Burke was Appointed Paymaster
General of His Majesty's Troops serving
in India.—

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(signed)
R.t Mitford
D.y Pay.r G. K. T.

From the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops requesting that the Paymaster General may be ordered to furnish him with the Amount of all Sums of Monies issued for the use of the Kings Troops from 25th June 1781 to 25th Oct.r 1783.—

Kings Pay Office
Fort St. George
22d. April 1788.—

Ordered that the above be referred
to the Military Paymaster General

Minute thereon

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

1029. Fort St. George 22d April 1788.-

Brigadier General Horne.

Sir

I am honored with your Excellency's letter of the 15 Instant, accompanying the Copy of Tippoo Sultaun's address and your reply, by the date of which it appears to have been wrote a day or two before he left Seringapatam for Calicutt

By the dispatch your Excellency will have received by express from Tellicherry you will perceive the Alarm Tippoos &c arrival on that Coast had occasioned there and which from some other Accounts I have seen, are pretty General.- The Force mentioned to have arrived at Calicut with Tippoo, I imagine to be the Troops who I informed your Excellency marchd from the neighbourhood of Seringapatam a few days before Tippoo himself, who only detained with his person a small Force: Those Parties who came through the passes on this Side- are one of them I believe still employed

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A few days will now shew what Tippoo's intentions by drawing so large a Force on that side of his Dominions are, If his designs are really to attack the Rajah of Travancore he will doubtless soon commence his Operations, and If as whatever preparation I could make, I should scarcely be able to be in time to render the Rajah effectual Support; However I deemed it prudent to be as well prepared as possible

to

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to endeavour it, should he actually commence
Hostilities against him, And from the circum-
stance of so large a Body of Troops remain-
ing encamped in such a Situation as that
is, which I have mentioned (6 Cos from
Palacaudcherry) & the Place the road leads
directly from of their designs are against
Travancore; Appearances seem to Indicate
his intentions of either attacking or frighte-
ning a sum of Money from the Rajah, and
this had great Weight with me, in commencing
the preparations I have already made.

My letter to Colonel Stuart was
principally to consult him what Force
in his opinion might be drawn with
safety out of Tanjore, leaving a secure
Garison and I requested him to take
measures to be prepar'd should it be
necessary for them to move. My letter to
M.r Secy Shamier would inform your
Excellency, I did not mean to move any
Troops from Tanjore previous to the Board
sanction

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junction, or Your Excellency's instructions;
Nor should I march so large a part of the
Troops from this Station, as I have directed
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I have the honor to be with respect
&c. &c.
signed Mat.s Dorne

Head Quarters of the
Southern Forces
April 19 1788

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Accounts of the Kings Troops.-

To John Shamier Esq.r
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Fort S.t George

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to reply to the Letter from the Bengal
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Add and every check will be necessary to reduce the Sum Total to any degree of accuracy

Under this apprehension we accompanied the first Report from our Committee with a request that it might be forwarded to Bengal for approval, and we were happy to learn by the Governor Generals Answer, that it not only corresponded with their Ideas, but was thought to contain more information as to particulars, than was absolutely necessary.—

As these particulars however in the Course of our Enquiries form the detail on which our Periodical Statements are furnished, and Appear by the late Orders from the Court of Directors to be really requisite, we have continued to prepare them, and we congratulate ourselves on the precaution.— As the Abstracts now required of us cannot be furnished with more expedition, or by

any

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any other mode than the one already adopted.

We must therefore endeavour to explain for the Satisfaction of the Governor General the cause of this disappointment—it will relieve them from fruitless expectation in future, and at once exhibit the truth of our repeated representations of the tedious and almost infinite labour attending our research.—

The circumstance we believe needs no stronger proof than the reasons already Assigned to the Hon.ble Board by the Military Paymaster General for relinquishing this the immediate Duty of his Office.—

For Years after the first arrival of his Majesty's Troops it appears, not to have been considered necessary, to keep the Accounts of their allowances Seperate from the Accounts of the Company's Army. It was not till after the regulations of the late Act of Parliament that Seperate H.ds.

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Heads were raised in the Books for the
Disbursement of their different Allowances
Viz. Subsistence &
and Gratuity to the Kings Troops, were
the only two, thought requisite; so that
the Abstracts called for by the Governor
General, for Gratuity, Passage Money,
Batta &c. Extraordenaries, cannot be
taken from the Books in the manner
discribed but by Extracting each Charge
(as we are now doing) from the General
Books where they are only to be found
among the many entries by reference
to the Vouchers and that with Diffi-
culty, from the too frequent Similarity
in Rank and Name of the Officers, and
the Kings & Company's Armies.—

I may however Answer the
purpose of the Governor General to be
informed upon these Subjects, as far as
these Cross circumstances will admit.—

And we propose preparing
Abstracts of the Subsistance &c as possible

of

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of the Gratuity with all possible expedition
up to April 1786. The period to which the
paymaster has brought up his Books, in
the mean time we request the Honble Board will
make our Embarrasments to known, that no Stigma
may await from our Superiors, for we perceive
our Work encrease as we advance & fear we must
trespass much longer on the patience of the Public.

In the Report we shall have the
honor to make to the Honble Board in a few
days on the Accounts from July 82 to June 83 there
is an Additional Head of Batta, an allowance
we did not expect could have been considered
by the respective Parties in the final adjustment
of their Accounts, as it is the necessary consequence
of all Troops acting in the Field & an Expence
made indiscriminately to the Kings & Companys
Forces, and of no connection whatever with the
Terms on which these Troops were furnished
to the Company, further, than a general Field
allowance to the whole Army —

We are less desirous to make this
a Head in our Report from the impossibility
of furnishing a correct Account of it, when paid
to

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to any Rank inferior to a Commissioned Officer
The Privates in lieu of Batta being usually
Supplied with a Daily Subsistance of Arrak
& Provisions, the Actual Price of which
to each Man being almost unknown &
bearing no proportion to their Batta of
5/ 2/
3/ & 30 ℔ diem when Provisions were not to
be had.

But as the Court of Directors in
their Letter by the Ranger call for this
Account, we have with infinite trouble
prepared one as far as the Disbursements
appear to the Kings, amidst the Company's
Officers in the Books of the Paymaster &
General. To the Agent we must look for
the Account of Batta paid & Supplied to
the Privates. & we find it out of his Power
to Assist us further, than to lay his
Books & Daily Vouchers before us, which
are still more complex than those already
under our consideration. We wish therefore
if this Account of Batta cannot be dispensed
with

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with to ascertain what Sum may be deemed adequate to the actual Price of the Provisions Supplied a European in the Field during the Scarcity of the last War, by which we think to calculate the Amount, for the Months the Army was in the Field agreeably to the Number of Effective Men as they shall appear on the Returns of each Regiment, but in this we wish for advice, & beg leave to Solicit Instruction, as the Subject goes to the accumulation of an enormous Sum.—

It has occurred to us that from the variety of Calls from Troops on Service, that his Majestys Regiments may have incurred Expences to the Company in the different Departments under this Presidency the Account of which will not appear in the Paymasters Books, Such as Arms, Stores &c. we do not conceive ourselves Competent to determine on the Propriety of bringing these to the Credit of the Company, but as the

Court

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Court of Directors in their Letter by the Ranger require an Account of every Expence, we beg leave to recommend that all Officers who do not transmit their Acct.s to the Military Paymaster General, be directed to furnish us with Extracts of all such Charges, that they may be annexed to our Statements, & forwarded to Bengal.—

We have the Honor to be
&.ᵃ &.ᵃ

Fort St. George
19. April 1788.—

(signed) Benj.ᵃ Roebuck
Benj.ᵃ Torin.—

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing be sent to Bengal, & that the Military & Storekeeper be directed to furnish the Account of Stores delivered to the Kings Regiments.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General.—

To

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

Honble Sir,

From the Commissary General, on Captain Rollerton's Claim for Arrears of Pay

In consequence of your Orders ⁊ signified to me by Mr. Secretary Chamier I sent ⁊ for Captain Rollerton to enquire into the ⁊ nature of his Demands. And he tells me ⁊ that owing to some unaccountable neglect his original Appointment to the Command of the Irregular Horse was never inserted in General Orders nor did he receive any Paper to that effect from any Public Officer. He believes that Sir Eyre Coote the Commander in Chief at that time gave verbal Orders for the payment of his Allowances to the Paymaster of the ⁊ Army in consequence of which those were ⁊ given to him that belong to the Rank to ⁊ which he was appointed. But as the day of his Appointment does not appear in General Orders

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Orders so much the day specified on which his Pay ceases for although the Corps was disbanded on the 15th June 1784 he never received any public Notification of his own Dismission. Mr Welch the Paymaster Certifies that he has received his Pay & Allowances from him to the end of April 1784. If then Your Honor &c are pleased to consider his Verbal Appointment as valid it appears that he has due to him Pay & Allowances from the end of April 1784 to the 15 June following being a Month and a half but he applies also to be paid till the Month of November as he says he was occupied till that time "in "making Applications either to the President "& Council or to the Gentlemen in Office in "behalf of the said Corps" Hindeed he seems to consider himself as still belonging to the Service not having regularly received his Dismission from it in writing but this seems only a very futile claim for it does

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does not appear as before observed that he was ever formally or regularly appointed & of course when the Corps to which he belonged was disbanded his Appointment & Allowances of all kinds ceased.—

Besides his Pay from the end of April to the middle of June he claims the sum of 185 Pagodas for carrying his Marque from 27th January 1784 during which time by the Certificate of the Agent it appears that he was not properly supplied by him.— He has been wanting to himself in not making an earlier Application for this Money but if an Officer is not able to get Bullocks from the Agent to carry his Marque it is usual to make him an Allowance to procure them himself.

I have the honor to be with great Respect.—

Fort St. George
21st April 1788.—

Minute thereon

J. & J.
(signed) J. Capper
Cl. A. A.—

Agreed that Capt. Robertson's Claims be liquidated as recommended by Colonel Capper, & that a Certificate on Bengal be given to him.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from
M. Turnbull Surgeon -

The Honorable. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell, K.B.
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From M. Turnbull, Surgeon, requesting to be reimbursed for attending Sir Company's Stores from Masulipatam for Madras -

I take the Liberty to trouble you on the Subject of a Charge incurred on the part of the Company as per enclosed Bill - As this Charge is of a long standing, it will be incumbent on me to account for its not being brought forward before - In the Month of September 1780 - soon after the breaking out of the war with Hyder Ally, the Lonsborne Indiaman, of which Ship I was Surgeon, was dispatched by Government to Masulipatam in order to take on Board and bring down to this Presidency a Detachment of Six Companies of Circar Grenadier Sepoys, and several Officers which Service was performed.

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performed, as the Records of your Honble
Board will sufficiently testify, as also that
this Vessel was on her return ordered to sail
with the utmost Dispatch to Pondicherry, there
to be Employed as the Nature of the Service
might require. Our very short Stay here in
Consequence of this Order rendered an application
on my Part absolutely impossible. —

I must further beg your Honble
Board will be pleased to give your attention
to another Claim arising from a similar
Cause, which I have taken the Liberty to
enclose — In the Month of July 1781. four
Companies of the 8th Carnatic Battalion
with twenty three Officer of different
Corps were Embarked at Bombay on board
the Pondorne in order to be brought hither
here —

This as well as the abovementioned
Claim I was unable to bring forward at
that time on Account of the hurry of
Business which filled every public
Department

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Department, when I knew the Claims of Individuals could be but little attended to, by your sudden departure for China & with any Consequent Absence from this place for some Years, will account & I trust, for my not having preferred them before.

I flatter myself the accompanying Declaration from Mr. Adderton Surgeon at the Mount and from Capt. Crawford of this Establishment to the Justness of my Claims will be admitted by your Honble Board as sufficient Vouchers of their Validity.

I have the Honor to be

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21st. April 1788.

(signed) P. Trevenbull

I do Hereby Certify that I with Sixty Comp.ys of Grenadiers & Sepoys were ten days on board the Pondicherry from Masulipatam to Madras in the Month

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Month of Octr. 1780. & that Mr. Turnbull was the Surgeon who attended the r Sick during the Passage.

(signed) Artt. Crawford

Since
9th. April 1788.

Mr. Turnbull's Claims &c.

Minute thereon

Appears well Supported, it is Agreed that it be admitted, & that a Certificate on Bengal be given by the Military Paymaster General, provided the Sum Claimed has not been drawn for by any other Person.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore containing Country Correspondence No. 38) stating that his Payment for March is one Lack of Pagodas from which he has detained 15,000 for purposes required at Tanjore, & now remits the remainder (85,000) by Bills on different Sowcars at Madras, payable

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.

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payable in 34 Days - observing that he depends upon the Company's favor and protection - &c. &c. -

2d. Gopaul Marten
&c.

Arch.d Campbell

John Holland

H. W. Bazanquet

R. Maunsell

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Diary

27th Received the following Letter from the naval Storekeeper at Calcutta.—

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor of Madras

Sir,

From the Naval Storekeeper at Calcutta with a Receipt for Military Stores laden on the Snow Hastings— Recommends that the Ranger be detained for the Service of the East in Preference to the Hastings—

By Orders from the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis G.G. I have the Honor, to enclose you Captain Scott of the Snow Hastings Receipt for Military Stores, who has received Orders, which he is to open after the Pilot quits the Vessel, directing him to proceed to Madras, and deliver the Stores to your Order.— Give me leave Sir to Suggest, that should you want a Vessel for any particular Service, the Ranger is better Calculated for your purpose, than the Hastings, as she has been taken Suddenly, from the Pilot Service, and is neither Arm'd, victualled or Stored for longer time, or further Service than the Run down to your place, and will be wanted again on her Station, in the Road as soon as Convenient.

I have the Honor to remain
&c &c

Calcutta
the 29th March
1788

Signd/ Brice Marine Paymaster
& Naval Storekeeper
Recvd

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23 Received the following Letter from the Committee for examining the accounts of his Majesty's Troops serving in India —

To John Shannier Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Committee for examining the accounts of the King's Troops, requesting that the King's Paymasters may be directed to furnish them with the Statement of the Disbursements to his Majesty's Troops, subsequent to April 1787

The Government General having in their Letter to Sir Archibald Campbell under date 3 October 1787 desired that sundry accounts may be made up of the Disbursements to his Majesty's Troops — to the 1st September 1787 and this Letter having been transmitted to us to be complied with — we have to observe that the Military Paymasters Books of this Presidency will furnish Accounts no further than to april 1787 since which period they have been transferred to the Office of his Majesty's Paymaster General and as our Instructions do not authorize us to call upon that Office for such documents as may be required — We request a Letter may be sent to the King's Paymaster to furnish us with a separate Statement thereof — tho' we imagine these accounts might be as readily

obtained

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23 obtained by the Government General — for the
above period from His Majesty's Paymaster Generals
Office in Calcutta. — We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.

Fort St George
23d April 1788

Sign'd Bery. n Roebuck
Bery. n Torin

Received the following Letter from the
Commanding Officer of his Majesty's 14th and 15th
Hanoverian Regiments.

To the Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor and Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel Wangenheim
with Claims for Arrears
preferred by his Majesty's
Hanoverian Regiments
& for Loss of Equipage
&c. by the Detachment
shipwrecked in the
Brilliant on the
Island of Sanna.

Agreeable to General Orders of the 15th
December 87 I transmitted to the Paymaster
General, the Bills of all the Claims and Arrears which
are made by His Majesty's 14. and 15. Hanoverian
Regiments. — but having been informed by him,
that the Channel of application for redress thereof,
must be made through the Board, — I take the
Liberty to lay all those Papers before Your Excellency
together with a Copy of my letter to the Paymaster
for the better explanation, as also the answer I
received

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received from him on the Subject — Being also afterwards requested, by those Officers of that Detachment of His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment which had the misfortune to suffer shipwreck, on the Brilliant / Indiaman / at the Island of Guanna, to lay their claims for Loss of Equipage before your Excellency, — I think it my Duty to add their account, to the above already mentioned Papers, and have the Honor to be with great Respect, — &c. &c.

Madras
21st of April 1788

/ Signed / A. Wangenheim
Colonel

Received Letter from the Paymaster

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

at Trichinopoly / as entered in M. B. No 24 / requesting to Know if the Head Surgeon is to draw his Salary Monthly or Quarterly. —

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To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Ordered that Mr. Surgeon Meinlee paid his Salary Monthly. / Vide M. B. N° 25 /

Sent the following Letters to Bengal

To