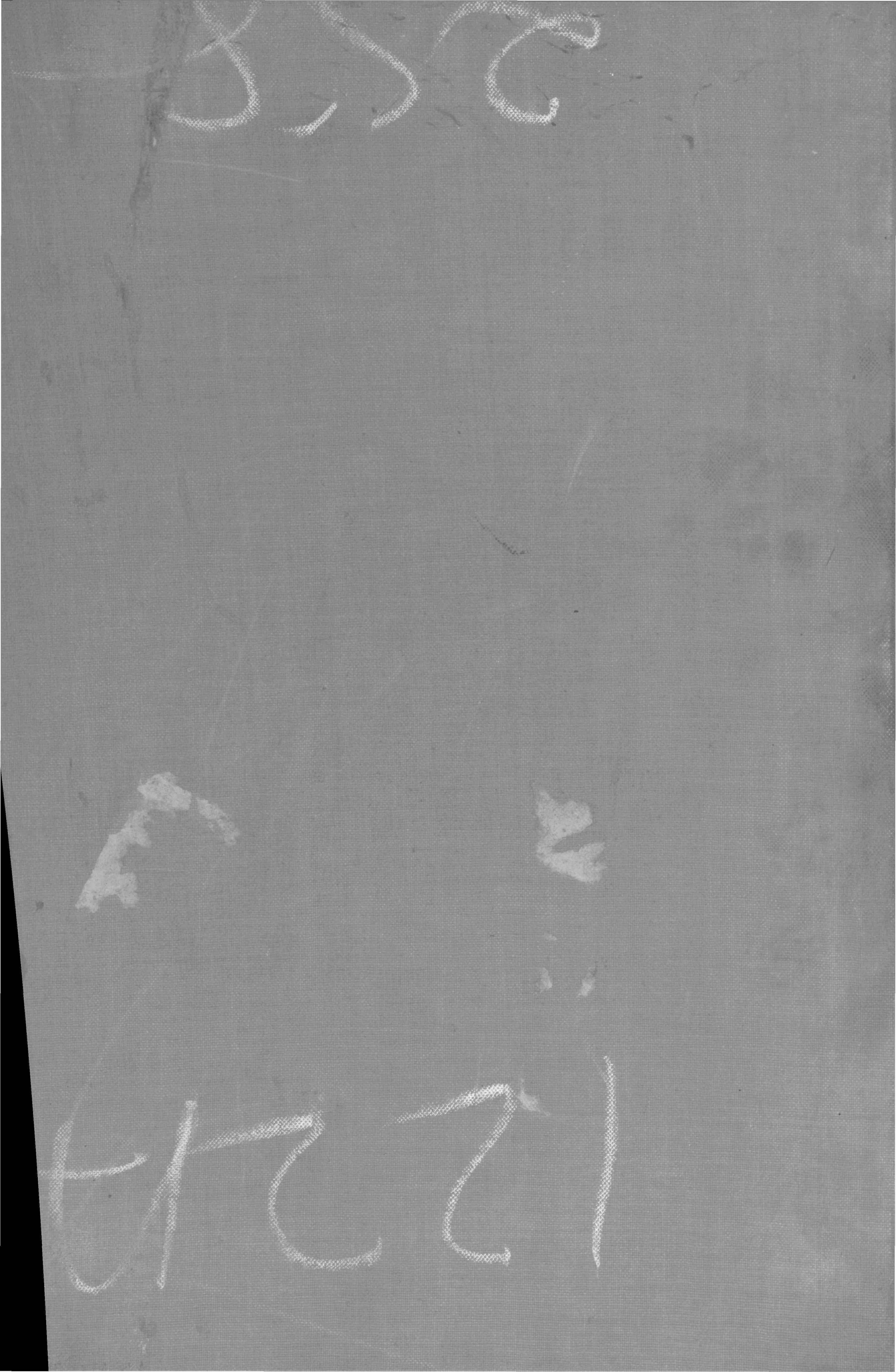

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Diary

11th Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Mr. Benfield

John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary

Sir,

Having been formerly announced to the Board as a Member of the Committee appointed for the management of the affairs of the Nabob's Creditors, and having seen occasion from late circumstances to resign my seat in that Committee, I take leave to send you a transcript of my Resignation, requesting you will have the goodness to lay it before the Board.

From Mr. Benfield, states his Reason for resigning his seat as a Member of the Committee of the Nabob's Creditors, & encloses Transcript of his Resignation.

I have the St. Consr to be,

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/Signed/ Paul Benfield

To Messrs. Taylor &c Committee for the affairs of the Nabob's Creditors

Gentlemen,

It is understood from the General report of the Colony that the Conduct of the Committee in the defence of the Right & property of the Creditors has

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11 has met with the marked disapprobation of the Honorable President, and as I have reason to believe that it has already been the chief cause of the resignation of one of your members, under these impressions, I can only consider the efforts of the Committee inadequate to the objects of its appointment, and I therefore take leave to resign my seat at the same time I consider myself bound to sign the shapers we agreed on the 5th Instant to address to Bengal when they are ready for Dispatch.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Paul Benfield

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The foregoing having been sent in Circulation, the following Note was received by the Secretary from the Governor.

John Shannier Esqr
Political Secretary

Sir,

From the President to the Secretary, states the substance of a Reply which he desires may be sent to Mr Benfield

I desire you will inform Mr Paul Benfield, that the General Report of the Colony, which he quotes as his authority for understanding my sentiments on the late Conduct of the Committee of Nabobs Creditors, has misled him, for his Conduct,

and

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and that of the other Gentlemen who constitute that Committee, have not "met with the marked disapprobation of the Honorable the President because "they defended the Rights and Property of the Creditors" but because in their late Representation to the Governor General in Council, the Committee of Creditors have charged the Board with acts of Criminality which were both unwarrantable and groundless, and in terms incompatible with that respect which is due to the Government, from every description of men under their protection.

Attacks so unprovoked, unprecedented, and unnecessary, could not fail to attract my severest displeasure, as they militated against the authority of the Company, and the honor of this Government, both of which, I shall endeavour to preserve unimpaired, while I have the honour to remain as Governor of Fort St George.

Sirs,

Your &c &c

Gardens
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Signed/ Arch.d Campbell

In consequence of which the Secretary drafted a Letter to Mr Benfield, which he sent in Circulation with the following Note, and with a Letter

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1st Letter from Mr. James Taylor.

To Mr. Benfield

Sir,

To Mr. Benfield in reply to his Letter

I am directed by the Honorable the President to acquaint you in reply to your Letter of yesterday's Date addressed to me for the information of Government, that the general report of the Colony which you have quoted as your authority for understanding the President's Sentiments on the late Conduct of the Committee of Creditors has misled you; for, your Conduct and that of the other Gentlemen who Constitute the Committee have not met with the marked disapprobation of the Honorable the President because they defended the rights and property of the Creditors, but because in their late Representation to the Governor General in Council, the Committee of Creditors have charged this Government with acts of Criminality which were both unwarrantable and groundless, and in terms incompatible with that respect which is due to them from every description of Men under their protection.

I am further to notify to you that attacks so unprovoked, unprecedented, and unnecessary could not fail of attracting the severest displeasure

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11th displeasure of the President as they meditated against the authority of the Company, and the honor of this Government both which the President will endeavour to preserve unimpaired, so long as he shall have the honor of being the Governor of Fort St George.

I am, &c. &c.

Signed/ John Shannier Secy

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Secretary's Note to the Members of Council with the foregoing Papers.

Mr. Shannier has the honor to lay before the Members of Council a Letter addressed to him by the President, Conformably to which, he has drafted an address to Mr. Benfield which he begs leave to submit to the Board for their approbation.

Secretary's Office
Sunday 11th May 1788.

Observations of Messrs Holland & Maunsell and the President's in Reply

as it does not appear to be very pressing I could wish the letter to Mr. Benfield might be deferred to the next meeting of Council

/Signed/ J. H.
R. M.

an answer to a Groundless Charge from any member of the Committee of Creditors against the President, cannot in my opinion be too early communicated, and therefore ought not to be delayed to the next meeting of Council. Mr. Shannier will therefore draft a similar Letter to Mr. Taylor, with that intended for Mr. Benfield.

/Signed/ A. C.

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11h that the cause assigned in your Letter to the Committee of Creditors for the resignation you have delivered in viz that the Conduct of the Committee in supporting the rights of the Creditors has been Censured by the President is without foundation, for your Conduct and that of the other Gentlemen who constitute the Committee have not been Ensured by the Honorable President because they supported the Rights of the Creditors, but because in their late Representation to the Governor General in Council, the Committee of Creditors have charged this Government with acts of Criminality, which were both unwarrantable, and groundless, and in terms incompatible with that respect which is due to them from every description of Men under their protection.

I am further to notify to you that attacks so unprovoked, unprecedented, and unnecessary, could not fail of attracting the severest displeasure of the President, as they militate against the authority of the Company; and the honor of this Government, both which the President will endeavour to preserve unimpaired so long as he shall have the honor of being the Governor of Fort St George.

I am, Sir &c.

Signd John Shannier Sec.

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11th Received the following Letter from Mr Roebuck.

To John Shannier Esqr

Secretary

Sir,

From Mr Roebuck- requests that an alteration may be made in the Remarks of the Committee of Creditors upon the state of the Case.

I perceive in the Remarks of the Committee in the Case of Mr. attorney General Sulivan as transmitted to the Committee of Creditors that there is a mistake in the beginning of Page 3d where it says But by the mode the attorney General "has" It should say but by the mode the Case has &c. I must charge myself with this Error the Committee having unanimously resolved that the attorney General should not be named in their Remarks on the Case and it having been left with me to carry the Resolution into effect.

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

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Sign'd Benj.n Roebuck.

Ordered accordingly

Upon the Receipt of the foregoing, the alteration was made, as desired by Mr. Roebuck.

Received the following Letter from Mr. attorney General Sulivan.

To

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

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Attorney General begs to be furnished with a Copy of the Remarks of the Directors upon the State of the Case.

Understanding that the Committee of Nabob's Creditors in their remarks upon the Case transmitted by your Honble Board to Calcutta for the opinion of the Judges, have thought proper to express themselves in terms injurious to my Character, I am humbly to request that you will be pleased to direct the Secretary to furnish me with a Copy of these remarks, that I may have an opportunity of removing the ill impressions they may make on the minds of the publick.

I have the Honor to be,
with much respect
&c &c
Sgnd Benj.n Sulivan

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Ordered Accordingly

Ordered that Mr. attorney General be furnished with Copy of the Committee's Remarks upon the State of the Case, agreeably to his Request.

Recd

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11 Received the following Letter from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the King's Troops serving in India.

John Shannier Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Committee for examining the accounts of the Kings' Troops, with Papers & accounts to be forwarded to Bengal

We have now the Honor to lay before the Board the accounts promised by us, in our Letter of 19th April 1788 in compliance with the request from the Government General.

Our account states the Subsistence and Gratuity paid to the King's Troops as far as the Military Paymaster's Books are made up, and indeed till the exact period when the accounts of these Payments were transferred from the Company's Pay Offices to that of the Kings.

The accounts called for under the Head of Extraordinaries or Contingencies cannot be furnished from the Company's Books till we have had time to Extract them in the manner discribed in our address to you of the 19th April.

We beg leave to recommend that the enclosed Copies of Letters and accounts from Mr. Mitford &c.

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11th be allowed to accompany our Statement to Bengal as they state the Disbursements upto the 1st September 1787 the period for which they are demanded.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d April in answer to ours of the 19th and shall in consequence apply to the agent for the average Price of Provisions by which we are to Charge the Field Batta since it seems to be the Sense of the Honorable Board that this Disbursement is meant to be included in the generales Statements.

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

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Lyndsy Beny.n Roebuck.

Beny.n Torin

Ordered, That a Letter be drafted to Bengal, enclosing the Papers sent by Majors Roebuck and Torin.

Minute therein

12th Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Bengal;

To

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal — desiring that in future the Quarter Master General and Deputy adjutant General of the Kings Troops, may receive their Pay and allowances at Fort St George.

The Reasons which induced this Government to take upon themselves the payment of the allowances, to the Quarter Master General & Deputy adjutant General of His Majesty's Troops on the Coast of Coromandel no longer existing, it appears to us that it would be more regular that the allowances of these Officers should in future be paid at your Presidency, & We accordingly request that you will give the necessary orders on this Subject to the Officers of your Government.

The accompanying Certificate from our Military Paymaster General will shew the periods from which Lieutenant Colonel Gratton, and Captain Dixon are to draw their allowances at Fort St George. We have the Honor to be,

Hon. Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Signed Cornwallis

J Shore

Fort William
Secret & Military Depart.
the 5th April 1788

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I hereby Certify, that Lieutenant Colonel Grattan, Quarter Master General, to His Majesty's Troops, has received his allowances, from my office for the month of February 1788, as adjutant General to His Majesty's Troops, on the Coast of Coromandell, and to no later period. The allowances is sued being Star Pagodas Five, p Day, Forty p month & Fifty p month for house rent.

I further Certify that Lieutenant Colonel Grattan has received no allowance whatever from me as Quarter Master General: nor has Captain Dimsdale received from me, any allowance whatever, as Deputy adjutant General to His Majesty's Troops.

Fort William
the 16th April 1788

/Signed/ C. Fenwick
Paymaster King's Troops

Minute thereon

/Signd/ Dalrymple
Agt

Ordered that the Deputy Paymaster to his Majesty's Troops be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing.

The President sends in Circulation Drafts of Letters to the Rajah of Tanjore, and to the Nabob of Arcot

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12 Nabob Tippoo Sultaun, which having been approved are ordered to be translated and Dispatched.

The Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore (vide C. C. No 44) States, the Surprize and Concern of the President at his Excellency's having remitted the amount of his List for February in Soucar Bills at 40 Days sight which would not become due until the 25th of April, and which by agreement should have been paid in Money at Madras on the 15 of March; and that in addition to this failure, the Soucars have declared their Inability to pay more than 23/40 out of 90,000 Pagodas, his Excel: ; lency not having furnished them with money according to Promise. The President then proceeds to a Represen; tation of the Rajah's imprudent Conduct, and declares his apprehension that the same Backwardness of Payment will be found in the March as was experienced in the February List. But that he shall not proceed to Extremity, until an answer is received to this Letter.

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Ordered, That the Letter for the Rajah be sent under Cover to the Resident at Tanjore, and that a Copy be sent to the latter for his Information vide M. B. N. 19.

Minute thereon

To the Resident at Tanjore

13 The Letter to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun expresses satisfaction at his having given Orders to his Dewan to settle the first, second, and fourth articles mentioned in his

Substance of a Letter to Tippoo Sultaun.

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13 his Letter of the 20th March, and desires that the third, relative to the Hedge planted by the Talookdar of Baramahal, will be referred to the Enquiry of the Commissioners vide C. C. No. 45.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal

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

To Bengal - with Copy of a Letter & accounts from the Committee for examining the accounts of the King's Troops. -

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter just received from the Committee in the charge of investigating the accounts of the Kings Troops, together with several Papers which accompanied it.

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Arch.d Campbell
&c Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
(entered in M. B. Nos. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24.)

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To the Committee of Works.

To the Committee of Works.— The Board consent to the Terms proposed by Messrs. Woolf and Shawe;— the Buildings therefore at Poonamalle to commence immediately.—

To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer.— The Board approve his allotting to the Commissary of Stores at Walaujaubad, a Portion of the Workshed for the use of the Artificers and desire he will immediately direct the making of the Glass Frame for the Gun shed at Walaujaubad.— Lieut.t Norris's Bill returned, Signed for Payment.—

To the Commander of the Company's Snow Hastings.

To Captain Scott, Commanding the Snow Hastings— to take charge of a Box containing Dis: patches for the Governor General in Council.—

To Mr. attorney General Sulivan

To Mr. attorney General Sulivan.— with Copy of the Remarks of the Committee of Creditors, on the State of the Case transmitted to the Judge at Calcutta.—

To the Dep.t Pay.r to the King's Troops.

To the Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops, with Copy of a Letter and Enclosure from the Government General relative to the Pay of the Quarter Masters General and Deputy Adjutants General.—

Received the following Letters from—

Captain Bannerman.—

Major

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Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

From Captain Bannerman proceeds with a Detachment to Travancore. The Rajah encamped near Cochin.

I was honored with your instructions thro' the adjutant General dated the 16th on the 21st Inst. and marched from Palamcottah on the 22d. Arrived at this place last night, where I purposed remaining, till I heard from the Rajah, but, as I find on conversing with the person left in charge of his affairs here, that the Communication is uncertain, and the Cappy very irregular, and also that the appearance of the Honble Company's Troops would afford great satisfaction — I have determined to proceed immediately, and join him at Cochin, near which place he now lies with his army.

I have not been able to acquire any intelligence on the road, as the Chief People appear either uninformed, or particularly backward in communicating with me on this Subject, but from what I can observe, they are under no serious alarm from Tippoo — The Rajah's distance from his Capital having hindered him from informing the different Managers of our approach, has subjected the Sepoys to some trifling

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13th trifling difficulties, but not such, as in any degree to prevent your instructions being fulfilled.

I shall do myself the honor of writing you again so soon, as I join the Rajah.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect

&c &c

Lynd. I Bannerman

Trivandaporam
28th April 1788

Received the following Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 25.26.

From the Deputy Military Secretary requesting that the Rooms in the Fort Square attached to his Office, may be repaired.

From the Deputy Military Secretary

From the Comptroller General of army accounts, the Claims of Lieut.t Wilson, as preferred to the Board by Messrs. Porcher & Ledhead, are inadmissible.

From the Comptroller General of army accounts.

At a Consultation Present

The Hon.ble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland James Henry Casamajor

&

Robert Maunsell Esq.rs

Tuesday
the 13th May 1788

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Wm

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by the Rajah of Calastry, (entered in Country Correspondence N° 46) also a Paper delivered to him by Mr. Maunsell, containing some information on the Subject.—

From the Rajah of Calastry to the Governor.

Received 9th May 1788

From the Rajah of Calastry - States his situation with regard to His Highness the Nabob, and requests the Protection and support of the Company

The Districts of Calastry have been under the authority and management of my family for these three or four generations past — The Nabob Asoph Jah Viz[t] the late Nizam ul Mulk having come to the Carnatic appointed the Nabob Anwar ul Deen Cawn deceased to the Government of it in the year 1154 of the Hegira (viz[t] 1741) when he himself was at Gungicotah on his return to Hyderabad and as I was with his army at the time, he placed me under the orders of the Nabob Anwar ud deen Cawn — Agreeably to this Order I remained under the authority of the above Nabob and the Nabob Walaujah and have been employed in all the expeditions against Baboo Naick, Tanjore, at Colar Balnaud and other places from the river Kistna to Ramasheves along with the English Serdars, my brothers and many

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of my nearest relations have suffered death on these different expeditions for the Service of the Circar, all which was known to Mr. Saunders Lord Pigot & former Serdars.—

When Hyder ally invaded the Carnatic, I supplied the army under General Coote with provisions & chastized the enemy—by the orders of the Company I drove out the enemy's Garrison from the Fort of Chendergurry, where the Company's troops were afterwards stationed.—these circumstances were known to General Sir Eyre Coote and Lord Macartney—The Nabob Wallajah, was pleased to shew me greater favors than had been done by the late Nabob his father, and honored me in many shapes and till this time was pleased to support me with honor But through my evil destiny about two years since he made a demand which he insisted on my complying with, for the Sum of Fifty Thousand Pagodas, by way of Nuzzer, for which he took from me a written obligation payable in four years—accordingly half of this sum, and some part of the remainder, has been paid by me to the Circar.—

The Waddawars of the District of Sittarampour having proved disobedient to the Circar, and not paid the Malguzary &c. by the Orders of the Nabob Asoph Jah Viz[t] Nizamul Mulk and Nabob Anwar ud deen Cawn, punished them for their conduct, and took possession

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possession of their Districts, in which expedition many of my brothers and relations were killed: In return for which I was then ordered to pay for this Country, an annual tribute of Five Thousand Pagodas, which I have regularly paid every year since; yet many objections are now started to this, I am now past sixty, and have passed all my life with honor, and hope by the Blessing of God that I shall continue to do so through your Excellency's favor to the end of my life, having from the beginning been supported under the Company's favor, as I now am, and I hope ever to be so, I consider your Excellency as my Protector, and on that account have offered you this address. — or —

What shall I say more

May your protection and favor ever be continued towards me. —

Memorandum concerning the Calestry Rajah

Mr Maunsell's Memorandum respecting the Calastry Rajah

That about forty years ago Settarampoor, I belonged to a Poligar who for many years had discontinued to pay a Tribute to the Nabob and verily Cawn and refused paying any in future. — That about this Period the Calastry Rajah had giving great assistance to

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to the Nabob who, wishing to reward him, per-
:mitted him to take possession of the above Country
which he did with his own Troops, and received the
Nabob's Purwannah on giving an agreement that
he would pay yearly a Tribute of 5000 Pagodas —
this the Rajah has punctually discharged as also
the Sum of 5000 Pagodas p annum on account of
Pollams — that the Rajah has been at a very consi-
:derable Expence in the Improvement of Sittaramporu &c.

That about three years ago the Nabob
Mahomed ally Khan representing the heavy
Payments which he had to make to the Company, under
the condition of restoring the Assignment, insisted on the
Rajah of Calestry presenting to him a Nazir of 50,000
Pagodas to be paid in four years at 12500 Pagodas p
Annum — The Rajah resisted this proposition for
some time, but considered it better to consent on the
Nabob's promising never to give him any further
trouble — The Rajah has punctually paid his Peish-
:cash of 10,000 Pagodas with 12,500 Pagodas on account
of the Nazir for two years, and for the present Year
he has paid the whole of his Peishcash and advanced
5000 Pagodas in part of this year's Nazir, although
it will not be due until the end of June next.

That at the time the Rajah consented to pay

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this very considerable Nazir the Nabob agreed that he would not call on him for any assistance of Peons during the Period of four years stipulated for the discharge of the Nazir — excepting 500 men to be employed at Vellour and Trinomalee for the space of two months only — but that contrary to this Promise the Nabob had detained those Peons there to the present time at a great Expence to the Calastry Rajah.

The President lays before the Board the following Card just received from the Nabob.

From the Nabob, requesting that the Business respecting the Calastry Rajah may be settled without Loss of time and that some steps may be taken in the affair of Assiru Lavon —

S. His Highness the Nabob Walaujah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Sir Archibald Campbell, He is much obliged by Sir Archibald's attentive care to the Interests of his Circar in having complied with his request for assistance to resume the Leases of the Districts of Seetarampoor &c. but he begs leave to inform him the delay in the departure of Captain Dunwordy, is taken advantage of by the Calastry Man, who understanding Troops are coming to put his S. Highness's Servants in possession of the Districts has already, as his S. Highness was yesterday informed by authentic accounts, began to plunder the Inhabitants of their own as well as the Circar's share of the Crops; he has

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also seized the weavers and carried off a great part of them with their Looms and other Manufacturing apparatus, and if the Detachment is not sent off soon to prevent it, he will totally strip the Districts not only of the revenues, but of the Inhabitants also — His Highness requests therefore Sir archibald Campbell will be so good to Dispatch Captain Dunwoody as soon as possible.

His Highness also begs leave to inform Sir Archibald Campbell that the affair of Assim Dun remaining thus in suspence is not only a very degrading circumstance to him in the Eyes of his Servants and subjects, but occasions that man to receive encouragement from certain idle persons to continue Contumacious and still to entertain hopes of securing his unlawfull gains — His Highness understands that a covered Doley was sent yesterday from Assim Cawn's Garden to the Town, said to contain a sick woman Servant — His Highness requests to observe that he may in this manner send off his Family likewise, and if they are conveyed into the Black Town, it will not be in his or the Governor's powers to discover their place of concealment — Sir archibald Campbell will see from this circumstance, how much this man regards either the Nabobs or the Governor's authority — His Highness has on his part performed every thing that he promised to

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to the Governor.— It only remains now for the Governor to carry into execution the resolution of the Board of the 15 of January, and as this is Council Day, His Highness hopes this business will be finally settled, so that neither the Governor or himself may have any further trouble on this head. It is not necessary for His Highness to repeat to Sir Archibald Campbell how much mild: :ness he has shewn in this business, or the lenity that he has ever shewn to all his Servants in general.—

His Highness will furnish Captain Dunwoody a list of the Circars Districts leased to the Calastry Man, and which are to be resumed, authenticated by his Seal and Signature.—

Chepauk House
13th May 1788

The President's opinion on the Request of the Nabob for an Armed Force to march against the Calastry Rajah

The President is of opinion that the Inform: :ation from the Nabob of which Government is in: possession, is sufficient to authorize the sending the Detachment now in readiness, for the purpose of aiding the Nabob's affairs as mentioned in his Letter of the 29th Ultimo.—

Mr. Casamajor in opinion with the President

Mr Casamajor coincides in opinion with the President.—

Mess.rs

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Mr. Mollond and Maunsell are anxious that, before Orders are issued for the marching of the Detachment, the Letter from the Rajah of Calastry and Paper of information delivered in by Mr. Maunsell should be sent to the Nabob with a request from the President, that His Highness will be pleased to declare whether the Representations made by the Calastry Managers are founded.

Mr. Mollond and Mr. Maunsell's opinion on the Nabob's Request.

Altho' the President and Mr. Graaway do not concur in opinion with Messrs. Mollond and Maunsell as to the necessity of making the above Reference to the Nabob, they have no objection to its being made, in consequence of which the following Card was drafted by the Secretary — which being read, and approved, is ordered to be dispatched

The President and Mr. Graaway have no objection to the Papers recommended by Messrs. Mollond & Maunsell being sent to the Nabob.

Sir Archibald Campbell presents his Compliments to His Highness the Nabob Walaujah Behauder, and, at the desire of some of the Members of Council, now sends to His Highness an Original Letter received from the Rajah of Calastry, and a memorandum of Information laid before the Council on the Subject — Sir Archibald Campbell begs the favor of the Nabob to inform him whether the representations contained in the accompanying Papers are founded

To the Nabob, inclosing Letter from the Calastry Rajah & a Memorandum of Information, and requesting to know of the Representations therein contained, are founded

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The President delivers in the following Minute.—

President's Minute 13th May 1788.

President's Minute introducing a Narrative of the Proceedings in the affair of Azim Cawn, and suggests to the Board the Propriety of calling upon the attorney General, for his opinion on the Subject.—

The President has the Honor to lay before the Board a Narrative of his Proceedings concerning Azim Cawn, from the 11th of April to the 1st of May 1788, together with Copies of the several Cards and Messages which have passed between the Nabob Walaujah, the Governor, and Azim Cawn on the Subject of his Behaviour, and the adjustment of his accounts with the Circar.—

It is with extreme Concern the President observes, that since the Nabob had removed the Guns from Azim Cawn's House, the Conduct of that Cawn has been uniformly marked with deliberate acts of Disrespect and Distrust, highly unbecoming him as a Subject and Dependent of the Nabob.—

Under such circumstances, the President recommends, that the whole of the Proceedings concerning Azim Cawn be laid before the Attorney General, and his Opinion desired, Whether he knows of any Law or just Reason, why the Person of Azim Cawn, a Subject and Dependant of the Nabob of the Carnatic, should not be delivered to his Sovereign, for the purpose of settling his accounts with the Circar, and to be dealt with

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with according to the Laws and Customs of his Country.

In order to enable the Attorney General to give an opinion upon this question, it will be proper that the Secretary be directed to grant him Access to the Records.

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Narrative of the Governor's Proceedings concerning Ajeim Caun from the 11th of April to the 1st of May 1788

President's Narrative in the affair of Ajeim Caun.

The President informs the Board, that on the 11th of last Month having heard that His Highness the Nabob's Second Son Ameer ul Omrah Bahauder, was greatly indisposed and confined to his House, he waited on him and took an opportunity to desire that the Business of Ajeim Caun should be finally and amicably adjusted, in order to put a stop to all future murmurings or Complaints on that Subject.

The Ameer informed the President, that the Nabob Walajah had desired him to lay before him a Paper which he then held in his Hands, of which the following is a Copy.

Copy of a Paper from the Nabob Walajah

The Nabob agrees to take off his

Mircarrahs

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"Hircarrahs &c. from Assim Cawn's House, and
"allow him to come to the Durbar and return from
"it to his own House as he may think proper for
"settling his accounts, for the space of one month.
"That on removing the Hircarrahs, he will inform the
"Governor of it, and request that he will give no Protection
"to Assim Cawn or his Family."

"That he hopes in Consequence thereof, that the
"Governor will send to Assim Cawn to tell him that
"Government will afford no Protection to the Nabob's
"Servants, and that he must go to the Durbar to settle
"his accounts, and should he refuse to come to the
"Durbar that the Governor will deliver him up, on the
"Condition that no violence shall be offered to his Person,
"except Imprisonment; in which Case his Family &
"Friends shall have free access to him, that it be agreed
"between the Nabob and the Governor, that if Assim Cawn
"does not settle his accounts within one month, the
"Nabob shall be at liberty to deal with him according
"to the Laws of the Country. That this agreement between
"the Nabob and the Governor shall be kept secret from
"Assim Cawn and his Friends, in order that he may have
"no Hopes but in His Highness's Benevolence; and
"that thereby the Nabob's authority over his Dependents

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"may be preserved, — That he hopes the Governor will
"shew the World that he will, in support of the Nabob's
"authority, act up to the Spirit of his Minute, That he
"wants nothing more than this, to be supported in his
"Right of Sovereignity and authority over his Servants
"and Dependants."

The President approved of what the Nabob proposed, and assured the Amer, that no Protection would be given by Government to Persons dependant on the Nabob, who should refuse to render Justice to the Circar.

As the Governor was that Day going out of Town for the benefit of his health, the Amer requested, that the removal of the Pions and S. Circar: Cutcherys from Assim Cawn's House might be delayed until his Return, to which the Governor assented, and on Friday the 25th of April, the Morning after his Arrival, he wrote to the Amer to remind him of Assim Cawn's Business, and to desire it may be put in a Train of Arrangement as soon as possible. In consequence of which the Amer waited upon the Governor the 26th — The following is a narrative of what passed on that Occasion, as well as since that Period.

The Amer desired that the Paper which he had shewn to the Governor the 11th Instant on the Subject

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Subject, might again be read; after which the
Annes said, that the Peons and Hircarahs were all to
be removed from Assim Cawn's House the next Day,
and he hoped the Governor would desire Assim Cawn
to wait on the Nabob to settle his accounts, and to in-
:form him that he should not be protected if he
failed to do so.

The Governor assured the Annes he would
do every thing that was consistent and proper for sup-
:porting the Nabob Walajah in all his Rights, agree-
:ble to the Spirit of the minute which he had lately
laid before the Board, and promised to send a Message
to Assim Cawn to the Purport required by the Nabob.—

On the Morning of the 27th of April 1788,
the President received the following Card from His
Highness the Nabob Walajah.

Chepauk Sunday 27th April 1788

"His Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahauder
"presents his Compliments to Sir Archibald Campbell,
"and begs to inform him that he has removed the Net-
:carrahs and Peons from the House of Assim Cawn,
"But as he is largely indebted to the Circar, he hopes that
"Sir Archibald agreeable to the Resolution of the Board
"of the 15th of January, will afford no Protection to
"him

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"him or any of his Family, and Sir Archibald will
"please to send Word to Assim Caun by his Dubash, that
"he must attend the Durbar to settle his Accounts, and
"is to expect no Protection from the English Government."

Soon after the receipt of the above Card, Ameer
ul Omrah Bahauder sent to the Governor a Paper
containing the Report of the three Cauns who had been
sent by His Highness the Nabob Walajah to Assim
Caun of which the following is a Transcript. The
Attorney General & Mr. Sulivan was present at the
reading of it. — 19 Rejib 1201 or
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"We Najiff Caun, Birdemustan Caun, &—
"Murmoden Mahomed Caun, sent by His
"Highness the Nabob Walajah's Order, / whom God
"preserve / to Assim Caun, with a Message from His
"Highness, That, His Highness had now set him
"at Liberty and desired us to take away all the Peons
"and Hircarrahs, and that he may in perfect Con-
"fidence come to the Durbar, and return from it as
"before, to settle his Account."

To which he answered

"I cannot go to the Durbar until all
"my Accounts are settled in my own House, and

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"a full Discharge given me, and of this I am resolved
"To which we replied, The Nabob has given his word of
"Honor to the Governor, that for the time limited for
"settling his accounts, he would not imprison or dis-
"honor him, and that the Governor would give him
"no Protection, to which he again answered, that he
"could not help it, that he would not go out until he
"got his Discharge".

"We again replied, if you were at Arcot, or
"Hydrabad, would you act thus? — When he said "it
"is very true I could not do so there, but I have taken my
"Resolution here".

On Mr. Sullivan's quitting the Presidents'
Room, Mr. Haliburton brought the Translation of
Assim Cawn's Persian Letter, sent to him the 25th of the
Month for the purpose of being translated.

This Letter was addressed to the Governor and
Council contrary to Custom, it was read over while Mr.
Haliburton stood with the Governor, and nothing
very particular passed, except the Governor declaring
his good Opinion of Assim Cawn, and his good will
towards him, but that no Dependents of the Nabob
could be protected by Government, so long as they

refused

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refused to settle their accounts with the Circar.

Mr Haliburton having retired the

President sent his head Native Servant Tellesinga

Pillah with the following Message in writing to

Afsim Cawn. 27 April 1788"

1st Message

"Tellesinga will wait on Afsim

"Cawn, and acquaint him, that the Governor congra-

"tulates him on hearing from the Nabob Walajah,

"that he has been this Day pleased to remove every

"Degree of Restraint that had been laid upon him."

"Sir Archibald Campbell hopes, that this

"will prove the means of restoring Afsim Cawn to the

"gracious Favour of his Prince, from whom the Governor

"is certain he will receive marks of Regard and

"Protection, on his manifesting a chearful Disposition

"to settle accounts, and render Justice to the Circar.

"The Governor recommends to Afsim Cawn,

"in the strongest terms to wait immediately upon the

"Nabob, and to acquaint him, that he will settle all

"his accounts in a fair and honourable manner, and

"thinks it his Duty at the same time to apprize the Cawn,

"that no Delay ought to take Place in adjusting,

"This

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"his Accounts with the Nabob, as the Protection
"of this Government cannot be granted to any of the
"Dependents of His Highness who shall decline render-
"ing a just account of their Transactions, or refuse to
"pay the just Debts they may have incurred to the Circar."

Sunday Afternoon
27th April 1788

Agreable to the Governor's Order Tellenga
waited upon Ajum Cawn, and read the Governor's
Message, which he afterwards explained in his own
Language.

The Cawn briefly answered, that about 24
years ago he rented the Palnaud Country, for 4 years,
two years accounts of which were settled 20 years ago,
and the other two years 18 years ago: at these times he
was not Dewan.

Five years before Tanjore was reduced he
was Dewan, and three years before the late War, in
all 5 years.

He has no Accounts to settle with the
Nabob, but is accused by His Highness of taking
Bribes, which if proved he is ready to pay.

He wishes the Governor to grant him a
Robe

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Cawle to secure his Person from Injury or Insult, &
there he will go to the Durbar and obey the Governor's
Orders in all Respects.

He will send an Answer more fully in
writing to Morrow.

In the Evening the Governor sent Tellesinga
with a Second Message in Writing to Ayscum Cawn
of which the following is a Copy.

2d Message

Sunday 8 o Clock Evening

"Telesinga is desired by the Governor to return
"to Ayscum Cawn, and acquaint him, that he may
"wait upon the Nabob without any apprehension of
"receiving Injury or affront, or having his Honor in any
"Degree violated."

"To acquaint Ayscum Cawn, that the Governor
"considers this Assurance as effectual as a Cawle and
"that he may rely upon it with equal Confidence —
"To grant a formal Cawle to Ayscum Cawn on this Occasion
"would be irregular and improper, because he is a
"Dependent on the Circar, and the Matters to be adjusted
"regards His Highness and the Cawn

"The Governor again repeats his earnest
"Recommendation to Ayscum Cawn, to lose no time in
making

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"making his humble Submission to the Nabob,
"whose humane and generous Heart is always
"open to acts of Friendship and Liberality. — That
"he would implore His Highness to overlook past
"Errors and restore him again to his wonted Favour
"and Friendship. By this means the Governor is persuaded
"that all Matters will be settled in a friendly man-
"ner and according to Justice, but there must not be
"any Delay, otherwise Aysim Cawn can never expect
"to regain the Nabobs good opinion and Confidence"

On Tellesinga's Return from Aysim Cawn
he delivered the following Report of his Second Interview
with the Cawn.

Sunday night 10 o Clock.
27th April 1788

Tellesinga read the Governor's Second message
carefully over to Aysim Cawn, and explained the whole
fully to him; who answered, that the Nabob and the
amer had sent Majeff Cawn and other People of Dis-
deration to him with a Promise of Cole, and gave him
Assurances that His Highness the Nabob and amar
ul Omrah should bring it with them to Aysim Cawns
own House, He would rather decline that Visit, and
requests the Governor would favour him by getting the
Cole

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Cowle sent to him, after which he entreats the Governor to invite the Nabob and the amer to the Company's Gardens, sending for him / Assim Cawn / at the same time, and taking him by the Hand, present him to them, recommending him to their Clemency and Protection, and requesting that his Honor and Property may not be injured, and all accounts settled in the Name of God according to Justice and Equity.

If the Governor shall be pleased to comply with this Request, he promises to submit himself to the Nabob and the Amer in the Governor's Presence, and to ask their Pardon and Forgiveness.

Monday Morning
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H.H. is Highness amerul Omrah sent a Message to the Governor desiring to see Mr. Montgomery Campbell, who waited upon him immediately.

Mr. Campbell acquainted H.H. is Highness of the Measures the Governor had pursued yesterday concerning Assim Cawn, with which his Highness expressed himself very much pleased, But he objected to the last Proposal made by Assim Cawn, desiring the Governor should request the Nabob to meet him at the Company's Gardens — The amer said that such an Interview would be degrading to the Nabob,

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as it would be putting his Dewan on a Footing with him, which he trusted the Governor would not approve of. The Answer denied his Father having offered to go to Assim Cawn's House to give him Battle, and declared, that neither he nor his Father ever had any such Intention.

The Answer said, that after his Father had assured the Governor that he would receive Assim Cawn with Kindness, that the Governor might absolutely rely upon it, that no Insult or Indignity would be offered to him. — that if Assim Cawn would wait on him immediately on his Father, he was confident he would receive him kindly, would embrace him give him Battle, and grant him Forgiveness.

On Mr. Campbell's reporting the above Conversation to the Governor he sent Tellesinga to Assim Cawn with the following written Message.

Monday Morning
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"The Governor desires that Tellesinga will "return to Assim Cawn, acquaint him, that it will "afford him the greatest Pleasure to see a compleate "Reconciliation effected between the Nabob & Assim "Cawn. The Governor however does not think it would be

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"he propes to ask His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic,
"to come to the Governor's Gardens for the express purpose of
"being reconciled to one of his own Dependents."

"Sir Archibald Campbell repeats to Assim Caun
"his serious advice to go immediately to Chepauk House,
"and ask Forgiveness from His Highness for all that is
"past. The Governor can assure Assim Caun, that he may
"depend upon being kindly received by the Nabob Walajah
"and his Family, that the Nabob will treat him with
"the greatest Politeness, and shew him Favour as soon as
"he enters his House."

To this Message Tellesinga brought back
the following Report. — That Assim Caun was afraid to
go to the Durbar unless the Governor would give him a
safe Escort thither, either by carrying him there himself, or by some
other means, having learnt that Dishonour is in-
tended to him on his going thither. but he is willing
to settle all accounts with His Highness according to
Justice, and consents to be detained under the Governor's
Orders until that is effected.

To satisfy the Nabob, he will leave the
whole of his Property and Effects in His Highness's
Hands, and quitting this Country, will retire to some
other to seek Bread for his Family, taking with him
nothing besides the Cloth he wears.

As it is not agreeable to the Governor that
he

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he should meet the Nabob at the Company's Gardens, he asks the Favour of the Governor to accompany him to the Park, and there recommend him to His Highness's Lenity and Protection, after he has received the Role from the Nabob which has been promised to him.

He requests that a Public Letter may be written in the strongest Terms from the Governor to the Nabob recommending him to the general Protection of His Highness, and that the same together with the Nabob's answer be entered upon the Company's Records for future Reference if necessary. He also begs to be favoured with a Copy of the Nabob's answer certified by the Governor.

If the Governor will give him Permission he will wait on him at the Company's Gardens to repre: sent his Case in Person.

This Evening the Governor received a Card from the Amer of which the following is a Copy.

Triplicane House
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"To His Highness the Nabob Amer ul "Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to "Sir Archibald Campbell, & is desired by His "Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahauder, to inform the

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"the Governor, that the Message sent to Azim Caun
"yesterday was conceived in the politest Terms, as will
"appear by the Translation of it which was sent to
"Sir Archibald Campbell notwithstanding this, and
"that the Governor afterwards sent two Messages to Azim
"Caun, yet he still remains refractory, and has hitherto
"delayed attending upon his Master, that if something
"decisive is not done, as he now conceives himself to be a
"Man of so great Consequence, and seems by his Reply
"to the Governor's second Message to expect a Thing which
"has not nor ever can be done; every Delay will
"encrease his Contumacy and his Contempt for the Nabob's
"Authority in which he is encouraged by some idle
"Persons who are always seeking Occasion to throw Obsta-
"cles in the way of the Nabob. In order therefore that the
"Governor and the Nabob may not have any further trouble
"or uneasiness in this Business, His Highness Walajah
"requests the Governor will be so good to send the following
"short Message to Azim Caun."

"To His Highness the Nabob Walajah having
"agreed to your Request, so far as relates to the Safety
"of your Person and Honor, and as the Governor has no
"Doubt of His Highness's abiding by his Promise, he
"expects you will attend upon your Master in his
"Durbar by or before 10 o'Clock to Morrow Forenoon,

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"any further Delay cannot be attended with any
"Good to you, and the Governor hopes you will not give
"him any more Trouble in this Business."

"His Highness Walajah conceives this message
"will have the desired Effect of shortening the Business,
"and he requests it may be sent this Evening, and that
"if Asim Cawn be told at the same Time, the Governor cannot
"admit his waiting upon him before he has attended
"upon his own Masters; and that he is not to expect any
"further Countenance whatever from the English Govern-
:ment, but must trust entirely to the Nabob's Bene-
:volence.—The Nabob Walajah on his part notwith-
:standing the ill Behaviour of Asim Cawn, which
"has never been equalled by any of his Servants since
"he has been Nabob of the Carnatic will strictly abide
"by the Papers, which from his Respect for Sir Archibald
"Campbell's Friendship he agreed to on the 11th Instant;
"Asim Cawn cannot therefore have any thing now
"to fear for his Person or Honour."

Monday Evening the Governor sent
Tellinga again with the following written Message
to Asim Cawn.

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"The Governor directs Tellenga to return
to

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"to Asim Cawn, and to acquaint him that he is by
"no means satisfied with his want of Confidence in the
"repeated Assurances he has given him, that His Person
"and his Honor will be perfectly secure from Injury of
"every Kind, and that he ought not to entertain a Doubt
"of the Nabob's rigid adherence to the Promise he volun-
"tarily Gave the Governor, of shewing him Favour on
"his applying to his Highness in a becoming and res-
"pectful manner."

"Sir Archibald Campbell once more
"recommends to Asim Cawn, to wait upon the Nabob
"without loss of Time; if his visit was on or before ten
"o'clock to morrow Morning the more it will result
"to the Credit and advantage of Asim Cawn; a further
"Delay cannot be attended with any good Consequence
"and the Governor expects it will not be necessary for
"him to send again to the Cawn on this Subject."

"Sir Archibald Campbell would be glad
"at any other Period than the present, to receive a
"Visit from Asim Cawn, but after what has passed,
"he cannot on any account permit him to wait
"upon him, until he has been admitted to the Presence
"of his Master, and has made his dutiful submis-
"sion to him."

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At 10 o Clock at Night Tellesinga returned from Assim Caun, and delivered the following Answer to the Governors Message of this Evening.—

Monday Night
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Tellesinga went to Assim Caun according to the Governors Order, and delivered and explained to him the Governors Message of this Evening.—

The Caun still conceiving that Dishonour is intended him at the Durbar, is nevertheless willing to comply with the Governors advice to go there after getting the promised Pole and in Confidence of the Governors Assurances and make his Submission to the Nabob, but as he cannot think of leaving his Family involved with him in any thing that may happen to him, he entreats that the Governor will be pleased to protect them, and to engage a Vessel to take his Lowand Family to Masulipatam, the Expence of which he will pay, and that he will abide his Fate here by himself.—

Assim Caun is much indisposed this Evening, of which Tellesinga was a Witness, and only will require Time to recover, to wait on the Nabob, and to submit himself in all Respects.— Lest

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Lest it should be suspected that his Family carry any Property with them besides their Cloathing, he has no objection to Women of Confidence being sent to search them.

Should any further Doubt remain respecting himself, he has no objection after the Departure of his Family to a Guard being placed at his House, or to give Security for his Person.

Tuesday Evening
30th April 1788

The Governor directed Mr. Montgomery Campbell to wait upon the Annees to settle various Points of Business which required Dispatch, and desired he would at the same time give it as the Opinion of Sir Archibald Campbell, that in order to remove all Doubts and apprehensions from the Mind of Assim Cawn as to the safety of his Life or his Honor, in going to the Durbar, the Governor would recommend it to His Highness the Nabob, to grant Assim Cawn the written Cowle he desired.

The Annees said, it was unusual for the Nabob to do more than grant a verbal Cowle to any of his own Dependents, but he knew the Regard the Nabob paid to the Opinion of Sir Archibald Campbell, and he would therefore prepare the Draft of a written Cowle to be laid before the Nabob next Day.

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Thursday 1st May 1788

The Governor received a Card from the
Nabob Walajah, of which the following is a Copy.—

Shepauk House
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"His Highness the Nabob Walajah
"Behauder presents his Compliments to Sir Archibald
"Campbell— It is not necessary for His Highness to
"represent the mildness and Lenity with which his
"Government has ever been administered towards all
"his Subjects and Servants, this is fully known to the World,
"and the steps which he has taken at the Private Recom-
"mendation of his Friend, Sir Archibald Campbell, in
"regard to Ysim Caun, are Convincing Proof of his Cle-
"mency, His Highness cannot but observe however,
"that this man who owes his Fortune and present
"Rank to His Highness's Favour, takes advantage of
"his forbearing disposition, to propose Conditions with
"his master which he knows are uncustomary, &
"inconsistent with His Highness's Dignity, Since
"Ysim Caun incurred His Highness's Displeasure
"by his obstinate Refusal to settle his accounts, & His
"Highness has taken every Step to bring him to a proper
"Sense of his Duty; He has repeatedly sent a Deputa-
"tion of some of the Principal Cauns of his Durbar,
advising

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"advising him to come and settle his accounts, giving
"at the same time the strongest assurances that he should
"suffer no Injury whatever in his Person or Honor, but he
"constantly refused to come to him, the Governor has also sent
"several Messages to the same purpose, but without effect. -
"He still pretends to fear that something is intended against
"his Honor and Person, but the Fact is, he knows that a fair
"Settlement of accounts will give a great Sum against him
"for Monies secreted and embezzled by him, and he is
"afraid to part with his ill gotten Wealth. - This is the real
"Cause of his Reluctance to attend the Durbar, and in this
"he is encouraged and upheld by People who are interested
"therein, by being concerned with him in Money
"Transactions. - His Highness, willing still to give
"fresh Proofs of his Lenity, has at the Instance of his Friend
"Sir Archibald Campbell, drawn up a Cowle, in writing
"under his seal and signature, and sent it to Ajum Cawn,
"a Translation of it is enclosed herein for Sir Archibald's
"Information, though his Highness doubts whether
"this Condescension in him, may not encourage Ajum
"Cawn to make some other Requisitions, for he must
"observe, this is the first time he ever granted a Cowle in
"writing to any of his Servants or Dependents, his bare
"word having always been considered by them as equal
"to any writing whatever."

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"His Highness is persuaded Sir Archibald
"Campbell will agree, that he has now gone as far as he
"possibly can in compliance with Asoph Dowla's Desire,
"indeed much further than was consistent with his
"own Dignity; and he hopes no other Proposals or
"Requisitions will be made, but that Asoph Dowla
"will immediately attend at the Durbar."

"Postcript." "Since writing the above His Highness's
"People have returned with the Cowle from Asoph Dowla,
"and a Refusal on his Part to accept it, he has also had the
"Insolence to send a Cowle drawn up by himself for His
"Highness to sign and to swear to the observance of. This
"Highness cannot help thinking, that the mildness of
"his Friend Sir Archibald Campbell's Messages as well
"as his own with the Protection he has met with from some
"of the Company's Servants and others, have given this
"Man encouragement to act in so undutiful and
"extraordinary a Manner. Having already given his
"Friend every Assurance he required in regard to this
"Business, it remains with him to determine, whether
"the Resolution of the Government of 15th January is to be
"rendered nugatory or effectual. As soon as a
"Translation can be made of the Cowle Asoph Dowla
"had the Presumption to propose, His Highness will

send

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"send it to his Friend as a matter of Curiosity.

Translation of the Mutchulka sent to
Asim Caun by the Nabob Walajah

"I know your apprehensions of my Displea-
"sure, the Cause of which is known to you, makes you
"afraid to come to me, I therefore write you that you may
"with a cheerful Heart attend upon me according to your
"usual Custom, for I will protect your Life, your Character
"and Honour, and I will settle accounts with you, in a
"just Manner any my Durbar."

"Consider this Paper as a solemn Cowle
"granted you from our Presence."

Friday 2d May 1788.

The Governor received a Card from the Nabob
Walajah of which the following is a Copy.

Chepauk House 2d May 1788

"His Highness the Nabob Walajah Behauder
"presents his Compliments to Sir Archibald Campbell,
"and agreable to his Promise now sends a Translation of
"the curious Cowle proposed by Asim Caun, that If His
"Highness should grant and swear to the Performance
"of.—He begs to bring to Sir Archibald's Recollection
"that when Asim Caun was sent on an Embassy to
"Bengal during the Governments of Mr Smith and

Lord

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"Lord Macartney, and required by the Government
"General to make Oath to some Facts they wished to be
"particularly informed of, he refused to submit to it as
"tending to disgrace him; from which Sir Archibald will
"be able to form a Judgment of the Extent to which this
"Man pushes his Insolence, when he requires from his
"Master that which it appears he considered would
"have dishonoured himself."

Copy of Translation of Afsim Caun's proposed
Oath in his own Hand Writing

"Oath in the Name of Afsim Caun"

"A Guard having been placed upon the
"House of the said Caun, he has undergone much
"Hardship and Distress for these four Months past, which
"has created in him apprehensions for his Life, his Cha-
"racter and Honour, under this fear he made appli-
"cation by writing to the Governor and Council for Protection,
"and he now apprehends that the Circar's Muttesedis
"will require unjust accounts from him, and make
"use of Force to prove them against him, these Reasons
"have doubled his Fears, to satisfy the said Caun therefore,
"I do hereby give him the most solemn Oath Namah
"and swear in the Name of God and his Prophet, and

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"upon the Holy Alcoran, that I have no Intention what-
"ever to injure his Life, his Character or Honour, or to oppress
"him, and I do again swear that in settling the matter of
"his Embezzlements, I will not make use of any violent
"or coercive measures; that if any Person comes voluntarily
"and of his own accord, and informs me that he has paid
"Money to Aysin Caun, I will receive his Information
"and appoint proper people to make an Enquiry and to
"do Justice, I further declare upon my Oath, that I
"will attend myself in Person, and settle in such a
"manner that Aysin Caun shall not have the
"smallest uneasiness of mind, and though he has
"taken this Step of writing to the Governor and Council,
"yet for the sake of the Prophet, and in consideration
"of Aysin Caun's Integrity and Goodness, I do entirely
"forgive him, not only this Fault, but all others which he
"may have committed whether known or unknown
"to me; nor have I now any Claims remaining upon
"Aysin Caun; He is therefore with a chearful mind to
"attend upon me in my Durbar as usual, nor is he
"to have the least Fear or apprehension of any kind
"whatever."

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Translation of the Cawns Representation of
what passed between him and Assim Cawn on
the 1st May 1788

"We Mahomed Nejeib Cawn, Noor
"ud dien Mahomed Cawn, and Buddar Islam Cawn,
"on Thursday the 23d Rejeb 1202 Hegery / 1st May 1788/
"waited upon Khoujah Assim Cawn, by Order of His
"Highness the Nabob with a strong Cowle under His
"Highness's own seal and signature, as His Highness
"the Nabob had never shewn such Honour and
"Favour to any one of His Servants, we conceived the
"said Cawn would upon sight of the Cowle repair
"to the Presence, and accordingly delivered it to him,
"telling him that when he first came to the Nabob
"he was in the most abject and distressful Condition;
"that His Highness had conferred great Honours
"and unbounded Favours upon him, but that he had
"forgotten past Favour, that His Highness had done
"him more Honour than was done to any Servant,
"in granting him a written Cowle which is only given
"between Persons of equality."

"The said Cawn returned His Highness's
Cowle

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"Cowle to us and produced the Draft of one he had prepared
"and kept ready in his House, and which is couched in
"Terms dishonourable to the Great, and very unfit for any
"Person to agree to, much less that the Prince of the Country
"and his Masters should put his seal and Signature to
"it, this he delivered to us, saying, he must have such a
"Cowle, We told him, if he was apprehensive for his
"Life or Honours, or was afraid of being imprisoned, His
"Highness had given him a Cowle, Why then did he
"require a Writing conceived in such Terms. That it
"was dishonourable to His Highness the Nabob,
"and that he would not agree to it."

"We then came away with the
"Cowle signed and Sealed by His Highness which
"the Cawn had returned to us."

(Signed) "Mahomed Najeb Cawn"

"Noor-ul-Deen Mahomed Cawn"

"Buddar-ul-Islam Cawn"

(Signed) Arch.d Campbell

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The President lays before the Board a Letter received by him from Assim Caun, read in Council the 29th ultimo and entered in the Country Correspondence No 47 detailing the services he has rendered to His Highness the Nabob for these 30 years past, and expressing his apprehensions that by visiting the Durbar, now he has unhappily fallen under the Displeasure of his Highness the Nabob, and of the arrear, he will be disgraced, and himself and Family ruined — The Caun proceeds to declare his wish, that his accounts were finally arranged in a just Equitable manner, and that he will adopt any mode to effect this object, not derogatory to his Honor. —

Substance of a Letter from Assim Caun

The President proposes that a Copy of Assim Caun's Letter be sent to the Nabob. —

Agreed that the President be requested to send to the Nabob a Copy of Assim Caun's Letter. —

Resolved also that the Query proposed in the President's Minute be sent to Mr. Attorney General Sulivan and that the Secretary be directed to afford him any Communication which may be necessary from the Records in his Office. —

The Attorney General to be called upon as suggested by the President. —

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board, with the Enclosures entered in H. B. N.s 27. 28. 29

Hospital

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Hospital Board

12th May 1788

Proceedings of the Hospital Board - Mr Baine declines the Hospital at Vellore - Mr Gordon makes application to be employed - Mr Cahagan recommended for the General Hospital at Vellore, & Mr Bourie to be appointed full Surgeon, and stationed with the 3d Regiment of European Infantry

The Honorable Board having been pleased to nominate Mr Duffin to succeed to the vacancy at the Hospital Board, occasioned by the Death of Mr Davis, the Hospital Board communicated to Mr Baine the Orders of Government respecting him, and have the honor to enclose Mr Baine's answer, -

Read a Letter from Mr Gordon, with Memorandums annexed. The Hospital Board being incapable of deviating from the Opinion formerly given, respecting that Gentleman, have the honor of enclosing his claims, for the consideration of Government. Sensible of the distresses Mr Gordon at present labours under, and of his former good services, beg leave to recommend him

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to the attention of Govern:
which from his readiness still
to come forward on a vacancy
they think incumbent on
themselves to do.

Read a letter from Mr
Gahagan, claiming the succ:
:ession to Vellore Hospital,
in consequence of Mr Duffin's
removal to Madras, which
the Hospital Board have
the honor to enclose to Govern:
:ment - from his Seniority &
attention to that Hospital,
they beg leave to recommend
him to succeed to the vacancy
occasioned by Mr Duffin's
removal; and in case Govern:
:ment approve of this ar:
:rangement, they beg leave
to recommend - Mr Bowie,
eldest Assistant Surgeon to be
appointed full Surgeon; and
Stationed with the 3d Regt:
:ment European Infantry;

(Signd) Edwd Atkinson
Secy
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The appointments for Mssrs Gahagan & Bowie approved

The Board approve the Recommendations made in favor of Mr. Gahagan and Mr. Bowie, and it is in Consequence agreed that their appointments be notified in General Orders.

Minute in favor of Mr. Gordon to be allowed a Gratuity of 50 Pags. P Mensem.

With respect to the Claim made by Mr. Gordon, the Board are of opinion, that his long and active Services during a period of 29 years in which he has uniformly Conducted himself so well as to obtain the approbation of those under whom he was placed, merit some particular mark of favor and attention; and it is in consequence agreed, that he be in future permitted to draw an Extra Gratuity of Pagodas 50 P month;

Resolved also that it be recommended to the Hospital Board to station Mr. Gordon at any Chiefship or Residency where there may be a Vacancy, and that it be suggested that Mr. Gordon may possibly be employed at Ingeram with advantage to the Service.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

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

From the Military Board reporting on a Letter from Major Dugald Campbell in respect to the Pay of a Field Officer of Cavalry, & on the Claim of Major Burrowes to Off Allowances.

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Sharniers Letters of the 9th & 30th Ultimo

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ultimo — with their several Enclosures from Majors Dugald Campbell, and Burrowes.

The Pay of a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major of Cavalry, was settled in consequence of our Proceedings of 21st September 1787, and we see no matter in Major Dugald Campbell's Letter, which should induce us to alter our former opinion on this Subject.

It appears by the General Orders of 24th February 1780, — when the Pybendy Corps was established, that additional Pay was allowed to Major Burrowes and the other Officers acting in that Corps; — It also appears by the same Orders, that the Cloathing, and Half-mounting, were furnished at the Company's Expence, and that no stoppages were to be made from the Sepoys. — We are therefore of Opinion, that as no provision was made for Off-reckonings either from the Commandant or any of the Officers, of all, or any one of the Battalions, that Major Burrowes Claims as Off-reckonings as Commandant of those Battalions, is not admissible.

We have the Honor to be, with perfect Respect,

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

J Capper

Patrick Ross

James Eidington

Henry Malcolm

James Campbell

Wm Sydenham

J Moorhouse

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agreed

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Opinions Confirmed

Agreed that the opinions above given be confirmed, and Communicated to Major Burrowes, & Major Dugald Campbell, —

Read the following Reports from the Committee of Stores with Enclosures entered in Mr. Pro. No. 3031

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

President and Governor &c. in Council of

Fort St George

From the Committee of Stores, enclosing a Petition from Mr. Rodgers conductor of Stores in the arsenal, for an encrease of allowance — Recommending the unsiz: Perishable Stores be sold at Public Outcry

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to transmit enclosed, a Petition addressed to your Honors &c. from Mr. Rodgers Conductor of Stores in the Arsenal to the same Purport as one addressed to us which was read at our last Meeting and entered on the Proceedings.

We have every reason to think that the Matters set forth in these Petitions are justly founded, and although we do not conceive ourselves warranted on such Ground alone, to recommend any Increase of allowance to be made to Mr. Rodgers,

yet

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yet as it appears that during a Period of 23 years he has been employed in the Honorable Company's Service in the arsenal, he has conducted himself with the greatest Fidelity and attention to his Duty, and that the Business of his particular Department has, in Consequence of late Regulations been so much increased, as to have obliged him to employ Assistants at his own Expence to enable him to discharge his Duty, We beg leave to recommend his Case to your honors &c Consideration and to suggest that instead of his having any Increase of Pay as Conductor of Stores, which might occasion Similar applications from others in that Station, an Extra allowance of six Pagodas P Month be made to him expressly for the Care of the Camp Equipage in the Arsenal which is now become a very extensive Charge, and has already subjected Mr Rodgers, ill as his Circumstances could afford

An Increase of allowance cannot be admitted — any assistance that can be given to Mr Rodgers by the Committee of Stores should be afforded, upon a future Occasion attention will be paid to his Exertion —

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afford it, to some personal Expence, which the Honorable Board granting this allowance will in future enable him to defray and to perform his Duty in the manner that will be expected of him, and that the Service requires. Leaving in Consequence of your Commands signified to us in a letter from Wm Secretary Charnier of the 16th Instant made a particular Inspection of the Tools & Materials on the Works reported unserviceable by the Chief Engineer.

We are of Opinion that their Condition entirely corresponds to that report, and therefore Recommend that the Committee of Works be directed to have them sold at Public Out Cry, as the most eligible mode of Disposing of them.

We have the Honorable with great respect.

&c &c

Approved

Fort St George
30th April 1788

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Sign'd J Capper
Wm Petrie
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham

To

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

President and Governor &c in Council

Fort St George

From the Committee of Stores with a List of Stores received last Month.—

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to enclose you Copy of a List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper last Month Musters of which we examined and approved.

We at the same time received from the Contractors yard Sixty Black four Carts, twenty five Arrack Carts, and one hundred Double yokes new Pattern, which we examined and finding them made of good Materials and well finished we ordered them to be received on the Company's Stock

We have the Honorable
Hon. &c.

Signed J Capper
Wm Petrie
Wm Sydenham
G Moorhouse
Read

approved

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Read the following Letter from Major

Dugald Campbell

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

Governor and Commander in Chief &c.a &c.a in Council

Honble Sir,

From Major Dugald Campbell, states the Number of Horses wanted to compleat the Native Cavalry, and the Sum required to purchase them

I have the honor to acquaint you, that Seven hundred Horses are wanted to Compleat the Native Cavalry, and to request that either money or Bonds may be granted for purchasing them, the proceduce of the Bonds formerly given being nearly Expended the particulars accounts of which I shall lay before you as soon as possible.

I am now under Engagements for several Hundred Horses, that I expect in a few Months, if Bonds are to be given, I should be happy to avail myself of the present favorable opportunity of discounting as many as may be necessary — allowing for the Casualties that may occur, before the Cavalry are mounted, I conceive that the amount of Eighty Thousand Pagodas in Bonds will be required, to accomplish that desireable object.

From the great Encouragement given to the Dealers, since I have been honored with this

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Important Charge, I have the strongest reason to hope that a better market will soon be established here, than has been known in the Carnatic, and that it will, on Emergency, enable you to increase your Cavalry to a degree of Consequence hitherto unknown in India.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect, &c. &c.

Madras
13th May 1788

Signd Dug. Campbell
Major Agent for Purchasing Horses

Bonds for 40,000 Pagodas to be issued

Agreed that an Issue of 40,000 Pagodas, be made in Company's Bonds and delivered to Major Dugald Campbell for the purpose of purchasing Horses.

The Consideration of the remainder deferred

With respect to the further Sum of Pagodas 40,000 stated by Major Campbell to be necessary to the completion of the Corps, the Board will hereafter pass their Orders when they shall determine upon the expediency of completing the Cavalry with Horses.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam with Enclosures entered in Miscellany Book No. 32. 33.

To

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

Governor in Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam stating that Captain Prescott has been ordered in arrest, and requesting a Court Martial may be assembled to try him.

We have the Honor herewith to transmit to you, Extracts from our Proceedings of the 21st and 28th Inst.t and have only to remark, that we felt much concern at being obliged to adopt those measures with respect to Captain Prescott, which, the nature of his conduct in the present instance has, however, rendered unavoidably necessary.

Having required the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison, to order Captain Prescott under an arrest, and to apply, thro' the proper channel, to the Comr: in Chief for a Court Martial, we trust you will see the necessity of giving such support to the authority due to our Stations, as will induce the Comr: in Chief to bring matters to a public issue with all convenient dispatch to the Service.

We have the Honor to be

very respectfully Yr. Hble

[Signed]

Anth: Sadleir

James Hodges

W Dobbyn

Masulipatam

30th April 1788

The

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the Conduct of the Chief and Council at Masulipatam in support of the Civil Authority with which they are invested, and it is agreed to assure them, that no infringement of it will be suffered without the most pointed marks of the displeasure of Government.—

a Court Martial to be assembled

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to give the necessary Orders for the assembling a Court Martial for the trial of Captain Prescott.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter sent to him by Captain Crawford at Arnee.—

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

From Captain Crawford at Arnee, enclosing Letter to him from the Officers of his Battalion requesting to be allowed half Batta while they were considered as forming part of the Cantonment at Wandiwash.—

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter I received from the Officers of the 6th Battalion, requesting to be allowed Half Batta from the time they came into this Garrison till the time they were finally fixed here, the same as the other Corps of the Cantonment from whence they drew their pay, for I know that in expectation of taking the Field or Returning to the Southward they retained their Bullocks during that time, I beg leave to recommend their application to your attention.— I have the Honor to be,

&c.&c.

Signd Art.r Crawford To

Arnee
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To Captain Arthur Crawford

Commanding the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry

Sir

We the Officers of the 6th Battalion under your Command, request that you will lay before the Commander in Chief, the peculiar Predicament we have been in, since our arrival at Arnee the 26th of November till the late Order of the 1st of April by which we were Considered as the Garrison of this place.

During the interval of these two periods, besides the inconvenience which we did then, and do now feel, from the small confined Quarters, fitted up in a hurry, to cover us from the then expected Rains, we were at a Consiederable expence in keeping our Coolies, in expectation of taking the Field, or returning to the Southward after the Monsoon.

From these Considerations, we hope it will not be thought improper the Request we here beg of you to forward, that we may be allowed the Indulgence of Half Batta, the same as the other Corps at Warriore, during the time we were Considered as part of that Cantonment.

We have the Honor to be &c &c

R. Ogilvy Capt. Lieut.
D. Smith Lieut.
Ham. Hall Ensign
Alex.r Orr - Ensign
R. Robejet - Ens.r
J. Ward - Ens.r
D. Logan - Adj.t
A. Bannantine Assist. Surgeon -

Arnee
1st May 1788

[Signed]

John

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As the request of the officers of Captain Crawford's
approved Battalion seems reasonable it is agreed, that it be comp:
plied with.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant
Colonel Sydenham and Captain Brown,

To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham & Captain Brown. request to be allowed a small Spot of Ground at Pulicat

From an earnest wish on our part to pay
attention and Respect to the memory of two dear and
valuable Friends, who bravely fell in the Service of their Country
on the 27th of August 1781, at Pulicat; We take the liberty to
request that your Honor &c. will be pleased to grant us a
small Spot of Ground, at that place, of 430 Feet in length by
310 Feet broad, of which We have the honor to enclose a Sketch,
& which never having been cultivated or of the least use to the
Inhabitants We hope may be spared without inconvenience;
at the same time we shall consider ourselves under a particular
Obligation for a Grant which will put it in our power to
Discharge the Duties of Friendship towards Characters
distinguished equally by publick & private Esteem.

We have the honor to be, with great Respect,
&c. &c.
Signed Wm. Sydenham
Arch.d Brown

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Agreed that the above be referred to the Board of Revenue, and that it be recommended to their favorable Consideration.

To be referred to the Board of Revenue

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam

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

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam with a Plan and Estimate of Build: dings &c.—

Herewith we have the honor of transmitting to you, the accompanying Extract of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite, enclosing to us a Plan and Estimate of Buildings &c. which we beg leave to refer to you, that we may receive your Instructions regarding the same.

refer

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

Signed Antho. Sadleir
James Hodges
D Dobbyn

Masulipatam
5 May 1788

Ordered that the above be referred to the Chief Engineer and that he be desired to report thereon.

To be referred to the Chief Engineer

Read

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Read the following Letter from Lieut.
Colonel Lydenham, with Enclosure entered in M.B.

No 34.

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham, stating that some Barrack Articles not provided for by the late Regulations, are absolutely necessary.

The Military Pay masters General who supplies this Cantonment with Barrack articles having pointed out to me a few which have been constantly allowed, but which are not provided for by the late Regulations and acquainted me that the Order of the Honorable Board is necessary for their being continued, I take the liberty to submit them to your Consideration, and trust that their being of Public utility, and indispensibly necessary for the Health and Comfort of the Troops under my Command, will induce your Honor &c. to give orders accordingly.

Art. 1. "36 Bottles p Month for watering Trees"

The Expence of this is so trifling that I should not have mentioned them was it not to shew, that whatever is drawn here, beyond the Regulations is to serve a public purpose, in which light I have no doubt will be considered, the Care and preservation of the public avenues which have been planted at, and

these

provided

in

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in the Neighbourhood of the mount.

Art: 2 "Two Carts with Bullocks and Drivers for
"removing Filth and Rubbish from the Barrack
"yard, Cook Rooms &c and cleaning out the public
"Necessaries Morning and Evening."

When I came to the Command of this Station I found the public Necessaries in a Condition that must shortly have affected the Health of the Troops, being so particularly offensive as to render the Barracks uninhabitable, on which account I had the Vaults closed up, and other Conveniences provided which enable me with the assistance of the two Carts before mentioned to have the Filth removed every Morning and Evening to a great Distance, and made the Barracks sweet & Healthy and Comfortable; I am persuaded that I need not say any more on this Subject, to ensure the Continuance of the Carts which were originally Ordered by the Governor on a representation of their necessity without refering to Regulations Calculated for places that have Drains to remove the Evil, an advantage from which the Barracks at the Mount, on account of their high situation and being at a distance from Water, are entirely precluded.

The last Article is the Dooties which have been allowed to this Cantonment ever since it's first

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Establishment, and on this Subject I have the honor to
enclose a Letter from Mr. Adderton Surgeon of my Batt.n
to which I shall only take the liberty to add that besides
the purposes expressed therein, it has often been found
necessary to send a Dooly, and sometimes more, with
Soldiers passing the Mount to and from out Garrisons,
who have been taken sick and rendered incapable
of proceeding without such assistance.

I have the Honor to be with great
respect &c. &c.

Mount
8 May 1788

Signd Wm Sydenham
Lieut. Col.o Art.y

Agreed that the 36 Bolts and two Carts,
Minute thereon stated by Colonel Lydenham to be necessary be allowed
and paid by the Paymaster who is not to consider them as,
articles Barrack Articles.

With respect to the Doolies formerly allowed
D.o to the Cantonment at the Mount, it is agreed that 2 only
be in future attached to the Cantonment which it is
Incl.d will be sufficient for the purposes stated.

Read the following Letter from Captain
Foriss at Bombay.

To

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To the Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
President, Governor & Commander in Chief
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Captain Irwin at Bombay, states the Progress he has made in the Provision of Horses for the Cavalry.

Since I had the honor of writing you last, I am happy to inform you that I have received the Honorable Company's Horses by Pakes from Poona, and tho' they have suffered much from the detention & bad usage, no Casualties have happened.

The difficulties and Impediment I have met with in the execution of this service, owing to unforeseen accidents and the unsettled State of the Government, I shall not trouble you with, but must say in general Terms, that I have been impeded by every possible obstacle, however the Horses are now recovering fast, and I make no doubt but the Colts will be able to proceed to Madras in the Indus, which will sail in about ten days, for the the season for Landing at Anjengo has been lost this Year, I am determined; it ruined the Service shall not suffer, or my Employers be disappointed.

I confess I am much hurt at the additional Expence incurred by ships, as also the deviation from the

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the Original Plan, yet upon a Calculation I find it will be Cheaper in the end to the Company than keeping them here till next Season, or sending them to Anjango in Boats seven if to be procured so near the setting in of the Monsoon; and a further Consideration is, their becoming of immediate use to the Corps.

I have done all I can to bring the Captains of the Ships to Moderation, and the lowest price I can reduce them to is one hundred Rupees a Horse, Landed safe at Madras, but this is an expence I have provided against for next Season should you honor me with a Continuation of the Service; - as I have engaged Boats for 500 Horses at a moderate Rate, to go from Surat to Anjango, which will prevent any Molestation from the Country Powers in the Months of December and January, and as you seem anxious, by the last Letter I had the honor of receiving for a further supply, I shall return to the Northward as soon as the remaining Horses are sent away, where I shall Collect the Cattle in, and from the most distant parts of the Country, treating with the Dealers Conditionally till your determination arrives, this will give me an opportunity of Purchasing after the Rains when Horses are Cheapest, and will I hope make them answer the most sanguine

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sanguine expectations of Government.

I now send by the Victoria Captain Blake
5 C.d Horses on account of the Honorable Company. 58
were first on board, all sound, and in good Condition
but I am sorry to find two are since dead. I have made
him an advance of 4000 Rupees on account of Freight
and having procured a Passage for the remaining Horses
shall write to the Office at Anjango to return.

According to Orders I have purchased all
ages, as I consider this only a trial on which the Estab.
lishment of Cavalry may be founded. I must request
your Opinion particularizing what ages Horses you
would wish in future, as from my own observation I
think they should not be under five years old, as the
aged Horses seem to have undergone the fatigue better
than the Colts, and tho' more of them are materially
injured, it will take some time to bring them about.

I anxiously wait the arrival of General
Meadows, who when Convinced of the advantageous
mode the Cavalry may be supplied with Horses by the
first Scheme, I make no doubt will give me every assis-
tance and support, his appointment will enable him
and which in the present unsettled state of Affairs
is unexceptionable, otherwise the Anxiety of Mind, and the

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Personal exertions I have been obliged to make,
would really be too much for me to experience again,
as I have not a Second Person I can put the least Con-
fidence in, or that can give me the smallest relief,
and I must request two Sergeants, and two Farriers,
from the Cavalry to assist me, it would not only
render expedition, but be a means of having the Horses
taken Care of, when I might be in the Country on the
Collection, as they must be sent to one of our Residencies
for Security, till the stipulated Number is com-
pleted for the year or the Month of Embarkation arrives.

I hope I need not add, that I have made
every exertion in my power to execute your Commands
and establish the Service required, this I shall leave
to your Candour, and tho' the event may not entirely
have answered the Expectations I will ensure the
Success of the ensuing year, both in Force & Revenues,
having the most flattering Invitations to enter on
the Canterwar Country.

I have the Honor to remain
with respect.

Bombay
april 29th 1788

[Signed] John Torin
Captain Cavalry
Read

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Read the following Letter from Mr Williams Balfour, agent for the Captors of Pulicat.

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

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the agent for the Captured Pulicat requests that the Amount due them with Interest thereon may be discharged - encloses several Papers on the subject

As I understand that the Claims on the Honorable Company on account of Captures made during the last War are now in the Course of adjustment I take the liberty to address your Honor on the Part of Colonel John Clephinston and the Detachment who made a Prize of the Dutch Fort of Pulicat.

It were superfluous at this Period to trouble the present Government with a Recital of the disinterested and liberal manner in which the Captors conducted themselves, when they not only threw all the Grain and Provisions found in the Place into the Honorable Company's Stores, deposited in their Warehouses all the Merchandizes, which would have met with a ready Sale, being the first Prize made on the Coast but actually paid into the public Treasury through their Agent the Sum of Pagodas 5000 at a Period when a Famine raged in the Settlement and all warlike

Alterations

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Operations were at a Stand for want of Money

I have the Honor to send you enclosed

Copies of the three sub-accountants Certificate for

Pagodas 5000 paid by Mr Brodie into the Treasury;

of Mr Mitford's account sale of Bale Goods ℔ Pagodas

5428.10.56. the Amount of which was applied to the

Public Service, and of Captain Smiths / three /

Commandants of Paliacat / receipt for Pagodas

4/13.16.25 for Grain received on account of the Captors

and issued to that Garrison after it fell to the British

Arms, amounting in all to Pagodas 15441.27.5.

which Sum with Interest, I trust you will Order

to be discharged in like manner with the Claims of

a Similar Nature.

I beg leave likewise to enclose Copies

of the Returns of the Military Stores taken in the

Place and appropriated to the Service of the Company

to the value of which the Captors conceive themselves

entitled according to the usage of War.

I have the Honor to be with the

most perfect Respect. &c &c

Fort St George
2d May 1788

Signed Wm Balfour
Agent for the Captors
of Paliacat

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Received from Mr. Alexander Brodie on Acc:
count of the Captors of Pulicat in Grain and Money, the
Sum of Four Thousand Seven hundred and thirteen Star
Pagodas Sixteen fanams and twenty five Cash, which in
consequence of Orders from the Right Honorable Lord Macartney
Governor and President of Fort St George I have applied to the
subsistence and payment of the Honorable Company's Troops
under my Command in this Garrison — In witness whereof
I have subscribed this Receipt At Pulicat the first day
of November 1781

/Signed/ Geo: Smith
Captain

a true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Balfour
Agent for the Captors of Pulicat

Fort St George 4th October 1784 -

I do hereby certify that Credit is given in the
Honorable Company's General Books for the Sum of five
Thousand Star Pagodas paid into the Company's Cash by
Mr. Alexander Brodie on the thirty first day of December
1781 on account of the Captors of Pulicat.

/Signed/ Tho.s Ockburn Dep.ty Accountant

a true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Balfour
Agent for the Captors of Pulicat

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Dutch Prize Chay Goods Received from

M.r Brodie.-

To Muzzes 13 Yards long 4 Yards bro'	2 y. 9. 11	at 140 Pg.s Cash		382 — —
To D.o — — D.o sold at Cuttery	8	at 1½ D.o		12 — —
To Handk.s 12 in a piece — —	1 y. 4. 8.	at 4½ Pg.s		206. 28 64
To D.o 10 D.o — — — —	2 y. 8. 17.	at 38. — —		336. 10. 64
To D.o 8 D.o — — —	2 — 10 —	at 32 — —		320 — —
To D.o 12 D.o 8 3/16 yards —	1 — 5 —	at 28. — —		140 — —
To Ginghams 16 yards long — —	11. 15. 12.	at 28 — —		445. 7. 16.
	Ventapollam			
To Handk.s 1 yard in 13 in a piece	2 — 19. 8.	at 12 — —		232 28. 64
To D.o — — 7/8 D.o — — —	1. 10. —	at 11 — —		110 — —
To D.o — — D.o — — — —	1. 10. —	at 12 — —		120 — —
To D.o 3/4 D.o at 16 D.o	2. 16. —	at 17. — —		272 — —
To Ginghams 32 Cu.s long —	1 — 5 —	at 28 — —		140 — —
To D.o — 16 D.o — — —	9. 74. 10.	at 13½ — —		1005. 27. —
	Ircain Goods			
To Ginghams — — — — —	8. 36. 4.	at 23 — —		932. 21. 48
To Cambays 8 in a piece of 4 p.s long	8	3. 47. 7¾	at 15 — —	710. 19. 64
To D.o — 2 —	of 8. 8 2¼	2. 6. 8.	at 21 — —	134. 14 32
To D.o — 3. —	of 6 D.o	3. 29. 9.	at 22. — —	648 22. 64.
		52	46. 308. 7¾	

Pagodas 6049. 1 16.

Charges Merchandize

Commission on Pagodas 6049. 1. 16. 1 10 p Cent.		604. 32. 40.
Comm.ply's Wages &c. for 8 Months at 2 — —	16. — —	620. 32. 40.

Signed/ Jn.o Mitford

Dep.ty S.o W. W. K.

a true Copy

Signed/ William Balfour

Agent for the Captors of Cuttack

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Dr. Dutch Price Chay Goods Cr.

1783 February 1st	To Commission on Pagodas 6049.1.16. at 10 P Cent. 604.32.40.	1783 Febry 1 By the amount Sale	6049.1.16.
	To Conocoplys wages &c. for 8 Months at 12 - 16	620.32.40.	
	To Balance	5428.10.56.	
	Pagodas	6049.1.16.	Pagodas 6049.1.16.

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) John Mitford

Deputy Export Warehouse Keeper

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm Balfour

Agent for the Captors of Pulicat

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Return of Ammon, and Military Stores in the Fort of Pullicat 3d July 1781

Quality			Serviceable	Unserviceable
Brass Guns Mounted	4 Pounds		2	"
Iron Guns Mounted	18 Ditto		2	"
	12 Ditto		1	"
	8 Ditto		9	"
	6 Ditto		11	"
	4 Ditto		"	"
Field Carriages	6 Ditto		8	"
Truck Ditto	18 Ditto		2	"
	12 Ditto		1	"
	8 Ditto		9	"
	6 Ditto		5	"
	4 Ditto		"	"
Iron Round Shot	18 Ditto		147	"
	12 Ditto		120	"
	8 Ditto		80	"
	6 Ditto		120	"
	4 Ditto		100	"
Grape Shot Quilted	18 Ditto		62	"
	12 Ditto		104	"
	8 Ditto		101	20
	6 Ditto		77	"
	4 Ditto		80	"
Brass Coehorns	4 Inch		4	"
Shells for Do	4 Ditto		158	"
Hand Granades			320	"
Gun powder in five Chests		1/4	3700	"
Musket Ball Cartridges			1000	1000
Slungers with Rammers Heads	18 Pounds		2	"
	12 Ditto		1	"
	8 Ditto		7	"

Stores

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Quality

			Serviceable	Unserviceable
Spunges with Rammer Heads	6 Pounds		8	—
	4 Ditto		2	—
Copper Ladles and Worms	18 Ditto		3	—
	12 Ditto		3	—
	8 Ditto		13	—
	6 Ditto		11	—
	4 Ditto		5	—
Cartridges Filled	18 Ditto		66	—
	12 Ditto		12	—
	8 Ditto		113	—
	6 Ditto		230	—
	4 Ditto		100	—
Cartridges Bags Empty	8 Pounds		200	—
Handspikes Purchasing B.			75	—
Lead aprons for Guns			25	—
priming Horns			24	—
Brass priming Wires			34	—
priming Bits			20	—
Iron Crows			3	—
Pins Black for mounting Guns			1	—
Small Twine Bundles			6	—
Country Match Bundles			8	—
Europe Mark Reams			2	—
Copper Cylinders			7	—
Horn Lanthorn			4	—
Country Rope 2 Inch Cbs			1/2	—
Tin'd Glasses			2	—
Coloper Compasses Pairs			1	—
Wooden Horses			3	—
Bengal Canvas pieces			1	—
Muskets with Bayonets			59	—
Do without Do			97	—
Old Bayonet			—	40

Swords

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Quality

Swords ---------- 104 Ng.
Swords Belts Buff. ---------- 100 —
Buff Damages for Pouches. ---------- 140 —
Halberds. ---------- 4 —
Drums Compleat. ---------- 2 —

Signed Tho.s Sutcliff
Lieut.t Artl.y

N.B

The Troops in the Garrison were

1 Officer Commandant.
1 Serjeant Major
38 Non Commissioned Officers & Private
2 Drummers.

a true Copy
Signed Wm Balfour
Agent for the Captors of Pulicat.

Upon referring to the Orders transmitted by the Ranger on the Subject of Prize Money the Board observe that there is not any mention made of Pulicat which have been Captured by the Troops of the King and Company, must be at the disposal of the King— this being the Case, the Board would not be justifiable in making any Issue of the Prize Money until His Majesty's pleasure be known, which may be shortly expected.

Resolved that the above be Communicated to

Minute thereon

having

Sr.

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to the Agent, and that the subject be mentioned in our next Dispatches to the Honorable Court.

The President lays before the Board the following Intelligence.

Translation

Near Amboor 8th May 1788

Intelligence respecting Tippoo

This Day a man who is arrived here from Decany Otak reports that Tippoo, with the main Body of his Army, had moved from Gooty towards Tellicherry, but that no other action had taken place.

A Brother of the Rajah of Mulwar, called Rerit Rauw Raja, having quarrelled with & being jealous of his Brother had come to take protection with Tippoo, who agreed, and gave him a written obligation under his Seal that in case of his Brother's submitting or his conquering the Country he would put him in possession, & make him Rajah.

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Brooker Bradshaw and Bradshaw & Co.

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

President, and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Messrs. Brooker Bradshaw and Co. stating that the Claims of Seva Sedum: Ibara Tillak is confirmed by the testimony of Mr. Thomas Graham; whose Letter on the subject is enclosed together with that Gentleman's Certificate to a Petition of the Claimants

Having been informed by Mr.

Secretary

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Secretary Sharnies some time since, that your Honorable Board wished to have the Facts set forth in the Petition of Seiva Seluumbra Pillah Confirmed by the Testimony of Jerm. Thomas Graham Secretary to the late Sir Eyre Coote — We D. Borcher did accordingly address that Gentleman on the Subject, and we have now the Honor to lay before your Honorable Board his answer, together with a Petition from the said Seiva Seduumbra Pillah to him with his Certificate as to the Facts therein stated.

With these Documents before You in support of the Claim we took the Liberty of laying before your Honorable Board under Date the 7th January 1788 — we trust the Situation of the Claimant, will excite your Indulgence, and induce you to grant him Certificates on Bengal for the Amount of said Claim.

We have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
Your &c.
Borcher Redhead
and Co.

Fort St George
8th May 1788

To

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To Josias Dupre Porcher Esq.

Sir,

I was some time since favored with your Letter of the 29th January last stating to me by the permission of the Government at Fort St George the following Queries:

"The Board wish to know the Nature of Seva Sedumbra Pillahs appointment by Sir Eyre Coote; was it in the nature of a Renter, if yea with whom did he account for his Rents. If merely selected by the General to collect Provisions &c. for the Garrison of Coringoly, did he receive any Promise that he should be paid for such Supplies on producing the Commanding Officers Receipts."

In reply I beg leave to inform you that Seva Sedumbara Pillahs appointment to Coringoly was in nature and Capacity as described in the Second Query — To this I am not only ready to bear Testimony in any Form that might be deemed necessary but in like manner to verify the Assurances given him by Sir Eyre Coote, that he should be paid for every thing he might supply the Commanding Officer of Coringoly for the publick Service with the additional Declaration that in the Event of good behaviour he should be rewarded — and in order to give greater

Efficacy

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Efficacy to his Exertions, and that they might not suffer Impediment from a want of Confidence in the Inhabitants, that any Engagements he might enter into with them would be confirmed, I by the desire of Sir Eyre Coote, in my Official Capacity of Persian Interpreter, and in his presence informed as many of the Inhabitants as could be assembled together of Seid Sidaumbra Pillah being also present, that whatever they might supply him with for the Publick Service whether Provisions, or Money they should be most faithfully reimbursed, and every Possible Protection afforded them.

The Gomastah of Seid Sidaumbarah Pillah whose zeal, activity, and Enterprize was not less Conspicuous than his Masters having addressed me a Petition I have annexed my attestation to it, as a Matter of Justice due to the Services of both him, and his Master - I beg therefore you will deliver it to him as it may serve to relieve him from any future Inconveniences originating on the same Ground.

I am, Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed Tho Graham
Esq

Calcutta
16th April 1788

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To Thomas Graham Esqr. Belanwur Sung Bahauder

The Humble Petition of Canabady
Eyet Gonnastah, or Agent to Servaseduem.
Cara Pillah

As every man is obliged to recover his property, and far more one in my situation who is harrassed by numerous Creditors, for having liberally served, and assisted the Honorable Company in the height of their distress, and I doubt not, from the entegrity of your Heart the Justice you render to your fellow Creature, and the Sense of releiving a Poor Distressed being, from the Curtken of his pressing Creditors, you will generously afford me your assistance by laying down such matters of Fact as Come to your Knowledge, or whereto you are Privy, and as the length of time, and the numerous Busings you are engaged in, will not Immediately call to your recollection the Particulars which I pursued at the time when you was Secretary to General Sir Eyre Coote, I beg leave to relate them as they occurd. To Wit, That in the year 1781 when General Sir Eyre Cootes army arrived at Chingleput, I and Seva Seasumbara Pillah came to pay our respects, whereupon the General, and you told us, that we should

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should do all our endeavours to serve the Honble Company, by supplying them with Grain, and other provisions: in answer thereto, I, and the said Seva Sedarmbara Pillah in your presence told the General, that there were large quantity of Grains and other provisions in Carangaley Fort, and advised the General to invest that Fort, and it was in a few Days accordingly took from the Enemy, and the said Seva Sedarmbara Pillah appointed Hannildar, and Sashi agent, that after the Consumptions of the Grains, and provisions found in the said Fort we were desired to make supplys of Grains &c. and accordingly We undertook the Business, and supplied them with Grains &c. even at a time when the Enemy's Horses were Surrounded the Fort, and the General as a Mark of our fidelity, and good behaviour, Sent us a present of 3 shawls, 2 to the said Seva Sedarmbara: ra Pillah, and one to me, and at the same time settled a Salary of 200 Pagodas P Month on the said Hannildar, and 50 Pagodas on me, with Orders not to sell our Supplys, and that punctual Payment will be made for the Grains &c. as soon as the Com: : pany had Cash to defray their Expences. That as a

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Security to us, we obtained of the then Com-
:manders of Caroongooley one Lieutenant Andrson
Certificates for such Grains and Provisions as We Supp-
:plied Him that a little after Land the Mannidar
were sent for by the General at Cuddalore the Inhabi-
:tants of whom we received Grains &c insisted Him,
upon the payment of the Amount due them, and as
we had not Money wherewith to satisfy them, we
gave those Certificates obtained from the Commandant
as beforesaid — That on our arrival at Cuddalore Colonel
Harper told us that he had Orders from the General to
send with us 2 Company of Sepoys in order to procure
the taking of Teroveddy Fort, the Enemy's forces
being Superior than ours, we were made prisoners
and lodged me, and Seva Sedumbara Pillah in
Tennasally, where Seva Sedumbara Pillah Breath-
his last, that a little after whose Death I made
my escape, and on my arrival went to the General,
who in Consequence of which appointed Seva Sedam-
:bara Pillah's Son one Ambalavana Pillah as
Sub Carnidar, and bestowed on me the agentship;
That sometime after the Army removed from
Cuddalore to Caroongooley whereupon some of the
Inhabitants addressed their respective Complaints
to the General about their non payment of their

Demand

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Demand when the General ordered a Sum of £200
Rupees to be paid them, and which Sum was raised
from Mr. Kenworthy, and paid the Inhabitants
accordingly, and the remainder was to be paid as soon
as the End of the War; as the Company could not then
spare any Cash. That a little after the General as well
as you went to Bengal, and since the General's Death
the Country was farmed by Mr. D'Souza, Simeon
Arangooley &c. the Inhabitants applied to him for the
payment of the Amounts due them, out of the produce
of the Grain, who told them that he had nothing to do
with it, but that the Honorable Company must be
answerable, and Dismissed me, and Ambalavanah
Pillah from the Service, in the Interim Ambalavanah
Pillah Died, and the Inhabitants got me imprisoned
at Chingleput for 10 Months, and afterwards brought
me to Madras, and upon address the Honorable
Company paid to those who had with them Certificates of
the Commandant at Arangooley, and as some of them
were then absent, and are now Gone from up the
Country, the Company refuses to pay them,
without some Acknowledgement from persons
who were at that time with the General at the

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they are satisfyed from the proofs and Documents
we have produced to the Honorable Board that
the Amount Claimed by me for, and on behalf of
the Inhabitants are Just and right which was
negociated by the means of Josias Dupre Border Esq.
the only thing I now request of you Worthy Sir,
is to write Either to the Government, or Mr. Josias
Dupre Border of such particulars as come to your
Knowledge, and to recommend the payment of
my just due, and save me from the Wreck of
my Creditors an Indulgence which shall be
never forgotten till mine, and my poor distressed
Families Life's End.

For which act of Charity your
Petitioner as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Calcutta 16th April 1788.

I hereby declare that to the best of my
Remembrance every Circumstance stated in the
above petition to have passed between the late Lieut.
General Sir Eyre Coote the Petitioner, and his Prin-
cipal Jaulumbina Pollah is strictly true.

Signed Tho's Graham

Signed

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Agreed that the Commissary General of Grain, and Provisions be directed to report the Sums for which Lieutenant Anderson has Credit in his Books on account of Grain, Cattle, and Provisions delivered to the Deputy agent with the army at Arungooley.

Minutes Thereon

Ex'd

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

Sa. Whatmaugh

R. Maunsell

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Diary

14 Received the following Letter & Enclosures from the Chief of Tellicherry.

To The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell, K.B.
Governor &.- &.- &.-
of Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir,

From the Chief at Tellicherry, Tippoo Sultaun Has been applied by the Chief and Council for a removal of the Impediments thrown in the Way of their Trade. The Resident at Calicut's account of an Interview with Tippoo, and his (Tippoo's) answer to the application respecting the Trade -

I inclose is a Duplicate of a Letter I had the honor to address you under the 14 Instant. -

Captain Kyd having finished his Business, hither upon, sailed for Bombay Yesterday Morning, having the accompanying Packet to your address under my Charge, which is forwarded viâ Cochin and Anjengo

Tippoo still continues at Calicut, nor do I hear he is making any preparations for suddenly leaving it. Great impediments having been thrown in the way of our Trade at this place for some Years past, as well as to obtaining Piece from Mangalore, the Chief & Factors deemed Tippoo's being at Calicut a favorable opportunity to make a Representation thereof, and to request He would

give

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14: give Orders for the Removal of those Impediments agreeable to the Mangalore Treaty, Directions were Accordingly given to Mr. Gribble, our Resident, but I am sorry to say without the least effect.— may so far from it, that on Mr. Gribble requesting to Know what had been done in consequence of his Representation on those points, Tippoo told him his answer was contained in a letter he then delivered to that Gentleman for the Chief you will however observe by Copy Translation of that letter, that he writes, Mr. Gribble will inform what has been done thereon— I also enclose you Copy of a letter from that Gentleman, to shew you in what Manner Tippoo treated him, and in what light he wishes himself to be considered in future.— As it will be impossible Answers can be received from Bombay to any application on the Subject before the Rains, permit me to request your Instructions, whether in case he shall insist thereon, I am to address him as

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as a Sovereign.-

I am very respectfully
&c. &c.

Tellicherry
the 30th April 1788.-

(signed) William Lewis.-

(Copy) Letter from the Resident at Calicut.

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that on the 25. Instant the Nabob sent to inform me he was ready to grant me an Audience I immediately waited on him and being introduced, I said that I hoped His Highness would be pleased to grant me a favorable Answer to the Representation I had made respecting the State of the Trade Provisions &c. Matters which I had been commanded to lay before him He replied all that I can say on those Subjects is contained in this Letter to the Governor of Tellicherry which I request you will carry him (at the same time delivering a Letter and investing me with a Shawl. I informed His Highness that with His Permission I would send the Letter by a Naique and Five Sipoys, as it

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it would be improper for me to leave the Factory without Order. He Answered if a King's Letter ought not to be entrusted to common Persons upon hearing this I judged it would be imprudent any further to decline carrying it and Accordingly Acquiesced I have delivered the Letter to the Chief and hope Gentlemen that my conduct will not appear in an unfavorable Light at not waiting for your Instruction on this Subject

With great Respect
I am &c &c
(signed)
William Gribble

Tellicherry
28th April 1788.

True Copy
L. Shaw
Secry

Translate of a Letter from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun to William Lewis Esqr. Chief of Tellicherry received the 27th April 1788.

I have received your letter by Mr. Gribble and understand the Contents the Friendship which subsists between me and the English Company is firm and every day grows stronger. Mr Gribble will inform you of any

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my Answer on the several business he spoke to me about on your part. The Chrical Rajah has represented to me that as he has already paid you the Money due to you on the District near your place he cannot give up that provence, & you will therefore settle his Accounts whereevery thing will go on proper and friendship will continue.

(True Translate)

(signed) L. Shaw Secry.

The Application to the Nabob, as mentioned in the following Letter, having been made by the President and his Highness having consented to the Proposition stated by the Contractors, the Letter from the Committee of Works is now ordered to be entered hereunder

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

From the Committee of Works with draft of the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Yarrow and Torin requesting that the Nabob may be applied to for his Consent to the Proposition made by the Contractors.

Honble Sir,

We beg leave to lay before you the Draft of the Contract with Messrs Yarrow and Torin

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and as we apprehend that the Clause inserted in the Margen thereof, stipulating an exemption for His Highness the Nabob, will give an opening that may be productive of confusion and much inconvenience to the Contractors, we have to request you will be pleased to apply to the Nabob to know whether he acquiesces in the proposition made by the Contractors, in order that they may be apprized of the Condition in his favour before they are called on to execute the Contract.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Rt. Maunsell
" Jas. Capper
" Patrick Ross.

Fort St. George
26 January 1788.

Sent a Letter to His Highness the Nabob (as entered in C. C. N. 49) enclosing Copy of a Letter to the Governor from Agent Carnac

Dispatched the following Letters.

To

substance of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob

1403. Fort St. George. May 1788

To
The Hon.ble Company's Attorney General
at
Fort St. George.

Sir.

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to desire you will reply to the following Query. —

To the Attorney General to state whether the Person of Ajeim Cawn can be legally delivered up to His Highness for the purpose of settling his accounts, and to be dealt with according to the Laws of his Country.

Whether you are acquainted with any Law or Reason why the Person of Ajeim Cawn a Subject & Dependant of the Nabob of the Carnatick, should not be delivered to His Sovereign, for the purpose of Settling his Accounts with the Circar, & and to be dealt with According to the & Laws & Customs of his Country. —

If to enable you to give a professional Answer to the above any Reference to the Records is necessary, I am directed to inform You, that the Military Secretary has orders to give you the Communications which may be requisite. —

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

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To. Mr. William Balfour.

Agent for the Captors of Pulicat

To the Agent for the Captors of Pulicat. the Amount of the Prize Money cannot be paid at present, and why.

Pulicat

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 2d Inst. and to inform you that upon reference to the Orders of the Court of Directors respecting the Prize Money it is observed that no mention is made of Pulicat.

As Pulicat was taken by the Troops of the King & Company Conjointly the Prize Money is at the disposal of the King & cannot be issued until His Majesty's pleasure be known which it is hoped will shortly be received.

From the above Circumstances the Government are not authorized to pay the Amount of the Prize Money at present to you, but will not fail to address the Hon.ble Court of Directors on the Subject by the first Opportunity, & to request, &c.

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early notification of the Kings pleasure &
relative thereto

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14. May 1788

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

15 Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered
in M. B. Nos 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45.
46-47-48-49).

To Major Dugald Campbell- Bonds
To Major D. Campbell to the Amount of 40,000 Pagodas will be
granted for the Purchase of Horses- At a future
Period the Board will determine upon a further
Advance.-

To Ensign James Leith- His Claim
To Ensign James Leith will be included in the List of those now
in the Military Paymaster's Office.-

To the Military Board- a Claim of Lieutenant Tirrecoorter O Beirne's
to Superior Rank in Consequence of his
having held a Commission in his Majesty's
Service.-

To Captain Crawford Commanding
To Captain Crawford Commanding at Arnee- at Arnee- the Request of the Officers of his
Battalion to draw Half Batta, from the 1st
May

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they went into Arnee, until they were finally fixed in that Garrison, complied with —

To the Paymaster at Arcot

To the Paymaster at Arcot to pay the above —

To Major Dugald Campbell

To Major Dugald Campbell stating the Opinion of the Military Board, which has been confirmed by Government, on his Representation respecting the Pay of a Field Officer of Cavalry —

To Major Burrows

To Major Burrows stating the Opinion of the Military Board, which has been confirmed by Government on his Claim to Off Reckonings while in the Command of the Subsidy Sepoys in the Tanjore Country —

To Messrs Porcher & Redhead

To Messrs Porcher & Redhead the Bills presented by them in favor of Lieut Wilson for Servants &c. and for Repairs in the Fort of Cumbum, cannot be admitted

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham & Capt. Brown, respecting Assistance on Ground

P Wilson

for

1407.

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To the Chief Engineer to order an Estimate to be made of the Repairs necessary to the Deputy Military Secretary's Rooms in the Fort Square & to report his Opinion upon a Plan and Estimate from Colonel Braithwaite.

To the Chief Engineer

To Masulipatam — Approve their Conduct in respect to Captain Prescott — A Court Martial has been ordered to Assemble to try that Officer.

To Masulipatam

To the Hospital Board — Their Recommendations in favor of Messrs. Gahagan & Bowie approved — Mr. Gordon allowed a Gratuity of 50 Pagodas for Services he be employed —

To the Hospital Board —

To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham — Commanding at the Mount — in Reply to his Letter respecting Barrack Articles, not allowed by the Regulations —

To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham —

To the Military Paymaster General — with Copy of Colonel Sydenham's Letter & and of the Above Reply —

To the Military Paymaster General

&c

1408 Fort St. George 16th. May 1788.

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable. Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

President

John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.

Friday
16th. May 1788.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Nabob which is entered also on the C. C. Nº 48.

His Highness the Nabob Walajah Bahadder of Arcot and the Carnatic &c. &c. &c.

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

President Governor & Commander in Chief.

Fort St. George

My. Friend.

I have received your Card of

requesting Me that at the request of the Members

From the Nabob declares that the Information contained in the Rajah of Calistry's Letter and in the Memorandum sent him is misled. the Gentlemen of Council giving Countenance to the Refractory Rajah, and seeming to Encourage him to resist the just Rights of the Sircar, warrant His Highness in resuming the Lease.

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Fort St. George 16th May 1788.

Members of Council you had transmitted me a Memorandum about the Business of the Calestry Rajah and a Letter which You had received from him, desiring to know from me if the contents of these Papers were true. My Friend was fully acquainted with all that Business as I can make him, by an open and unreserved communication of my Papers. I have explained that the Calestry Man was by favour permitted to Rent the District of Sattanampoor &c. for a small Sum p. Yearly, in consideration of which he was bound to perform Services, which he has of late Years refused to execute when called upon, He has acted with unbecoming Insolence to me and my People and would no doubt be glad of an Opportunity to throw himself again into the Arms of Tippoo as he did at the Breaking out of the last War. He knows his conduct has drawn on him my displeasure and that he must

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in consequence thereof for sent further Claim
to favour; I have resolved to remove the Country
that was Rented to this Man, because he
no longer deserved it, and because it is of
much great Value than he is willing to
pay for it; His Representation to You &
My friend and Memorandum which &
Accompanied it are both compainly stated.
and only give part of the truth artfully &
concealing how much he has failed in
the all his duties to me. Yet The Gentlemen of
Council gave Countenance to this Reproachful
Man, and seem to encourage him to resist
the just Rights of the Circar, which warrants
my resuming all Leases of this Nature &
whenever it appears for my Interest to do.

I have applied to my Friend for
the Aid of the Company's Troops to see this
Lease properly executed, and the Treaty
which has them with the payment
of a very large Sum of Money per Annum
for the pay of the Troops warrants my
request Surely it cannot be the wish
of the Company that I should suffer the
Calestry

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Calestry Rajah to hold a Distruct of Country belonging to the Circar, at the Rent of 5000 Pagodas when it is worth 60,000. If I am not assisted in securing my Sovereign Rights, how can I perform my engagements to the Company, which are so heavy that all my cautions are hardly equal to the discharge of them. –

I could write much to prove how hard it is for me to carry on the affairs of my Government, if every Renter and Persons Tributary to Me are encouraged to appeal to the English Government; The consequence of such proceedings must be ruinous to My affairs and pernicious to the real Interest of my Friends the Company, because if I am not supported in the full exercise of my Lawful Government according to ancient usage, I can no longer be responsible for failures in the Collections of my Revenues. –

Your Wisdom renders it unnecessary for me to say more, I trust all my affairs to Your Justice, and I am confident my Friend will not deceive Me or suffer my Dignity to be lowered in the eyes of my

People

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Chepauck House
14. May 1788.-

. May your days be long & happy
What can I say more.

The President desires to know the
Sentiments of the Board as to the sending
the Troops for which the Nabob has made
requisition.

The President desires the Sentiments of the Board as to the Sending Troops.

As the foregoing Letter from the
Nabob does not appear to Mr. Maunsell
to disprove the Information contained
in a Paper he delivered to the President
for the purpose of laying before His Highness,
he Mr. Maunsell is of Opinion the Board
would not be justified in sending the
Company's Troops against the Polygar
Rajah. Mr. Maunsell will at a future
Meeting give his reasons more fully in
Support of this Opinion.

Mr. Maunsell Objects to the Sending Troops and Why.-

Mr. Maunsell gives his Sentiments more fully at a future meeting

Mr. Casamajor thinks that
from the Correspondence before the Board
relative to the Nabobs Claim on the
Polygar Rajah to recover the Rents of
the District of Sattirampour & &. His Highness
has

Mr Casamajor is of Opinion the Troops should be granted

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has a right to claim the Assistance of the Companys Troops, and in granting this required Assistance Mr Lavamaijor Shanks, We conform only to the terms of the late Treaty with the Nabob, the Subject in Question being a Matter of interior Government and Connected with His Highness's rights of Sovereignty —

Mr Holland Objects to these Troops and will give his Reasons hereafter.

Mr. Holland does not think the Papers and Documents before the Board afford sufficient Grounds to justify the furnishing the Troops required by the Nabob for the purposes Mentioned in his Letters Mr Holland will hereafter give his Sentiments more fully on the Subject.

The President is of Opinion that Agreeably to the Treaty, there are sufficients Grounds to Authorize an Acquiescence in the Nabobs request — The President reserves to himself the priveledge of Answering any objections which may hereafter be made to the Measure. +

The President of Opinion the Troops should be Granted.

Resolved, in conformity to the Opinion of the Majority that the Troops + required

Carried by the Majority in favour of the Nabobs Request.

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required by the Nabob be furnished, & that the President in his Character of Commander in Chief be requested to direct the detail of the Expedition.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee for the Three Classes of the Nabobs Creditors.—

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

President & Governor &c &c

in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

Having deemed it a Justice due to Mr Sullivan to make known to the Government General of Bengal, that our intention was to remark on the Case transmitted to us & not on Mr Sullivan, while we were acting as a Committee of the Nabobs Creditors, We take the Liberty of doing so through you and have now the honor to enclose our Address on the Subject

We have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.—

Honble Sirs

(signed) James Taylor
Paul Benfield
Benjn Roebuck
Geo. Mowbray
Jos du Pre Porcher

From the Committee of Nabobs Creditors with a Letter to the Governor General in Council declaring they meant nothing injurious to Mr Sullivan in their remarks on the State of the Case—

only

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Fort St. George 16th May 1788.-

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
&c.- &c.- &c.- Governor General in Council
Fort William.-

My Lord.-

We beg leave to represent to your Lord-
-ship that after having completed our Remarks upon
a Case transmitted to us by the Honble President of
Fort St. George, entitled the Case of Mr. Attorney
General Sulevan "We received a Minute, as entered
on the Records by the Honble President, which
did away the first Information, and convened us
that it was not the Case of Mr. Sulivan - upon which
we immediately and unanimously resolved, that though
not the Remarks in Question, the name and Title of
that Gentleman should be expunged - We are
concerned however to find notwithstanding that
Resolution Mr. Sulivan's Name and Official Sanction
still appears by mistake to have remained on the
face of the Paper in Question - And as we understand
he considers himself much injured by such
Remarks, we are free to acknowledge the Mistake
that has arisen, and that we may make this
Gentleman every Reparation which now remains
in our power, we do not hesitate to declare in this
public Manner, that at the time of our dispatching
our Address to your Lordship, no Part of our Remarks
were meant to reflect on his Character or Conduct,

and

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Now

and we trust we shall make away every Impression which Misstatement or Misapprehension may have occasioned to his Prejudice.—

As we hope your Lordship has been pleased to lay our Remarks before the Judges, we request that this Letter may also be sent to them.—

We have the honor to be with the

great Respect—

Fort St. George
14. May 1788.

(Signed) H. H.
James Taylor
Paul Benfield
Benjn. Roebuck
George Moubray
Jos: du Pre Porcher

A true Copy
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Dpy. Secy

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy be taken of the Letter to Bengal, & that the Original be immediately forwarded agreeably to the direction of the Committee of Creditors.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To

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To John Chamier Esqre

Secretary to the Military & Political Department

Sir,

In Compliance with the Orders of the Honble Board I herewith send you a Memorandum (No 1) of the Slaughter Cattle & Sheep delivered to the Deputy Agent during the War, for which the Several heads have # Credit in his Accounts and they now Stand on the Books of the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions—

It appears by the remarks # Subjoined that the Only persons who have # Produced Receipts & given in their Claims to me, are Col. Elphinston, Lieut. Bulman, Captain Dawes, & Capt. Patterson Executors I have reason to Suppose however that # Receipts are outstanding for the greatest part, and Claims May have been given # into Government without my Knowledge for I have heard that Captain Flint who Commanded Wandawash &

Captain

(2)

from Commissary General of Grain & Provisions the Memorandum of Slaughter Cattle & Sheep delivered to the Deputy Agent during the War, for which Credit is given in his Accounts Enclosing also his Bill for bedding # Sheds for the Cattle—

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Captain Coppage who Commanded Vellore did give in their Claims to the Board but whether Payment was ordered I cannot take upon me to say, as no intimation to that purport appears to have been given to my Office.—

I beg you will lay before the Honble Board the accompanying Account N°. 2, being the Charge incurred for Building a Shed to Cover the Company's Carts, & Stores, altho' it has Considerably exceeded the Estimate made in my Letter of the 6th November last Vizt. Pagodas 500— that it will be found upon inspection to be finished upon the most moderate terms and that I shall be held excused for going beyond the limited Sum.—

I am &c. &c.

(signed) Tho: Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain
& Provisions—

Madras
6th May 1788—

1419. Fort St. George 16th May 1788.

Memorandum of Slaughter Cattle and Sheep, for which Mr. Kenworthy late Deputy Agent to the Army Cedes to the following Heads in his Accounts as have been Expended on Account of the Company - and which now Stand on the Books of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

			Sheep	Bullock	No. Pay:	F. C.	Remarks.
1782							
April 30.	Carangooley	"		2266.			
Sept. "	Ditto	"		30.			
Oct. "	Ditto	"	498.	315.			
Decr. "	Ditto	"		614.			
1783.							
February "	Ditto	"	45.	68.			
			543.	3293.	4939.	21.	It does not appear in the Deputy Agents Account to whom the Cattle and Sheep received from Carangooley were sent nor have any Receipts been produced or demands been made to one for them the Commandants Correspondence with the Select Committee probably mentions some thing of them.
1782 "							
May. "	Genl. Lang	"		132.	198.	"	General Lang has given in a Claim to the Board and has the Deputy Agents Receipt - Believe for a greater number but no more appear Credited as having been received from him
" "	Colo. Davis	"		32.	48.	"	No Receipt produced, or Claim given in to one, by Colo. Davis or his Executors —
" "	Capt. Young	"		60.	90.	"	No Receipt produced or Claim given in to one by Capt. Young —
June "	16. Battalion	"	211.	399.			
Augst "	Ditto	"		217.			
			211.	616.	976.	31. 40	Ditto Ditto
June "	21st Battalion	"	96.	395.	616.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
	1st Regiment	"		334.	501.	" "	Ditto Ditto
August "	Venkatapah Naig		773.	259.	581.	31. 40	Ditto Ditto
"	Capt. Scholder	"		1213.	1819.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
Sept. "	Lieut. Dallas	"		154.			
93 June "	Ditto	"		27.			
			"	181.	271.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
1782							
Sept. "	Capt. Macrhead	"	208.	253.	431.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
"	Capt. Oram	"	198.	1224.	1885.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
October "	Tripassore		968.	863.			
Decr. "	Ditto	"		20.			
93 Jany. "	Ditto	"	300.	484.			
March "	Ditto	"	"	100.			
			1268.	1467.	2517.	21. "	It does not appear in the Accounts by whom the Cattle and Sheep received from the Garrison were sent to the Army —
	Carried forward				14.877.	" "	

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Captain Cuppage who Commanded Vellore did give on their Claims to the Board but whether Payment was ordered I cannot take upon me to say, as no intimation to that purport appears to have been given to my Office.—

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Madras
6th May 1788.

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(signed) Tho: Coxbourn
Commissary General of Grain
& Provisions.

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Sept.r "	Ditto		30.			
Oct.r "	Ditto	498.	315.			
Dec.r "	Ditto		614.			
1783. February "	Ditto	45.	68.			
		543.	3293.	4939.	21. "	It does not appear in the Deputy Agents Account to whom the Cattle and Sheep mention from Carangooley were sent nor have any Receipts been produced or Demands been made to one for them the Commandants Correspondence with the Select Committee probably mentions some thing of them -
1782 "						
May -	Genl. Lang		132.	198.	" "	General Lang has given in a Claim to the Board and has the Deputy of Agents Receipt - Values for a greater number but no more appear Credited as having been received from him
" "	Col.o Davis		32.	48.	" "	No Receipt produced, or Claim given in to me, by Col.o Davis or his Executors -
" "	Capt.n Young		60.	90.	" "	No Receipt produced or Claim given in to me by Capt.n Young -
June - "	16. Battalion	211.	399.			
Augst "	— Ditto		217.			
		211.	616.	976.	31. 40	Ditto Ditto
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93 June	" Ditto		27.			
1782		"	181.	271.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
Sept.r	" Capt.n Muirhead	208.	253.	431.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
	" Capt.n Oram	198.	1224.	1885.	21. "	Ditto Ditto
Octobr	" Trichinopore	968.	863.			
Dec.r	" Ditto		20.			
93 Jan.y	" Ditto	300.	484.			
March	" Ditto		100.			
		1268.	1467.	2517.	21. "	It does not appear in the Accounts by whom the Cattle and Sheep received from this Garrison were sent to the Army -
	Carried forward			14877.	" "	

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Brought forward Pags 14877 .. .. Remarks.

			Ships.	Bullocks.			
Nover.	..	Wandiwash	..	978.			
83 Febry	..	Ditto	..	310.			
				1288.	1932.	..	It does not appear in the Accounts by whom the Cattle and Ships paid from this Garrison were sent to the Army. It is understood however that Captain Flint was paid for the Cattle but it does not appear from any Documents in my Office
82 Decr.	..	M. De Souza	..	220.			
83. Janry.	..	Ditto	..	32.			
				252.	378	..	.. No Receipt has been produced or Claim given in to me by him.
March 31.		Lieut Cox		102.	153.	..	.. No Receipt has been produced or demand made on me by him
April ..		Chinglepat		1000.	1500.	..	.. It does not appear by whom the Cattle received from Chinglepat were sent
May ..		Capt. Patterson		1000.	1500.	..	.. The Attorneys for the Executors to Capt. Patterson Estate have produced the deputy Agents Receipt, and given in their claim to me for payment
..		Lieut. Cuppage		171.	256.21.	..	.. No Receipt has been produced nor claim given in to me by him.
..		Lieut Bedman		200.	300.	..	.. Lieut Bedman produced the deputy Agents Receipt and gave in the Claim for payment.
..		Lieut. Dawes		421.	355.		
June ..		Ditto			916.		
				421.	1271.	2011. 31. 40.	.. The Attorneys Messrs. Porcher Rose have given in a claim and are in possession of the deputy Agents Receipt.
May.		Colonel Elphinston		600.	1360.	2190 ..	.. Colonel Elphinston produced the deputy Agents Receipt and gave a Claim for payment.
July ..		Permacoil			20.	.. ..	
Augs ..		Ditto			1837.	735.	
84 June ..		Ditto			..	338.	2073. 31. 40. The Bullocks and Ships named
					1857	1073	
					Pagodas 27172	.. ..	

from Permacoil after the first of June sent from Vellore by Captain Cuppage first to Tripatore and from there to Chinglepat

where they were delivered to Mr. Farmer Deputy Agent

	Bullocks	Ships
	1445	2381.
Mr. Farmer had a few days before received from Madras	725	..
	2170.	2381.

which he dispatched to Camp & Permacoil as follows.—

On the 12 May 82 to Camp	282.	..
died and taken by the Enemy	87.	15.
Sent to Permacoil on the 1st June 83	1788.	2262
Lost on the Road	45.	97.
Kept for the Garrison	8.	7.
	2170.	2381.

Of the above 1788 Bullocks only 1073 appear to have been received by the deputy Agent from Permacoil from.

July 83 to June 84	1073.
Died from July 83 to June 84 as per Return from Capt. Dawes	704.
Difference between the Number sent & received	11.
	1788.

and

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And of the 2262 Sheep only 1857 appear to have been
received in Camp from July 83 to June 84 ..... 1857.
Died as p.r Return ..... 314.
Difference between what was sent & Returned
in Camp ..... 91.
2262.

N.B. The Bullocks are Valued agreeably to what was usually allowed for Captured Cattle Viz.t 1½ Pagoda each the Sheep 4/9 Pagoda

Madras 5th May 1788.—

E. E.

(signed) Tho.s Cockburn.

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

The Bill for the Shed to be discharged—

Resolved that the Military Pay-
Master General be directed to discharge Mr. Cockburn's Bill for building a Shed for the Cash— the Amount of the Bill being Pagodas 743: 24: 10.—

The Comptroller General's audit taken into Consideration & Resolution passed thereon.—

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Audit of the Comptroller General upon the Accounts of the Barrack Masters, entered in Consultation the 25th Ultimo & the several Papers being produced, the Audit is found to be Comprized under the following Heads.—

Cost of Articles supplied by the Barrack Masters, not allowed by the Regulations

Servants Wages, Breakage Wastage &c.—

Over

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					Pagodas 27172 ..	

from Permacoil after part of a Detachment from Vellore by Captain Cuppage joined the Division and from them to Chinglepet where they were detained to Mr. Sawers Use:—

	Bullocks	Sheep
	1445	2381.
Mr. Sawers had a few days before arrived from Madras	725	"
	2170.	2381.

Which he dispatched to Camp & Permacoil as follows.—

On the 12 May 82 to Camp	242.	"
died and taken by the Enemy	87	15.
Sent to Permacoil on the 8th June 83	1788.	2262
Lost on the Road	45.	97
Kept for the Garrison	8.	7.
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Wastage &c.-

Over

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Overcharges -

Measurement of Oil

The President desires the Separate Opinions of the Members of Council upon the different points objected to by the Auditor

First - relative to Articles supplied, not allowed by the Regulations. -

Mr Maxwell informs the Board that he has examined the Accounts to which the Comptroller General refers in his Audit, & has made a Memorandum on the Subject which he begs leave to read, as follows. - He will also very readily give a Separate Opinion upon the different points. -

(Mem.)

"On Looking over the Accounts &
"mentioned by the Auditor in his Report I find
"he has in no Instance allowed less to the Barrack
"Masters than Rate invariably charged by the
"Paymasters and I plainly perceive that the
"Audit is by no means strict or Severe. - After
"specific Regulations for the Barrack Department
"had been framed, allowing for more amply for
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"the Soldiery than under the former System, and
"after the Commanding Officers as well as Barrack
"Masters had been specially furnished with a
"a Copy for their Guidance respectively, the plea
"of a Commanding Officer's Order to provide more
"Articles than the Regulations of Government
"allowed is inadmissible it was easy to represent
"to the Board any Wants not provided for, and it
"was the Duty of the Commanding Officer and
"Barrack Master to have done so instead of
"acting in Disobedience to the Regulations—
"By General Horn's Letter it appears as if some
"Articles had been provided by the Barrack
"Master which the Paymaster ought to have
"furnished— if so— the Charge should be admitted
"And as each of the Barrack Masters supplied
"several Garrisons a moderate establishment
"of Servants should be allowed at each Garrison"

"It appears to me that with the above
"Exceptions the Audit should be fully confirmed."

With respect to the Charges not
allowed by the Regulations— Mr. Maunsell
thinks they ought not to have so, excepting
with respect to Servants Wages, & to those

Articles

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Articles provided by the Barrack Masters which ought to have been furnished by the Paymasters.

Mr Holland and Cavanaigo & think these Articles not allowed by the Regulations, but furnished from the Indents and donations of the Commanding Officers on the Spot may be admitted excluding & the Servants Wages. They however deny the Indent, or donation of a Commanding Officer to be a sufficient Authority for such Charges which can only be admitted as Matter of & Indulgence, & mitigation of an Audit, for as the Barrack Masters received their Instructions from Government they could not be justified in any Deviation from them unless arising from those under & whose Orders they acted, and from whom they received their Appointments.

The President Concurs in Opinion with Mess.rs Holland & Cavanaigo, and it is in Consequence, Resolved, that the Charges not Allowed by the Regulations, be in the present Case admitted upon the Grounds above stated, & conformably to the Rule above prescribed

Upon

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Upon the next point of Objection in the Audit- under the head of Contingencies - or Charges exceeding the Paymaster's Prices - the Board are unanimously of Opinion that the Audit be Confirmed -

With respect to the Measurement of Oil, upon which a great Difference Arises -

Mr. Maunsell is of Opinion that the Audit should be confirmed -

On this Point Mr. Casamajor delivers his Sentiments as follows - "With regard to the charges for Oil - whether I advert to the original letters addressed from the different Paymasters to the Auditor on this subject as they differ widely, or whether I advert to the Auditors explanation of his Audit in this particular, there appears no rule to guide my Judgement to set aside the prices charged by the Barrack Masters, more the Spirit of this Article defined in the Regulations, so far as it refers to the Measure and price - I am therefore for confirming the Charge made by the Barrack Masters, for I think we cannot consistently apply a Rule of Measurement Observed at Madras

to

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to Vellore Arcot, Tricchinopoly &c. especially as the Barrack Masters could have no previous intimation that such a division would so ultimately take place".-

Mr. Holland thinks, that the Measurement and Price of Oil charged by the Paymasters ought to be the standard by which the Barrack Masters Accounts should in this instance be audited- That is to say the Measurement and Price formerly used and allowed at Vellore or at Tricchinopoly when those Places were Supplied with Oil by the Paymasters shall be the Criterion by which the Barrack Masters now furnishing the above Garrisons, shall be tried in the Audit of this Charge- & the same Rule should be Observed for every other Garrison.

The President is of Opinion with Mr. Holland that the Paymasters Prices is a good Criterion in deciding upon the point in question, & Agrees to it being adopted- at the same time he thinks it but just to observe that the Barrack Masters Regulations

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Regulations specify, that the Charges were to be made by the Price Current of the Districts, Therefore the trying them by any other standard than what the Instructions direct, may occasion a considerable difference in the Prices, which in some instances may prove very prejudicial to the Barrackmasters.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper.—

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

Honorable Sir,

In the late Arrangement You were pleased to make respecting the Indents for Stationary you did not provide for the Office of Comptroller General of Accounts I therefore request You will please to send an Order to the Civil Storekeeper to furnish me with what may be sufficient for that Employ. The quantity I use last year I have now the honor to lay before You Nos. which I suppose will be nearly sufficient for the Annual Consumption.—

From the Comptroller General as to Stationary for his Office—States that he is in want of Writers.—

It is not my wish to derive any Emolument from the Allowances that are given to me for Stationary, Office Rent or Writers & at the

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The same time I am convinced the Honorable Board will not expect me to defray any of these Expences out of my own Salary; I therefore beg leave to request an Allowance for Writers for this Department which have cost me for the last 18 Months upwards of 40 Pagodas a Month besides what I have paid for the Rent of the Officers and other incidental Expences.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect

Hon.ble Hon.ble

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16th. May 1788.—

(signed) J. Capper
C.G.S.A.

The following is the Quantity of Stationary used in the Comptroller Generals Office in 1787 but was drawn for in General Indent of the Commissary Generals of the Masters Master Generals Department

Imperial	5	Reams
Royal	26	do
Medium	20	do
Demy	20	do
Quarto Post	20	do
Gilt	20	do
Kings Demy	40	do
Fools Cap	40	do
Blue	2	do
Cartridge	2	do
China Paper	6	Reams
Fountain Glasses	2	do
Common do	2	do

Pen

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Pen Knives	3.
Scrapers	2.
Quills	2000.
Ink Powder Black	16 Papers
D°. D°. Red	4 D°.
Pewter Ink stand large	2
Scissors	2
Rulers	4.
Stand boxes	2.
Ivory Folders	2
Pencils	2 Dozens
Red Tape	13 pieces
Flat Leads	2.
Brass dividers or Compasses	1.
Sealing Wax	6 D°.
Wafers	3 Boxes
Hone	1.
Pounce	3 D°.
Brass Candle Sticks with Snuffers	2.
Strops	1.
Lanthron	1.
Padlock with Key	1.
Twine	2 D°.
Hammer	1.
Funnel	1.
Sand	2 D°.

Signed

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I have the honor to be with the great Respect

Hon.ble Hon.ble

Fort St. George
16th. May 1788.—

(signed) J. Capper
C. G. S. A.

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Sealing Wax	6 D°
Wafers	3 Boxes
Stone	1
Pounce	3 D°
Brass Candle Sticks with Snuffers	2
Stops	1
Lanthron	1
Padlock with Key	1
Twine	2 D°
Hammer	1
Funnel	1
Sand	2 D°—

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agree that Colonel Capper be
allowed 30 Pagodas P. Month for Writers to his
Department of Comptroller General of the Army
Accounts from the time of his Appointment &
and that he be decreed to Make out a Separate
Indent of Stationary for the above Office.

Ex. E.P.

Arch. Campbell

John Hollond

Ja. H. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

17½ The following Extracts of Letters from Bombay and Bengal, entered in the Civil Department, are also ordered to be entered hereunder.

Extract of Letter from Bombay Dated 18th April 1788

From Bombay - the 73d Regiment safely arrived: enclosing an overland Packet from the Court of Directors, committed to the Care of Lieutenant Colonel Hartley. - and stating the Names of the Members who are to constitute the new Government of that Presidency.

We have the pleasure to advise you of the arrival of the whole of His Majesty's 73d Regiment and to acknowledge receipt of your Letters of the 31st January, 6th February, 6th and 9th ultimo.

We now forward a Packet from the Honorable Company to your address lately received by the way of Bussora, with other Dispatches committed to the care of Lieutenant Colonel Barnes Hartley, heretofore of this Establishment, whom, at the recommendation of the Court of Directors, His Majesty, had been pleased to appoint to the Lieut. Colonelcy of the 73d, one of the four newly raised Regiments destined for India.

The Company have advised us that the Members of this Government under General Meadows are to consist of Robert Sparke, David Carnegie and George Green Esquires - and they have appointed

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17th appointed Andrew Ramsay Esqr to be Chief of Surat on the arrival of Governor Meadows in testimony of the sense they entertain of his merits and services.

A true Extract

Signed / Robert Clerk Dpty Sect.

Extract of Letter from Bengal

Dated 5th April 1729

From Bengal — stating the Causes which gave rise to an Embargo on the Exportation of Grain — are glad to find that sufficient supplies of Rice can be procured from the Southward for the Consumption — the Latitude given for drawing Bills on Bengal, will defray the Expence

The uncommon inundations, and the consequent scarcity of last Season in this Country, obliged us to lay an embargo upon the exportation of all Kinds of grain, we included, With the less hesitation in this embargo, part of the rice which was engaged to be furnished from hence by Contract to your Presidency, as we had no reason to apprehend that your wants were pressing, and as we found by our calculations, as well as your statements, that this Contract had produced a disadvantageous engagement to the Company.

We were glad to hear that you expected to obtain sufficient supplies of Rice from the Southward, and you will be able to command the funds necessary for defraying the purchase & freight of it, by the latitude which we have already given

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17th given you to draw upon us for the pay of the King's Troops, or for the amount of any other indispensible exi-gencies of your Government.

A true Extract

Signd Robert Clerk Depy Secy

The Secretary having sent in Circulation the following Letter to him from Mr. Maunsell, the President and Members of Council subjoined their respective opinions upon it, as are entered hereunder

To John Shannier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Mr. Maunsell, proposing that Letters be written to the Comg. Officers, requiring their orders to the Barrack Masters for furnishing articles beyond those allowed by the Regulations.—

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As the Board have determined to admit the Charge made by the Barrack Masters not allowed by the Regulations, on the Ground of their having in such Overcharge acted in obedience to Orders from the different Commanding Officers I would submit to the Board the Propriety of a Letter being addressed to those Commanding Officers, directing them to inform Government what Orders they gave to the Barrack Masters for furnishing Barrack Articles over and above those allowed by the Regulations — The only Voucher of this Kind before the Board is from

Colonel

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17th Colonel Stuart, and others appear no less necessary.—
I beg you will submit this in Circulation for
the approbation of the Governor and Members of Council.—

Sam. Hy. &c.

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Signed/ Rob.t Maunsell

The President of opinion that the proposed Letters to the Commanding Officers are unnecessary.—

The President — I am of opinion that the Letters from General Horne and Colonel Stuart, are sufficiently explanatory of their motives for ordering the additional Articles, and the Certificate of the Commanding Officer to the Barrack Master's accounts, is a sufficient Testimony to the Board, that the Articles alluded to, have been issued. It unfortunately happens, that most of the Officers, commanding in the Chief stations of the Central Division, are dead, or gone to Bombay.—

/signed/ A.C.

Mr. Maunsell's further Arguments on the Subject.—

Mr. Maunsell — The Letter from Colonel Stuart, is, I agree, sufficiently explanatory of his motives for ordering some additional articles. On Reference to it, however, it will be seen that the Barrack Master charged more than the Regulations allowed, without orders from Colonel Stuart, who has declared them to have been

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17th been unnecessary. What General Horne has said in his Letter, is, I think not sufficiently in point— and as it has been the Rule of this Service to produce Vouchers, especially for every extra Charge I presume that Government will see the Propriety of requiring that the Barrack Masters produce written Orders, as authorities for their Overcharges, or, at least, an acknowledgment from the Commanding Officers, of Orders, and their Extent, given by them to the Barrack Masters for exceeding the Regulations, and that the Board will in consequence approve of Letters to the Effect explained in my Letter to the Secretary, being sent to Colonels Floyd, Knox, Nixon, Kelly, & Major Dugald Campbell of the Center Division— General Horne, Major Burrowes, and Colonel Bridge, South of the Coleroon, all of whom have Countersigned Barrack Masters Bills.

The Excess beyond the Regulations of Articles charged by the Barrack Masters being common to every Garrison and Cantonment, it induces a Doubt whether the Commanding Officers understood that they were required by the Regulations to examine the Rate of Charge and Quantity of Articles allowed

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17 to the particular Strength, and other Circumstances of the Garrison, previous to their Countersigning the Bills, a Point to which, I think, they should be expressly required to reply, in answer to the Circular Letter I have taken the Liberty to propose should be written to them.

/Signed/ R. M.

Mr. Holland thinks the proposed Letters necessary

Mr. Holland — Happears from the Limitations fixed in the Resolution of the Board on the first article of the Audit, that the Letters to the Commanding Officers are necessary — I do not see any other mode of giving Effect to those Limitations.

/Signed/ J. H. C:

Mr. Casamajor of Opinion with the President

Mr. Casamajor — The Commanding Officers having certified the Barrack Masters Accounts proves the Issue of the Articles alluded to, in Conformity to their Orders — the Letters proposed to be written to the Commanding Officers do not appear necessary. —

/Signed/ J. H. C.

16 Sent the following Letters. —

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To

To Colonel James Capper

Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Sir,

Government having taken into consideration your audit upon the Barrack Masters accounts are pleased to decide in the following manner upon the different points submitted to them.

To the Comptroller General. with the Resolutions of Government upon his audit of the Barrack Masters accounts.

That the Charges noted by you as <u>not allowed</u> so far as they are warranted by Directions or Indents from Commanding Officers be admitted including Servants Wages &c.

That your audit upon the <u>Overcharge</u> be confirmed.

That the measurement of oil be regulated agreably to the measurement and prices formerly used by the Paymasters in each Garrison that is to say, the measurement and Price formerly used & allowed at Vellore at Trichinopoly when those Places were supplied with oil by the Paymasters is to be the criterion by which you are to audit the Barrack Masters accounts at Vellore, and Trichinopoly &c to observe the same Rule in auditing the accounts for every other Garrison.

I am

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I am further to notify to you that in future all Prices for Barrack articles in every Garrison are to be regulated and admitted, agreeably to the prices charged for the same Places when the Articles were supplied by the Paymasters.

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I am &c &c
Signed John Chamier Secy

To Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
of
Fort William

To Bengal — with a Memorandum from the Military Storekeeper of a Deficiency in the Stores landed from the Snow Hastings

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose a Paper from the Military Storekeeper at this Presidency stating a Deficiency in the Stores landed from the Honorable Company's Snow Hastings.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed W C Jackson Secy
Fort St George
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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis

K. G.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal - enc: closing Letter to the Governor General in Council from the Nabobs Committee of Creditors

We have the Honor to enclose a Letter addressed to your Lordship and the Supreme Council from the Committee for the three Classes of the Nabobs Debts at this Presidency.

We have the Honor to be,

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with great Respect, &c. &c.

Signed Arch. Campbell

W. Council

N.B. The Enclosure alluded to in the foregoing Letter is the address from the Committee of Creditors respecting the State of the Case, said to have been drawn up by the Attorney General Sullivan.

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal - acknowledging the Receipt of a Dispatch

We have the Honor to acknowledge the

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18 The Receipt of a Letter from your Lordships and the Supreme Council under Date the 25th January last, accompanied by a Cypher, which we shall, agreably to your Lordships Desire, use upon all occasions in our future Correspondence with your Government which requires any Cypher.

We have the Honor to be,

with great Respect, &c. &c.

Fort St George
18th May 1788

Sign'd Arch.d Campbell
&c. Council

Received the following Letter & Enclosure from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Board of Revenue, with Copy of Mr. Cramis account of Customs paid on Goods imported by Sea at Narsapore & Bandar, & Calculation & Reports — Requesting to know in what Manner the Annual Remission of Peishcush is to be allowed to the Renters of Coimbatore, & Returning down Free for the Purpose of the new Cantonment, is to be adjusted. 17

Honble Sir,

In obedience to your Commands signified to us by Mr. Secretary Stanier's Letter of the 29th December last, we directed the Collectors of the Masulipatam Havelly to ascertain with as much Accuracy as possible, and report to us the Amounts of Customs

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18 Customs collected from British Subjects within their respective Divisions.

Copy of Mr Cram's account of Customs paid on Goods imported by Sea, we have the Honor to enclose you, which is the only statement he can furnish, the Inland Trade, as he observes, being at present entirely in the hands of native, and American Merchants.

Mr Scott acquaints us that the Revenue Officers in the Purgunnahs under his Charge cannot furnish any accounts of Customs paid by British Subjects since the Commencement of the last War, before which period it appears that a Sum never exceeding Pagodas 25 ℔ annum was collected under this Discription, and that no Inland Trade being at present carried on by Europeans, at least, in their own Names the Duties received are from native Merchants only.

On the 17th March last we had the honor to acquaint you that in consequence of Mr. Dighton's Report on the Loss which the Renter of Cavantandelum had sustained by the cutting of Trees on his Farm for the Purposes of the new Cantonment at Walaujahbad, we had been under the

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the necessity of allowing him an annual Remission of Rent, amounting to Pagodas 1073, and as this article could be brought into the Books of this Department as a Charge on the Revenue, we submitted to you the Propriety of directing the Military Paymaster General to pay the Amount into the Revenue Treasury on account of the Rents, and carry it to the Expences of building the Cantonment.

As We have not been honored with your Orders in consequence, we take the liberty of addressing you again on the subject, that we may know in what Manner the abovementioned Remission is to be adjusted.

We have the Honor to be,

with respect,

Fort St George
5th May 1788

Signed

&c &c

John Holland

Edw.d Saunders

David Haliburton

Geo.e Moubray

Abstract

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B. Abstract account of the Customs on Goods imported by British Subjects from the year 1784 to 1786 in the undermentioned Ports.

Names of the Ports	For the year 1784	For the year 1785	For the year 1786	Total Average.
	S. f. c.	S. f. c.	S. f. c.	S. f. c.
Masulapatam	6. 36. -	15. 16. 10.	30. 3. -	52. 7. 10.	17. 18. 30.
Bandermalunka	- - - - - -	60. 25. 10.	60. 25. 10.	20. 8. 10.
Coringa	59. 43. 10.	23. 18. -	41. 18. 60.	124. 32. 20.	41. 26. 60.
Total	66. 31. 10.	28. 34. 10.	131. 47. 20.	237. 16. 70.	79. 5. 50.

Ellore
30th March 1788

E E. E. per Wm Oram

a true Copy
per Order
William Balfour
Secy

The second Subject in the above Letter being referred to the Chief Engineer by the President, the former was desired to report whether the Quantity of Wood charged, had been received.

The Letter Parts to be referred to the Chief Engineer

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 30. 31.

From the Chief Engineer — with an Estimate of Repairs for the Deputy Military Secretary's Rooms in the Fort Square.

From the Chief Engineer

From

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From the Paymaster at Angola

18th From the Paymaster at Angola — Requesting Permission to visit the Presidency.

19th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered viz. M. B.

No. 52.53.54.55.56.

To the Barrack Masters

To the Barrack masters. — Their accounts to be made out in future, with the Exception of the Ott, agreable to the Measurement and Price, formerly used by the Paymasters in each Garrison.

To the Military Paymasters General. — to discharge Mr. Cockburn's Bill for building a shed in the Black Town for the Preservation of the Company's Carts, amounting to Pagodas 743. 24.10.

To the Military Paymasters General

To the Comptroller General of army accounts

To the Comptroller General of army accounts. — Has Permission to draw Thirty Pagodas of Nursery, for Writers, from the Time of his appointment. — to make out a separate Indent for Stationary for the office of Comptroller General.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — with Invoice of and Receipt for Stores laden on the Vessel for their Factory.

To the Committee of Works

To the Committee of Works. — to give Orders for the Repair of the Deputy Military Secretary's Rooms in the Fort Square, agreeably to the Estimate Contained in the Quarterly Report of the Chief Engineer.

At

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At a Consultation Present
The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President
John Holland, James Henry Casamajor
&
Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Friday
the
20 May 1788.

Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved.

Read the following Letter from Bengal

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

Honble Sir

From Bengal
The Contract with
Messrs Lambert &
Harris for spirituous
Liquors Completed -
Copy of their Letter
on the Subject enclosed

We transmit to you herewith
Copy of a letter and its Enclosure which we have
received from Messrs Harris and Lambert reporting
the Completion of their Contract for supplying your
Presidency with Rum and Arrack.

We have directed Messrs Harris
and Lambert should there be any deficiency as
suggested in their Letter, to instruct their Agent at

E Madras

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Madras to deliver the dispatches to your Order.

We have the honor to Co.

W. E.

Fort William
the 26 April 1788

Signed Cornwallis

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

My Lord,

Enclosed We have the honor to send receipts for deliveries of Burmah Arrack at Madras, being the remainder of the Quantity we Contracted to Deliver there, and request your Lordship will be pleased to Order Certificates to be granted us for the Balance due, Current Rupees 33,395,5,8. as per account herewith.

We beg leave to observe that the Agent for Spirituous Liquors at Madras, has written the last receipt for Rum on the back of the Bill of Lading for the Arrack, and the receipt for Arrack on the Bill of Lading for the Rum. There is also a mistake in the

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second Delivery of Arrack, the receipt only stating 15,438 Gallons to have been received, when by his, and our agents account, he acknowledges to have received 15,619 Gallons, as stated in our account.

Should there only have been 15,438 instead of 15,619 Gallons received, we will order our agent at Madras to deliver the difference, (having sent a Surplus Quantity there, to supply any deficiency) or, we will deduct the amount from the Balance We have to receive.

We have the Honor to be,
with the greatest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordships most obedient
and very humble Servants
Herbert Harris
A. Lambert

Calcutta
20th April 1788

Signed

A true Copy
J Dunsden
Sec. Secretary

Account

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Account Contract, and deliveries of Rum and Arrack made by Messrs Harris & Lambert, at Fort St George on account of the Honble Company.—

Quantity of Rum to be delivered
as p Contract — — Gallons 41250.
Do of Arrack p Do — — — — 41250.

Gallons 82500

Deliveries

Arrack p Snow Indus Captain Stratton
p receipt sent in — — — — 11718
" p Ketch Charis Captain Hayward
p Receipt herewith — — — — 15619.
p Snow Fanny Captain Chambers 13913. 41250.

Rum p ships St Kilda, Captain Atkins
p receipt sent in — — — — 9075
p Snow Fairy Captain Frazer p receipt
sent in — — — 6888
Ceres p Snow Ceres Captain Middleton p
receipt herewith — — 13717.
p Snow Fanny Captain Chambers
p receipt herewith — 11570. 41250.

Gallons 82500

E E
Errors p Herbert Harris
A Lambert.

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D. The Honble Company on account of Rum and Arrack Contract in account Current with Herbert Harris & A. Lambert Cr.

To Rum delivered at Madras, as per account herewith — Gallons 41250		1787 May 11th By amount of a Certificate payable to Herbert Harris on account of the first advance 16697.10.4.	
Arrack Do — 41250.		Do. to Anthony Lambert — 16697.10.4	33395.4.8.
82500 Gallons			
at S.R. 1.29 per Gallon is Sicca Rupees 86367.3 or — 100185.15.		1788 January 31st By amount of a Certificate payable to Herbert Harris on account of the Second advance 16697.10.4.	
		Do to Anthony Lambert — 16697.10.4	33395.4.8.
		By Balance due Harris & Lambert —	33395.5.8.
Current Rupees 100185.15.		Current Rupees 100185.15.	

Calcutta 20th April 1788

E. E. (Signed) Herbert Harris
A. Lambert.

True Copies
(Signed) J. Lumsden
Asst. Secy

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Minute thereon

Ordered that Copies of the above be sent to Mr. Cochrane and that he be desired to give the necessary Information.

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

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

Sir

From General Horne
Tippoo expected at Coimbatoor.
His Tippoo's Troops
suffer much in their
attack on some of the
Barriers belonging to
the Poligar Verapatchy.
Quarter Master Elliot
returns to his Station
from Anjengo. Reports
&c. during the Genl's
absence to be made to
Colonel Stuart. Tippoo
has no hostile Intentions
towards the Company
or the Rajah of
Travancore.

I have the Honor to acquaint your Excellency that some of my people employed in procuring Intelligence arrived yesterday from Paulgautcherry and Coimbatoor at which places some of Tippoo Sultaun's Baggage and Camp Equipage has arrived, and that he was expected in the course of a few days in person at Coimbatoor.

It is reported that a Considerable Body of Horse came through the Puzzarutty pass a few days ago and that they are now encamped at Kornapet, Coimbatoor lain laying between and Daraporam.

Some of the strong Barriers belonging to the Poligar Verapatchy has been carried without loss of Tippoo Sultaun's Troops, but that the Poligar

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in force still possesses a very strong post on the summit of the mountains, which it is thought the Troops against it will not be able to carry, without suffering considerably.

I beg leave to inform your Excellency, that in consequence of a letter from Major Campbell to Lieutenant Macfie of the Cavalry mentioning that fifty of Captain Torin's Horses were landed at Madras from Bombay, and that the remainder from that Quarter was daily expected. I have directed Quarter Master Elliott forthwith at Arrivage to return to his Station at Warriore.

Agreeably to your Excellency's permission I propose setting out this afternoon for the Presidency, and during my absence, have directed that all the General Reports &c. of the Troops south of the Coleroon be made to Colonel Stuart, who will receive from Captain Chase my Secretary, every materials Intelligence that may be brought in from my People employed on the Tanjore Country, and as it appears from some letters under date the 6th Instant, which I have received from the Malabar Coast that Tippoo Sultaun has no hostile intention against the Tranquebar Country or the English possessions in that Quarter. I have drawn the Field Troops into Garrison, & directed that Detachment be discharged the Service. I am with the highest respect

Head Quarters
of the Southern Army
May 20th 1788

Your &c.
Signed Mal.m Horne
Head

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Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer -

To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch. Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Chief Engineer on the subject of Wood cut down for the use of the Cantonment at Walajanabad in the District of Pranta[illegible]

In reference to Walajahabad I find that 200 Palmiras and 300 Bundles of Brushwood have been cut for the Company's works since I took charge of them, and likewise, understand that in Colonel Davis's time 700 Palmiras and about 100 Trees of different Kinds were cut for the same purpose, but cannot be certain whether they were in the Canary: tandelum, Orjeruman or any other District

The Gentlemen of the Cantonment have no Doubt cut many Palmiras and other Trees for the use of their Bungalows, with which Lam unac[illegible] acquainted and it is probable the Renter has charged all of them to the Company's account.

I have likewise to inform you, that many Complaints from Pranta[illegible]tandelum Renter any done to the Trees in his Dist[illegible] considered heinous in that respect as the[illegible] of the Inhabitants only, I am[illegible] understood

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understood the growing Timber to be the property of Government and always applied to their use when necessary, or suffered to be taken under proper controul for the purposes of the Ryots and Village People, and not belonging to the Renters as a profit were such a principle once admitted it would have a Tendency to involve the Company in a large annual Expence throughout the Carnatic, unwarranted by any usage that I am acquainted with.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Madras
18th May 1788

Signed Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Board of Revenue and that they be desired to take the same into Consideration.

To be referred to the Board of Revenue

Read the following Letter from the Committee for the three Clases of Arnabolis Orders.

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

President and Governor &c Council

Fort St George

From the Committee of the Arnabolis Orders, enclosing another to the Governor General in Council, founded upon Papers furnished by Government since their Letter of the 27th ultimo.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to transmit an address to the Right Honorable the Governor General in

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in Council on the affairs of the Creditors which the Members of the Committee prior to their resignation and resolved on, and we have to request your Honor &c will be pleased to forward it to Bengal by the earliest Occasion.

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St George
20th May 1788

Signed James Taylor
Paul Benfield
Benj.n Roebuck

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council
at
Fort William

My Lord,

From the Committee of Creditors to the Governor General with further Arguments in support of their Rights.

Your Letter of the 27th ultimo we did ourselves the honor of explaining to Your Lordship the Circumstances, which occasioned that address, and we trust we have fully impressed Your Lordships mind with conviction that the arrangement made for the Security of the Creditors, by the Agreement of the 28th June 1785, is unalterable by any

any subsequent Deed, and that the Court of Directors have viewed it in that light.

Since that address, in Consequence of applic: cation to this Government, we have been furnished with papers which will prove to your Lordships that the sense we have entertained of the Rights of the Creditors is no other than has been avowed by the Court of Directors, and even by the present Honorable Governor and the Council of this Presidency, and will also support the further arguments we have adduced in our Remarks on the Case, as well as what we have advanced in our Letter to your Lordship where we observed it did not appear that the Company ever desired or gave any orders for an Assessment upon the Nabob exceeding the four Lack stipulated in the Agreement of June 1785, and that all their orders subsequent to the Receipt of the Agreement manifested a determined principle of Indulgence towards the Nabob in opposition to excessive demands, and in the Remarks we have set forth that the Nabob himself declared both before the Signing of the new Treaty, and immediately after it was concluded of his inability to pay so large a Sum as was fixed by that instrument and requested a Remission of two Lack, we shall here subjoin his Highnesses words on the occasion and also the Governors declarations in consequence The Nabob

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in his Letter of the 22d February 1787 two days before
the Signing of the new Treaty, after having entered
into the State of his Revenues, and endeavoured to prove
his inability to pay even sixteen Lacks concludes thus,
"I trust my Friend and the Company will think
"it reasonable that the annual appropriations which
"I shall hencefoth make to my publick & private
"Creditors shall be limited to Ten Lack of Pagodas, until
"the whole of my Debts publick and private are
Same "Discharged," and the Governor in reply the say Day says,
"it is with concern I must inform your Highness
"that it is utterly out of my power to give my Assent
"to any Deduction from the Terms Stipulated for the
"annual Payments to your Publick and Private
"Creditors I must here beg leave to remind your Highness
"that the arrangement of an annual payment of
"12 Lack to your Creditors originated from yourself,
"that it was afterwards accepted by the Honorable
"Company & that a formal Engagements now exists for
"this annual Payment on the part of your Highness
"which Engagement has been confirmed and approved
"by the Court of Directors, This being the Case your Highness
"will be sensible that any alteration in it must be made
"by my superiors only to whom I will, if you please

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"refer your Letter now before me or any other you may chuse
"to address me on the Subject, and if they do not comply with
"your Highness's request for an abatement of 2 Lacks of
"Pagodas Annually from the Sum paid your Editors to
"commence from Bhuzzely 1197 and that the Revenues
"of the Carnatick are not found to be adequate to the
"discharge of the same, I shall agree to carry the said two
"Lack to your Highness's account Current with the
"Company" The Nabob on the 27th February three days
"after having signed the new Treaty again addresses Govern:
: ment for the Remission of two Lack of Pagodas in the
following words "I trust however that my Friends
"the Company in their Justice and wisdom will clearly
"see that in entering into so heavy an engagement in
"Compliance with their wishes their ancient friend the
"Sovereign of the Carnatic has Subjected himself his
"Country his Family and Subjects to the utmost embar:
"rassment, and distress and I have not a doubt but from
"the Consideration of my Situation, that they will order
"an abatement to be made in the Twelve Lack appro:
"priated to the Editors of which the Company yearly
"receive four Lack to the end that my few remaining
"Ryotts may not be put to greater hardships than what
"they have already suffered and are still suffering and
"that the Country may be reflourished, I therefore again
request

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"request my friend will be pleased to Represent all this
"to the Company by the Berrington it will make no
"material difference to them if my Debt is paid off in
"Ten or in Twelve years but the abatement which I desire
"will ease my subjects and enable the Country to flourish
"I shall acquire the honor of having fulfilled my
"Engagements, and it will add to the Company's good
"name that I can do so, and that the burden is not too heavy
"for me to bear, the flourishing of the Country in future
"must my Friend be the first object and this depends on
"the Ryotts being easy and happy if they are hard pressed
"in the collections of the Revenues the Country must very
"soon be more ruined and depopulated." We see the
Governor now declaring with Concern at this period it was
utterly out of his power to give his assent to any deduction
from the Sum stipulated [illegible] annual payments to
the Creditors, but as the same time assures [illegible] his highness
of the permission He desired by carrying it to his account
with the Company, should the state of his Country require
it, and the article of the new Treaty appears to be entire;
order to render such assurance a Solemnity
between the Company and the Nabob, and further to
prove that Such permission was never meant to
affect the Arrangement included the 28th June, for
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the Security of the Creditors we have only to quote the 19th
article of the new Treaty so closely following the one afore-
mentioned which stands thus "It is further stipulated
"that the said Articles of agreement dated 28th June as far
"as they relate to the discharge of the Debts of His Highness
"the Nabob shall be and continue in full force and
"Virtue" — The Principles and Basis whereupon the
Payments to the Company increased to the Sum of
Nine Lack were required from the Nabob by the
new Treaty were presented to the Board by the Governor —
The Several Members of the Council were pleased to
adopt the Sentiments of the President in their full
extent and the President with the several Members of
Council collectively were pleased to declare to the Court
of Directors their decisive sentiments upon the Rights
of the Creditors under the agreement of the 28th June
1785, as well as the new Treaty of the 24th February
1787 which they were at the same moment trans-
mitting to England — the words of their General Letter
to the Court of Directors of the 27th February 1787 on this
Subject are as follows Paragraph 4th "We should not
"do justice to the Presidents Minute were we to
"abstract it we are confident it will be read by your
"Honorable Court with that attention to which it is so
"well intitled, we shall have the Honor to send it.

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"to your Honorable Court a seperate number in
"the Packet and have no doubt of your finding
"this Subject of which the investigation was attended
"with great difficulty treated in a very masterly
"manner."

"Para 5 Sir Archibald Campbell in his abovenamed
"Honble Minute observed that the only correct and
"equitable line which would be adopted for adjusting
"the Annual Contributions towards the defence of the
"Carnatick would be to proportion the Contributions to the
"Gross Revenues of the Contracting Parties, and he has
"accordingly proposed the following annual Arrange-
"ment for the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore.

"Annual Arrangement for the Nabob of Arcot

"Expence of Collections Estimated at	218974.
"Annual appropriation to Creditors	1200000.
"Contribution to the General defence	1050000.
"Family Expences &c	231026.
"Total Gross Revenue	2700000.

"Annual Arrangement for the Rajah of Tanjore

"Expence of Collection estimated at	100000
"Peishcash and appropriation to Creditors	300000
"Contribution to the General Defence	400000.
"Family Expences	200000.
"Total Gross Revenue	1000000.

"Para 6th We had great satisfaction in giving our testimo-
"ny to the laborious application of our President and in expressing
"our opinion that the Calculations in his minute were
"clear and correct and the reasoning deduced from them just &
conclusive

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"conclusive, we were Sensible that the Multiplicity of
"business in which he has been engaged ever since his arrival
"the difficulties that occurred in procuring materials for
"the work and the indisposition of the Nabob had occasioned
"the delay in bringing forward the Treaties which are
"now in a fair train of Arrangement we desired your President
"to communicate with the Nabob and address the Rajah
"of Tanjore on the Subject that no time might be lost in
"bringing the matter to a conclusion.

Para 7th Our President a short time after reported to
"us the particulars of his conferences with the Nabob,
"and laid before us a Paper which His Highness
"delivered to him the Nabob therein declares it long to
"have been his wish that a Treaty should be entered
"into between the Honorable Company and himself in
"which his Rights should be secured, and the prosperity
"of the Publick affairs maintained His Highness shew
"his readiness to concur with the President and to contribute
"what was in his power towards the Expences of the Troops.

"Para 8 - at a meeting which the President had the next
"Day with the Nabob's second Son it was declared by the
"Letter on the part of his Father, that the Sum of Ten Lack
"and a half of Pagodas would be more than the Nabob
"could pay for his Quota of the Expence of the Military
"Peace Establishment without great inconvenience and
"Distress; that if the Honorable Company would fix
"the annual Contribution of the Nabob at Nine Lacks
"of Pagodas His Highness's Circumstances would be

made

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made easy and comfortable, and his Family thoroughly satisfied and happy.—

Para 9th Upon taking this solemn declaration of the Nabob into Consideration Our President adverted to the Letter from the Secret Committee under date the 22d of September 1785 wherein they are pleased to say that it would neither be agreeable to the Policy or justice of the Company to press the Nabob for payments exceeding the Resources of the Carnatick or even to such an amount as not to leave to him a Revenue sufficient for the maintenance of his Dignity and Government—In the same Letter the Secret Committee confide a considerable discretionary Power in this Government when the Arrangement for the proposed Treaty should take place.—

Para 10th Our President also considered the advanced time of life of the Nabob the numerous family he had to maintain also the State of the Carnatick not sufficiently recovered from

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from the Ravages of the late War to yield a
Revenue proportioned to the demands upon it
if they were all rigidly exacted - He also adverts
to your positive orders under date the 9th of
December 1784 relative to the annual 12
Lacks to be received for the Payment of the
Nabob's Debts aforem, which having been
offered by His Highness himself had been re-
fused by your Honble Court and the
payment of it secured by Articles of re-
Agreement signed by this Government
and the Nabob the 28th June 1785 and since
confirmed and approved in your Letter of
the 28 April 1786, after therefore maturely
weighing the Subject in all its points of
view he thought himself warranted in re-
mitting one Lack and a half of the quota
of 10 Lack and a half of Pagodas and he
accordingly notified to the Nabob his re-
determination to accept Nine Lacks -

Para 11th This Resolution was highly
satisfactory to the Nabob and was fully
approved

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Approves by us— It afforded material relief
to his Highness who soon after consented
to all the other Articles proposed by the
President which were laid before us on the
21st Inst. & being approved the Treaty was
immediately drawn out and executed on
the 24th Instant

Para 12th We have the most sanguine hopes
that your Honble Court will approve our Conduct
throughout the whole of this negociation with
the Nabob, and that you will be of Opinion
upon perusing the Treaty / Copy of which
is sent amongst the Packet / that
a proper attention has been paid to His
Highness's Situation without materially
departing from the line you had prescribed
to us— The 19th Article preserves the Agreement
made on the 28 June 1785 for the Creditors
which having been confirmed by you is to
maintained in full force in the Treaty just
concluded

Para 13th Two days previous to the Signing

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of the Treaty our President Summoned a Council and laid before us a Letter from the Nabob wherein His Highness stated that it has long been his most Ardent wish that a Treaty should take place between him and the Honble Company, and that he has agreed to pay nine Lacks of Pagodas yearly for his fixed proportion of the Military Peace Establishment - The Arrangement for the nine Lacks to commence from the 10th July next of the above sum of Pagodas 2,20,000 to be received annually from Tanjore and the remaining 6,80,000 Pagodas to be paid from the Revenues of the Carnatick His Highness then observes that he trusts the Honble Company will think it reasonable that the Annual appropriations to his publick and private Creditors be limited to Ten Lack of Pagodas until the whole of his Debts Publick & Private be discharged. &c

Para 14: The Remaining part of the Nabobs

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Letter relates to a wish expressed by His Hs
Highness of having a seperate Treaty by Hs
which his Sovereign Rights (as exercised
by former Soubahdars of the Carnatick) &
should be Secured, and Sundry other points
embraced on which his future welfare and
Happiness & that of his Family and Hs
Subjects depend.

Para 15th In the Diary to the Consultation
of the 21st of Instt - Your Honble Court will Hs
observe a Declaration from our President Hs
which makes a member in the Packet of this
having Agreed with the Nabob that of mine
Lack of Pagodas to be contributed by His
Highness the Sum of 2,20,000 for arrears &
and Current Peiscush should be received by
the President on Account of the Nabob from
the Tanjore Country, and also, that if Hs
your Honble Court do not comply with Hs
the Nabobs request respecting an abatement
of two Lack of Pagodas from the Creditors and

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and that the Nabobs Revenues are not found to be adequate to the discharge of the above Sum in Such Case the amounts Should be carried to the Balance of His Highness's Account Current with the Company. —

Para: 16th Conformably to our Presidents Agreement with the Nabob relative to the 2,70,000 Pagodas to be annually remitted from Tanjore we desired Sir Archibald Campbell to inform His Highness in reply to his Letter above recited that we consented to take upon ourselves the charge of the above Sum on Account of the Nabobs Claim for Arrears and Current pretences We at the Same time reminded His Highness of the progress of his Arrangement for his Creditors and that as a formal Engagement confirmed by your Honble Court actually existed, no alteration could be made by this Government in what was settled on this head we at the same time offered to refer

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refer this Letter to you or any other Hon. Highness might think proper to address to us on the Subject

Para 17 Conformably also to the Presidents Agreement with the Nabob we desired Sir Archibald Campbell to notify our Assent to His Highness, that the two Lacks which the Nabob wished to be deducted from his payments to his publick and Private Creditors, should be carried to his Account Current with the Company if your Honourable Court do not comply with this Highness's wish for an Abatement of the above mentioned two Lacks from the Annual Sum paid the Creditors; and if the Revenues of the Carnatic be not found adequate to the discharge of the same

We very early find the Company impressed with an Idea that the Nabobs Revenues were not likely to be productive under his Management and the object of the very Special Letter of their Secret Committee of the 22 Sept. 1785 brought here by the Honble President themselves is to recommend to this Government to use such moderation in their demands on the Nabob in

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in Settling past Accounts as well as in making present Arrangements as may conciliate His mind and incline him to let them hold Possession of his Country Vin this Letter written before the Company were made acquainted with an arrangement having been formed securing four Lack for the payment of the Current expences they do not fail to express an anxiety that the property of the Creditors Should be secure they say— without a productive Revenue neither the Security of the Nabob Creditors, the liquidation of His Debt to the Company the Support of his own family and dignity nor the future defence of the Carnatick can in any degree be provided for to your discretion and Judgement therefore much of the intended Arrangement must be left. It is nevertheless agreeable to the Policy nor to the justice of the Company to force the Nabob for payments exceeding the resources of the Carnatick or even to Such an amount as not to leave to him a Revenue Sufficient for the maintenance of his Dignity and Government But neither on the other hand

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is it reasonable that the Claims of the Company
and of Individuals should be postponed by
the prosecution or mismanagement of this #
Officers These considerations must guide you
in the Treaty to be made with him on General
Campbells arrival; a considerable discretion
is unavoidably left to you upon the particulars
of the Arrangement, at the same time that
the general principles of our Letter of the 9th
December are pointed to you as those by #
which you are to be regulated, so far as they
can from the Situation of the Carnatic be
carried into effect The Letter of the Secret #
Committee of the 28th April 1786 written #
after information had been received of the
Agreement of 28th June 1785 by which 4 Lacks
was secured for the current expences in #
conjunction with 12 Lack for the Creditors
as the Court of Directors had expressly #
commanded convey their apprehensions of
the Nabobs inability to perform those #
engagements in the following terms. at present
We do not mean to give any further order upon

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"this Subject, than what we have already done in our
"Letter of the 22d September last, we wait the result
"of what was there Suggested in the confidence that
"you will have so exercised the discretion therein
"given to you, as not to distress the Nabob with
"demands for the payment of his Creditors op
"beyond what he is able from the resources of
"his Country to afford, we are led to make this
"Observation, from perceiving that the Nabob
"has applied to your own Knowledge for the
"truth of his assertion, that he is unable to
"make a payment so large as Seventeen Lacks
"of Pagodas Annually in the present State of
"his Country. The Arrangements we made
"in our Letter of the 9th December 1784 proceeded
"on the voluntary offer of the Nabob as far as
"relates to the Sum to be applied to the liquidation
"of his Debt, and it was never our intention
"to press him for any Sum for that purpose,
"larger than what might reasonably be expected
"from the resources of his Country under Oeconomy
"and good Management without either op-

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"reducing him to have recourse to fresh Loans
"whereby those difficulties would be continued
"and perpetuated from which it was our desire
"to relieve him by a gradual Operation or putting
"him under the Necessity, which would be the
"most repugnant to our feelings, of oppressing
"by extraordinary exertions. The persons under
"the Government" and the Courts of Directors
"say in their Letter of the same date with the
"above Para 18. We have attentively considered
"your late Dispatches relative to the Surrender
"of the assignments to the Nabob of Arcot, in
"obedience to our orders of the 9th December 1784
"and the manner in which those orders have
"been carried into execution by the Agreement
"of 28th. June last, and with your knowledge of
"the entire incompetency of the Soucars Security
"proposed in your beforementioned Dispatches to
"be taken for the Jewels Lacks, you ought to
"very properly in Stipulating by the 6th Article
"of that Agreement for the same kind of Security
"as you were desired to demand for the Nabobs
"[illegible] the Current Charges"

proportion of the current

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"We have likewise Considered the
"Arrangement of the Rests in which the 16 Lacks
"are to be paid into the Company's Treasury, you
"manifested a Commendable attention to the
"Company's Interest by providing that the
"Amount of the Nabobs Share of the Current
"Charges should be exclusively paid with the
"first Rest & as much of the Second Rest as
"may be necessary to make up the four Lack of
"Pagodas" Hence it may be observed that the
"Company do not set up a Claim of right to
"a Preference of payment of the four Lack for
"the Current Charges tho' they expect the
"Approbation of it's being obtained."

From the preceding extract
it is evident that the Company Looked upon
it as a dubious point whether the Nabobs
Country was able to produce 16 Lacks of
annually & their Satisfaction is recorded at
four Lack stipulated for the Current
Charges, and it is also clear that they do
not Suggest an increase of Tribute from

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him, on the Contrary, they recommend moderation
in the Letter of September 1785 to this Letter
they refer you as explaining the principles of
their System.—

Having now recited such extracts
from the Papers furnished respecting the
Nabob's Agreement as shall address from
from Mr. Secretary Shannon's letter to us
of the 8th April 1788, "In reply to the last
"Paragraph of your Letter wherein you
"desired to have extracts of any orders or
"Instructions which the Court of Directors
"or their Secret Committee may have sent
"out after the Agreement of June 1785
"relative to any additional stipend from
"the Nabob or the formation of a new Treaty,
"I am to inform you that orders or Instruction
"to the above Purport have not been
"received by this Government."—

The new Treaty entered into with
the Nabob the 24th Feby 1787 declares in the
the possible event of this being deficient in
the payment of the Monies stipulated for by
such

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such Treaty, says in the 17 Article "Should at
"there be any Essential failure in the Crops in
"time of peace owing to the want of Rains
"or any other unforseen calamities, a deduction
"shall be made in the Nabobs Rists to the
"extent of the Injury which the Revenues
"may Sustain, as Shall be estimated &
"fixed on by the Governor in Council, to whom
"His Highness grants full power & Authority
"to appoint one or more Superintendant &
"and Accomptants to inspect and examine
"the Cutcherry receipts of all the Countries
"& Districts of His Highness the Nabob
"of the Carnatick for the purpose of ascer-
"taining the Amount of such destruction
"which is to be carried as a charge to the Account
"Current of His Highness" We now proceed
"to observe that according to the Agreement of
the 28th June 1785 the Rists to be paid were fixed
as follows.-

30th	September	3,00,000
31st	January	6,00,000
10th	July	7,00,000

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and Supposing for a moment that the Company could have a just claim of priority for the receipt of the four Lacks Stipulated for current & charges, in such case the payment to these Creditors would become due as follows -

31st. January ---------- 3,00,000 - - -

10th. July ---------- 7,00,000 - - -

And we perceive by a Letter from the Nabob to the Governor dated 28 September 1786 not before communicated to the Creditors, that the Nabob requested a change to be made in the periods of payment of his Rists and offered the following terms as the most Suitable to himself -

30th. November ---------- 3 Lacks

31st. March ---------- 7 ditto

31st. July ---------- 6 ditto.

To this proposed change the Governor by Letter dated 27th September 1786 replied to His Highness in the following terms without any communication with the Creditors; "I have been honored "with the receipt of your Highness's Letter of "dated 28th ultimo, and have the pleasure to "inform you that having laid it before the Council

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"Council they have acquiesced in your Highness's
"wishes for the alteration of the Periods of
"the Kists which were settled by the late Government
in their Agreement with your Highness
"under date the 28th June 1785."

On the 8th April last the
following Letter was addressed to the Nabob
by the Governor "It is with very great concern
"that I find myself called upon by my publick
"duty to represent to your Highness, that
"there has so soon been a failure on the part of
"your Highness in performing the Conditions
"of the Treaty concluded between the Honble
"Company and your Highness, by which it
"was stipulated that on the 31st of March
"your Highness was to pay your second Kist
"on Account of Subsidy for the Support of the
"Army being Pagodas 6,00,000.—

To convince your Highness of
"the extreme desire of Government to render
"this Kist as easy to your finances, as the
"nature of circumstances will permit, they
have

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"have determined to give Credit to your Highness
"for the whole of the 2,20,000 Pagodas imputed
"to be received from the Rajah of Tanjore for
"Pechcush and Arrears of Peshcush, altho' any
"small part thereof have been yet received, &
"and the greatest part will not be realized &
"before the end of the Year according to the
"Heirs settles with the Rajah, by this &
"means the Balance payable by your &
"Highness to the Company will Amount
to ..... Pagodas 3,80,000-

The first payable by your Highness to your Publick and private Creditors on the 31st January	
was on your application further to the 31st March and Amounts to —	5,00,000-
Total Sum payable by your Highness on the 31st March	8,80,000-
The Payments made by your Highness to this time only Amount to — Pags	6,02,212-
So that there remains a balance due by your Highness Pags	2,77,788-

"Your Highness must be sensible that
"according to the Treaty, and the Agreement
for

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" for the discharge of your Debts, this Government
" is bound to call upon your Highness for a
" Settlement of the balance now due, and to treat
" of your Highness to take immediate effectual
" measures for its being discharged." We are
" extremly at a loss in what view to regard or
reconcile the preceding Paragraphs, respecting the
preceding Paragraphs respecting the Rists
due to the Creditors in the first place we
cannot admit, that the Government of Madras
have any right or authority to alter the Agree=
ment made the 28th. June 1785 for the Security
of the property of the Creditors, and they have
declared themselves to the same effect, and we
trust it becomes our duty on the part of the
Creditors to reject in the most decisive
Manner, that and every innovation in
the second place, had the Government
of Madras conceived the proposed change in
the Rists to have been effectuated and in
operation, in such case the Statement of
the Account the Government of Madras were
pleased to transmit the Nabobin the
Governor

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Governors Letter of the 8th April last as before
mentioned is evidently erroneous, for when
the Nabob suggested the Change he offered to add
one Lack to the first of January, on condition
as it would appear of remitting the same to
the 31st March making the payment to the
Creditors at that period Six Lacks instead
of seven in January; as was allowed in
consequence to be their right,
and deducing the first of Seven Lacks to
Six that becomes due to the Creditors in
10th July: Yet we see in this Statement of
Account that the Nabob is only charged
with five Lacks on Account of the Creditors,
though it appears that he is allowed till the
31st of March for the Payment of it, conformable
to the proposed change, nor can this circumstance
be in any respect obscured by any thing that
might appertain to the new Treaty for
that expressly stipulates nine Lacks for
its own objects, that is to say three Lacks to
be paid 30th November, and six Lacks the 31st March

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both of which Heads we understand His Highness has sometime since complicated. It would be too much to presume that Government would not mean that the Creditors should conform to the proposed prolongation of time for the January Kist, and that the proffered advance of one Lack of Pagodas to the amount of that Kist should be remitted even unasked by His Highness. On the 5 Instant we addressed the Governor in the following Words "In the meantime We beg leave to call to your serious attention that notwithstanding the Company have so long been in possession of the Kist having become due to the Creditors the 31st January last & notwithstanding the Assurances we are told in the last Para of Mr. Charnier's Letter of the 20th Sept. he had in Command from you to make, that you expected the Dividend would be issued in the course of last Month yet to this time no Dividend has been declared" In this respect we can only lament that we are yet in the

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the same situation with their difference that the Credit and value of the property of the Creditors are daily diminishing in consequence of the late very affecting discussions and the withholding of their Dividends.—

We shall next recite Extracts of Letter of the Courts of Directors under date the 31st July — 1787 the last letter of any import to the affairs of the Creditors which has been received from them, Para 156 We

"are very glad to find by your advices received since the date of your Letter of the 16th Febry

"last that the state of your Treasury has been

"such as to permit of your dividing amongst the

"Creditors, the whole 12 Lacks received in the

"Course of the past year; & will give us pleasure

"if the publick exigency shall not again oblige

"you to withhold a regular Dividend to the Creditors

out of the Nabobs annual Payments; But &

"Should such necessity again occur We hereby

"repeat the Orders contained in the 61 Para of

"our before mentioned Letter that Should you be

obliged

"obliged to apply to the payment of the Troops, or
"any other Publick Service any part of the Nabobs
"Lists which under our orders of the 9th December
"1784 ought to have gone to the Nabobs private
"Creditors, the Sum so applied must be considered
"as a payment prematurely made in extenction
"of the Companys Debt due from His Highness
"and that therefore in the next Dividend the
"Company ought to receive as part of the Nabobs
"Instalments till by payments made out of it
"to the private Creditors they are on a par with the
"Company according to the arrangement settled by
"us in our said orders of the 9th December 1784 We
"think this repetition of our former Directions
"the more necessary from observing that in the
"Dividend of Pagodas 1,50,000.. made in March
"1786 you included Pagodas 19,200 as the Companys
"Share thereof, notwithstanding you had actually
"received at that time five Lack more on account
"of the Creditors in general. Para 159 "It having
"been very Strongly urged on behalf of the three
"Classes of His Highness the Nabobs Creditors
"called the Creditors of 1767 those of the Cavalry

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"Loan and the Creditors of 1777 that the admission
"of the Claims of Colonel Sir Henry Cosby, Lieut
"Colonel Dugald Campbell, Major Jourdan
"and Mr. Dott to be ranked with the Creditors
"of the Cavalry Loan, and to participate in
"that part of the Fund of 12 Lacks per Annum
"which by our orders of the 9th December 1784 stood
"specifically appropriated to the payment of
"the said three Classes of Debt is altogether
"repugnant to those orders, and a departure from
"the Plan of Arrangement thereby established and
"may be made a Precedent for the admission of
"other Claims upon the appropriated Part of the
"said Fund, highly injurious to the said three
"Classes of Creditors, We have reconsidered our
"orders to you on the Subject of the said new Claim
"under date the 12th April 1786 Para 5 at 24 and
"the resolutions of your Board grounded thereon
"of the 25th November 1786 and perceiving that
"by the Tenor of our said original orders the good
"faith of the Company were implicitly engaged
"to the said three Classes of Creditors for the
first

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"Strict observance of the Arrangement thereby made for
"the payment of their Debts upon certain Specifyed
"Conditions and Penalties by us prescribed and to
"which they were enjoined to Submit and did ac-
"cordingly Submit by their Committees and
"being also persuaded that the admission of other
"Creditors to any participation in the said Ge-
"neral Fund which can tend to derange the
"orginal Plan so far as to effect its operation
"in the gradual reduction and discharge of the
"said three Classes of Debt in the manner
"thereby proposed may be attended with many
"obvious inconveniences, we are indeed to recede
"from our Instructions to you on the Subject of
"the new claims under date the 12th April 1786
"and to direct that the Resolutions of your Board
"of 21st Nov.r 1786 grounded thereon, be revoked and
annulled."

Para 160 "But that equal Justice may be done
"to Sir Henry Cosby and Majo.r Campbell &
"Sowdan and Dott for the payment of whose
think under
"just demands we the peculiar circumstances
"of the case the Company ought to make provision
from

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"from the said General Fund of twelve Lack
"pon Annum, We direct that their amount
"in principal and Interest be placed to the
"Nabobs Debts in his accounts with the
"Company, and that there be from time to
"time paid out of that part of the said
"General Fund which by the original
"arrangements stands appropriated for the
"Discharge of Her Highness's Debt to the
"Company cents Sir Henry Cosby and Hes.
"Campbell Jourdan and Dott the like sums
"which they would have received out of the said
"General Fund under your aforesaid Resolutions
"of the 21 November 1786 if the same had continued
"
in force. —
"Para 161 "And in order that the said three
"Classes of Creditors may be placed on the
"footing which would have obtained under
"the original Arrangement, we further direct
"that after making the aforesaid provision
"for the said new Claims there shall be
"repended and paid unto the said three Classes
"of Creditors out of the Companys next Dividend

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" or Share of the said General Fund such Sums of
" money as before the receipt of these orders shall
" have been paid to Sir Henry Cosby and Messrs.
Campbell and Dott under our said orders of
" the 12th April 1786.-

Para 163 " We approve of your intention to open
" and head in your General Books entitled "
" Publick and Private Creditors of the Nabob "
" and direct that you keep us constantly advised
" of the State of this Debt to the period of your
" several advices as we shall view with "
" pleasure the progress it may make towards
" its extinction.-

Para 165 " After a full and attentive
" Consideration of the Subject we think
" ourselves bound to hold inviolable the "
" arrangement made by us in our Letter
" of the 9th December 1784."

Para 178 " We do not object for the reasons "
" assigned by the Nabob to your having yielded
" to his requests in the alteration of the periods
" for the payments of the Kists we take it for granted
" you attended to the payments being made in "
money

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"money or Bills at away about date otherwise our
"affairs may suffer at least a temporary inconvenience
"we are led to this remark from His Majt. first
"the last Season having been paid in Bills drawn
"at distant periods, and which prevented you
"from making the necessary Dividends to
"his Creditors. —"

After reading with attention the above extracts, the following facts present themselves —

That the Company from the time they received advice of the Conclusion of the Agreement of June 1785 have had strong doubts of the Nabobs ability to pay 16 Lacks Annually The Company's Satisfaction was expressed at the Arrangement made 28th June 1785 and the System ever invariably recommended by them was moderation towards the Nabob

That the Company have never expressed or intimated a desire to have an increase of Stipend Military expences by a deduction of the Sum appropriated for the payment of the Creditors or by any other means —

That in such State of uncertainty as to the

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the Nabob's resources the Company commanded an Agreement to be made with the Nabob specially and specifically to secure for the Public and ⁊ private Creditors the Sum of twelve Lacks of Pagodas and they left to the Government of Madras the conclusion of a Treaty recommending forbearance and Moderation and restricted the Government ⁊ from making demands upon His Highness beyond which His Country could easily afford. That the ⁊ Government of Madras after one Agreement made with the Nabob for the Security of the twelve ⁊ Lacks pursuant to the Commands of the Company and four Lacks for Amount charges made ⁊ anew an Second Treaty with his Highness, ⁊ founded upon a Statement of His Revenues presented by the present Honble Governor to the Council estimating them at seventy Seven Lacks annually, by which new Treaty it was Stipulated that the Nabob should pay nine Lacks instead of four for amount Charges. That the Nabob declared both before and after he had Signed the New ⁊ Treaty, his inability to pay the Sum specified by such Treaty. That the present Honble Governor & the rest of the members of the Government of Fort Saint George collectively declared their want of

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Powers to make any alterations in the Arrangement
made for the Creditors of the 28 June 1785

That in case the Nabob was found
unequal to the payment of the whole of Lacks stipulated
for by the new Treaty and the Company desirous to order
a deduction to be made out of the Sum to be paid to his
public & private Creditors in Lacks can the Government
agree by Letter from the Governor in usual form
to carry three Lacks to Her Highness's Account
Current with the Company that the new Treaty
designed for the express objects of obtaining nine
Lacks exclusively to the Company instead of four
as provided for in the Original Agreement pays
in the 17 Article "Should there be any essential failure
"in the Crops in the Time of peace owing to the want
"of Rain or any other unforeseen Calamity a deduction
"shall be made in the Nabobs Rents to the extent
"of the injury which the Revenues may sustain
"and then settling forth a mode of ascertaining the
"same declares that such deduction" is to be
"carried as a Charge to the Account Current
"of Her Highness" That the Government of
Madras by their Letter of the 8th April had received
the whole of the Creditors five Lacks which became
due

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due in January last. That they had also received considerable part of the Nine Lacks comformable to the new Treaty, and since, we learn the Nabobhas paid to Government the full Balance them stated to be due, to compleat the nine Lacks, without attention having been given to any deduction to be made, under any Circumstances notwithstanding the 19 Article of the new Treaty, and notwithstanding the Letter of the Governor to the Nabob of the 22d February 1787 and the general Letter to the Court of Directors under date the 22d February 1787. Yet the Dividend which become due to the Creditors in January last, is still withheld. That the Company have in their last Letter of any import to the affairs of the Creditors expressed a desire in the following words That the payment of the Creditors Kists should be punctual, "We do not object for "the reasons assigned by the Nabob, to your "having yielded to his request in the alteration "of the period for the payment of his Kists, We "take for granted you attended to the payments being "made in Money, or in Bills at a very Short Date, "otherwise our affairs may suffer, at least temporary incon= "venience; We are led to this remark from the 3d Kist of the last

Season

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"Season having been paid in Bills drawn at a
"distant period, and which prevented your
"making the necessary dividends to the Creditors."

The Company have a prospect of
their sense of the Solid Basis on which the
Rights of the Creditors stand in the following
Words "after a full and attentive consideration
"of the Subject, we think ourselves bound to
"hold inviolable the Arrangement made &
"by us in our Letter of the 9th December 1784.
Therefore any after Treaty, which either
annuls that Arrangement, or lays its
foundation, must be both illegal, and
Contrary to the express orders of the Company.

We trust no further documents
are necessary to establish the Rights of the
Creditors; we had endeavoured to obtain others,
especially the Minute of the Honble President
alluded to in the General Letter of this Govern-
ment to the Court of Directors under date the
26th Febry 1787, when the new Treaty was
transmitted, and though such Minute is
not found

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refered to as the Basis of the new Treaty, &
and from which all the present embarrassments
of the Creditors have been deduced, yet it has been
refused us by Government, as inapplicable
to the affairs of the Creditors, nor have we #
been able to obtain a Copy of what the Honble
President or the Governments of Madras have
been pleased to remark upon our address, and
observations to your Lordship, in Consequence
of the Papers they had thought proper to #
transmit for the opinion of the Judges:
we trust therefore your Lordship will be
pleased to regard with indulgence our feible
efforts in the Support of the Rights and property
of the Creditors; and though the President
has been displeased with the Stile of our
address, we take leave to offer our assurance
that at no time have we meant to fail in
our respect and duty or to tread out of the #
ordinary path of defence, and if any part
of the Representations we have been #
incitated to make, should warrant #

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a different construction, we hope the extreme embarrassment of our Situation and the best intentions on our part in the Duty we owe to our Constituents, will give us a claim to your Consideration, and plead our excuse. We have the honor to enclose Documents from N°1 to N°19, from which our Extracts have been made, and our conclusions drawn.-

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) " James Taylor
" Paul Benfield
" George Moubray
" Benjn Roebuck
" " "

Fort St. George
6th May 1788.

Ordered that the above papers be sent in circulation for the Consideration of the Members of Government.-

The abovet to be sent in Circulation -

None

The Board has take into Consideration the Letter from General Lang entended in Consultation 4th. March, also the Letter from

General Langs Accounts taken into Consideration

the

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The Commissary General entered in Consultation the 25th March, together with the following Letter from Mr. Joseph Garrow, in support of General Lang's Accounts, as entered thereunder, with the Company.—

To

John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From Mr. Joseph Garrow Attorney to Lieut. General Lang— in Support of the General Account with the Company.—

I have been duly honored with your letter, enclosing the Remarks of the Comptroller General on the Accounts of Lieutenant General Lang, & desiring that I would give such Information in support of his charges, as may be, in my Power to produce— I trust I shall be able to remove the Objections of the Comptroller, & to offer such reasons, as may induce the Honble the Board to admit of the Accounts of the General being passed, as they were delivered in by himself previous to his departure.—

With respect to the objection to the charge of Cattle supplied, & which the Comptroller suspects to have

have been seized by the Sepoys from the Inhabitants,
& that they would hardly have belonged to the Enemy,
whose Convoys would generally have been properly
protected - when it is recollected, that at the first
periods, at which the General has charged a supply
of Cattle for the Garrison, the Enemy had ban in
the Country upwards of a twelve month, in which
time any Cattle that might have remained from
his sudden incursion, to the Inhabitants, must have been made away with, that from the
very attentive manner, in which the Garrison
of Vellore was watched, it was impossible that
any thing, that was not immediately secured
in the Pettah, could avoid falling into the hands
of the Enemy, how then these Cattle should have
been claimed by the Inhabitants, appears extraordinary
& to be accounted for, only in the practice of the
Natives, who, Knowing the difficulty that often
occurs, of disproving what they assert, lay claim
to property, which they never possessed, & which
had it originally been their own, could hardly be
considered so, after having remained so long in the
hand

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hands of the Enemy, which must necessarily have been the case— The opinion of the Comptroller, as to the general Idea of Service, & the prohibition to be laid on the plundering of Cattle, may be perfectly just— but as he has himself allowed, that cases of necessity, must & will supersede this established rule— it requires only to prove, in the present case, not only the necessity exerted, but that had not the General had recourse to the expedient of sending out an active Partizan & (Mahomed Morad) with such men as he could & collect, of irregulars belonging to the Nabob, the consequences of that necessity would have been dreadfully felt in the loss of Vellore— which with all his precautions, he would not have been able to have held, beyond a certain day, which his Letter to Sir Eyre Coote sufficiently explained, unless relieved by the Army— That he was very cautious to & avoid the censure of risking the diminution of his Garrison by (the) detachments for the purposes of plunder, I believe is certain, as I understand he hardly ever sent a Man of his regular Garrison out of the Fort except once or twice to cover the retreat

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retreat of the flying party, which in the face of the
Enemy were bringing him in Cattle; as I humbly
conceive that what I have above stated, may be
deemed sufficient to obviate the general objections
of the Comptroller to this charge, it will not be
necessary that I should trouble the Board further
than to produce a Precedent for such a charge,
& the Official document, which the Comptroller
deems necessary. I shall for the former mention
the Garrison of Coonamalee - where the Com=
=mandant was allowed to charge the Cattle
taken by him with detachments from the
adjacent Country. I have heard that the same
was allowed at Wandewash - I have to produce
an official receipt of the Paymaster of Vellore
for the number of Sheep & Cattle supplied in
that Garrison, & of the Deputy Agent in
Camp for such as were delivered for the use
of the Grand Army, copies of which I enclose -
I trust that this charge has been sufficiently
explained, & will be fully allowed. -

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The Charges for Secret Service &
money come next to be considered by the Comptroller,
the rule for the allowing of which, may be highly
proper & should be particularly attended to, in times
of profound tranquility; but, at a period like
that of the last War, it would have been impossible
to send an Account of what had been expended in
Vellore to be certified by the persons to whom in-
telligence was sent, & it would have been criminal
not to have endeavoured to procure intelligence &
from a doubt whether the charge would be allowed,
that the General had good intelligence & must have
consequently employed a number of people to &
obtain it, the Records at the Period of Hyder's
invasion, will clearly shew: it cannot but be &
supposed, he must have paid large Sums to induce
men to risk their lives in carrying letters to &
Arcot & Amboor when besieged, to keep up his
correspondence when the Enemy were compleatly
masters of the Country, with the General in &
the Field & the Governor who was not able to

procure

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procure any people to go between this & Vellore &
with money, except those employed by General &
Lang, who had been since rewarded with a
promotion in the Army for their Services at that
time—when he commanded to the Southward it
is well known his intelligence was very good,
& at the same time very difficult to obtain, & in
proportion to the difficulty the sums expended in
obtaining it, must have been proportionably
great, nevertheless I am giving to understand
that what he has charged is by no means in
any degree of comparison so much as has been
allowed to his succeeding Officer—while in the
Chief Command; as I had the honor of being
in his family, I can answer for his having
had persons constantly employed in the line
of procuring intelligence— I have no doubt
that what he has charged was actually expended
by him in the Service & tho' I have no Voucher
that I can produce, I think his declaration
to me, that he would if required (which he did
not conceive would be the case) declare upon
his

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his Oath that what he had charged was bonâ fide disbursed by him, would be alone sufficient from the Character he has ever borne, to remove any doubt that might be entertained on this Subject, & that the Board will not find any difficulty in allowing the Charge in its full extent.—

The Comptroller has objected to the Charge of Pag.s 600.—— ℔ month as table allowance for a part of the twenty months charge by the General, under the idea that he was in the Field only a part of the time; but has not specified for what part; his right to this allowance cannot be doubted— he was considered as holding the Command of the Cantonment of Arcot, & was ever ready at a Moments warning, as well as his Staff, to proceed thither, he kept up an establishment of Servants there constantly, & was almost at as much expence, as if he had constantly resided at Head Quarters in the Cantonment, & this allowance was granted him by Government in their letter of the 3.d May 1784 & it was continued to his Successor in the Command who was provisionally in a similar predicament with General Lang as to

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to his being in the Field, there cannot be an objection I conceive, to his being allowed it

The Objection to his Salary as 2 in Council can only hold good, under the idea that he was not so in Council & should it appear that he was in fact in that Station the objection must fall to the ground to prove this, it is only necessary to refer to the Records, when it will appear that during the first part of the time that he held the Command that is, from his Appointment to the Arrival of the new Commission of Government, he sat as a Member of the Select Committee on Military Subjects only, having no connection whatever with Matters which were agitated, & came under the Consideration of the whole body of the Council, but from the time that the New Commission was received, it would be found that he not only sat in deliberation on the Matters of a Military nature - but that he was actually assisting as Second in Council in the Civil & Commercial Departments, & acted not only as Commander in Chief, but

nature

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but as Second in the Council in a Civil capacity
as will be seen by his signature affixed to
the Records, without which they were not
compleat; there can be no doubt then that
he was certainly, & efficiently the Second
in Council, & of course entitled to the Salary
annexed to that Station.—

The last objection of the Comptroller
General is to the admission of the General's
Account of Interest against the Company,
under the idea that the Amount due to him,
had not been demanded, & that in consequence
it could be only considered as a voluntary deposit
in the Company's Treasury 'tis under this
idea, I conceive, that the General has laid
his claim to Interest may of the Sums were
actually paid from his own private purse
for their use & for the purpose of forwarding
their service, he knew well how much it
must have distressed the Army he commanded
to the Southward, who were many months
in arrear, had he taken to himself his
allowance

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allowances monthly which he might have done, instead of permitting the supplies they were able to obtain to be issued for the payment of the Troops under his Command, he knew that those who voluntarily gave up their own Cash for the Service of the Company (which he in fact likewise did) were allowed interest for the time that they were out of possession of it, & he doubted not that he should also be allowed it, those whose property in Jewells &c.ª were taken for the Company use in Vellore when he commanded there, were allowed ℔ Interest to the time, on what could only be considered as a Salvage, & he had little reason to think, that it would be refused to him who was willing to undergo every inconvenience rather than to distress Government in ℔ procuring Money in those times of general Scarcity, for payments, which, what he thus chearfully gave up, enabled them to discharge the instance mentioned by the Comptroller ℔ does not hold Good the Officer, or Sepoy das

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was by no means under a necessity of discounting @ 40 ℔ Cent — he had nothing to do but wait the return of his remittance to Bengal, to receive the full amount of his claim with an Interest from January 1786 which may of them have, to my Knowledge received, it is true, that many did discount but a want of confidence in Government was the Cause of this loss, which those who confided in them have happily avoided; as Interest has & I may say universally have allowed on & Accounts during the late war. — I trust that independent of the claim, which the Generál has from precedent, that his claim as a public character & as a person deserving every attention from his Services to the Company for thirty years will come in aid at this time, & that the charge of Interest will be allowed him. —

(2)

I have endeavoured to answer the objections of the Comptroller, & I hope in a manner that will prove satisfactory, & I now beg leave to mention that no examining the General's Account & referring to the & authority

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authority by which he was permitted to draw
his allowances I find that he has omitted to
draw his pay as a Colonel of Infantry from
May 1783 when he left the Command to
the Southward, to the period when the
new Commission was received, which he
was allowed by the Board's letter above
quoted of the 3d May 1784 being from June 1783
to 12th February 1785 amounting to Pagodas
3084.. 16.. 60.. which must be added to the #
balance stated by the General to be due to #
him, he received previous to his departure
the Sum of P.s 11,015.. .. leaving a balance
in his favor) if his charges are admitted) #
which I have every confidence they will be) #
of P.s 32,399.. 27.. 28 this I hope the Honble #
Board will be pleased to order to be discharged.

I am to beg pardon for the length
of this address which I request you will do
me the favor to lay before the Honble #
Board

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Board.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Joseph Garrow

for Lieut. Genl. Robt. Long

Fort St. George
1st April 1782.-

Account of Cattle Recieved from Colonel Lang from 19th. January to 31st October 1781 for the use of the Army

Vellore Garrison.-

1781.			Cattle	Sheep
January 19th	To Cattle Recieved		42	30
February "	To Ditto	Ditto	45	405
March -	To Ditto	Ditto	67	305
April	To Ditto	Ditto	147	"
May	To Ditto	Ditto	147	"
June	To Ditto	Ditto	154	"
July	To Ditto	Ditto	245	"
August	To Ditto	Ditto	224	"
September	To Ditto	Ditto	230	"
October	To Ditto	Ditto	208	"
		Total	1509	820

(signed) Tho: C: Agelvie Capt.

(A true Copy)
(signed) Joseph Garrow

Camp 31st. May 1782.

Received from Colonel Lang 176 Slaughter Cattle for the use of the Army.-

(signed) J: Kenworthey
Dy. Agent

A true Copy
(signed) J. Garrow

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D.o The Honble Company in

General Lang
aument Current
with the Honble
Company — Dr

Nov.r 1	To 1509 Head of Cattle delivered to the Paymaster of Vellore in 1781 as p.r			
	Ltr Certificates @ 2 Pagodas each		3018..	
	To 820 Sheep delivered to D.o @ 3 p.r Pagoda		273.. 14. ..	
5.	To Hircarrahs employed in Againing intelligence at different times in Hyder Country from June 1780 till November 1781. For getting letters conveyed into the Forts of Arcot & Amboor while they were besieged For discovering money & Jewells hid in the Pettah of Vellore for guides employed in discovering the Enemy's Cattle when near the Fort and for Hircarrahs carrying letters to the Governor & Council & Commander in Chief		5000.	
1782 May 31.	To 176 head of Cattle delivered to the Agent of the Grand army as p.r his Receipt @ 2 Pag.s		352.	
1783. May 31.	To my Pay as Colonel while serving with the Army to the Southward from November 1782, to May 1783 inclusive the same never before drawn	602. 21. ..		
	To my Diet Money from October 1782 to May 1783	4. 32. ..		
	To my Batta from D.o to D.o	1458.		
	To an Interpreter Writer Maratta & Persian while with the Southern Army @ 10 Pag.s each p.r Month	140.		
	To Secret Service Money during the above Period @ the Rate of 300 Pagodas p.r Month is 7 p.r Month	2250.	4515. 11. ..	
1785. February 12.	To my Gratuity from 25 September 1783 to 12 February 1785 as p.r Account given by the Accountant		11162.. 8.. 36.	
May 29.	To My Salary as Second in Council from 12 February to 29 May 1785 @ 5,000 p.r Year		4448. 22. 54.	
	To Secret Service Money from 17 September 1783 to 29 May 1785 during the time I held the Command of the Army		300.	
	To a Persian Writer during the above period @ 10 Pagodas p.r Month		200.	
	To My Table allowance as Commander in Chief for 20 Months @ 600 Pagodas p.r month		12,000.	
			1450.	
September 10.	To my European Officers Salary as p.r Certificate of the Agent		12,679. 14.. 38..	
1788 March 1.	To Interest as p.r Account particular			
	Pagodas		55398 28. 48	

Errors Excepted