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Account Current with Lieutenant General Ross Lang &c.

1782						
Novr. 30th	By Cash received of Mr. Digby Paymaster to the Southern Army					468.. 18..
1783.						
January 31st	By — Ditto	D°	D°			400.. .. ..
Febuary 28th	By — Ditto	D°	D°			300.. .. ..
April 30th	By — Ditto	D°	D°			500.. .. ..
May 31st	By — Ditto	D°	D°			600.. .. ..
July 31st	By — Ditto	D°	D°			200.. .. ..
Sept.r 13th	By ditto from the Military Payaster General on Account of Provisions supplied at Vellore					1000.. .. ..
1785.						
Septmr. 14th	By Ditto from	D°	D°	D°	D°	500.. .. ..
Novemr. 4th	By Ditto from	D°	D°	D°	D°	500.. .. ..
Decemr. 8th	By Ditto from	D°	D°	D°	D°	500.. .. ..
1787.						
Decemr. 14th	By Ditto from Mr. Welch Paymaster to the Grand Army at different times as p his Particular Account.					

1783 October	18th	200..	
Novemr	26th	500..	
1784 Janry.	11th	600..	
Febuary	1st	500..	
	24th	500..	
March	5th	100..	
April	2d	600..	
May	12th	600..	
July	20th	600..	
Septemr	3d	600..	
October	24th	600..	
Novemr	15th	600..	
1785. Janry.	8th	600..	
Febuary	14th	600..	
March	21st	600..	
May	2d	600..	
June	14th	1200..	
July	1st	600..	10100 .. ..
			15068. 18. ..
By Balance			40,330.. 10. 48.
		Pagodas	55,398 28. 48.

E. E. 9th February 1788.-

(Signed) Ross Lang

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The above papers being attentively perused the following Resolutions are passed

Resolution on the above

That the Charges made by General Lang for Cattle delivered be admitted so far as the latter appear in the Books of the Paymaster & of the Agent to have been appropriated to the use of the Company's Troops.

Charges for Cattle admitted.

That the Charges for Secret Service Money be admitted.

Charges for Secret Service admitted.

That the Items in the Account for Salary off-Reckonings Pay &c. &c. be admitted provided they are certified by the proper Offices.

Charges for Salary & off-Reckonings Pay &c. admitted.

That the Interest Charged upon the different Items in General Lang's Account be not admitted.

Charges for Interest not admitted.

Ordered that the above be Communicated to Mr. Joseph Garrow and that he be desired to draw out General Lang's Account in Conformity thereto.

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Charles Darke.

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The Honble. Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief President and Governor
&c. &c. &c. of Fort St. George in Council

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Charles Dunke states his distressful situation requests the Interference of Government in his behalf with His Highness the Nabob. &c.

My Situation is so very Deplorable that I am sure your Honor &c. will not only pardon my thus troubling your Honble Board But that you will use the Power and Influence that in Government only is vested, to relieve my great distresses by Representing them to His Highness the Nabob, as they are altogether brought upon me by his Highness and Family, as I have in my several letters to your Honor &c. Represented. I did not in them point my distresses worse than they really was, because such large Sums of Money are so justly due to me by the Nabob and His Family with a View of obtaining a more Speedy payment. Indeed I have not words to tell how great my Distresses are. By an official Letter from your Military Secretary of the 2d of last Month I am thank full to find that your &c. Honor &c. have Submitted them to the attention of

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or Grants of the Countries made over by his Father to the Calastry Rajah, of which he now desires by the assistance of our Troops to take possession. This His Highness has not done nor has he laid before the Board any Documents to shew any defect or failure in the considerations of the Tenure by which the lands in question have hitherto been held by the present possessor, the Calastry Rajah.-

It appears from the Rajahs representation and other Papers that these Countries were never in his Highness the Nabobs Possession that they were originally made over by his Highnesses Father, who likewise never possessed them to the Rajah on condition of the Rajahs conquering them, & to be held by him under the usual tenure incident to Zemindary lands of being subject to the Payment of an annual tribute that he has never forfeited the rights of this Tenure by any Failure in his Engagements, that on the contrary he has been actively and carefully employed upon various occasions of severe and Dangerous service; that about two years ago he was compelled to submit to a new exaction from

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from the Nabob, and to Promise Payment to his Highness of an additional Sum annually of 12,500 Pagodas for a Period of Four Years of which there remains more than a Twelve Month unexpired, that the Rajah has been at a considerable expence in the improvement of the lands, of which the Assumption is now claimed.

It may be inferred from what has been stated in the Papers before the Board which as far as I can learn agrees with the Opinions of intelligent Natives, that the Palaiery Rajah holds his lands by the same tenure as all the Rajahs under the Company's Government and as we have conceived it to be an injustice however Profitable it might be in the application, to employ the Company's Arms in stripping of our own Tributaries of their hereditary lands, and Possessions, it appears equally improper that they should be employed in behalf of these unjust claims of the Nabob and consequently that the sending the Troops to force a compliance on the part of the Rajah with his Highness's present Requisition would not be warranted on any Principles of Equitable Government. –

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There can be no doubt that by Treaty the Nabob may upon Proper occasions claim the assistance of the Company's Troops, but upon such occasions His Highness should according to the express Provisions of the Treaty define his claims clearly explain the Grounds of them to the entire Satisfaction of Government, and point out specifically the objects to be obtained Unless this condition be attended to, and if complied with, there might be a danger of the Company's Troops being employed for the accomplishment of unjust purposes, which it would certainly in all cases be the wish of Government to prevent, and in granting Military Assistance to the Nabob for the purpose of enforcing his demands upon the Rajahs we cannot at present conceive regulate our Conduct by a better Rule than that which has regard to the principles of Justice has prompted us to observe towards the Tributary Zemindars and Rajahs living under the Mild authority and Protection of the Company's own Jurisdiction and Government.

May the 20. 1788.

(signed) John Holland

Mr.

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Mr. Maxwell delivers in the following Minute on the same Subject with that of J. W. Holland.

In Consultation the 29th of last Month the President produced a Letter addressed to him by his Highness the Nabob, representing the Misconduct of the Calastry Rajah, in withholding the customary Payments, stating his disobedient and Disrespectful Behaviour, and concluding with an Application to this Government for a Military Force, to resume on the Nabob's Account, the District of Sectarampoor &c. observing, that so soon as this Point was effected he should proceed to make Requisitions to the Rajah on Account of Peishcash for the Calastry Country.— The Conversation which passed in Council on this Subject appeared to me quite of a desultory Nature.— I could not therefore but be surprized a day or two afterwards to find that the rough draft of Consultation stated it as being resolved on by the Board that a Detachment of Troops should be sent against the Calestry Rajah.—

Immediately

Mr. Maxwells Minute, stating his Reasons for dissenting to the Measure of sending the Company's Troops against the Rajah of Calastry—

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I immediately addressed a Note to the Secretary observing I had not understood that any Resolution, as minuted by him, had passed at the Board, and desired in case it was intended to send Orders for marching a Detachment of Troops before the next Meeting of Council, that he would acquaint the Governor of my Wish previously to lay before him at the Board some Information, I had since the last Meeting received on the Subject.

The Secretary forwarded my letter to him to the Governor, and nothing further passed till the next Meeting, when I related the Information I had received in regard to the Demands made by the Nabob on the Calastry Rajah — the Channel through which I had received this Intelligence and the Circumstances connected with it & left me in little Doubt as to its Authenticity — I argued on the Ground of my Information to shew the Injustice of sending Troops & against Calestry, and was anxious that the Truth of it should be investigated. —

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I offered it as my opinion that a letter ought to be written by the President to the Rajah of Calastry acquainting him of the Complaint made against him by the Nabob, and his Application for Troops, apprizing him of our Determination to support His Highness in his just Rights, and that we should send a Force against him should he any longer delay to satisfy the Nabobs Demands.- I urged this with the greater Earnestness & because I conceived as I then expressed, that a Letter to this Effect would neither derogate from the Dignity of this Government, nor ought to hurt the Feelings of the Nabob, at the same time that it might draw from the Rajah such an Explanation of & Circumstances, as might induce the President to remonstrate with the Nabob, against the Injustice of prosecuting his Intention & against the Calastry Rajah, or justify us in enabling his Highness to proceed to Extremities against him- I observed that however much we were bound to support & the

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the Consequence of the Nabob, as Sovereign of the Carnatic, yet the Ties of Justice were of a superior obligation, and that the English Name would be disgraced, were our Arms, his only Defence and Security, to become the Instrument of Oppression.-

The Governor replied he could not write to the Rajah but desired I would commit my Intelligence to Paper that he might enquire into it.- The next forenoon (3d May) I sent to him a Paper of Intelligence stating.-

"That about forty Years ago Sectaramporum belonged to a Poligar, who for "many Years had discontinued to pay a Tribute "to the Nabob, Anavondy Cauon, and refused "paying any in future. That about this Time "the Calastry Rajah had given great Assistance "to the Nabob, who wishing to reward him "permitted him to take Possession of the above "Country, which he did with his own Troops, "and received the Nabobs Purwannah, on "giving an Agreement that he would pay a yearly

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"yearly a Tribute of 5000 Pagodas; this the
"Rajah has punctually discharged, as also
"the Sum of 5000 Pagodas P Annum on Acct.
"of Pollams - that the Rajah has been at
"a very considerable Expence in the Im
"provement of Sheraram pour &c.

"That about three Years ago the
"Nabob, Mahomed Ally Cawn, representing
"the heavy Payments, which he had to
"make to the Company, under the Condition
"of the Assignment being restored to him,
"insisted on the Rajah of Calastry presenting
"to him a Nazer of 50,000 Pagodas to be paid
"in four Years at 12,500 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 re
"Peishcash of 10,000 Pagodas with 12,500 Pagodas
"on Account of the Nazer for two Years, and for
"the present Year he has paid the whole of his
"Peishcash, and advanced 5000 Pagodas on part
"of this Year's Nazer, although it will not be due
"until the end of June next. —

"That

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"That at the time the Rajah consented
"to pay this very considerable Nazer 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 Nazer,
"excepting 500 Men to be employed at Vellour,
"and Trinomalee for the space of two Months
"only – but that countrary to this Promise, the
"Nabob had detained those Peons there, to the
"present time, at a great Expence to the Calestry
"Rajah."

At the Meeting of Council the 13th Instant, the President laid a letter from the Rajah of Calestry before the Board, reciting & Instances of the Services he had rendered to the Public Cause of the Nabob, and the Company, & during the late War, mentioning the Engagement he had entered into with the Nabob for paying a Nazer in Four Years of 50,000 Pagodas, and stating his Punctuality in the observance of it. –

The President, however, appeared no less resolved to send a Detachment against the Calestry Rajah, and concluding from what passed in the course of the Debate, that the Nabob had not seen the Intelligence, I furnished the President

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President with on the Subject, I intimated my
Wish that it might be sent to His Highness —
the President declined doing it in his own ″
Name, but said he would send it with a Note
explaining it to be at the desire of Some of the
Members of Council — This was done, and produced
a letter from the Nabob conceived in Terms of
Disrespect towards this Government in
accusing some of the Members "of giving ″
"Countenance to the refractory Rajah and ″
"seeming to encourage him in resisting the
"just Rights of the Circar — " the Nabab did
not however attempt to controvert a single
Point stated in my Memorandum, or in the
Rajah's letter — He confined himself to general
Assertion that Both were unfairly stated and
gave only part of the Truth. —

Had the Circumstance of the
Rajahs Agreement to pay the Nazir of ″
50,000 Pagodas in four Years been unfounded,
or could a Failure of punctual Payment
according to Stipulation, have been proved
against him by the Nabob, it is not to be
conceived he would have neglected to do ″
himself

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himself the Justice of bringing forward the
Proof, and thereby have avoided the Reproach
which Silence on a Transaction of such
Magnitude must I think inevitably convey
- To acknowledge the conditions entered into
by the Rajah for the payment of so large a
Sum and his faithful adherance to them
would have overset the Principle on which
the Nabob declares his Displeasure against
him; it appears that the new and heavy Demands
made upon the Nabob, at the time the
Assignment of his Country was restored to him
furnished Arguments for calling on the Rajah
of Calestry for payment of so large a Sum
as 50,000 Pagodas, and can there in any View
be even the faintest appearance of Justice in
proceeding against him, before the Period
fixed for completing their Nazer is expired.
Admitting that the Country of Sukerampore
&c. for which the Rajah pays 5000 Pag.s is
worth, as by the Nabobs Report, 60,000 Pagodas,
was it worth but 5000 three Years ago, when
the Rajah engaged to pay so large a Nazer.d
last

but, whatever were its Value, the Sanad of
Anavirdy Cawn by which, it is asserted, the
Rajah holds the Country of Sivtaramporur,
and which His Highness has not contradicted,
should be held as sacred, as that which
conferred on the Nabob his present Possessions.
Surely then it is worth enquiring, whether
this be actually the Tenure by which the
Rajah holds the Country of Sivtaramporur &c.
previous to the marching a Force against
him.

As soon as the Nabob's letter was
read last Council, I found it to be the Intention
of the Board to come to an immediate &
determination - I again pleaded the Propriety
of a letter being addressed by the President as
above stated, to which he objected as before,
and the Question being called for whether
to furnish the Nabob with Troops to take
possession of the Sivtaramporur Country, &
I strongly dissented on the foregoing Grounds,
and for the Reasons entered on the Proceedings
of Consultation of that day, observing that
I should state my Objections more fully at

the

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the next Meeting. I shall only further express my entire disavowal and disapprobation of the Doctrine of implicit Obedience to the Demands of the Nabob, for assistance of Military Force, for though he professes Sovereign Rights they are not arbitrary or unconditional. The Sword is committed exclusively to the Hands of the English Government for the purposes of common Defence, and to support our Allies in their just Pretensions, nor can it be unsheathed with Honor, but in the acknowledged and substantial Cause of Justice.

20th May 1788. (signed) R. Maunsell

The President in his Character of Commander in Chief lays before the Board, the following Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 57: 58: 59: 60.)

From Mr. Pape, Judge Advocate to His Majesty's 14 Hanoverian Regiment & from Mr. Schmidt, Surgeon to the same Regiment, stating that they have received His Majesty's Permission

From Mr. Pape Judge advocate of his Majesty's 14 Hanoverian.

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Minute thereon

From Major Macdowal—

Minute thereon

From Capt. Browne of the 19th Regt. C. D.—

Minute thereon

Substance of a letter from His Highness the Nabob—

Minute thereon

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The Tanjore Moneys
Mentioned in his 2 d
Letter
The Governor Amounts to 220,000. 220,000.

The Nabob will pay over
before the 15th of Instant. 80,000.

She will make his payments
for the 2 Rest of this year
Amount to Pagodas ..... 1,00,000.

There will be a difference between
the demand of the Governor of
One Lack of Pagodas, which
Cannot be added to the last,
or July Rist, which will
then Amount to the Sum of 100,000 2,00,000.

The Nabob concludes in expressing his
hope that this Arrangement of the payments will
be agreeable to the Governor.

Lrd
A.G.M.

Arch. Campbell

Jona. Holland

Jas. Graeme

R. Maunsell

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21.

Diary.-

Recieves the following Letter & Enclosures from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.-

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

Honorable Sir

From Colonel Capper with Regulations for the Bullock or Contract Department, which he recommends should be published in General Orders.-

In the Examination of the Accounts of the Contractors for the Bullocks, I have been informed there has been some difficulty in procuring proper Vouchers. I therefore take the Liberty of submitting to your Consideration some Regulations for that Department, in which are included the Form of an Indent for Bullocks, and a Certificate for the time of their Service. I have drawn them up in the stile of a General Order, which being issued with any Alterations & Improvements You may think necessary, will prevent much delay in procuring Bullocks in future, and ascertain likewise precisely ascertain, the day on which they were admitted into and discharged from the Service.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

(signed) J. Capper Cl. A.A.

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In Order to prevent any delay in procuring Draft & Carriage Cattle when suddenly required & at the same time to fix the precise time when they are received into & discharged from the Service The Honble Governor in Council is pleased to direct

1st That in future all Draft & Carriage Bullocks required for the public Service are to be Indented for to the Contractors Lt. Colonel James Campbell, Lt. Colonel Joseph Moorhouse & Mr. Thomas Cockburn, or their Agents or Servants resident in the several Garrisons & whose Names as heretofore must be notified to the Commanding Officer that he may publish the same in Garrison Orders.

2d When any number of Bullocks are wanted timely notice must be given the Indent should be made out if possible 5 or at least 3 Days before they are required in the following Form.

To the Contractors for Draft & Carriage Bullocks

Please to deliver the following Carriage for the public Service to bring Stores from Madras to Walajanbad.

One hundred Draught Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers complete ... 100.—

One

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21. One hundred Carriage Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers complete ---- 100:-

Ten Carts with Bullocks and Drivers complete -- 10.-

Walajaubad 5th May 1788. (signed) J. W. Storekeeper

Countersigned R. K.-

This Indent is to be Countersigned by the Commanding Officer or with the Contractors to be paid for any Bullocks for which they cannot produce a regular Indent.

In time of Peace one Maistry to 50 & one Driver to three Draught Bullocks only are to be allowed, and one Mastry to 100 & one Driver to three Carriage Bullocks, but when ordered for Service they are to be Augmented to two Drivers for every Three Draught, and one for every three Carriage Bullocks, the Maistries the same as in time of Peace.-

3d When the number of Bullocks required are Assembled the Contractors or their Agent must immediately report to the Commanding Officer who will upon Application being made to him allow a sufficient Guard of Sepoys for their protection

4th When the Army or a Detachment is ordered to take the Field & the Bullocks required by General Indent are collected an Order must be

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be Signed by the Commanding Officer directing the distribution thereof to the Commanding Officer of Corps & the heads of Departments who will give regular Receipts to the Contractors or their Agents specifying the Number of Cattle and their Drivers, & the day on which they took charge of them. But whatever overplus of Draft & Carriage Cattle may remain after the Indents are completed they are to continue under Charge of the Contractors or their Agents to be delivered from time to time as the Commanding Officer may require.

5th When Bullocks are occasionally employed for bringing Stores or move with Troops from one place to another, & the Service is completed in less than a Month, the Contractors Agent will wait upon the Person by whom the Indent was given for a Certificate of the Number of Bullocks employed specifying the Number of Days in the following Form to be considered a sufficient Voucher for the Contractors to make their Charge.

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Walajaubad 13. May 1788 I do hereby Certify that One hundred Draught, and one hundred Carriage Bullocks with Maistries & Drivers complete, and Ten Carts complete, have been employed on accounts of the Company (upon Indent given in by me under date the 1st Inst.) bringing # Stores from Madras to Walajaubad from the 1st to 13 Instant both days included

(signed) T. W.

For every Indent there must be a separate Certificate and if the Person who # Indented be not upon the Spot when the # Bullocks returned, & are dismissed the person under whose immediate Charge they may be at the time will grant a Certificate inserting therein "upon Indent given in by A: B: # under date &c." mentioning the Name of him who Indented. -

6th When Bullocks are employed on Service or otherwise and Kept up longer than a Month upon the same Indent (or Receipt granted for them) when the general distribution took place as Mentioned in the 4th Article) The Certificates from Commanding Officers of Corps and Heads of Departments, must be

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21. be granted on the 1st. day of each Succeeding
Month particularising the date of such
Indent or Receipt.

7. The Bullocks with their Drivers
when employed are to be Mustered by the
Commissary or Muster Master once in every
3 Months or oftener if deemed necessary by
the Commander in Chief or Officers commanding
the Army or Detachment & for such Bullocks
as may, at the time the general Muster be
employed upon Detachments, the Certificate
of the Commanding Officer or Person under
whom they are Employed given in the Form
before mentioned is to be deemed a sufficient
Voucher for the Contractors to the Commissary
who shall after each Muster draw out two
Returns of all the Bullocks at or belonging
to the Camp, specifying the respective persons
Corps, and Services, to which they are attached,
one of which is to be delivered to the Commander
in Chief, and the other to be transmitted to
the Office of the Commissary General of Musters.

Received

1539. Fort St. George ye. May 1788.-

23. Received the following Letter from Mr. Roebuck, Acting for the three Classes of ye Creditors.-

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary.-

Sir,

I beg leave to present to you the following Resolutions of the Creditors of the Old Consolidated Debt of 1767 of the New Consolidated Debt of 1777 & of the ye Cavalry Loan at a Meeting held at the Town Hall the 21st. Instant by Public notice in consequence of the Resignation of their ye Committee and I have to request you will be pleased to lay the same before the Honble Board.-

"Resolved that Mr. Roebuck be
"requested to take Charge of & to watch over
"the Interests & act in the affairs of the Creditors
"as far as he may esteem himself competent
"till some other System be adopted & in
"case of his being at a loss how to proceed that
"he do as occasion may require Summon a ye
"General

From Mr. Roebuck communicating the Resolution of the Creditors at a Meeting ye 21st. Instant, & requesting that the Letter from Bengal of the 7th. Instant on the Cale Committee of Creditors, may be forwarded as soon as possible.-

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"a General meeting of the Creditors for the
"purpose of taking their sentiments thereon
"and further that a General Meeting be
"summoned for this day fortnight to receive
"any better proposition for the management
"of the Affairs of the Creditors at this Presidency.

I hope you will be so good as to
obtain the Commands of the Board to forward
as early as possible the Letter of the 9th instant
from the late Committee of Creditors to the
Right Honble the Governor General in
Council, I am led to suggest this from
understanding the Resolution is to be
dispatched tomorrow for Bengal.-

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
23d. May 1788.-

(signed)
Benjn Roebuck
Acting for the Affairs of the
Creditors above mentioned

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Sent a letter to His Highness
the Nabob (as entered in the C.C. No: 51)
enclosing

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No. 23.

Substance of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob—

enclosing Copy of a Letter to Government from Mr. Charles Darke ✠ requesting his Highness's favorable Attention to his distressed Situation

The President sends in Circulation the following Minute together with the Draft of the Letter to the Nabob as ✠ mentioned therein—

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President's Minute, stating that he has drafted a Letter to the Nabob, ✠ containing some Queries relative to the Calistry Rajah the Answers to ✠ which will illustrate the Points in Doubt—

The President has perused ✠ the Minutes of Mr. Holland and Mr. Maxwell on the Business of the Calastry Rajah, and as they contain Allegations ✠ which differ from the Information the ✠ President had formerly received on this ✠ Subject, He has drafted the Letter to the Nabob, now Sent in Circulation, wherein he has introduced Such Queries as appear to him necessary to ✠ illustrate the different Points in ✠ Doubt

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The Gentlemen of Council having approved the proposed Draft of the Letter to the Nabob, (which is entered in the C. No. 52.) it is ordered to be translated & dispatched.—

The Letter to the Nabob states, that as there are certain Points which require further Elucidation, in Respect to his Highness's Rights to the District of Sattaramporc, & to controul and punish the Polygar Rajah as often as he may prove contumacious and disobedient to the Circar the President requests his Highness will reply in the most clear and full Manner possible, to certain Questions which arise from the Doubts still entertained

Substance of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob

Received Letter from Tippoo Sultaun (as entered in the C. No. 53) desiring that the Poligar of Mathewar, who has taken Shelter with the Poligars of the Carnatic, may be delivered up. Assuring the President that the Rajah of Travancore need not be under any apprehensions of an Invasion.

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo

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of his Country; and stating that he is on a Visit to His Dominions near Calicut, & that he means to return shortly to Syringa= =patam, and that his Troops are at & present employed in reducing some trouble= =some People near to Dindigal.—

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.—

Recd Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (as entered in the C: C: No 54) Declaring his determination of not giving Tippoo Sultaun any Reason for commencing Hostilities against his Country; advising of his Interview with the Rajah of Cochin and the Conversation that passed between them.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the M: B: No: 61: 62: 63: 64: 65: 66: 67)

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, enclosing Copy of a Dispatch from Bengal relating to his Employ.

To the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Military Paymaster General with two Claims for Prison Batta to be liquidated in the usual Manner.—

To the Board of Revenue.—

To the Board of Revenue, with Copy of a Letter from the Chief Engineer, on the Subject of

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of Wood cut down for the Use of the Cantonment at Walajaubad, to be compared with Mr Dighton's Account of the Loss suffered by the Renter of Cavadanteleum.—

To Major Grant— With Permission, in Consequence of ill Health, to proceed to Europe— will be recommended to the Court of Directors.

To Major Grant—

26th

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts the General Order suggested by him in his Letter of the 21st Instant, has been published.—

To the Comptroller General

To the Contractors for furnishing Bullocks with Copy of a General Order relating to their Department

To the Contractors for furnishing Bullocks

To Mr. Joseph Garrow Attorney to Lieutenant General Lang, communicating the Resolutions of Government upon the Different Items contained in the Account between the Company & the General.—

To Mr. Joseph Garrow.

28th

Substance of a Letter to Tippoo.

Sent a Letter to Tippoo Sultaun (as CC entered in N 55) expressing Satisfaction at his Friendly Assurances to the English Company

Received the following Letter from the Company's Solicitor.—

To

1545.

Fort St. George May 1788.

28.

To John Cramer Esquire

Secretary to the Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

Herewith we send the Decree passed yesterday in the Mayors Court in the Cause of the Honble Company Against Mr. George Proctor, and beg to know whether it be the pleasure of Government to submit thereto or appeal therefrom.—

Was there not a Superior Law Officer we should have no scruple in offering an Opinion on the Point

As we presume however that the Honble the President in Council will order reference to Mr. Attorney General we transmit a Copy of the Several Proceedings in the Cause

We are &c. &c.

(signed) S. Popham Sol.r
Chas. Baker

Madras
May 27: 1788.—

P.S. The time for lodging an appeal will expire on the 6th June.—

Mayors

From the Company's Solicitors, with the Decree passed in the Mayor's Court in the Cause of the Honble Company against Mr. George Proctor, desiring to know whether the Board mean to submit thereto, or appeal therefrom

1546

Fort St. George ~ May 1788

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. Mayor's Court at
. Madras patnam

. Monday the 26 May
. Anno Domini 1788.

Present

Edward Garrow Esquire Mayor
James Call — William Webb
Robert Ewing — George Savage
Vincentio Corbett — Jos: du Pre Porcher
. Andrew Ross & Robert Mitford

Aldermen!

Between The Right Honble George Lord Macartney Baron Macartney of Lisanoure in the Country of Antrim and Kingdom of Ireland Knight of the most Ancient and Royal Order of the White Eagle, Knight of the most Honble Order of the Bath, and One of His Majestys most Honble Privy Council in Ireland, Governor of the Presidency of Fort Saint George and its Dependancies, Anthony Sadleir

1547.

28

Fort St. George 4th May 1788

Sadler Esqr. Alexander Davidson Esquire
and Robert Maunsell Esquire Members
of the Select Committee of Fort St. George
and Representatives of the Honble.
the United Company of Merchants
of England Trading to the East Indies
in all Matters of Revenue which are
under and Subject to the Presidency
of Fort Saint George Complainants,
and George Proctor Senior Merchant
in the Civil Service of the said Honble
Company and under their said
Presidency of Fort St. George and
who lately acted as Reciever in the
Tinnevelly Country on behalf of
the said Honble Company Defendant

This Cause Coming on to be Heard
and Debated this Day in the Presence of the
Attornies on both sides, on Reading the Complic-
-nants Bill with Nine Exhibits Marked A.
B.C.D.E.F.G.H.&I. annexed The Defendants Answer,
The Replication, The Rejoinder The Interrogatories
and Depositions on the Part of the Defendant
On Hearing the Readings made use of by the
Attornies and on due Consideration had thereon,

This

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Fort St. George 28th May 1788.

This Court doth therefore see fit to Order and Decree, and doth accordingly Order and Decree, that the Defendant do pay unto the Complainants the Sum of Porto Novo Pagodas Two Hundred & and Sixty Seven eight Fanams and Seven Cash (P. N.o Pag.s 264. 8. 4) being so much charged by him for Mr. Orme's Bills for Charges Extraordinary, being Travelling Charges and Escorts, as also the Sum of Porto Novo Pagodas Three & Hundred and forty Six, Seven Fanams & Six Cash (P. N.o Pag.s 346. 7. 6) being the Amount Charged by the Defendant for Presents & made by him reckoning the Porto Novo Pagodas at Eleven p.r Cent Batta with Interest thereon from the 28th. February 1783. and it is further & ordered and Decreed that each Party do recover Costs so far as they have prevailed in their Suit

P. Cur.

(signed) James Taylor

Register

True Copy

Popham.

Extract

1549. Fort St. George 28th May 1788.

Extract from the Minutes of a Court Held at the Town Hall on Monday the 26th day of May Anno Domini 1788.

Present

Edward Garrow Esqr. Mayor.

Jas. Call. William Webb, Robt. Ewing,
George Savage Vincentio Corbett
Jos. du Pre Porcher Andrew Ross
& Robt. Mitford Aldermen!
George Lord Macartney. Anthony Sadleir
Alexr. Davidson & Robt. Maunsell

vers

George Proctor

N. Alderman Ross dessents to the Resolution of the Court upon all of the Articles of the Account Current annexed to the Complainants Bill of Complaint except the last Charge of Pagodas 6478..8..5.. because he does not think the Charge sufficiently supported.-

N. Alderman Porcher dessents to the Reso=lution of the Court upon the first Charge of the Account Current Amounting to Pagodas 6796.39.10.

A true Extract

(signed) James Taylor

Regr.

A true Copy

T. Topham

Upon

1550

Fort St. George ye May 1788.

28

Upon the Receipt of the foregoing the following Letter was sent to Mr Attorney General Sullivan.—

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr

The Honble Company's Attorney General

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

To Mr. Attorney General Sullivan, to State his Opinion whether it is expedient to submit to the Decree of the Mayor's Court in the Cause of the Honble Company against Mr Geo. Paxton, or appeal therefrom.—

Fort St. George
28. May 1788.

I am directed by the Board to send you Copy of a Letter from the Company's Solicitors with the Papers referred to, & to desire you will give your Opinion whether it is expedient to submit to the Decree of the Mayor's Court or to appeal therefrom.—

I am &c &c

(signed) John Shannier Secy

Sent the following Letter

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis Kg.

Governor General in Council at

To Bengal enclosing a Packet from the late Committee for the three Chiefs of Madras Carnatic

Fort William

My Lord

We have the Honor to forward to your Lordship a Packet under your address presented to us by the late Committee for the three

1551 Fort St. George ye. May 1788.

28. Three Classes of Nabobs Creditors —

Fort St. George
28. May 1788. We have the honor to be with great Respect &c &c

(signed) Archd. Campbell & Council.

29.

To. Mr. Benjamin Roebuck

Acting for the Affairs of the three Classes

of Nabobs Creditors —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the

To W. Roebuck, with Copy of their Letter to substituted in lieu of that sent to the Nabob under date the 8 April the Letter from the Committee of Creditors dated 9th may have been sent to Bengal

Receipt of your Letter dated the 23 Instant communicating the resolution of the Nabobs Creditors at a General Meeting held the 21st. Instant

Government having at the Nabobs request made some Alterations in the Letter from the President to His Highness dated the 8th April last of which a Copy was sent to the Committee of Creditors with my Letter of the 20th Inst I now enclose Copy of the Amended Letter, which you are requested to substitute in lieu of the one in your possession —

The Letter from the Committee of Creditors to the Governor General in Council under date the 9th Instant has been forwarded to Bengal — I am &c &c (signed) John Chamier Secy

Fort St. George 29 May 1788

Recd Letter from the Committee of Works (entered in the M. B. No 68) enclosing Copy of the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Wood & Shaw for Repairs —

From the Committee of Works —

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Friday 30. May 1788 — John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved

The President lays before the Board the following

The President lays before the Board State

Statement of the Probable Receipts & Disbursements of this Government from the 1st May to the 31st July together with a Report of the present State of the Treasury —

Estimate

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Fort St. George 30th. May 1788.

Estimate of Probable Receipts & Disbursements of the Madrs

1786

1787

Balance of Cash & Bills by Statement ..... 452,490. 14. 49.

Amount of Nabob's Deposits ..... 99,694. " "

other Deposits amounting to ..... 552,684. 14. 49.

From Bengal in the Months of May June & July ..... 17,945. 22. 61.

for the King's Troops ..... 65,772. " "

Deduct what has been drawn on that ac.t Account to 1st. May ..... 13,366. 22. 77.

52,406. 13. 3.

For the Investment 5 Lacks of Arcot Rupees at 407 ℔ 100 Pags ..... 1,22,850. 18. "

For Fort Marlboro ..... 20,000. " " 195,256. 31. 3. 7,65,887. 6. 3

June 10. To be received from the Nabob by Agreement ..... 30,000. " "

the July Kist of 7 Lacks not falling due till the last Day of that Month cannot be supposed to be all received that Day if any Part is, suppose 2,00,000. " "

2,80,000. " "

Deduct for Southern Garrisons by Statement ..... 113,630. " " 166,370. " "

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Amount of Subsidy &c. due 1st May including the Kist of 1 Lack 30th April 2,91,586. 2. 8 of which Bills were received falling due in May 162,600. " " and included in the Cash Balance ..... 128,986. 2. 8.

Kist 30th May ..... 45,000. " "

30. June ..... 60,000. " "

105,000. " "

233,986. 2. 8.

Carried Over 7,65,887. 6. 3

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1553. Fort St. George 30th May 1788.

Government for the Months of May, June and July 1788.

Brought Over		765.887. 6. 33.
Expected Disbursement at Madras		
Military Paymaster from 82 to 85,000 Pag.s p.m.		
Month say	255.000.	
King's Paymaster to 24th August next payable		
in June	65,772.	
Commissary General of Grain & Provision	36,700.	
Military Storekeeper	26,000.	
Committee of Works	7,000.	
Civil paymaster	21,000.	
N.B. Civil Arrears on the 31st July 1788 will		
amount to about	50,000.	
Contingencies ... say	15,000.	
Commercial Department		
for the Resources to be applied to that		
Department from Bengal 22.850. R.		
for Supplies to Fort Marlbra 20,000.	42850. R. ..	5,69.322. R. ..
One Quarter's Interest on the Bond Debt		
falling due 30th April	26.1802.24	
7000 Pagodas only is stated by Mr.		
Cockburn for the Committee of Works		
(they have received 5000 in May)	5000.	
Salary to Governor & Council to 31st May	95.000.	
Dividend to the Nabobs Creditors		6,95503. 4. 24

Carried Over

(2)

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Brought over

Mr. Macleod mentions 85,000 Pagodas to be carried to the Rajah's Credit for Grain Bullocks, this therefore may probably be deducted.....85,000....

Deduct for Tanjore Garrisons 35.102....

Do. Private Creditors....25,000.....

145,102 .. ..

It does not appear that this Balance can with Certainty be depended on and therefore is not extended..... } 88.884. 2. 8.

To be received from the Revenue Department at Madras as p Mr. Cockburn's State..... 29,218.....

May be received from the Garrison Storekeeper Import Warehouse Keeper estimated..... 15,000.. ..

May be received from the Commanders for Certificates on the Court of Directors 25,000.. .. 40,000.

2,95,555 .. ..

Balance of Cash at the Subordinates

Masulipatam..... 1,33,310.. 8.56

Vizagapatam..... 16,831.. 19.41.

Ganjam.... about..... 12,000.. .. ..

Ingeram..... 12201.. 5. 77.

1,74,342 34.14.

Expected Receipts -

Masulipatam..... 2,43254.34.50

Vizagapatam..... 66,696.27.55.

Ganjam..... 40,000.. ..

Cuddalore..... 3,970.. .. ..

Nagore..... 4,130.. ..

8,58051.26.25. 5,32,394 24 39

15,93,869.30 72

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Brought Over

Expected Disbursements at the
Subordinates -
exclusive of Investment. -

Masulipatam		77.840.20.7
Vizagapatam	20,800	
Ganjam	13,200	
Cuddalore	9700	
Tegore	4.335	125.875.20.7
Balance		7.72.491.6.12

Balance	7.72.491	
Dividend will amount to about	4.00.000	15.93.869.30.72
Surplus	3.72.491	

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Sundry Arrears Viz.t

Arrears Civil &c. M.r Cockburn's State	50,000 .. ..
Military Storekeeper on 30th April	40,000 .. ..
M.r Garrow Contractor for Repairs &c. Estimated	10,000 .. ..
Temporary Allowance about 3,000 Pag.s P Annum will be due on the 30 June about	12,000 .. ..
Sepoy Assignments two Years due on the 1.st May	29,000 .. ..
European Assignments	20,000 .. ..
Gratuity to Field Officers since 31.st Dec.r 1785	45,000 .. ..
M.r John Balfour	12,000 .. ..
Captain James Campbell late T. M.	3,800 .. ..
	3,29,800 .. ..

30th May.—

Report of the present State of the Treasury

Cash in the Treasury &c.a	4,08,140 .. ..
	16,185 .. ..
	2,000 .. .. ..
	426,325 .. ..
To be received from M.r Latour for Bills on Bengal	1,22,850 .. ..
Expected from the Rajah of Tanjore in discharge of his Bills due 25 April	45,150 .. ..
Expected from the Nabob 10th June	80,000 .. ..
Carried over	6,74,325 .. ..

Payment

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Brought Over ..... 6,74,325.....

Payments to be made begining of June

Military Paymaster in part ..... 30,000.....

Civel Paymaster ..... 7000.....

Export Warehouse Keeper ..... 5000.....

Commissary of Grain & Provisions 12,000.....

Committee of Works ..... 1,000..... 55,000.....

6,19,325.....

If a Dividend of Six Lacks is made
to the Public & Private Creditors
it will require an Expence
about ..... 4,00,000.....

Salary to Governor & Council ... 95,000..... 4,95,000.....

Surplus after payjeng a Dividend and the Salary to Governor & Council ... 5 1,24,325.....

The President recommends Visitasion

consiquence Agreed that a Dividend of 6 Lacks of Pagodas to the Publick & Private Creditors of the Nabob be made on the 15th June, to include the Interest to that Day upon the Consolidated Debt of 1767, as the proportion of the 6 Lacks to that Debt, will be more than adequate to the entire liquidation of the principal.—

The President recommends that a Dividend be made for the 15 of June, of Six Lacks of Pagodas to the public & Private Creditors of the Nabob.

The following will be the Distribution of the 6 Lacks.—

Q. is.—

1558.

Fort St. George 30th. May 1788:-

Distribution of Six Lacks of Pagodas to the Public and Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic ordered to be made by the Honorable the President in Council on the 15th. of June 1788

Distribution of Six Lacks of Pagodas to be divided on the 15th of June.

To the Creditors of the New Consolidated Debt of 1777-

For 6 Months Interest at 6 ℘ Cent ℘ Annum to 30th. June 1787 ... 1,64,954.35.51

To the Creditors of the Old Cavalry Loan

For 6 Months Interest at 12 ℘ Cent ℘ Annum to 30th. June 1787 ... 41,437.17.34

2,06,392.17.6

To the Honorable Company

For their Proportion, being one half of the Residue of the 6,00,000 after discharging the Interest due to the two Classes of Creditors above mentioned 1,96,803.27.3½

To the Creditors of Old Consolidated Debt of 1767-

For Balance of 17 Months, and 15 days Interest at 10 ℘ Cent ℘ Annum to 15th June 1788 ... 4779.22.50

In full Discharge of the Balance of Principal ... 1,34,429.9.25.

1,83,208.31.75

Surplus applicable to the Discharge of the Old Cavalry Loan ... 13,594.31.12½

Pd. 6,00,000 - -

N. B. A Dividend of 6 Months Interest to be made to the Creditors of the New Cavalry Loan Debt to the 30th. June 1787 at 12 ℘ Cent ℘ Annum out of the Company's present proportion being ..... Pags. 13,139.12.10

Ordered

1559. Fort St. George 30th May 1788.—

Ordered that Publick Notification be
The Necessary Orders to be given.— given of the foregoing Resolution and that the
Necessary Instructions be sent to the Register of the
Nabob's Debts, and to the Clerk to the Committee
of Treasury—

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Attorney General Sullivan—

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

Fort St. George

From the Attorney General
Is of Opinion the Person
of Ajem Cawn should be
delivered up to his Highness
the Nabob.—

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with your
Commands of the 14th Instant, desiring an Answer
to the following Quère viz.t "whether I know of any
"law, or just reason, why the person of Ajem Cawn a
"Subject and 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."

The better to enable me to answer
this Question I thought it necessary, after perusing
the

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Fort St. George 30th May 1788.

The whole of the proceedings concerning Ajeem Cawn, to search the Records for such of the publick Engagements with the Nabob as bore any relation to the present Subject. These I have found to be four in Number Viz.t The Agreement of 23d June 1760 The Public letter of 8th November 1763, on receipt of the Same for the Leghire The Agreement of the 15th of April 1768 and the Resolution of your Board of 15th of January 1788.-

By that of June 1760, which appears to have been entered by mistake in the Civil & Consultations of the 13th June. It was stipulated on the part of the Nabob that the Company should not countinance the Circars Renters, nor the Nabobs Brothers, nor any of the Hellidars or Polygars, and it was agreed to by Governor Pigot on behalf of the Company, with this Addition that he would, on no Account, give the Countenance or protection to any one contrary to the Interests of the Circars.-

The Publick Letter of November 1763 entred in the Country Correspondence of that year p. 181. has this passage "As we never have so we never shall give

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"give protection to any person that may have
"account to settle with the Circar, not doubting
"but that you will act in the same manner towards
"us, should they at any time take refuge in your
"Government."—

By the 3d Article of the Agreement of the 11th April 1768 it was stipulated on the part of the Nabob, and agreed to by Government "that "the Governor in Council will never shew any "(the least) countenance, or support whatever to "any Amildar, Pollygar, Killidar, or other "throughout the whole Country, that may in "any way affect, or tend to the prejudice of the "Circars reputation or Revenue"—

And the Resolution of your Honble Board of the 15th of January last, communicated to the Nabob by the President and Agreed to by his Highness, which expects and claims from him, that he will immediately deliver up such of the Company's people, to avoid paying their debts to the Company, may take refuge in his Territories, gives him full assurance that any of his Subjects indebted to his Circar

who

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who shall fly from his Authority, and attempt to shelter themselves under the English protection, & shall be delivered up.-

Such being the publick Engagements with the Nabob, the Answer I have to offer to your Honor is that Knowing of no Law, or reason that would justify your Honble Board in a departure from them in the present instance, I know of none why the person of Afsim Cawn should not be delivered up to his Sovereign for the purposes mentioned in the Question.-

Fort St. George
19 May 1788.-

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

Agreed that the above be sent in Circulation for the Consideration of the Members of Government together with the different Papers to which it refers

Circulation

Read the following Letter from W. Vandegraaff, Governor of Columboa

To

1563.

Fort St. George 30th May 1788.

To His Excellency Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
Major General in His Britannic Majesty's Service
and Governor of Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Governor of Columbo. Tippoo's Intentions indicate hostile Measures towards the Dutch possessions on the Coast of Malabar. Steps taken by him in Consequence.

By a Letter which I have received from Mr. Angelbeck, Governor of Cochin, under the 29th April, I am informed, that the Nabob of Tippoo Sultaun has drawn together a considerable Force in the Neighbourhood of the Zamoryn; that altho' his real Designs are unknown, yet it is the general Opinion that they are hostile to our Establishments on the Coast of Malabar.

Mr. Angelbeck's Intelligence has induced me to order Six Companies of the Regiment of Switzers, from Meiror, destined for the Service of this Island, in the Room of Luxemburgh Regiment about to embark for Europe, to proceed to Tuticorin, from whence they can proceed to Cochin, if Occasion should require.

I have taken the Liberty to communicate these Circumstances to your Excellency, tho' I imagine you must, ere this, have received them from other Channels.

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

(Signed) J. W. Vandegraaff

Agreed

Columbo
18 May 1788

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Minute thereon.— Agreed to accquaint the President &c
will apply to the Nabob for permission for the
Dutch Troops to pass thro' his Country
should it be necessary, as Governor de Graaff
suggests it may be, to send Troops from &
Tutocorin to Cochin.—

Read the following Letter from
Captain Bannerman to the President
Major General Sir. Archd. Campbell Kt. B.
Commander in Chief— &c &c.

Sir

From Captain Bannerman
— advises of his having seen
the Rajah of Travancore Lines & Military Post
in Company with the Minister
& States the Defence which
he thinks the Country could
make against Tippoo.—

On my arrival here I deferred
writing you, till I should have an interview
with the Rajah, which, his being engaged in a
Religious ceremony prevented for the three
first days.— On the 13th I had the pleasure of
seeing him, where he expressed the greatest
Satisfaction at the Arrival of the Honble
Company's Troops as he hoped it would have
the desired effect to convince the world of their
fixed determination to support him which
the present crisis rendered very necessary, the
King of Cochin having contrary to his word

&c

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Without his leave, but by the permission of the Dutch proceeded to attend the Summons of Tippoo Sultaun at Calliecut, from whence entirely his principal Apprehensions have arisen. —

But at the same time requested I would Dispatch Messengers to you, till by commencing his lines & Military Posts along with his Ministers whom he ordered to attend me, I might be better enabled to explain to you their Situation, & the reason he has to Apprehend their being rendered useless. —

Agreeable to their Request, I have since been engaged in removing the lines, which I now traverse from the Mountains along the Banks of the River that forms the Limits of Tippoo Sultaun and the Travencore Countries to the Island of Typnae which is formed by the division of this River within four Miles of the place where it disembogues itself into the Sea. —

When Sardar Cawn one of Hyders Generals some years ago attacked the Dutch at Chittuar the King of Cochin allowed the Rajah to continue his lines across this Island

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Island, about 1500 Yards from East to West [illegible]
them from the Mountains to the Sea, so that there is no
communication from the Cochin & Travancore
Countries, with Tippoo's but thro' the Rajahs
Lines. On the Southern Point of this Island at
Aland Vypeen opposite to the Fort of Cochin
on the Northern Side stand the Rajahs Lines
the Dutch have a Cantonment of four hundred
men. The Rajah finds himself much embarrassed
with regard to the defence of the Lines as this
Island for as they are constructed on the King of
Cochins Territory, he is afraid that his defending
them might be construed into an unnecessary
commencement of Hostilities, by the English
for should the Dutch permit Tippoo to
land at their Cantonments, the King of Cochin
might demand a passage for him thro' this
part of the Lines, this granted would render the
whole of the Lines & preparations made there
useless, & give him (Tippoo) the Command of the
Cochin Lake, which opens a passage to any
part of the Travancore Country - The Rajah
has urged me strongly to give an immediate
opinion whether he ought to defend this part

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of the line or not, if the requisition is made to relinquish it, or to let Tippoo pass. This I have declined till I can have the honor of your determination on the Subject which the Rajah has desired me most pointedly by to request.—

The Rajah told me that, it was reported, that Tippoo meant to send a Vakeel to him & that it was his intention to have no communication with him, but thro' me, should such an event take place, I must request your Instructions as a guidance for my Conduct.

The Rajah seems to place great dependance on an English Army marching to his Assistance by the way of Anjango, as I am informed that route, I think it my duty to acquaint you with the observations I made on my way to this place.—

The difficulties of marching an Army appear to me to be great, the Roads are very bad, in most places deep Sand intersected with a multitude of Rivers, all of which must be passed in Small Boats, there are no regular Magazines of Provisions laid up for its supply &

nor

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Oxen

nor will the Country afford forage for the Cattle of an Army, which would consequently occasion much loss of them, a loss that this Country could not replace as the Oxen are of so diminutive a size, as to be useless: there are but few Cattle of any Kind on the Coromandel, & no Sheep, so that the principal supply for the Europeans must be brought along with them from what I have said, it is my opinion that Assistance could not reach this place from Trincomoly our nearest Station, in less than five Weeks from the time of Application being made, from hence, if so soon.-

I have seen great part of the Rajahs troops, he has only three Batt.ns of what are called regulars, the rest consist of Match lock men, & Archers &c.a &c.a upon the whole I think he has most to depend on their personal attachment & bravery, & the natural strength of his Country, which from its closeness & numerous Rivers, will afford great advantage to his irregular troops, over an Army tho' better disciplined yet strangers to the Country the

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The Lines appear to me capable of considerable defence, they consist of a high Parapet with a Ditch & Bamboo hedge in front, defended at certain distances with Forts & Batteries, on which are mounted a number of good Cannon, on very tolerable carriages, 12 pounders Iron Guns & others of inferior Calibers - there are also a few Brass field pieces of different Calibers, but in General very heavy - however on these Cannon there can be but little reliance as the Rajah does not appear to have any people capable of working them -

Tippoo Sundeen leaves Calicut as this day for Polighat Cherry, but I do not find he has any intention of quitting the low Country - I hope you will excuse my taking up so much of your time with so long a letter -

I have the honor to be with Respect &c : &c :

(signed)

J. Bannerman. -

Paicore
about 20 Miles N.
from Cochin 16 May 1788

Read

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Fort St. George 30. May 1788.

Read the following Letter from
Colonel de Wangenheim to the Commander in
Chief.

To the Hönble. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell, K.B.
Governor and Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel De Wangenheim in satisfactorily explaining the Claims of the Hanoverian Officers to the Court of Directors. The Charges exhibited against the Quarter Master have been referred to the Court of Inquiry.

I had the honor to receive the Answer of the Board upon my Letter of the 12 April, concerning several claims of His Majestys Hanoverian Regiments, by M. Chamier; - in Answer to which I beg leave to represent, Your Excellency that I thought it my duty to lay all the claims of Arrears which, were already made at late Colonel Reimbold's time by the Officers and Men, before the Board, as I was directed, and that I am fully Satisfied, with the Resolution of Government, to refer them, to the Decision of the Court of Directors; at the same time, I must remark that the loss, the Regiments sustained with regard to Cloathing, happened not on the Brilliant, which Ship was lost at the Island of Ivanna, but with the Duke of Athol, who blew up, here in the road.

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Regarding those Charges; exhibited or against the Quartermasters; by the Adjutants of the Hannoverian Corps; I beg leave to acquaint Your Excellency, that According to the Orders of the Board, I have ordered a Court of Enquiry to be held on the Subject and as Soon their Proceedings are finished I shall have the honor, to lay a Report of it before Your Excellency.—

I am with great Respect

&c: &c:

Madras 22d of May 1788.

(signed) C.E. d'Wangenham
Colonel

Minute thereon

As the intention of referring the Claim of the Hanoverian Officers, on account of the Cloathing lost on the Duke of Athol, to England is satisfactory to Colonel Wangenham it is Resolved that this reference be made in the next dispatches.—

Commander in Chief reports to the Board the Death of Major John Pringle

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board the death of Major John Pringle Commanding the Corps of Guides under this Presidency.—

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that, being desirous of providing Accommodation

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The Commander in Chief directs the Chief Engineer to report the Expence which would attend the building additional Barracks at Wallanjaubad, for the Accommodation of the Regiments expected from Europe

Accommodation for the Regiments expected from Europe this Season, he had directed the Chief Engineer to report to him the Expence which would attend the building additional Barracks at Walanjaubad - in consequence of these Directions the following Letter # has been Received from Colonel Ross. —

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

Honble Sir,

From the Chief Engineer in consequence.

I have been to Wallajahbad # agreeably to your Directions and have consider'd of the speediest manner of accommodating # a greater Number of Europeans there. —

The Square of private Barracks in its present State can receive 868 Men, And if a Veranda 15 ft 8 feet long and 10 broad be # added thereto within the Square, so far as it is occupied as Barracks, it will contain 434 # Men more, and at the same time would # considerably improve the whole Building. —

I would

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I would likewise propose to cover in the opposite Side of the Gun Shed to that in which the Guns are now lodged, and in the Same Manner, the Center wall serving for both Buildings; which being 226 Feet in length and the intended breadth being 29 Feet there will be a judicious arrangement of Cots a further Accommodation for 252 Men, And should they be hereafter more commodiously disposed of, this Building with them perfectly will answer for the Reception of Stores agreeably to the original Design of the Cantonment.

These alterations may certainly be completed before the next Monsoon Rains set in, if Orders be immediately given for their Execution. The Expence attending the former will be 3500 Pags. if executed on Piers of 5 Feet with Arches and the latter will cost about 1500 Pagodas.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(signed) Patrick Ross.—
Lieut Col. & Chief Engineer.

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Quarters at Wallajahbad.—

	Mur.	Pags.
Private Barracks	868	
Veranda	434	3500
Addition to Gun Shed	252	1500
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N.B. Were more Room immediately required the Artificers work shop might receive for the present	108	
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The Chief Engineer's Plan to be immediately Executed.—

The President thinks the Estimate delivered in by the Chief Engineer reasonable, & Recommends that Colonel Ross be directed to Carry his Plan into Execution, provided he will engage not to exceed the Estimate.—

Ordered that the above be Signified to Colonel Ross.—

Mr Maunsell delivers in the following Minute.—

Mr Maunsell's Minute with Observations on the Letter from the Committee of Correspondence to the Government General. Is of Opinion the Public is Pressed beyond what the Country can bear. Recommends Retrenchments & proposes that a Committee be appointed for that purpose of framing such Regulations as may be most effectual means for removing the Causes of the present pressure & Encouragement.—

The Letter from the Committee of Creditors to the Government General of Bengal with the President's Remarks thereon not being sent to me in Circulation I had only heard them read once at the Board previous to their being dispatched, and I could not observed in the Minutes of the 9th Instant venture to give

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how far it be within the Power of the Honble Court to alter the Sum of 12 Lacks then stipulated as the Sum annually to be paid to the public and private Creditors of the Nabob, need not be discussed in India certain it is that no such Right is vested in us.—

The Honble Court having given their former Order for incorporating the new Cavalry Loan with the three original Clases which, in Conjunction with the Company, are to participate in the Division of 12 Lacks P Annum, strongly evinces the Regard that is considered due to that Arrangement— and nothing less than the most pressing Exigency of public Affairs, ought to induce this Government to withhold the Dividends.—

So far from any doubt being entertained by the Honble Court of the Nabob's ability to pay 12 Lacks besides contributing his Quota for Military Charges, & all they direct in the 99 Paragraph of their Orders of the 9th December 1784 "that if the Nabob "should be prevailed upon to apply the Arrears

and

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" payments of the Tayjore
and growing Liesh cash in further discharge of
" his Debts over and above the 12 Lacks of Pagodas,
" the whole of the Payment, when made, should be
" applied towards the Reduction of the Company's
" Debt- but I am confidently of Opinion that
the Case is widely otherwise, and that under
the Nabob's System of Management the x
Sum of 1,880000 Pagodas to be paid annually
from his Country is more in the present State
of the Carnatic than it can bear- One of these
Alternatives must therefore be resorted to; x
A Deduction must be made either from his
Quota for the Military Charges or from the
12 Lacks stipulated to be paid to the Creditors
- Directions from Home must determine x
this Point.-

The Kists fixed by the Agreement
of June 1785. were adopted at the time to the
Distresses of the Government which required
early payments- they were afterwards x
altered to the productive Seasons of the
year at the earnest Solicitation of the
Nabob- the Alteration was Approved.-
by

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by the Honble Court- any Dissatisfaction
expressed at it by the Creditors is an ill Return
to his Highness for the honorable and Liberal
Attention he paid in recommending that #
Arrangement for their benefit which was
afterwards established. The Interest of the
Nabob involves most intimately the Interest
of the Creditors, and the Change of the #
Rists which Accommodates His Highness,
and, if his Payments be not too great, #
should preclude the Necessity of Anticipating
the produce of the Crops, is advantageous to
the Creditors in a degree greatly to outweigh
in sound Policy every other Consideration if
It had been more formal to have mentioned,
in the Treaty, the Alteration of the Rists,
and that it was not done appears to have
been an accidental Omission, but it is not
to be imagined that the Committee could be
ignorant of this Alteration which was so #
generally known throughout the Settlement
The Account of Payments made
by the Nabob to the 30th April 1788 amounting
as

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his Troops were paid, and how large an Arrear was cleared off by the Company to relieve the miserable Remnant of his Cavalry, in actual Mutiny, at the Commencement of the late War a Discussion of this Point however does not belong to the present Subject, I shall therefore only observe that if the Nabob could afford to keep up a Military Establishment to the Amount of 18 Lacks of Pagodas he would not be warranted, as Sincerely I believe him to be, in the Declarations he has made of Inability to pay the Sum of 18,20000 Pagodas from the Carnatic for his Quota of Military Charges and to his public and private Creditors.—

The Committee say that the Nabob has paid within a small Balance 14 Lacks of Pagodas His Highness Letter of the 30th April states as follows—

For November Kist	300,000.—.—
For March	800,000.—.—
For his Proportion to be paid by the Rajah of Tanjore, admitted by Government	220,000.—.—
For Arrears consented to until 10th June for	80,000.—.—
Pags.	14,00,000.—.—

by Estimate

From the Coincidence between the Declaration

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Declaration of the Nabob and the Creditors it
would not be unreasonable to suppose they
had been appriged of the Contents of this Highness's letter
and had made it their Authority. –

The Creditors are totally unfounded
in their Conclusion that Government meant
to suspend all Payments in case the Opinion
of the Judges should not be obtained before
the last Kist should become due – I am
persuaded that no such Idea was entertained
– the letter addressed to the Committee by
our Secretary declaring it to be the Intention
of Government to make a Dividend to the
Creditors in the course of the last Month
was subsequent to the Reference made to Bengal
on the Subject of their Claim. –

The average sum paid by the Nabob for many Years
past on Account of Current Charges has been about
4 Lacks of Pagodas P annum – it is equally true
that the Court of Directors recommended to this
Government the strictest Oeconomy in every
Department Civil and Military – but without
adopting the Conclusion drawn, by the
Committee from these Premises, that the
Honble Court might rather have expected

The

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the Nabobs Proposition, to be fixed by Treaty, would be less in lieu of more than 4 Lacks in future, it is an unquestionable Point that the Difficulties to which he is reduced to make good all his Payments was not foreseen by the Company - This is most clearly proved as well by the 9th Paragraph of the letter abovementioned, as by their Declaration that it was not agreeable either to their Policy or Justice to press His Highness for Payments exceeding the Resources of the Carnatic, even to such an Amount as not to leave him a Revenue sufficient for the Maintenance of his Dignity and Government - That he does not find himself in Circumstances of such Ease and Comfort is strikingly evinced by the destructive System of Management he adopts - His Anticipation of the Revenue by Loans at an excessive Interest is an Expedient which, though affording a temporary Relief teems with Consequences the Most ruinous - for this alarming Evil there appears at present no adequate Remedy

either

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within our Means of Application.—

The Honble Court are in possession of an Account of Probable Receipts and Disbursements from 1st May 1787 to 30th April 1788 which leaves the unappropriated Sum of near nine Lacks of Pagodas:—

Encouraged by this favorable Statement of our Finances, and unwilling to disturb an Arrangement concluded in consequence of the Directions of Parliament, they may be induced to order that the Deduction which the Nabob has solicited of 2 Lacks P Annum be made from the Company's Share of the 12 Lacks,— but the Statement abovementioned has proved so extremely fallacious, that instead of any Surplus Revenue to the 30th April 1788, heavy Arrears are due under the different Heads of Nabobs Creditors— Temporary allowance Sepoy Offreckonings— Gratuity to Sick Officers, Interest on Company's Bonds Pay to Civil Servants.— Salaries to the Members of Government— Commission to

Revenue

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Revenue Servants &c. &c. besides Issues of Company's
Bonds — Shew, the Finances are in no Situation
to admit a Reduction of Revenue, but on
the contrary inadequate to the Relief of present
Incumbrances and the ordinary Demands of the
Government — no time should be lost in undertaking
the Honble Court with regard to the aforementioned
Statement, and to Shew the Extent of our
Embarrasments. —

To form a State of our Funds at a Season
when the Resources of the Presidency are
greater than those of any former Period, besides
the considerable Aid afforded by the Govern-
ment of Bengal, cannot be viewed without
extreme Concern. —

The more I consider the Subject
the more strongly I incline to the Necessity of
Retrenchment; if it be possible, in our Expences.
Under this Idea I beg leave to submit to
the Board the Propriety of appointing a
Committee not only to ascertain the probable
Resources and Expences in future, but to
investigate the causes of our pecuniary
Embarrasments, to state the present
Expenditure in each Department on a Comparison
with the Charges previous to the War, and
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the Rise & Progress of any Excess of Charge since the Conclusion of Peace to the present period to point out by what means it may be most practicable to curtail our Expences so as to bring them within the Amount of our Recpts. and to state such Observations as occur in the course of this Investigation, the more effectually to enable Government to apply all the Remedy in their Power under our present Difficulties.--

The Lights such an Inquiry would throw upon the Subject are most essentially requisite for the Information of the Company; Our Resources in general are earned to their greatest possible Extent, and unless we are warranted to diminish Our Force the only Relief this Government can administer is by an Attention to strict Economy in all the Departments of Expence but if, in a Political View, it be thought Necessary to maintain large Military Establishments on the Coast beyond its natural Means to support, additional Resources must be furnished by the Company, for we without a clear and unencumbered Provision for the Charges of every Department no Government can prosper. -

(signed) Rt. Maunsell

Fort St George
30. May 1788 -

Rec'd.

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Ordered that the above Minute
To be sent on Circulation be sent on Circulation for the Consideration
of the Members of Government

Exd Cpl

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Jas. W. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary.

30 Lieutenant Fenwicke Of Burne's Letter &c

From Lieutenant Fenwicke O'Burne.

stateing a Supersedity in Rank above certain Officers of the Artillery, from his having come a Commission in the Kings Service, having been reserved to the Military Boards pretended on the Mtb. No. 69)

Receive the undermentioned Letters and (on M.B. No. 70. V)

From the Paymaster at Pegoll, with the Account Sales of the Arrack Consigned on Store on the Garrison of Tennecotah.

From the Paymaster at Pegoll.

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly requesting to know whether Mr Sutherland, Assistant Surgeon, is to draw Half Batta.

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

Sent the Undermentioned Letters and (on M.B. for the Month of June No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6)

To Masulipatam with Invoice & Bill of Lading of Stores shipped on the Good Will, by Thomas Walsh Commander for that Factory.

To Masulipatam.

To the Committee of Works the Board to approve the Draft of the Contract to be entered into to be entered into with Messrs Woolf & Shawe, which is to be executed as soon as possible.

To the Committee of Works.

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To the Chief Engineer the Board approve the Plan proposed by them for accommodating in the speediest Manner a greater Number of Europeans at Walanpaubaad — & direct that the same be executed, provided he will engage not to exceed the estimated Sum of 5000 Pagodas

To the Chief Engineer

To the Military Paymaster General to state the situation of the Books in his Office and report Weekly the Date to which the Books in his Office are wrote up —

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Committee of Works, with an Estimate of Additional Repairs judged necessary for Mr. Jackson's Rooms in the Fort Square —

To the Committee of Works

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts to report without Loss of Time the Date to which Each Paymaster's Accounts have been audited Since the 1st. of January last — Also to Report Monthly the Date to which the Accounts in his Department is audited —

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

Ordered, that the following Advertisement be published in the Courier of the 4th Instant

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Fort St. George 1st June 1788.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Six Lacks of Pagodas will be made on the 15. Instant to the Publick & Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, agreably to the established Proportions

By Order of the Honble the Pres.t & Council.

Sent the following Letter to the Register of the Nabob's Debts.

To A. M. Campbell Esqr.

Register of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to notify to you their resolution of making a Dividend of 6 Lacks of Pagodas to the Publick & Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob on the 15 Instant

I enclose a Paper containing the Distribution of the above Sum.

I am &c. &c. &c.

(signed) John Chamier
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Fort St. George
1st June 1788.

Addressed Memorandum declaring a Dividend of Six Lacks on the 15 Instant

To the Register of the Nabob's Debts enclosing a paper containing the Distribution of the Six Lacks to be made on the 15 Instant

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Received the following Reports from the Hospital Board & from the Committee of Stores, with Enclosures entered on Mins. No 7)

Hospital Board
26. May 1788.

Report of the Hospital Bd on Mr Gordon's application for a Permission to remain for the present at the Presidency Mr Lippon appointed to the General Hospital at Madras Mr Read from whence he came on the Vacancy of this Month.

Mr Gordon's Application to stay for the Present at the Presidency. —

Approved —

The Hospital Board have received a Letter from Mr Gordon, in consequence of the Resolution of Government respecting him, which they have the honor to enclose, and hope his Application will meet with the Approbation of Government. —

Read a letter from Mr Lippon Assistant Surgeon at Masulipatam Hospital his Apprehensions, that if he returns to his Station, his Old complaints will return; and requesting to be Appointed to the General Hospital at Madras which the Hospital Board

hope

Approved. —

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hope he may be indulged
in, particularly as Mr.
Baird has been under
the Necessity of proceeding
to Sea for the Recovery
of his health. —

(signed)
Edwd. Atkinson
Secy

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

Honble Sir & Sirs. —

From the Committee of
Stores — Mr. Beatson
makes a second application
for the purchase of
unserviceable Guns —
The Military Storekeeper
proposes a Number for
Sepoy & Rowle equal
to those sent from
Europe. —

Mr. Beatson
has made a second Applic-
ation to us for the
purchase of unserviceable
Guns at this place as
well as for those at the
Subordenacies, but we
have informed him
that he has received by
your Orders all those
that have been condemned
at

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Approved

at former Sales and those at the out Garrisons when condemned are to be disposed of by Public Sale on the Spot—

Application was some time since made to Bengal for a Supply of Spades & Shovels but as more could be procured from thence the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency of your Committee caused two of each Sort to be made here which on Examination appear to be equally good as those that came from Europe but as the Price at which they can be made is not yet ascertained we desired the Military Storekeeper to lay an Estimate of the Expence before the Committee at our next Meeting—

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Approved

We examined the Books of the Directors of the Laboratory

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Laboratory & those of the Co-directors of the several Departments, which were found regularly brought up to the End of April.

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

(signed) " J. Casper
" Wm. Leydenham
" J. Moorhouse.

Fort St. George
21st May 1788.

The President sends in for Circulation the following Drafts of Letters which having been approved, are ordered to be copied fair & dispatched

To His Excellency
Governor Van de Graaff

Sir,

(2) I am honored with your letter of the 18th May, by which I observe the Governor of Cochin is apprehensive of being disturbed by the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun. I am of Opinion he will not at this juncture molest any of the European Powers settled in this Country

* To the Governor of Cochin with the Nabobs Answer for Dutch troops to pass from Tellicherry to Cochin.
* The President's Opinion approving of the Nabobs refusal to permit any of the European Powers settled in India

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Country but in the event of your chusing to send
Troops from Sadoocorien to Cochin, I have the
pleasure to Assure You that the Government
will secure safe Passport to the Troops of
your Nation whenever they may find it
expedient to March. With this View I have
procured from His Highness The Nabob of
the Carnatic a Dustuck Addressed to all
his Dependants, ordering them to permit the
Troops to pass unmolested and to furnish
them with Provisions on the customary terms.
I enclose an English Translation of the
Dustuck and the Original wrote in Persian
I have sent for the Sake of Expedition to Colonel
Bridges Commandant of Palamcotah, desiring
him to give any Assistance that the Dutch
Troops may require upon this or any other
occasion.-

I have the honor to be

with Esteem &c

Fort St. George
3d. June 1788.—

(signed) Hector Munro

Hector Campbell

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Dustuck.

Translation —

Dated 26 Shabaun 1202 Hegery

Answering to the 2 June 1788 —

To all Gomastahs Shougdars, Jaghiredars,
Polagars, and Amildars of the Circar

A Body of Troops belonging to the
Dutch are proceeding to the Port of Cocha-
- Agreable to the Request of Governor Sir W
Archibald Campbell Bahauder, it is direct
Shat no one in the Districts of the Circar W
shall impede their March, - and you are to
permit them to pass your respective limits
- and to allow them to purchase Articles of
Provision, at every Stage, at the Low fixed
prices. -

The Ryotts will not meet W
with any oppression whatever from W
these Troops. e

Conceder this operative Order.
and act Agreable thereto

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Bridges

Commanding at Palamcotah.

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Bridges directing him to put the Dutch troops on their guard against Tippoo, on their march from Tuticorin to Cochin commanding that they should pass the Travancore Country -

Enclosed you will receive a Dustuck from the Nabob granting Permission to a Detachment of Dutch Troops to pass through his Country on their March from Tuticorin to Cochin -

I do not know what Route they propose to take but it would be well for you to recommend to the Officers commanding at Tuticorin to be very circumspect as to the Road the Detachment takes, for Tippoo may possibly affect to consider the Measure unfriendly on the part of the Dutch, and detach a large Body of Horse and Foot to cut them off

This is a point you will on the strongest Terms guard the Dutch Troops against, and which I suggest on this Occasion from mere Friendship, knowing well that their Situation may be Melancholy indeed, if they happen to fall into Tippoo's Hands, from all

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of this Precaution. If it is necessary that those Troops should march to Cochin, I could advise them to obtain Permission from the Rajah of Travancore to pass thro' the Travancore Country as the only Hope of their Security.

I enclose for your Information Copy of my Letter to Governor Van de Graaf on this Subject

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

Fort St. George
2d June 1788.

At a Consultation Present

John Hollond Esqr.
Acting President

Tuesday
3d June 1788.

James Henry Casamajor & Robt. Maunsell Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell absent tendisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To

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

Hble Sir,

From the Military Board respecting one of the Claims of Lieutenant Fireworker O'Brien to a Superiority of Rank over certain Officers of the Artillery.

We have been honored with your Commands in a Letter from Mr. Secretary Shannon dated 15th. Instant, enclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Fireworker Andrew O'Brien, together with two Commissions borne by him in his Majesty's Service.

Lt. Lieutenant Fireworker O'Brien when he made his election of the Artillery Corps, knew, that the Gentlemen whose Names he mentions were then serving in the Corps as officers; We are of Opinion, he has no claim to supercede them.

We have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Hble Sir &c. &c.

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30th. May 1788.

(signed) " J. Capper
" Patrick Ross
" James Pidingtown
" Henry Malcolm
" James Campbell
" W. Sydenham
" J. Moorhouse.

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Agreed that the Opinion of the Military Board respecting Lieutenant O'Beirne be confirmed, & Communicated to him—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Malet

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

Hble Sir,

I had this Morning The Honour to forward by Bengal Duplicate of my Letter of the 5th Since which, I have received authentick Accounts from Bombay of Tippoo's Arrival at Calliecut, his Intentions yet unknown, but Apprehensions Seem to be entertained at Bombay for the Safety of Tellicherry. For my own Part, I can Scarce think it an Object of Sufficient Magnitude for that Prince to involve Himself in War with us about. The Monster proceeded on a Journey to Coimbatore the 16th. That Place is 15 Coss from Sattara, to the Rajah of which I suppose He will pay his Respects, before He returns, on the late Birth of his Son. The Day before his Departure the Minister confirmed

From Mr. Malet Tippoo arrives at Calliecut the safety of Tellicherry in apprehended The Monster gone to Coimbatore Mr. Montagu was to take leave of him also of the Peishwa Sindia Ingelinder Rannekhan Surprize the Body carrying on the Siege of Bydr Reports prevail that the Rajah of Travancore has overcome Cochin by Tippoo Troops —

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informed Me that Mr. Montigny was to take
Leave of Him the ensuing Day, and would have
his Audience of Leave of the Peshwa during his
Absence, which would be about a Month. If
Should any Hostilities ensue to the Southward
this Journey is certainly very Malapropos -

I have News, though not Authentick
that a Party of Sindea's Troops under Rannee
Khan has lately, Surprized the Body left by
Ismal Khan to carry on the Siege of the Castle
of Agra, Killed great Numbers, and carried off
the Commander, Amrao Ghuer Gosaing Prisoner

I have the Honor to be with Respect
&c. &c.
(signed) Chs. Malet

Poona
12 May 1788

P.S. By Letters this Instant from Governor
Ramsay, I find He had not received any Advices
from Tellicherry of a Later Date than the 8th Ultimo, the Same that notified Tippoo's
Arrival at Calicut the 6th. The Snake Sailed
for Bussora the 7 Instant with Europe Packets
I have this Moment received a Paper of Intelligence
from Colapore, mentioning the Rajah of
Travancore's having gained a Considerable
Advantage over a Body of Tippoo's Troops
Commanded by Rustum Khan, a great Part
of

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of which deserted to the Rajah. The Same
Paper mentions that Tippoo's Force on his
Northern Frontier is very Strong, and that
the Commander of it is raising more Men.—

10 P.M. (signed) C. M. Malet

Read the following Letter from
Vizagapatam, with Enclosures entered in M: B.
No. 8. f. 10.

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

Hble Sir,

From Vizagapatam 20 Jan. 1788 Requesting Repairs—

The late uncommon heavy rains
which have fallen here have so much
damaged the Civil Storehouse, Revenue
Sepoy Barracks, & the Assistants Quarter,
that We have been under the Necessity of
ordering them an immediate & temporary
repair — As you will perceive by the accompanying
Estimate that the Expence is very trifling

We

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Fort St. George 3. June 1788.

We hope your Honour &c. will approve of
what We have done. —

We have on several former occasions
mentioned the bad State of the Company's
Buildings in General at this Place, & now
enclose your Honour &c. the Engineers Report
of their present state. —

We are very Respectfully. —
&. &.
signed Claude Russells
Chas. Maxtone
Mich. Keating.

Vizagapatam
18. May 1788.

Agreed that the Letter from the
Minute thereon Engineer at Vizagapatam with the Estimate
be referred to Colonel Ross and that he
be desired to report his Opinion thereon

Read a Letter from the
Rajah of Travancore to the President &
Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore. — (entered in Country Correspondence No. 56)
giving assurances that he shall never
interfere or make encroachments on the
District

1603. Fort St. George 3 June 1788.

Dispatch in the Neighbourhood of Tippoo & Sultaun, mentioning the arrival of Captain Bannerman with a Company of Sepoys & of his having shewn to them what parts of the Fort of Tanjore ought to be repaired & fortified - will transmit any Accounts he may receive of the Motions of Tippoo Sultaun who is at Palacatcherry.-

Read two Letters from the Deputy Military Paymaster General dated the 31st Ultimo & 2d Instant entered in Mr B:

From the Deputy Military Paymaster General -

Nos 11. 12) stating in the former his want of Quills and Paper for the use of his Office, & in the latter, reporting that his Books for the Year 1785 & 1786 are balanced & will be transmitted to the Accountant by the beginning of next Month - mentioning also that the Journal for the next Years 1786 - 1787 is in great forwardness, that in all probability that Acct will be compleated in time for the October Dispatch, & that there is every prospect of the Books to the 1st Ultimo will be finished as early

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early in the next Year

Ordered that the Accomptant &

Mr Meriuth Thacon General be directed to Supply the Military

Paymaster General with Stationary of the &

Coast Moorthupur shall be enable to furnish

the Quantety required —

Engd Ord.

Arth. Campbell

John Holland

Ja. Wa. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

1605.

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Diary

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss. Nos. 13: 14: 15: 16: 17: 18: 19)

To the Chief Engineer — To the Chief Engineer enclosing Letter &c from the Engineer at Vizagapatam, with an Estimate of Repairs necessary, upon which he is to report—

To the Civil Storekeeper — To the Civil Storekeeper to furnish the Military Paymaster General, upon his Indent, with Stationary. Should there be none in Store he must Apply to the Accountant, who will purchase the Quantity requisite.—

To the Military Paymaster General — To the Military Paymaster General to indent to the Civil Storekeeper for the Stationary requisite for his Office.—

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly — To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to discharge M. Patterson's Claim for Batta

To Lieutenant Fenwicke O'Beirne — To Lieutenant Fenwicke O'Beirne stating the Opinion of the Military Board which has been confirmed by Government upon his Claim to a Superiority of Rank over certain Officers of the Artillery

To

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4. To the Secretary Hay — transmitting the Military and Political proceedings of this Presidency from the 1st of January to the 31st March 1788.—

To Secretary Hay —

6. To Lieutenant Colonel James Campbell — Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse and Mr. Thomas Cockburn, with Copy of a General Order relative to the Bullock Department

To Lieut. Colonel James Campbell & Lt. Col. Moorhouse & Mr. Thomas Cockburn —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with Copy of the abovementioned General Order —

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions —

Received Letter from the Chief Engineer (A.B. No 20) stating it as his Opinion, that the Repairs mentioned in the Estimate from Vizagapatam should be executed without Loss of Time. —

From the Chief Engineer

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Engr

1607 Fort St. George 6. June 1788.

At a Consultation, Present

John Holland Esqr.

Acting President

Friday the 6 June 1788.

James Henry Casamaijor & Robt. Maconsall Esqrs.

The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B. Absent, indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

The Acting President begs leave to Submit to the Consideration of the Board the following Memorandums sent to him by Sir Archibald Campbell.

Memorandum

3 June 1788.

The President acquaints the Board, that when his Highness the Nabob of Walajah requested of him to have the 4 Regiment of European Infantry removed from Arcot, he made a voluntary offer of Five Thousand Pagodas to Government as a Compensation for the temporary Buildings which the 4th Regement then occupied.

Sr Archibald Campbell recommends that Lieut Morris's Proposals for building Quarters for the Troops intended to be stationed at Arnee, be accepted.

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Per

1608 Fort St. George 6th June 1788.

On the 18th of May His Highness paid into the Treasury the Sum of Five Thousand Pagodas, for that Purpose, and the President recommends that the same should be laid out in erecting Quarters for the Accommodation of the 74th Regiment within the Fort of Arnee.

To ascertain the Expence necessary for the Construction of those Buildings the President ordered the Chief Engineer, to send an intelligent Officer to the Fort of Arnee, to prepare a Plan and Estimate to be laid before the Board for their Consideration. Lieut. Norris, a distinct and active Officer has been employed on this Service, His Plans have given entire Satisfaction, and the President is happy to find, that in Point of Expence, the Execution of the Buildings will not amount to the Sum granted by the Nabob for their Construction.

undertake

As Lieut. Norris will undertake to complete the Buildings before the setting in of the Rains and as one Person is more likely to

to execute them in a compleate Manner, and in a shorter Time, than this Officer who is perfectly acquainted with the Artificers in that District, the President begs Leave to recommend to the Board, that Lieut. Norris be entrusted with the Execution of these Buildings without Delay.—

Memorandum from the Commander in Chief

The Commander in Chief begs Leave to represent to the Board, that the considerable addition of Horses lately made to the Native Cavalry, has rendered it extremely difficult to procure Grass for the 4th Regiment now at Arcot. The Cavalry Cantonment at that Station is also so much out of repair, that three of the Regiments find difficulty in sheltering themselves from the weather, and the fourth Regiment is entirely without Quarters and lays about in a disorderly Manner in real distress.—

The Commander in Chief recommends that Quarters be made at Arnee for the reception of two Regiments of Cavalry and lays before the Board the Chief Engineer's Report & Estimate.—

Indeed the state of the quarters in general is such that there is not accommodation for more than two Regiments at

Arcot

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Arcot Cantonments. The difficulty in procuring Forage for more than two Regiments at Arcot, if no other Argument existed, is a strong motive against extending that Cantonment beyond the Number of two Regiments. For these reasons the Commander in Chief directed an enquiry to be made for a Commodious Situation to quarter two Regiments of Cavalry at a Station where they would be most ready for Service, and be in the mean time well & supplied with good Grass, Forage, Grain and Water &c.

Some have been pointed out as answering the purpose wished for, and the Commander in Chief directed Lieutenant Norris of the Engineer Corps, under the inspection of the Chief Engineer to make a correct Estimate of the Expence of erecting Quarters there for two Regiments of Cavalry. The Estimate and the Report of the Chief Engineer, Sir Archibald Campbell has the honour to lay before the Board. He has examined it attentively and thinks the proposal of Lieutenant Norris

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very reasonable and such as he can recommend
to the Board to adopt

(signed) Arch.d Campbell

The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Honble Sir

I have the Pleasure herewith to lay
before you Lieut. Norris's Proposals for Building
Quarters for the European and Native Troops
intended to be Stationed in the Garrison and
Neighbourhood of Arnee Which when executed in
the good Manner he proposes will prove as
comfortable as any Bungalow Quarters that have
ever been in the Country - And as they may last
many Years with a due Attention to their
Repairs, I do not think the prices exorbitant

The Chief Engineers Letter with proposals from Lieutenant Norris for building Quarters at Arnee for two Regiments of Cavalry, and for Quartering the European & Native Troops—

I have the Honor to Remain —

&c. &c.

(signed) Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
3d. June 1788—

Parte

1612 Fort St. George 6th June 1788.

Particulars for Building Quarters for Europeans and Natives

A Field Officers Quarter to consist of a Hall 26 Feet by 14 Feet, walls 11 Feet high, Two Rooms each 18 Ft. by 14 Ft. with Veranda in two Fronts 8 Feet Wide, a Godown, Cook Room, and Privy, and Stabling for Two Horses

A Captains Quarter to consist of a Hall by 14 Ft. Walls 11 Feet. 24 Ft. high; One Room 18 Ft. by 14 Ft. with Veranda in two Fronts 8 Feet wide, a Godown, Cook Room, Privy, and Stabling for One Horse.

Two Subalterns Quarters to be built together and to consist of a Hall 24 Ft. by 14 Ft. walls 11 Ft. high and two Rooms 18 Ft. by 14 Ft. each, a Veranda in Front of the Hall 8 Feet wide, and a small end Veranda to each Bed Room 8 Feet wide Two small Godowns Cook Room, and Privy and Stabling for Two Horses.

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Private Barrack for the Europeans

The Building to have a small Veranda all Round, to contain One Company, and to be 140 feet long by 38 Feet broad including the Veranda

9 Barracks for Native Troops

Each building to contain One Troop and to be 100 Feet long and 24 Feet wider.-

Store Rooms to each Troop or Company to consist of two Rooms, each 20 F. by 12 Feet and to have apartments for the Serjeant Major & Quarter Master Serjeant.-

Guard Rooms to be 40 Feet long by 12 Feet wide to each Regiment

Two Congee Rooms, to each Regiment to be 14 Feet by 12 Feet each.-

Shed for the Horses, To have the same length of building and finished in the same manner as the sheds at Arcott.-

1614 Fort St. George 6th June 1788.

The Buildings for the Officers Quarters

To have the Roofing made of the best country wood and tyled upon Walls the walls &c to be built of moodd & 2 feet thick & about 11 feet high. To have one Coat of coarse & Chunam outside, and to be whitewashed 2 coats within, to have chunam ridge and border to the Roof.—

The Veranda to have brick piers, or good wood pillars

The Floor to be raised one step, paved brick flatt and pointed in Chunam, Doors and Windows to be made of country wood with Iron hinges &c. to have wooden cross bars to the windows. each Quarter to have one good Padlock.—

The Godown, Cook Room, &c. to have Tyled Roofs on moodd walls, rammed Jelly. Floor, the Godown to have Doors and Window shutters.—

The Private Barracks to be roofed with country wood tyled and matted, walls of moodd & Coat Chunam outside & whitewashed inside, The Floor to be rammed in chunam Jelly. Veranda's to have wooden uprights and to be Tyled and matted, to have a Jelly Floor, to have a brick

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on edge border all round, Doors and Windows or
shutters to be of Strong matts fixed on Wood frames,
the shutters to return on a center, Cook Rooms
& Necessaries, compleat.—

Guard Room to be built same manner as
the Barracks.—

Congee Room to be built with the same kind of
Materials as the Barrack. Its have nails to the
windows, and fastnings to the Doors.—

Store Room, Walls to be chunamed inside &
outside floor to be chunamed, to have country
wood doors and Windowshutters with bolts
and locks compleat Roof framed, matted, & tyled

Sheds for the Horses, to have a common
country made Roof & thatched the materials
for building them to be collected from
the Country in the same Manner as for
those built at Arcott.

Madras
June 2. 1788.

(signed) John Norris
Sub Engineer & Lieutenant

The whole to be compleated before
the Monsoon Rains sett in.—

(signed) J. N.

To

1616 Fort St. George 6th Jun 1788.

To Colonel Ross

Sir,

I have read over the allowances you have been pleased to lay before the Commander in Chief as the lowest scrices for Building Bungaloes and also the monthly allowance you recommend for repairs.

With all deference to your superior judgement I conceive that 100 Pagodas will be little to erect a proper Bungalo from the foundation for the accommodation of a Field Officer, and also the allowance of Station of a Capt.n & Subaltern and also the allowance for the accommodation of a Captain & Subaltern each of them to be comfortables, requiring to have Verandas.

I have therefore stated them as follows

For a Field Officers Quarter .... 125 Pagodas

For a Captains Quarter .. 100. Do.

For a Subalterns Quarter .. 75. Do.

European

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Europeans		Natives	
For a Barrack to contain	Pay.	For a Barrack to contain	Pay.
One Company	350	One Troop	250
Cook Rooms & Necessaries for a Regiment			
Store Rooms for a Regt.	72	Store Rooms for a Regt.	72
Quarters for the Serjts. Major & Quarter or Master Serjt.	100	Quarters for the Serjts. Major and Quarter Master Serjeant	100
Guard Rooms & Congee Rooms for the Regt.	125	Guard Rooms and Congee Rooms for the Regt.	125

The same allowance for Stabling as given at Arcott

Half the Amount to be paid in advance the other half as the Buildings are furnished

You must be sensible these Buildings cannot be executed in the Manner I propose for the sum specified, it will therefore be necessary in order to reimburse myself, that I receive the monthly Allowances for Repairs for some considerable time which I suppose to commence in a Year from the time such Buildings are delivered over at the following Rates —

For

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For a Field Officers Quarter .. 8 Cast ... P. Month

For a Captains .... D° .... 6 .. P. Month

For a Subalterns .... D° .... 4 P Month

The accompanying Particulars will shew the Manner in which I propose to execute the Buildings. —

I have the Honor to be with respect

Y.r &.r &.r

(signed) John Norris

Madras
June 2. 1788.

The whole to be compleated before the Monsoon Rains set in. —

(signed) J. N.

The Proposals accepted

The Proposals contained in the foregoing Letter from Lieutenant Norris having been considered & approved by Sir Archibald Campbell, & the Board concurring with Sir Archibald in opinion it is agreed that they be accepted & that the Chief Engineer be acquainted with this Resolution. —

The following Disposition of the European Infantry in the Centre Division is recommended by the Commander in Chief for the

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The 4th Regiment of Infantry now

Distribution of the European Infantry in the Center Division

cantoned at Walajanabad to March to Arnee.—

The 36th and 52d Regements to

March from Poonamalee to Walajanabad.—

By the above Arrangement the

Quarters at Poonamalee will be cleared and

ready for the immediate Reception of the

2d Regements expected from Europe.—

The Honble Lieutenant Colonel

Knox to Command at Wallajabad, and Colonel

Kelly to command at Arnee on the Arrival

of their Corps at those Places.—

Agreed that the proposed

Approved— Movements be published in General Orders &

that the detail of it be entrusted to the

Commander in Chief.

Read the following Letter

from the Attorney General Sullivan—

To

1620

Fort St. George 6th June 1788

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

In obedience to your Command
of the 28th Ult^o I have perused the several papers
in the Cause of the Hon^ble Company against
Mr. George Proctor, and have the honor to
report it to you, as my Opinion, that it will
be expedient to Appeal from the Decree of
the Mayor's Court. -

From the Attorney General states his opinion that it will be expedient to appeal from the Decree of the Mayor's Court in the Cause of the Hon^ble Company's against Mr. George Proctor. -

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c^a &c^a
(signed) Benj^a Sullivan

Fort St. George
6th June 1788 -

In conformity to the Opinion of
Minute thereon - Mr. Attorney General, it is agreed that the Hon^ble
Company's Solicitor be directed to take the
Necessary Steps for lodging an appeal from the
Decree of the Mayor's Court in the Cause between
the Hon^ble Company and Mr. George Proctor
Read

1621. Fort St. George 6th June 1788.

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

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

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General of army accounts stating his audit of the Accounts of the Paymaster of Vellore Amboor & Chingleput, Ongole and Tripatoor.

Since my address to your Honor of the 7th Ultimo, I have examined the Accounts of the Paymasters at Vellore, Amboor, and Chingleput with the Military Paymaster General from July to December 1787 inclusive, the explanations I have received to my Remarks are satisfactory & and the charges are regular & properly vouched.

The Accounts of the Paymasters at Ongole and Tripatoor with the Military & Paymaster General for the same period have also been examined and found to be regular and to correspond with the Vouchers.-

I have also received replies to my Observations on the Palamcotah Accounts with the Superintendent from January to June 1787 - inclusive

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inclusive which are explanatory on the different points that were referred.—

The Correspondence with several of the Paymasters relative to their Accounts of 1787/8 not yet closed, which prevents my Reporting on them in the present Address. The Examination of the Paymasters Accounts of last Year is nearly finished I hope to conclude it in the Course of next Month, when I shall proceed with all expedition to the Audit of the Employs that come into my Department, in order that I may carry into execution Your Orders for a Monthly General Statement, upon which I am very anxious to begin.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Casper
C.G.A.A.

Fort St. George
30th May 1788.—

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (entered in Country Correspondence No. 57) &c &c stating that the produce of Grain in his Country proving to be less than could be expected, that he has been obliged to borrow Money to make good his Engagements

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.

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Engagements, which he is resolved to perform and to walk in the path prescribed to him by the Governor - expressing his Attachment to the Company and his determination to merit their favor and protection

Engd

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Ja. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

6. Sent the following Letter to the Honorable Company's Solicitors.-

To

Messrs. Topham & Baker,

the Honorable Company's Solicitors.-

Gentlemen,

To the Honble Company's Solicitor directing them to take the necessary steps for appealing from the Decree of the Mayor's Court in the Cause of the Company against Mr. George Proctor.-

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 27th Ultimo, and to inform you, that the Board think it expedient to appeal from the Decree of the Mayor's Court in the Cause of the Honorable Company against Mr. George Proctor.- You will be pleased therefore to lose no time in taking the Necessary Steps.-

I return the Papers which accompanied your Letter. and am.-

&c: &c:

Fort St. George
6th June 1788.-

(signed) John Shore Secy

Dispatched

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7. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (entered in the Mis: No: 21. 22)

To Vizagapatam - the Repairs mentioned

To Vizagapatam in their Letter of the 13th Ultimo to be executed:-

To the Chief Engineer - the Proposals of

To the Chief Engineer Lieutenant Norris, for Building Quarters

for the European & Native Troops in the Garrison

& Neighbourhood of Arnee approved & accepted

At a Consultation Present

John Holland Esqr.

Acting President

Tuesday the 10 June 1788 James Henry Casamaijor & Robert Haimsell Esqrs

The Honorable Sir Archibald Campbell Kt.

Absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved -

Read the following Letters

from Tellicherry addressed to Government

and to Sir Archibald Campbell -

To

1626 Fort St. George 6th June 1788.

To

The Hon'ble Sir. Archibald Campbell Kt. &c.

Governor &c. &c. &c. of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

I do regret the Honor of addressing you last under the 30th April.

From the Chief of Tellicherry the Report of Christian at the Investigation of Peppercorn Purchases engrossed & Paid on the Company's Account & the Pepper sent to the Fort.

Tippoo Sultaun marched from Calliecut under the 8th Instant as he gave out for Pattancatchery, and did actually proceed about 25 Miles on the direct Road, but He suddenly changed his Route and made his appearance again on the 12th on the Southside of Ponany River, which is only nine or ten Miles to the Southward of Calliecut, however I have now the Satisfaction to inform you that on the 13th He again continued his March to the Southward, and that according to the best information I am able to obtain he is proceeding to Pattancatchery by the Route of Palamcad.

In the Translation of the Nabob's Letter forwarded in my last Packet, the

Ld.

1627.

Fort St. George 10 June 1788.

The Rajah of Chirikal had represented to him as he had paid the Money he owed on the District near this place he could not give it up to us, and therefore He, the Nabob, advised us to settle the Rajahs Account,- There appeared something mysterious at the time in the Nabobs mentioning the Cherikals business, it having lain dormant for Some time, which is however clearer up by a letter I have lately received from that Rajah Copy Translation of which together with Copy of my Answer are now enclosed.- This Demand being made at this Juncture, I think carries the appearance of a design to pick a Quarrel, in which I make no doubt He is well assured of Assistance from the Nabob, tho' by no means openly. Therefore deem it my duty to explain the Matter to you.-

From the first Settlement of the English at this place until Hyder made the Malabar Princes tributary, the Company were in the strictest Friendship with the several Rajahs, particularly with the House of Colastria, of which the Cherikal is now the Head

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Head; and from time to time even until 1776
advanced them Cash and Military Stores &
on Credit - in the Year 1761 Mr. Hodges who
was then Chief here obtained from the Colast
Rajah, from whom we held the District &
under Tellicherry, a Grant to collect the &
Customs at this Port on the Company's &
Account agreeing to pay that Rajah the &
Sum of 4,200 Rupees Annually - in 1765 &
Mr. Bagfield, called on the Rajah for the
Payment of the Balance then Due, delivering
him his Account from August 1749 - at that
time also the Colastria or Cherika consented
to transfer the Debts due to the Company
from Several Dependents on his House to
his own Account, and gave all Writing assigning
over the Province of Rhandaterrah as Security
for the Payment; from the Year 1765 the &
Colastria or Cherika has not settled any &
Accounts, but has received several Articles as
well as Money in addition to his former
Debts - in January 1786 however the Rajah
of Cherika sent a party of Men, drove us
our

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our Guard, consisting only of a Serjeant and eight or ten Sepoys, and took possession of Rhandaterrah; on this Violence being made known to the Presidency of Bombay, the Governor and Council directed the Chief and Factors to make a Representation thereof to the Nabob Tippoo, the Cherikka being one of his Tributaries, but by no means to attempt retaking the Province, as such a Step might be the Means of renewing the War; at the same time ordering them to draw out the Rajahs Account Current, which was accordingly done, sent to Bombay and being Approved of there, was presented to the Cherikka; who under some frivolous pretence evaded excepting it, Mr. Beaumont the Chief in the meantime made the Representation as above directed to Tippoo; who in answer told him he had ordered the Rajah to redeliver Rhandaterrah to the Company, the Rajah however denied having received such Order, and produced a letter from Tippoo wherein He was merely told He ought to settle his Accounts

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Accounts with the Company — on this State the Affair remained until August last, when the Bibbee of Cannanore sent one Word that the Nabob had sent orders for the Province of Rhandaterah being delivered to her, on which I wrote to the Nabob setting forth the Claim the Company had thereto, in Consequence of which the Nabob repeated his Orders to the Sheriff to settle his Accounts but with * which the latter never thought proper to * comply Here the Matter rested until the present Demand, which I trust from the above * Statement will appear to you totally unfounded and that in case the Rajah should make Demand for a Lack of Rupees to commence Hostilities, You will not deem the Chief and Factors of this Settlement culpable. —

I am with great Respect
&c.a &c.a

(signed)
William Lewis.

Tellicherry
the 20th. May 1788.

Translation

1631 Fort St. George 16th June 1788–

Translate of a Letter from the Prince of Cherrika
to William Lewis Esqr. Chief of Tellicherry–

The Honble Company took the
Custom of Tellicherry under their own Management
engaging to Collect the Custom & to pay Some
Annually Rupees 4,200 to which purport they
received a Writing from me– It is to the present
time 27 Years that they have not satisfied me
I now make out the said Account which Amounts
to Rupees 11,3400– and as I am at present
greatly necessitated for Money to Satisfy the
Nabob– Therefore on Account of the Customs
you must immediately send me a Lack of
Rupees all other Matters may be settled hereafter
Dated 4 May 1788 (963 E.M:)

True Copy
(signed) Laurence Shaw
Secty

Translation of a Letter from the Chief to the Prince
of Cherrika dated Tellicherry the 16 May 1788.–

After Compliments.–

I have received your Letter Dated the
4th of the Month (M.E.) with respect to the
Customs

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Customes you demand, I am to inform you that in the time of Mr. Byfield He delivered you your Account made up to March 1765 (C.) and that Mr. Beaumont offered you your Account to the 21st January 1786 ((E)) but which you Did not chuse to accept in both these Accounts you would have found full credit was given you Yearly for the Amount of Rupees 4,200 in lieu of Customs according to the Agreement you made with Mr. Hodges on the 21 November 1761 (C.) to the 30th April 1779 - your making the demand for the Amounts of Customs so many years back at the time you will know you are indebted to the Company the Sum of 409,623..1..30 as appears by Mr. Beaumonts letter to you of the 15th April 1786 exclusive of Interest to this Day. is most extraordinary; Copy of your Letter however shall be immediately sent to the Governor of Bombay, & the Governor of Madras who will determine what Steps are Necessary to be taken thereon.-

True Copy
(signed) Laurence Shaw Secry

1633 Fort St. George 16th June 1788.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Chief & Council at Tellicherry, their apprehensions in some Measure removed by the Departure of Tippoo from the Malabar Coast a Letter for Bombay enclosed.-

Our Superiors having directed us to address them thro' the Channel of Fort St. George, and to communicate to you any Interesting and well grounded Intelligence we may receive, we have now the Honor of addressing you Jointly to give Cover to an address for the President in Council at Bombay & and a Letter from the President and Factors at Anjengo which We are to request you will expedite.-

Our Chief having by this occasion addressed the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell fully & upon the Subject of certain Claims made by the Prince of Cherrika on the Honble Company there remains nothing Interesting for us to Communicate to you saving the Satisfaction We feel in having our Apprehensions greatly alleviated by the Nabobs departure from our Vicinity, and Intelligence of his Arrival at Palicatcherry and of his Intentions of proceeding to the Coimbature.-

We are &c. &c.
(signed) " William Lewis
" G. Paterson
" Laurence Shaw

Tellicherry
25th May 1788.-

To

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Fort St. George 16th June 1788.

To The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell Kt

President and Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Chief of Tellicherry the Bibbee of Cannanore makes overtures for an alliance with the Company.—

After closing our address of Yesterday the Bibbee of Cannanore's Linguist & waited on our Chief with a written Message for the purport of which We must beg leave to refer you to a Copy now seperately forwarded by the Chief with his Reply. We only think it necessary to & observe as our Opinion that by the Prince of Cherikas last Letter as well as by the Bebbees Message that it seems to be his intention to give us trouble, and that at the instigation of the Nabob; whether it is the Nabobs design clandestinely to assist the Prince or not We cannot pretend to judge— The Orders We have from time to time received from our & Superiors at Bombay direct us by no means to interfere with the Country Powers so as to give umbrage to the Nabob, yet should the Prince of Cherikas really attack us We cannot but suppose it would be their Wish in such case & We should accept of any assistance We may & be able to procure particularly when the Safety of the Settlement is at Stake— Your Instructions for

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for our Guidance on this Head would be very acceptable, and be attended with many good Effects, which we are therefore enduced to hope, you will afford us as soon as possible thro the Channel of our Resident at Anjengo, who by forwarding different Copies thereof by Hircarrahs they may in all probability reach us—As to our Chiefs giving at this juncture a positive Refusal of Protection to the Bibbee we think it could not have been attended with any good consequences and might have been the occasion of her joining the Prince of Cherrika We think proper to Mention that the only Cypher We have is that received from Fort Cornwallis in the Year Marked No: or A with the Assistance of which We made communications and received Answers from your Government in the Rains of the Year 1784.—

We are

Sellicherry
26. May 1788—

&c: &c:

(signed) " William Lewis

" G. Paterson

" Laurence Shaw

To

1636

Fort St. George 16th June 1738.-

To

The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor &c. &c.

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Chief of Tellicherry - His opinion of the alliance proposed by the Bibbu of Cannanore, &c: :closes a Paper on the Subject; and Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Cherikarre; :peating his De: :mand for a Lack of Rupees

In consequence of Advices from Bombay, that the Ships Favorite would proceed to Madras after landing some Treasure and Stores at this place, I prepared a letter for you under the 20th which I sent on board that Vessel immediately on her arrival here on the 24th for fear she should be obliged to leave this Road suddenly, on account the Monsoon breaking in, which is hourly # expected; but as she still remains here, it # affords me an opportunity of enclosing you Copy & Translation of another letter I have received # from the Prince of Cherikal, to which I shall only reply, that as the Business has already been referred to the Governments of Bombay and Madras, I cannot do any thing further therein, until I receive Orders from them; # the Conduct of the Cherikal perfectly corresponds with a Message I received yesterday from the

Bibbu

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Bibbee of Cannanore, Copy of which I now also forward for your Notice—as to her Proposal of an Alliance with her, I must own I do not see any advantage that could accrue to the Company from such a Step, unless it should be determined to commence Hostilities against Tippoo; in which case our Forces, joined with what irregular Moors she could supply, would no doubt easily subject the whole of the Malabar Princes; but should a Treaty of Alliance be entered into with Her, in our Present Situation with the Nabob, it would only serve to irritate him, and afford him a Plea to break with us—as he could then with justice allege We had enticed his Tributary to throw off his Allegiance—should however the Cherikal really molest us, permit me to request you will favor me with your Opinion, as to the propriety of our accepting a Assistance from the Bibbee on the best Terms We may be able to settle with her.— Altho' the Government of Bombay have given positive Instructions to the Chief and Factors by no means

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means to afford protection to the Mallabars,
or other subjects of Tippoo; I did not deem
it prudent to give a positive Refusal to the
Bibbee's Desire, respecting her sending protection
at this place; as by so doing she might have
been driven to join the Cherikal; and from
the present Posture of Affairs, I do not apprehend
there is any great Reason to suppose she will
be under the necessity of taking such a Step.-

I am with great Respect
&c: &c:
(signed) William Lewis
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Tellicherry
26th May 1788.-

Translation of a Letter from the Prince of Cherikal to
the Chief of Tellicherry received the 24th May 1788

I have received the Letter you sent
me by Chetamber Pattara, in which you write.-

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Here follows an exact Copy of
the Letter the Chief wrote the Prince under the
16th May. He then goes on — In the Letter Mr. Beaumont
wrote me under the 1st April 1786 he mentions the Ba-
lances of the four Accounts made up with Interest He
sent

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sents, to arise in the following Manner viz.t

My proper account with the Company — 1,88,512. 1.02

The achamars of Rhandaberrah their account 1,48,815. 2.02

The 1st King of Pollyserram his account — ... 7111. 2. 52.

The 3d King of Dº ..... Dº ..... 65184. " 24

making all together the Sum of R.t 409.623. 1. 80.

which he informed me I was indebted — as these accounts are of long Date, it is necessary that the original papers should be produced, as well what was given by my Predecessors and myself, as by the achamars &c. in order to compare them with the accounts to certify the Justness of them — in this manner I wrote to Mr. Beaumont, and desired him to send the Linguist with them; to which Mr. Beaumont replied that until accounts were settled it was not usual to let obligations go out of his Hands — whether it is not usual at the time of settling accounts to demand to see the Original writings I leave to the world to judge for had these obligations been produced no one would have taken them away without first Discharging the just Debt — for this Reason you must send your Linguest with the above Papers to wherever I may be when if it should appear that I am indebted to the Company I will pay it — From the Amount due to me on account Customs you must send me one Lack without delay and you will find on a final settlement I do not owe a single Rupee on these long accounts I will the Letters you have

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have written to me hitherto on any Business you said the affair must be referred to Bombay, whose Orders you must wait you now write that you shall refer the Business to Madras as well as Bombay - this is the first time I ever heard of such a Reference - Dated the 13th May 963 M.A
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a true Copy
(Signed) Laurence Shaw
Secretary

Sunday the 25th May 1788

The Bibbee of Cannanore sent her Linguest this Day with the following Message to the Chief - that she has several times sent to inform the Chief that the Nabob Tippoo Saheb, was very angry with her for keeping in friendship with the English, but which he would not believe - He however no doubt has heard every thing that has passed at Calicut with respect to her - That the Nabob justly owes her four Lacks of Rupees; instead of taking her accounts and paying what he owed, he demanded from her one Lack of Rupees, which for fear of the Nabob putting some affront on her, she was obliging to pro: ; mise to pay - upon which promise the Nabob let her return to Cannanore taking Country Packy her first Minister with him as security for the payment thereof that the proposed a firm alliance should take place

place between Her and the English – and tho' perhaps the Chief has not orders from Bombay for that purpose, She requests the Chief will write to the Governor of Bombay or any other Person the Chief may deem necessary for Orders to that End, and She is ready to give whatever Security may be required for her faithfully fulfilling her part – that She does not wish the Company should enter into a War with the Nabob on her account, but in case of an alliance and a Rupture hereafter She can bring all the Moplas in these parts, which She reckons at 10,000 to join the English – in the mean time She requests to know, should the Nabob send a Force to take her Country from her and She not be able to defend herself whether She can find protection in Tellicherry.

To this Message the Chief replied, that He was extremely sorry for the treatment the Bibbee had experienced from the Nabob but that He being a Master of the Country would act as He thought proper – that with respect to the proposed alliance, the Bibbee knew full well it was not in the Chiefs' Power to enter into such without the Orders of His Superiors, whom He would make acquainted therewith, and that with respect to the Nabob attacking Cannanore, the Bibbee could not but be convinced as He was now gone so far off indeed it was said He was returning to Seringapatam, that was no great probability of

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H.C.s returning into the Malabar Country for that purpose; but the Chief carefully avoided giving her an Answer to that part respecting her meeting with protection here - as a positive refusal could not answer any good end, and there is not the most distant appearance of her being driven to that length, at least during the Rains, and by the month of Septr: November it is likely we shall receive Instructions from the Honorable the President and Council on this Head -

After the Linguest had delivered the foregoing Message, which he had brought in writing from This Mistress - He told the Chief He was directed to acquaint him verbally of the following Circumstances - That in the first Interview, allia, the Husband of the Bibee, had with the Nabob, the latter asked how far Distant Tellicherry was from Cannanore, who replied about two, or two and a half Mallabar Cos - The Nabob then asked why the English were forth: fying Tellicherry, to which allia replied He could not tell - The Nabob also asked How many Troops allia thought were in Tellicherry, to which He answered between four & five Thousand - That after this Conversation the Nabob said to allia, as for a long time there had been Disputes between the Sherrik and Cannanore Governments they had better enter into friendship and endeavour to do

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do something against Tellicherry for which purpose
allied must find some Method to begin a Dispute,
by making a Demand on Tellicherry — to which
allied replied, that He did not want to have any
connection with the Prince of Cherika or embarrass
himself with any other Merchants, but to attend
only to his own Mercantile Concerns — that as to
Government Matters, they belonged entirely to the
Bibbee, to whom he ought to speak on the Subject —
that thereupon the Nabob immediately sent one of
his people (the Linguist says a Chupdar) to meet the
Bibbee, to propose to her to become an Enemy to the
English, and in Company with the Prince of Cherika
to do all the Mischief they possibly could to Tellicherry
to which the Bibbee replied that she never had had
a Dispute with any European Nation, and
that her Predecessors were always in friendship with
the English, but that a short time since, merely
for her friendship for the Nabob she was ruined
by the English, and that now she had neither lost
her Territory than make an Enemy of the
English, with whom it was her desire to be in
friendship.

True Copy
Signed Laurence Sulivan
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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President and Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Chief & Council of Tellichery stating the extraordinary Conduct of the Pursengers sent by the Rajah of Cheriacotta to demand the Cash of Rupees and requesting Instructions

We think it of the highest importance to acquaint you that this Morning when our Chief delivered his Answer for the Prince of Cherricka to the Pursengers he sent in with his Letter, that he behaved in a most extraordinary manner as you will perceive by the Paper now enclosed which the Chief took down at the time the Business happened. It clearly appears to us that the Prince is Determined to pick a Quarrel & that he will not remain long quiet, We therefore think it our Duty to submit the whole to you who will be best able to judge what steps are necessary to be taken; that he has not means to support him we think is too obvious. We must beg leave to Repeat our earnest request for your immediate Instructions by the way of Anjengo and are with the greatest respect &c &c

Signed William Lewis
G. Paterson
Laurence Shaw
Council

Tellichery
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Tuesday the 27th may 1788

The Chief wrote an Answer to the Prince of Cherrika as follows

"I have received your Highness's Letter, and
"understand its Contents, but agreeable to what I wrote
"you in my last the Business has been referred to
"the Government of Bombay and the Government of
"Madras, I cannot therefore do any thing further in it
"until I receive their Orders, or the Orders of the Governor
"General of Bengal."

When the Chief delivered His answer
to Chetamber Battera the man who brought the
Letter from the Prince, He refused to go with it, saying
that He had received Orders from His master not
to leave this place without the Lack of Rupies He
demanded, but if the Chief should deliver him an
Answer in writing only, He Chetamber was to for-
ward it by one of his People and to wait himself at
Tellichery to which the Chief replied that as the Che-
tamber brought the letter from the Prince in which
not a word was mentioned of his directing Battara
to stay here nor even a request of the Kind made, the
Chief insisted on the Battara being the Bearer of his
Answer to the Prince — the Battara insisted that
He would stay, when the Chief was under the
disagreeable necessity of telling him peremptorily
that if He should not — upon which the Battara

declared

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declared in presence of Sundry Witnesses, that he was sent here purposely to receive the assent of being put out of our Districts by Force.

True Copy
Signed Laurence Shaw
Secretary —

The acting President lays before the Board a Memorandum Containing Sir Archibald Campbell's Sentiments and Recommendations upon the Subject referred to this Government from Tellicherry.

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Sir Archibald Campbell's Sentiments & Recommendations upon the Subject referred to this Government from Tellicherry —

Sir Archibald Campbell submits the following Reflections to the Board on the late advices from Tellicherry.

The Letters from Tellicherry to this Government, require Consideration, for as the situation of that Factory appears to be very precarious, and as the Application from the Company's Servants there goes not only to advise, but even to request Instructions and to expect Assistance from this Presidency, it may become a Question hereafter, in Case of any Accident befalling that Establishment whether this Government adopted any measures or made any Efforts for their Security, That the Rajah of Cherakal has either been set on by

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Tippoo to make his Demands upon the Factory of Tellicherry or is encouraged by him in his Conduct towards that Establishment, cannot the President thinks be doubted, but as they are silent as to the Force of the Rajah, and his ability to compel them by hostile measures to submit to his Demands, the Board are left in Uncertainty as to the probable Consequences of their Refusal, and whether if unassisted by Tippoo, he can with his own Force take possession of the Factory – at this Juncture it is impossible to send any Troops to Tellicherry, nor does it appear to the President that this Board are sufficiently informed of all the Circumstances necessary to form a Judgment upon the most expedient measures to be pursued by the Chief and Factors, to transmit them Instructions for their Conduct under their present Difficulties – They of course will act, as Events occur and as necessity may compel them, for their own Security, and for the Safety of the Company's Possessions, and the President flatters himself, from the Principles of Prudence which seem hitherto to have guided them in their Conduct, that they will not except upon the most obvious Grounds of unquestionable necessity and sound Policy, allow themselves to be drawn into any Engagements with the Tributaries or Dependants of Tippoo, which may give this

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Prince Came to charge the Company with having infringed the Peace subsisting between them, with respect to the Bebbie of Carnanore, it does not appear from what the Chief and Factors have written upon the Subject, that any good Consequences can result from entering into any Engagements with her at this Time, for from their Description of her Power, it may be inferred that her assistance would be of very little Consequence to the Factory even if involved in Hostilities with the Rajah of Cherickra.

Under this General View of the Case, the President proposes to the Board that a Letter should be immediately written by him to Tippoo Sultaun, requesting his Interference with the Cherickal Rajah, to prevent his molesting the Company's Factory at Tellicherry; stating to him the Injustice of the Rajah's Demands, and desiring that he will give such Orders to his Tributaries and Subjects on the Malabar Coast, as may deter them in future from taking any Steps which in their Consequence may tend to interrupt the good Understanding so happily re-established between him and the Company. The accompanying Draft of a Letter to this Effect the President begs leave to submit to the Consideration of the Board.

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The President further recommends that a Letter be written to Lord Cornwallis, with Copies of the Papers from Tellicherry for the Information of his Lordship, and likewise Copy of the Letter to Tippoo Sultaun if the measure meets the approbation of the Board and also that the Chief and Factors be advised of the Steps taken by the President since the Receipt of their advices.

To Tippoo Sultaun

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As I am convinced you are equally desirous as I am, of removing every cause which may tend in any shape, to disturb the Peace and Harmony which now so happily subsists between your Circar and the English, and that you are too wise, not to perceive how much it behoves the Rulers of both Nations to discourage every attempt to foment Disturbances between our respective Countries, I take this opportunity of complaining to you of the extraordinary Conduct of the Rajah of Cherica, one of your Tributaries, upon the Coast of Malabar, who under the most unjust and groundless pretences, is making demands upon the Company's Factory at Tellicherry, in a manner very

To Tippoo desiring he will give Instructions to his Tributaries on the Malabar Coast particularly the Prince of Cherica not to disturb the Friendship subsisting between him Tippoo and the English

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very little short of actual Hostilities — For
your Information I am desirous of acquainting
you with how little justice this Rajah is presuming
to make Demands upon the Company for at this
very time, when he has called upon the Chief at
Tellichery to pay him a Lack of Rupees, he is actually
indebted upon the balance of an account to the
Company upwards of fours times that Sum, as was
clearly and fully established in the accounts sent to
this Rajah, by Mr. Beaumont the late Chief of
Tellichery As a sincere friendship now subsists
between your Circar and the Company I make no
Doubt but you will immediately restrain this
Chief who is attempting to disturb that friendship;
and Hope you will issue such Orders to the other
Rajahs and Chiefs in the neighbourhood of the
Company's Factory, who are dependant upon your
Circar, as will prevent such proceedings in future
I also trust to your justice that you will compel
the Cherickal Rajah to settle his accounts with the
Company, and to pay them the Money which is
justly due to them.

By punishing our Dependants,
when their intemperate Conduct may create
misunder

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misunderstandings between our Circars, our
friendship will increase and peace will be
perpetuated. /Signd/ Archibald Campbell

The Views suggested by Sir Archibald Campbell, and the proposed Letter to Tippoo appended—

The Board approve the measures Sug:
gested by Sir Archibald Campbell and agree that a
Letter be drafted to Tellicherry and to Bengal agreably
to the Governor's Recommendation.

Resolved also that the proposed Letter
be sent to Tippoo Sultaun vide C.C. No. 58

Read the following Letter from the
Church Wardens, and some of the Inhabitants of
Madras.

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

From the Churchwardens &c. of Madras, recommending that the Native Princes & Chiefs be called upon to contribute to the Fund established for the maintenance and Education of the Male Orphans—Requesting that the Money subscribed at the out Garrisons, may be remitted to the Presidency in Bills on the Military Paymaster General. That the Redoubt at Egmore may be appropriated for the Residence of the Boys, and that the Arrears due by the Company may be paid—

Honble Sir,

With the Countenance, and liberal
promises of Support afforded us in your Secretary's
Letter of the 11th December, we proceeded to circulate a
Subscription for the maintenance and Education
of the Male Orphans and other distressed Children
of the European Soldiery on the Coast; and it is with
Satisfaction We have the honor to inform you,
that the Sum of Pagodas 4719.. 28.. 64.. have already
been subscribed, independent of the Grant made
by

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by the Committee for the relief of the Native Poor of the Annual Interest on Pagodas 8000. from the Fund originally raised for the use of that Charity during the late War. — We are in hopes that further Sums will yet be subscribed; and we beg leave, in this View to suggest the propriety of a recommendation of this Charity to the Munificence of His Highness the Nabob, the Rajah of Tanjore, Vezeram Rauze, and other Native Princes and Chiefs, whose Trust may be induced by your influence to promote the Welfare of this Institution. It affords a very handsome, and we hope an acceptable Occasion, of manifesting their sense of the Services rendered them by the Fathers of the Objects, who now Solicit their Bounty.

The Subscription being so far advanced, We request you will be pleased to permit the amounts Subscribed at the Several Stations, whether in Money, Pay, or Batta Bills, to be received by the Paymasters, & to direct Bills to be drawn by them on the Military Pay-masters General for the Amount in favor of the Churchwardens at Madras, who will hold the same at your disposal — at the same time, we take the liberty to remind you of the promise you were pleased to make, of endeavouring to procure a Building for the Reception of the Boys. — The nearer the Fort, the more eligible it will on all accounts prove — and in this View we beg leave to mention Egmore Redoubt a situation open and healthy — the distance convenient — and from the

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the circumstance of Buildings already standing there, the completing them for the accommodation of the Boys, would probably be attended with but small expence.

We request also you will be pleased to order payment to the Churchwardens, of the Sums of Rupees 2,833..4 being the Arrears due from the 11th December to 31st May last, for 100 Boys at 5 Rupees each p Month. We have the Honor to be,

S.r S.rs

B. Millingchamp
Richard Leslie
Robert Hughes
Cha.s Oakeley
Wm Webb
Andrew Ross
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
Wm Sydenham
Jos DuPre Porcher
L Moorhouse
Tho.s Cockburn
Nath.l E. Kindersley

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5th June 1788

Signed

Minute thereon

Previous to any Decision upon the several points Submitted to Government in the foregoing Letter it is agreed that the Committee of Stores be directed to report the uses to which Egmore Redoubt is appropriated, the buildings Contained within it, and the actual Condition of them.

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Read the following Letter from Mr.
Joseph Garrow Deputy Military Paymaster General.

John Shannier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Davidson to request that you will be so good as apply to the Honble Board to know to what account the Expences of the 6 Battalions of Revenue Troops to the Southward are to be charged in the Paymaster Generals Books, whether they are to be brought under the general head of native Infantry, or to be kept separate, as he conceives a part, if not the whole may hereafter be charged to His Highness the Nabob in the latter case, if it should be agreeable to the Honorable Board on Head of Revenue Troops may be raised for those expences for the present that the Account may be carried on in the Books, which may be hereafter adjusted in any other way that may be ordered. I am also to request to know if the Tanjore Revenue Battalions are likewise to be kept separate, which may be done under the Head of Tanjore Revenue Troops.

From the Deputy Paymaster General requesting to know to what account the Expences of the Revenue Troops to the Southward are to be charged in his Books, & whether the Tanjore Revenue Battalions are to be kept separate.

I remain &c. &c.
Signd Joseph Garrow
Depy My Pay.

Pay Office
10th June 1788

Agreed that Heads of Revenue

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Revenue Troops and Tanjore Revenue Troops be raised in the Military Paymaster Generals Books, which can hereafter be adjusted in such manner as may be judged expedient.—

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of army accounts.—

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

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General of army accounts reporting on the accounts of the Paymasters at out Garrisons — Requesting that the Examination of accounts at the Northern Subordinates may be left to those who have hitherto transacted it — & declaring that a General Statement of accounts audited cannot be laid before the Board till two months or more from the Date of the Accounts a proposed Form for six Monthly Reports enclosed.—

In obedience to your Commands of the 31st Ultimo, I beg leave to inform you that the Accounts of the Paymasters at the undermentioned Garrisons with the Military Paymaster General from the 1st January to the 31st December 1787 have been audited and reported by me and passed by your Honor (except those mentioned in my address of 30th Ultimo) since the 1st of January last, Viz.t Palamcotta, Ponnamalee Vellore, and Amboor, Arcot, Tanjore, Chingleput and Trepassore, and Trichinopoly to 31st August inclusive — The accounts for the same period at the Garrisons of Madura and Ponnamalee and at Trichinopoly from 1st September 1787 inclusive, the Cantonments at Arcot, Wandayawash and Dependencies and with the Depoy Paymaster at the Presidency have also been examined since

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since the 1st January last and forwarded, but the Correspondence respecting them not being closed they have not yet been reported — The accounts of the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency and of the Deputy Military Paymaster General at the Mount from the 1st January to 31st December 1787 are now under Examination, the Observations that have occurr'd on them will be forwarded in a few Days for their Explanation — The accounts of the Paymasters at the undermentioned Garrisons with the Superintendant of the Nabob's accounts from the 1st Jany to the 30th June 1787 have been audited and reported by me and passed by your Honor, except those mentioned in my address of 30 Ulto since the 1st January last Viz.t Balaconda, Trichinopoly, Vellore and Ambour, Angole and Permacoil — the accounts for the same period at the Garrison of Madura have also been examined since the 1st January last and the Remarks transmitted, but the replies not having been received, the examination of these accounts has not yet been laid before your Honor — Besides the accounts above enumerated, and those of General Lany, I have also audited and reported on the Voluminous charges of the Barrack Masters, in doing which it was

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necessary to enter into an infinity of the most minute Calculations besides carrying on a very long and extensive correspondence with them and the Paymasters at the out Garrisons — The arrears of accounts up to the 31st December 1787 are now only in the following Departments Viz.t the agents, and the Garrison and military Storekeepers.

When these Accounts are examined, which will take but a short time, I shall make my monthly report in the manner directed on 11th December last, including every Garrison with a Statement of Expence, Balance &c.a, according to my Instructions as far as I can procure proper Documents.

In addition to the several accounts above recited, I have lately had those of the Revenue Battalions to the Northward laid before me, but I must on this occasion beg leave to mention to your Honor that the Northern accounts have hitherto always been audited by a Committee of accounts appointed by the Chief and Council and have never come under the cognizance of the Committee of accounts at the Presidency, or the Board of Commissioners. These accounts are more likely to be properly examined on the spot, where the causes of the extra Military Charges, which are generally on Revenue business, are best known, — when the new Regulations are published which are now in a very advanced state,

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the Committee of accounts as the subordinacies can:
not easily be deceived or misled, and consequently they
will have little more to do than to ascertain the rates of
Exchange, and the Accuracy of the accounts current, and
to see that the Debits and Credits are fairly stated, all which
may easily be performed by any person acquainted with
common Arithmetic, without possessing a knowledge
of the Rules of the Service, beyond what those Regulations
point out, or being acquainted with other Branches of
Military Finance, necessary for a Controller or an
Auditor of accounts.

It is my wish at all times to anticipate
the Pleasure of Government, and shall always most
chearfully execute their Commands to the utmost of my
powers, but as such an addition of business, unknown to
those who have formerly acted in this Department
is more than any two Persons can well perform, I hope
You will vouchsafe to reconsider this matter, and
leave this branch of the business to those who have
hitherto transacted it.

Upon the receipt of your Commands
the 11th December last, I drew out a Form for my
Monthly Report, to comprise every general Charge,
Copy of which I beg leave to enclose for your Inspection,
the Remarks which occur will be added on a Sheet of
Paper annexed to it. The accounts from the different
Divisions

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Garrisons are generally receivd at the Presidency towards the close of the succeeding Month, some time is then taken up in the examination of them, and afterwards in conducting the correspondence which the remarks may occasion, These circumstances will prevent the proposed general Statement being laid before Your Honor till two Months, or sometimes more from the Date of the Accounts The Statement for January, if approved by Your Honor according to the enclosed Form, shall be laid before you with all expedition.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed J Capper D.A.G.

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Colonel Capper that the examination of accounts by the Committee at the Northern Subordinates is considered as merely preparatory to, & assisting his audit which must be extended to all Military accounts upon the Coast.

With respect to the Form proposed by him for his monthly Reports, it is agreed to acquaint him that the same is approved.

From Mr Joseph Farrow Deputy Military Paymaster General

Read a Letter from Mr. Farrow, Deputy Military Paymaster General, / entered in M Bk No 23 / enclosing a Report of what has been done in the Course of last Week towards bringing up the Books, & requesting to know whether it meets the approbation of Government

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr. Garrow be directed to continue his Reports agreably to the Form now laid before the Board.

Ent.

Arth. Campbell

John Holland

Sa. Thos. Basanajer

R. Maunsell

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No 10 Received the undermentioned Letters / entered in Vol. B. Nos 24. 25. /

From the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Barwell, requesting the Payment of 44 Pagodas, being for 11 Dozen Port Wine supplied the Hanoverian Troops during their Passage from England.

From Captain Willadsen Commanding the Barwell

From the Town Major — inclosing Certificates authenticating the Claims of twelve men, now in Calcutta, to Prison Batta, who were at the time of their Imprisonment in his Majesty's, but now in the Company's Service.

From the Town Major

No 11 Dispatched the following Letters —

To William Lewis Esq.r

Chief & Council

at Tellicherry

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters under Date the 25th and 27th ultimo: also those of the 20th and 26th ultimo addressed by Mr. Lewis to Sir Archibald Campbell with the several Enclosures.

We have paid every attention to the Contents of the different Papers transmitted to us, and regret our inability to form a judgment of the most expedient

Tellicherry Government have not sufficient information before them to enable them to give explicit Instructions with Respect to the Prince of Arcots Recommending the Chief and Council to avoid entering into any Engagement that may give Umbrage to Tippoo

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expedient measures to be pursued by you on account
inability which exists from our not knowing the
Force of the Prince of Sherricka and his ability to
compell you by hostile measures to submit to his
Demands We are also uncertain as to the probable
consequences of your Refusal, and know not, whether,
if the Prince be unassisted by Tippoo, he can with
his own Force take possessions of Tellichery.

Thus unin formed of such material
Circumstances it is impossible for us to furnish you
with instructions under your present Difficulties
We can only recommend a perseverance in those prin-
ciples of Prudence which have hitherto guided
you, and on no account, except upon the most
obvious grounds of necessity to suffer yourselves to
be drawn into any Engagements with the Tributaries
or Dependendents of Tippoo that may afford him
cause to Charge the Company with having violated
the Peace now Subsisting.

With respect to the Bibbee of Cannanore
it does not appear to us that any good Consequences can
result from entering into any Engagements with her
at this time for from your discription of her Power
it may be inferred that her assistance would be of
very little consequence to your Factory even if involved
in hostilities with the Prince of Sherricka.

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We have desired our President to address a Letter to Tippoo Sultaun on this Subject of which We inclose a Copy for your information—We have also transmitted Copies of all the Papers to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council—

We shall forward this via Anjengo, and are with Esteem, &c. &c.

Fort St George
10th June 1788

Sign'd John F. Holland
& Council

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

My Lord,

We have the honor to enclose Copies of Letters lately received from Tellicherry with a Paper containing the Sentiments of Sir Archibald Campbell on the Subject—

Having taken the whole into imme: diate Consideration, We agree, that Letters should be addressed to Tippoo Sultaun, and to the Chief & Council at Tellicherry of which We have the honor

To Bengal—encls: 1 Copy of the Dispatch from Tellicherry, with the Reply—also Copy of a Letter to Tippoo—

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James Henry Casamajor

&

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Friday the 13th June 1788

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Governor &c. Fort St George

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From the Resident at Poona with Extracts of two Letters him from Major Palmer, reporting Scindia and Extract of a Letter to the Governor General on the Subject of Tippoo's Views in his Visit to the Malabar Coast.

This serves purposely to give cover to Duplicate of my last address of the 26th Ultimo Copy & part of a Letter received from Major Palmer the 29 Ultimo and Extract of one from me to the Governor General of this Date. I have the Honor to be, very respectfully, &c &c

Signed C.W. Malet

Poona 5 May 1788

P.S. The Birth of a Son to the Begum of Sattara was announced by a salute Yesterday Evening

Extract

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I have been favoured with yours of the 12th of February accompanied with Copies of your Public Dispatches of the 3d and 12th of the same Month I have the pleasure to forward to you by this Express a Copy of my last Letter, and the Series of Country Intelligence from the Date of it — you will observe from the latter that the efforts made by the Gunts to resist the encroachments of Ishmael Beg Caun have enabled Sindia to protract his continuance in this quarter, but with little or no advantage that I can discover either in possession or in prospect The surrender of Ferozabad to Golaun Cauder Caun affords that Chief the means of finally terminating the Dispute between Scindia & Ishmael Beg. If he joins the latter Scindia must retreat from Indostan should he unite with Scindia the ruin of Ishmael Beg will be the immediate Consequence But how the future views of the confederated Parties, let Golaun Cauder take which side he will, can be reconciled I am entirely at a loss to conceive, The Detaun Golaun Caudee is now the Arbiter of the Fate of the other two Competitors, and he has only to determine which of them he will ruin first with the assistance of the other, I have scarcely a Doubt in my own mind that he will first unite with Ishmael Beg for the expulsion of

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of Scindia, but as you will probably be informed of his
choice before the conclusion of this Letter I will not trouble
you with further Conjecture.

For a considerable time past I have had no Interview with Scindia, he has postponed it from day to day under various pretexts, until I separated from him by his own recommendation on the appearance of Ishmael Beg's intention to cross the Chumbal and attack him, The time he was as harried & should be a Witness to the embarrassment of arming under which he then labored, but from which has been since a little relieved, by the sudden return of Golam Caudir from Agra, the indecision of Ishmael Beg and the appearance of more content and attachment in his own Troops than they lately manifested, They have crossed the Chumbal, but I do not see what service they can perform, nor any probable means left to Scindia to extricate himself from the difficulties and dangers which surround him, He may possess resources of which I am ignorant but the extreme occasion which he has lately had to apply them forms them a strong presumption to the Contrary.

You will observe by the latest Delhi Papers that some of the Kings Sirdars and Troops are preparing to join Ishmael Beg at the principal of them Dudd Beg Cawn and Nuzzuff Bahadur and others have been dispossessed of their Jaidads &c by Golam Caudir, he may

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may possibly see his Danger in such an accession of strength to Ishmael Beg and fortify himself against it by an alliance with Scindia, from whom his appre-hensions would be more remote.

Scindia has derived considerable advantage from the spirited resistance which the Jauts as I observed above, and could they be brought to act in Concert with him and to make more vigorous exertions in his favor, he would probably retrieve his affairs - They have hitherto been more intent upon recovering their places reduced by Ishmael Beg, than inclined to take that leading & decisive Character in the Contest which the wealth of their Chiefs enables them to assume and I do not expect that Runjeet Sing will aim at any greater object than the preservation of the Territory which Scindia left him in possession of.

Runjeet

The Rajpoots shew no inclination to renew their efforts in Indostan, so that the dispute will be confined to Scindia, Golam Caudir, and Ishmael Beg I cannot conceive how any two of these Competitors can reconcile their views or remove their mutual distrust but at any rate it appears to me that Scindia is inextricably involved and has staked his ruin upon the issue, His success or Disappointment must I think be decided in a few days. I am very anxious for your next Dis-patches which will probably contain the most important advices.

I am &c. &c. (Signd) W Palmer

True Extract
(Signd) W Nairn - another

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Another Letter from the Resident with Mhadjee Sindia
to the Resident at Poona Dated the 8 of April and
received the 29th —

Since I closed my Letter, I have received
Intelligence of Golam Caudes Cawns arrival at agra,
If his Design is to get possession of the Fort it is as inconcieved
to Ishmael Beg as to Sindia and I should not be much
surprized to see the two last unite against him, for I
think an accommodation between these might be
more easily adjusted than between either of them and
Golam Caudes Cawn. It is however still possible that
Ishmael Beg may have consented to cede his preten-
sions to the Fort for his immediate preservation but if
he has he has subscribed to his own inevitable ruin.

I know not what to think of Rana Cawns
expedition across the Chumbal, Sindia was not Igno-
rant of Golam Caudes approach.

Sam, W. B.

Signed W Palmer

True Extract

Signed D. W. Malet

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Poona to
the Right Honble the Governor General Dated
8th May 1788

From my address of the 26th ultimo
you will have learnt the Prevalence of a Report
of

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of the Rajah of Travancores Death a Disputed Succession
and the March of a Body of Tippoo's Troops to support one
of the Competitors on the 2d Instant Received Intelligence
by an Emissary of Credibility direct from Seringapatam
of the March of Tippoo in Person, about the Beginning
of april, at the Head of a very large Army toward the Tra-
:vancore Country On the 3d I learnt by a private Letter
the authority of which was undoubted, that Tippoo had
arrived on the 5th of april in Person, at the head of a large
Army near Calicut which had given great alarm to the
Settlement of Tellicherry But neither of the latter Ac-
:counts mention the Circumstance of the Rajah's Death.

Your Lordship will readily conceive, after the
opinion advanced in my last address of the impro-
:bability of Tippoo's commencing hostilities till at a
Certainty as to the issue of his negotiations with France
that this Intelligence must have greatly surprised Me,
as tending to immediate War with the English Com-
:pany which to me appears to be so arduous an under-
:taking that I saw at a Loss to account for it but on the
following Grounds, The actual Death of the Rajah of
Travancore and a Prospect arising from the ensuing
Confusion of making an immediate Conquest of that
Kingdom or a Concerted plan of operation between him &
Mr. Conway Governor of Pondicherry in Consequence
of the late advices from Europe by the Corvette and of

which

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which plan was Mr. Conways pretended voyage to Trincomalee was a part The Latter supposition is founded on the following Grounds.

1st The nature of the advices from France which diffused to all the Eastern Side of India the Persuasion of inevitable war.

2d The same Persuasion certainly influenced Mr. Conways embarkation for Trincomalee to Strengthen that Place, to Let himself at Liberty to act in future as occasion should require by proceeding to the Malabar Coast and joining Tippoo or to avoid being Captured in Pondicherry or at the best being Cooped up and rendered unserviceable.

3d The Possibility that Mr. Conways intention when he left Pondicherry was to proceed direct for the Malabar Coast and then to join Tippoo for the immediate Conquest of Travancore the possession of which, exclusive of its extreme wealth and affording a new access to the Carnatic would at once put Tippoo in possession of, and enable him to reward his friends the French with the whole of the valuable Commercial produce of the Malabar Coast the accordance of Tippoo, and General Conways motions in Point of time Corroborative Supposition of their being in Concert Vizt

The End of February or about the 1st of March the Corvette arrived from Europe early in March General Conway embarked and before the 26th returned to Pondicherry.

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On the 5th April Tippoo arrived near Calicut so that reckoning the news of the war and his own Resolution to leave Pondicherry to have been dispatched by General Conway the 3d or 4th of March, it would have reached Seringapatam about the 13th and supposing Tippoo to have marched the 28th is an allowance of fifteen Days for him to have made his preparations which are ever ready and Seven Days to have got to the neighbourhood of Calicut though my Seringapatam Emissary says he halted and rendevouzed his army at Goodulpettah about Halfway between that post and Seringapatam it may be remarked that General Conways advice of his return to Pondicherry would have stopt Tippoo's March had it been undertaken as Part of a Concerted plan but it must be recollected that as General Conway did not return till about the 24th of March his letters would not reach Tippoo thro' Seringapatam at Goondulpetta till about the 9th of April.

If this March has been undertaken without any dependance on French Co-operation I apprehend Tippoo must at all Events be resolved on hostilities somewhere if in concert with General Conway I think it highly probable that his General Conway's return to Pondicherry prevents Tippoo prosecuting his designs and impress him with great Disgust & Distrust of the French in future, in which Case his abortive Expedition will be as honorable to the British name in India as the ineffectual Interference of the French lately was in Europe.

True Extract Signed A. Malet

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor — Fort St George

Honble Sir,

I have this Morning the Honor to forward Triplicate Copies Duplicate of my Letter of the 6th since which I have received authentick Accounts from Bombay of Tippoo's arrival at Mangalore, his Intentions unknown, but apprehensions seem to be entertained at Bombay for the safety of Tellicherry for my own part I can scarce think it an Object of sufficient Magnitude for that Prince to involve Himself in a War with us about — The Ministers proceed on a Journey to Coimbatore the 10th that place is 15 Coss from Settlarra to the Raja of which I suppose He will pay his Respects before he returns on the late Birth of his Son — The Day before his Departure the Ministers informed me that Mr. Montigny was to take leave of Him the ensuing Day and would have his audience of leave of the Peshwa during his absence which would be about a Month should any Hostilities ensue to the Southward this Journey is certainly very mal apropos. —

From Mr. Malet — Thinks Tippoo will not involve himself in a War with us about Tellicherry — Has received Intelligence that a Party of Scindia's Troops gained a Passage over the Besiegers of the Castle of Agra.

I have news tho' not authentick that a Party of Sindias Troops under Rannie Khan has lately

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lately surprized the Body left by Ismail Khan to carry on the Seige of the Castle of agra, Killed great numbers and carryed off the Commander Emras Gheur Gosaing Prisoner. —

I have the Honor to be, with Respect

&c. &c.

Signd W. Malet.

Poona
12th May 1788

P.S.

By Letters this Instant from Governor Ramsay I find he had not received any advices from Tellicherry of a later Date than 8th Ultimo — The same that notified Tippoo's arrival at Calicut the 5th The Drake sailed from Bussora the 7th Instant with Europe Packets — I have this Moment received a Paper of Intelligence from Colapore mentioning the Rajah of Francanore's having gained a considerable advantage over a Body of Tippoos Troops commanded by Rustum Khan a great part of which deserted to the Raja — The same Paper mentions that Tippoo's Force on his Northern Frontier is very strong, and that the Commander of it is raising more Men.

10 p.m. — 12th May — Signd W. M. Encl

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor &c. &c.

Fort St George

Form Mr. Malet with an account of the Battle between the Joint Forces of Palim Koudir Khan & Mirza Ismael Beg against the combined Army of Scindia and the Paulk in which the latter were defeated.

Honble Sir

This serves to accompany a Packet received last night from Bombay to your address

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and to enclose Duplicate of my last Letter of the 12th Instant — with Extract from Major Palmers last Letter to me and Translate of a persian news Paper that accompany'd it.

I am advised by the Bombay Board of Tippoo's being still in the neighbourhood of Calliaut, but that the greatest part of his army with his heavy artillery had filed off toward Ballicatchery and that the Raja of Travancore had passed Angingo on the 15th Ultimo to join his army collected to repell any attack that might be made by Tippoo's Forces. But as the accompanying Packet from the Bombay Board will give you every Information they possess there is no occasion for my troubling you on this Subject — For my own part I continue to think that the Turn affairs have taken in Europe, will cause a Termination of Tippoo's Campaign without any other material Consequence to us, than a most ample manifestation of his Designs. This as a salve for his Reputation, He may probably employ his army in the entire Reduction of some of the Malabar Princes.

The news of Rannie Khan's Excursion to agra as mentioned in my last was true, but not in the Extent there mentioned.

Mr. Montigny has at last certainly taken Leave of the Peshwa and will leave this Place

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to day or tomorrow, The Minister is still absent at Coras. I have the Honor to be, with perfect Respect

Sir &c.

Signd W. Malet

Poona
18th May 1788

P. S.

This proceeds by a pair of Mr. Sadlier's returning Cossids, and Dup: with Duplicate of the Bombay Packet is this Day delivered to a Sr of Cossids to Mahommed Hussein at Hydrabad.—

Extract Letter from Major Palmer Dated 27th April and received in Poona the 15th May.—

I can add little upon the State of Sindia's affairs to the Information you will obtain from the news papers, Desperate as they appear from the Compleat Defeat of his Troops and the Gauts, they are still more so from his total loss of Reputation — No party will trust Him, and had the Gaut succeeded it is very doubtful whether Sindias Interests would have been at all advanced by it, you will probably be surprised, as I am at his Ridiculous Boasts in the Paper of his Durbar yesterday — what End they can answer I cannot conceive, He himself is conscious that nobody is deceived by them — I do not think He can stand his Ground here any longer, Runjeet Sing must accept the Conditions offered to him by the Conqueror, and in fact they are sufficiently moderate.

I hear nothing of the advance of

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ally Bahander since your Cossids passed Meinat Poorhaunpore – His approach, and that of Holcar will give some Respite to those Districts of Sindia which are harassed by the Cadepore Rane and others, & probably enable Ambajee to obey the Order of his Master to pro- ceed directly into Hindostan; But I see no advantage which Sindia can hope to derive from the Reinforcement adequate to the Expence of maintaining it, and to the Neglect of his more important Posses- sions. – True Extract

Signed W Malet

Translate account of the Battle of 24th April between the Joint Forces of Gulam Rauder Khan and Myrza Ismael Beg against the combined Army of Sindia and the Jaits –

On the 15 Rejib 1202 or 24th April Ameer al Omra Gulam Rauder Khan & Myrza Ismael Beg Bahander encamped between agra and Burrutpore about 2 Cos from the Camp of the Combined Forces of Sindia and the Jaits – The former commanded by Ranna Khan Bhai accompanyed by appa Dadaras Raja Patell and other Maratta Chiefs with Duborgne Saiba European. The latter by Sevajee Fogidar accompanyed by the Troops of Burrutsing and the Infantry of Mellick Mahomed Khan, Mons. Boustemare Pehungheer Khan &c.

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In the afternoon Ismail Beg Khan drew up his Forces and advanced toward the Enemy and was followed by Gulam Kauder Khan, and having marched about 1 Cos the action commenced on the parts of Ismail Beg Khan near the Village of Atchnera with a severe Cannonade and after some time he sent a Mess: sage to Gulam Kauder that Jehanghire Khan had Signify'd an Intention to come over with 2 Battalion and desired him to favor his Intention by a Reinforcement to him and an attack on his Part Nustum Khan was accordingly detached with his Party to Ismail Beg & he arrived opportunely to assist the escape of Jehanghire Khan's Baggage. He having previously effected a Junc: tion with Ismail Beg. This threw the Enemy into great Consternation, on learning this Event Gulam Khauder Khan dismounted and with his Troops advanced to storm the Batteries of Mullick Mahomed Khan Mons.r Bastineau &c. while Mirza Ismail Beg pushed on with great Vigor against M.r Dubogne &c. Those Commanders not being supported by the Saint or Maratta Horse were forced after an Obstinate Resistance to give way and the night coming on favo: ired the Retreat of the Saint and Maratta Army who leaving near 40 pieces of Cannon of the Field of Action fled precipitately and took shelter in the neigh: bourhood of Burmuttpore the Capital of Banjeet Sing Saint about 8 Cos from the Field of Battle. The Saints & Marattas had about 1500 Men Killed & wounded in this Battle they mutually accuse each other

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of not having acted with Spirit in Support of their
Mercenary Foot and both acknowledge the gallant
stand made by those Troops.

True Translate

Sign'd W.m Malet

Read the following Letter from Bombay.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Bombay
Explaining the Cause
which occasioned the
Delay of the Receipt
of the Original Letter
from them to the
Government of Fort
St George Dated the
24th February 1788.

We have been duly favored with
your Letter of the 1st Ultimo, and lost no time in
alleviating your Suspence on account the missing
Original Packet from our Government to your address
under the 24th February although we have reason to
believe it will have reached you before this explanation.

The Company's Dispatches which
ours are Dupliates, we were averse to trust them by land, and
the Harriet Country Ship being on the point of sailing
as was given out to your Port, the Commander whose
Conduct was exceedingly reprehensible and will call
for our Notice on his return took charge of our
Packet although he must have known from his
Instructions that he was not to touch at Madras
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which Circumstance we have been but just informed of.

We understand however that he Landed his Letters for your Post at Cochin, where they were taken Charge of by Captain Popham Owner of an Imperial Ship proceeding to your Port, and we trust that ere you are now in possession of the advices concerning the fate of which you are naturally apprehensive By this Occasion however we think it necessary to forward Copies of the enclosures which went by the above mentioned Dispatch, and have the Honor to be

Bombay Castle
10th May 1788

Your &c.
Signed Andw Ramsay
Robt Sparks
L. Arnegie

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores, with 2 Enclosures entered in M.B. Nos 33. 34.

To The Honble Major Genl Sir Arch Campbell K.B.
President and Governor &c &c Council of
Fort St George

From the Committee of Stores, with Estimates the Expence of Spades & Shovels alluded to in their Letter of the 21st ultimo enclosing List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper last Month, & stating the articles received from the Cutcherie yard.

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Honble Sirs & Sirs,

Enclosed We have the Honor to transmit you an estimate of the Expence of Spades & Shovels alluded to in our proceedings of the 21st ultimo as likewise Copy of a List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper last Month

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Month musters of which
we examined and approved.

As the same time We
received from the Contractors yard
forty Plat form Carts, twenty five
Arrack Carts, one Plat form for a 13
Inch Mortar and Sixty five single
Yokes which being made agreable
to the musters and of good materials
were ordered to be received on the
Companys Books.

We have the Honorable
&c. &c.

approved

Fort St George
10th June 1788

[Signed] I Casper

Patrick Ross

" I Moorhouse

Read the following Letter from Major
Grant,

To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Arch Campbell KB
&c. &c. &c.

From Major Grant.
Has taken his Passage
on the Boswell for
Europe. Requests
that the amount of
Effects may
be Exchanged

Honble Sir,

In pursuance to the permission you
have been pleased to grant me to proceed to Europe for the
benefit of my health, I take the liberty to inform you I
have taken my passage on the Honorable Companys
Ship Boswell and now request you will be kind enough
to

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to send Captain Welladvice her Commander an Order to re-
ceive on board one Servant on board said Ship.

I also take the Liberty Honorable Sir of representing
to you that near two years of my Reckonings are now due to me
which if not an unreasonable request I should esteem
myself much obliged by your ordering the same to be
paid. it is a painful truth that after a service of twenty
years and a part of that time spent in a close prison my
circumstances are so embarrassed that the trifling indul-
gence now solicited will prove a seasonable and beneficial
aid. I have the Honor to be, with the greatest

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respect, &c. &c. Signed C. Grant Major

Minute thereon

In Consideration of the Circumstances set forth in
Major Grant's Letter, it is agreed that the Military Paymas-
ter General be directed to discharge in Cash the Arrears of Off:
Reckonings due to Major Grant.

Ordered that Captain Welladvice be furnished with a
Permit to receive Major Grant on Board the Barwell with
his Servant.

Read the following Letters entered in the M. B.
Nos. 35.-36.

From Colonel Floyd, stating that agreeably to the

From Colonel Floyd

instructions received from the Governor he had been employed
in putting the Buildings at Chevilinoordoo into Repair,
that he has expended about Pagodas 140 and has reason to
believe that the whole Charge will amount to about Pag.
300 - which he desires may be advanced.

Agreed that Mr. Welch be directed to advance
Pagodas 300 for the Repairs Carrying on under Colonel Floyd's

Minute thereon

Superintendance, & that the Colonel be desired to deliver in a
particular account of the Expenditure when the work shall
be

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Recd Finished.

From the Chief Engineer

From the Chief Engineer enclosing applications to him on account of Repairs wanting to the General Hospital, to a Godown No 2 in the Fort Square, and to the Town Majors Quarters and Transmitting Estimates of the Expence, which will be incurred by the above Works.

A Minute thereon

As it appears that the proposed Repairs are immediately requisite, It is agreed that they be executed, and that the Estimates be sent to the Committee of Works, with a Letter desiring them to give their necessary Orders to the Contractors.

Recd
Ags 14th

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

Jas. H. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary

14th The acting President sends in Circulation the following note.

The acting President lays before the Board a paper of proposed arrangements which he has received from the Governor Sir Archibald Campbell & which he recommends to be published in General Orders. /Signd/ John Holland

From the acting President, with a proposed General order received from the Commander in Chief

Saturday June 14th 1788

General Orders

Major Richard Tolson to command Cudalore pilly vice Breindergast.

Proposed General Order - Major Tolson to command Cudalore pilly - Lieutenant George Blacker invalided - Lieutenant John Taylor readmitted on the effective Establishment of the army

Lieutenant George Blacker being reported unfit for Field service is placed on the Invalid List from the 1st of July next after a period of 9 years Service.

Lieutenant John Taylor of Infantry having returned from Half pay on the Barwell Indiaman is readmitted on the Effective Establishment Date of Rank 2 November 1785.

The name of Ensign Thomas Broughton having been omitted in the arrangement of Invalid & Pensioned officers published in Orders 12th September last, he is to be classed among the latter from the 1st October 1787 and the Arrears due to him previous to that period and since are to be discharged.

Ordd

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15 Ordered, that the above be published in General Orders.

To be published

Received the following Letter from the Contractors for Draft and Carriage Bullocks

To the Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor and Commander in Chief

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Contractors for Draft & Carriage Bullocks, stating that agreeable to Orders 3000 Carriage Bullocks have been entertained in the Neighbourhood of Vellore.

In consequence of the order which We had the Honor to receive on the 13th Ultimo directing us to assemble with all expedition 3000 Carriage Bullocks in the Neighbourhood of Vellore. We have the Honor to report that they have been entertained as follows.

On the 26th May	760
1st June	430
3d June	970
5th June	550
7th June	290
	3000

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Ja. Campbell
G. Moorhouse
Tho. Cockburn
Contractors for draught and Carriage Bullocks.

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15th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in the B. No. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47.

To Major Cornelius Grant— The arrears of Off:
Reckonings due to him will be discharged by the
Military Paymaster General & the Commander of the
To Major Grant Barwell has been instructed to receive him & his Servant
on Board, as Passengers for Europe.

To the Commander of the Barwell, to receive
on Board his Ship as Passenger for Europe, Major Grant,
To the Commander of the Barwell the Company being at no Expence thereby.

To the Military Paymaster General— to
discharge in Cash the Arrears of Off Reckonings due to
To the Military Paymaster General Major Grant.

To Colonel Floyd— Commandg the 19th
Regiment Light Dragoons— the Paymaster at Walaw:
To Colonel Floyd jauhad has been directed to advance him 300 Pagodas
on account of the Repairs carrying on at Chivilimoodoo.

To the Paymaster at Walajauhad, to
advance the above Sum,
To Mr Welch

To the Committee of Works— to direct the
Contractors for making Repairs to execute the Work
To the Committee of Works wanted at the General Hospital, at the Godown No 2
in the Fort Square, and at the Town Major's Quarters,

To the Commander of the Barwell,—
To the Commander of the Barwell to

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At a Consultation Present

John Holland Esqr

Acting President

Tuesday
17th June 1788

James Henry Casamajor & Robert Maunsell Esqrs

The Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

absent Indispos.d

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir,

We have been favored with your Letters of the 16th and 20th April and 9th Instant, and their Journal Enclosures relative to Claims preferred by the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot. We have also received the Letter you have transmitted to us from the Committee of Creditors dated the 27th Ultimo - We shall only say at present that we consider the interest of the Company and the Honor of their Govern.t as deeply implicated in this reference, and that we shall take an early opportunity to transmit our sentiments and determination upon it.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Cornwallis
Jna.s Stuart
P. Speke

Read

From Bengal - Acct Knowledging the Receipt of Letters relative to the Claims preferred by the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob

Secret & P.l Dep.t
Fort William
26 May 1788

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(Read the following Letter from Masulipatam
& Contents entered in Vol. B. No 58)

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

Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Masulipatam
Punches granted for
draping the Materials
for repairing H.H.
Highness the Sunbah's
Vessels. Duty free — with
Report of their Committee
of Stores, on the Military
Stores landed from the
Swift Ranger & Hawk
Sloops.

We have the honor of acknowledging
your Secretary's Several Letters of the 15th 17th &
26th March, 2d 23d and 30th April, 9th 14th 18th 28th &
31st May; as also one of the 5th Instant.

We were no otherwise acquainted
with the Grounds upon which the Powder and
Guns mentioned in our Letter of the 2d March, had
been condemned, than by the reasons stated in the
Report from Captain Smith, which accompanied it;
the propriety of which we submitted to your Honor
& Co with our own reflections upon it, Copy of the Extract
from the Report of the Committee of Stores at the Presi-
dency transmitted to us with your Secretary's Letter
of the 2d April, has been referred to our Committee
of Stores, with directions to conform to it.

Bamboos

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Dusbucks have been granted for passing the Materials intended for repairing his Highnes's the Soubah's Vessel free of Duties conformably to your Orders communicated in another letter from your Secretary of the same date.

Dustuc

Copies of the Papers enclosed in your Secretary's letter of the 23d April, were sent to the Committee of Stores at the different Garrisons in this District, for their guidance,

committee

The Several Paymasters have been acquainted with the orders communicated to us by your Secretary in his letter of the 30th April.

The Invoices and Bills of Lading of Military Stores laden on the Snow Ranger, and Ketch Alert, which came enclosed in your Secretary's letters of the 9th & 20th ultimo, having been sent to our Committee of Stores, we have now the Honor of enclosing their Report upon those Stores when received, by which your Honor &c will Observe, that in some Articles there are deficiencies, while some of the Stores are found to be unserviceable & others in want of repair, but none of these to any consi-derable amount, as the Shot that are deficient are reported to have been lost in the Roads, when delivering into the Boats, occasioned by the Swell that then prevailed, and must of course as we conceive be written off the Store-house Books. The Stores sent in the Bodwell and

on

Lowestoffe

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Sommersetshire have not yet been examined and Reported upon by the Committee, tho' both Vessels are now arrived, the Committee of Stores having requested of us to apply for a Conductor in the room of Dingey, whose situation does not admit of his being employed, we beg leave to recommend that their application may be complied with.

Jn acknowledging the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 14th Instno we think it our Duty to express ourselves sensible of your attention to our Station, as a Subordinate Board, in having approved our Conduct, and promised your support to the Civil Authority with which we are vested, which is so very necessary in our Situation.

We have the Honor to be

very respectfully,

Sir & Sr

Your most obedt Servts

Signd Anth: Sadleir

James Hodges

D Dobbyn

Masulipatam

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Minute thereon

Ordered that such part of the foregoing as relates to the Committee of Stores be extracted and Sent to them

Read the following Letter from Mr. Joseph Garrow, attorney to General Lang.

John

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John Chanier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have been honored with your letter of the 24th Ultimo informing me of the determinations that the Honble Board have come to, on the account delivered in by Lieutenant General Lang against the Honble Company's

From Mr. Joseph Garrow attorney to Lieut. Genl. Lang - with an amended Account Current, and Papers authenticating the different Charges.

I have in conformity to those resolutions drawn out another account Current, including such Charges as I have been able to procure an authentication of from the different offices to which they belong, and such as have been admitted by the Honble Board - The Charge of Interest having been deemed inadmissible I have not included it in the present account, being unwilling that the General should sustain any further loss of interest, in being longer kept out of the balance that may be due to him; at the same time I must observe, that I do not possess the power of relinquishing this charge altogether, on the part of the General; as he conceives himself fully entitled to the amount, and may think proper to prefer his Claim thereto at home, to the Honble the Court of Directors.

The balance that from the present Account appears due to General Lang after giving credit for two sums, which he received the day of his departure is Pagodas 20,362.32.32. which I trust that the Honorable Board will give directions for the liquidation of as soon as convenient.

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

Signed J. Garrow
for Lieut. Gen. R. Lang

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Dr The Honorable Company in Account

1781 Nov. 4	To 1506 Head of Cattle delivered to the Paymaster of Pullicat in 1781 as P Rec:		
	eight and a Certificate from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions at 2 Pa)	3012	" "
	To 220 Sheep delivered to Ditto at 3 P Pagoda as P Ditto	273	14 "
5	To Hircarahs employed in gaining Intelligence at different times in Hyders Country from June 1780 till November 1781 for getting Letters conveyed into the Fort of Arcot and Ambor while they were besieged, For discovering Money & Jewels hid in the Pettah of Vellore, for Guides employed in discovering the Enemies Cattle when near the Fort, and for Hircarahs carrying Letters to the Governor and Council and Commander in Chief	5000	" "
1782 May 31	To 132 head of Cattle delivered to the agent of the Grand Army as P Certificate of the Commissary General for Provisions	198	" "
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 having been drawn	662. 24.	"
"	To my Pension Money from October 1782 to May 1783	4. 32	"
"	To my Batta from October 1782 to May 1783	1458.	" "
"	To the Interpreter Marattas and Persian Writers while with the Southern Army at 10 Pagodas each P Month	140.	" "
"	To Secret Service Money during the above period at the rate of 300 Pagodas P Month is 7½ Months	2250.	" "
		4515	14 "
1785 Febry 12	To my Gratuity from 25th September 1783 to 12th February 1785 as P account signed by the Accountant	11964	27. 78
"	To my Pay as Colonel of Infantry from June 1783 to 12th February 1785	3084.	16. 60.
May 29th	To my Salary as Second in Council from 12th February to 29th May 1785 at 15,000 Pagodas P Year	4448,	22. 54
"	To Secret Service Money from 17th September 1783 to 29th May 1785 during the time I held the Command of the Army	300	" "
"	To a Persian Writer during the above period at 10 Pagodas P Month	200	" "
"	To my Table Allowance as Commander in Chief for 20 Months at 600 Pagodas P Month	12000	" "
Sept. 10	To my European Affreakenings as P Certificate of the Military Agent	1450	" "

Pagodas 46446. 8 32

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Current with Lieutenant General Ross Lang Cr

1782						
Novemb 30	By Cash received of Mr. Digby Paymaster to the Southern Army					468-18--
1783						
Janv 31	By Ditto	Ditto	Ditto			400---"
Feby 28	By Ditto	Ditto	Ditto			300---"
April 30	By Ditto	Ditto	Ditto			500---"
May 31	By Ditto	Ditto	Ditto			600---"
July 31	By Ditto	Ditto	Ditto			200---"
Sept. 13	By Ditto from the Military Paymaster General on Account of Provisions supplied as Vakeel					1000---"
Sept. 14	By Ditto from	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto		500---"
Nov. 4	By Ditto from	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto		500---"
Dec. 8	By Ditto from	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto		500---"
1787						
Dec. 14	By Ditto from Mr. Welch Paymaster to the Grand Army at different times as p his Particular Account					
	1783 October 18th					200.---"
	November 26th					500.---"
	1784 January 11th					600.---"
	February 1st					500---"
	24th					500---"
	March 5th					100---"
	April 2d					600.---"
	May 12					600---"
	July 26th					600---"
	September 3d					600---"
	October 24th					600---"
	November 15th					600---"
	1785 January 8th					600.---"
	February 14th					600---"
	March 21st					600.---"
	May 2d					1200---"
	June 14th					600---"
	July 1st					10100---"
1788						
Febry 29	By a Bond of this Presidency received on account					5015---"
	By Cash received of the Military Paymaster General on account					6000.---"
						26083 18"
						20362 32 32
	By Balance due to General Lang					Pagodas 46446. 8. 32.

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(Signed) Joseph Garrow for Lieut. General Ross Lang.

Extract

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Extract Proceedings 1785 Committee Assigned Revenue

Letter No 46. from Vellore Book

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships orders of the 9th December I have now the Honor to forward an account particulars of the Cattle and Sheep Received and purchased for the use of this Garrison from the 19th January 1731 to the 7th August 1784 Specifying from whom purchased and received.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
and most humble Servant
Signed Tho.s E. Agilvie Esq.r

Vellore
26 February 1785.

Account of Cattle and Sheep received and Purchased for the use of the Garrison of Vellore from the 19th Jany 1731 to the 7th Aug.t 1784

			Head Cattle	Sheep
1731				
January 19th	To Cattle Received from Colonel R. Lang		42	30
February	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		45.	405
March	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		67.	385
April	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		147	"
May	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		144	"
June 9th	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		154	"
July 2	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		245	"
	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		224	"
August	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		230	"
Sept.r	To D.o ——— D.o ——— D.o		208	"
October	To D.o ——— D.o			

I do hereby Certify that in a Statement or account of Cattle and Sheep Issued to the Troops in the Garrison of Vellore from January 1731 to June 1784 now in my Office and Signed by the Paymaster Mr. Agilvie, it appears, that the foregoing Account is exact, as the

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the number of Cattle and Sheep issued in each Month
Corresponds with the Receipts - and it further appears by an
abstract signed by Mr. Agilvie that they were not paid for
by him. /Signed/ Tho. Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Madras 29th May 1788

I do hereby Certify that Lieutenant General Lang has
Credit in the Books of my Employ for One Hundred
and Ninety Eight /198/ Pagodas - being the amount al-
lowed for One Hundred and thirty two /132/ Slaughter
Bullocks delivered to the Deputy agent in Camp during the
late War. /Signed/ Tho. Cockburn
C.G.P.S.

Lieutenant General Lang's
Gratuity as Commander in Chief being
11 Shares of the 5% on the Territorial Revenues
from the 25th September 1783 to 12 February 88 is - 11,964. 27. 78.
Salary as 2d in Council from the 12th February
to 29th May 1785 at 15000 Pagodas P Annum } 4448. 22. 54.
Pag.s 16,413. 14. 52.

N.B.
The above account of
Gratuity is made up in the
same manner the Calculations
were formerly made, as the probable alterations in the
mode of distributing the Gratuity to the Field
Officers since 25th September 1783 will not affect
the 11 Shares of the Commander in Chief.

/Signed/ Robert Woolf
Dep.y Accountant

Fort St George
1st June 1788.

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(Duplicate) Fort St George 10th Sept.r 1788

This is to certify that the Sum of Fourteen hundred and fifty Pagodas is due to Lieutenant General Ross Lang being amount of European Off Reckonings due to him for the years 1783, 1784, and to the 30th May 1785.

(Signed) Wm Balfour
Mr Agent.

The above account being supported by proper Vouchers, and Certificates, and being drawn out agreably to the Resolutions of Government, it is agreed, that the Balance (Pagodas 20362. 32. 32) be discharged by a Certificate on the Governor General in Council,

The Balance to be Discharged by a Certificate on Bengal.

Ordered that Copy of the account Current be sent to the Military Paymaster General and to the Accountant General, and that the above Resolution be Communicated to them.

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of Army accounts.

To the Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General of Army accounts reporting his audit on the Accounts of the Paymaster of Chinglepat.

Mr. Tanner Paymaster of Chinglepat being in a bad State of health was not able to send an Account

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answer to the objections of the late Board of Commissioners to his accounts until the Board itself was dissolved, One of the Members gone home, and another retired from the Presidency. He is now very anxious to have his accounts passed that he may make a short Voyage to Sea for the benefit of the air, and has desired mr. Comptroller to submit his Replies to mr. Wynch's Reports to your Consideration. I have carefully considered all his answers and think them Satisfactory, excepting his Charge of 15 Pagodas for the allowance of a Chaplain for the Garrison of Chingleput: for which he does not produce the Order of Government, but urges the Plea of its being formerly given to other Paymasters.

The Sum of 1222 Pagodas and 26 Fanams charged in his accounts as advanced to the Honorable Company, is composed of various small Sums advanced by him during the War by the Order of Government, when it was impossible to supply him from the Presidency and which not being paid even at this time has subjected him, he says, to great Inconvenience and Distress, even to considerable Loss for the payment of Interest. I have carefully Examined the Debit & Credits in the Paymasters General Books, to ascertain the Balance of Cash in accounts of the Payment of Chingleput, from whence I have every reason to believe that this Claim of mr. Fanen's is well founded.

P.

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I have the Honor to submit to your consideration the several Papers and accounts relating to this business, and beg to be favored with your Orders concerning it.

I have with great Respect,

Fort St George
17th June 1788

W. Tr.

Signed J Capper Col.

Agreed to inform Colonel Capper that Mr Fanes Charges for a Chaplain may be Minute Hon. passed, if such Charges were made by his Predecessor, and admitted by Government In future no Charge of this nature is to be allowed.

Resolved that the Comptroller Generals Audit upon the other parts of Mr Fanes accounts be confirmed and that they be passed accordingly.

Read the following Extract of a Letter entered on the Proceedings of the Public Department from Fort Marlborough

Extract of General Letter from Fort Marlbro Dated 8th May 1788.

Fanes Fort. Marlbro - arrack and Salt Provisions Con. in the Hon. K. Journal 4 Pages returned when Time of Service Declined.

We have also been ordered to consign to you by this Vessel, 81 Leaguers of Arrack, the produce of the manufactory here, having a much greater quantity than

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than we could consume at this place, and in expectation of more from the plantation monthly, the arrack Godown being quite full, and there being no other place to stow it in.

We have agreed with Captain Macdonald, of the Tyrone, to freight the above Stores to Madras; the former at 32 ℔ Cask and the latter at 7 ℔ Leaguer, and the amount proceeds of the sales of the arrack and salt provisions, we request You will please to carry to the Credit of Fort William Presidency.

The arrack We now send you is the produce of the Plantation since the Chiness have had the management of it except 4 Leaguers, Your Storekeeper had Directions to receive none into the Company's Godowns, that was not full proof, Viz.t to burn away & Captain Macdonald has seen several of the Casks proved, and the Storekeeper offered to Prove every one before him, but being satisfied he declined it. The Leaguers are to be delivered to your Honor &c. Council as merchantable, and we are to request you will please to settle with Captain Macdonald for the freight of the three articles.

A true Extract Signed Robert Clerk
Dep.t Sec.y

Extract of Letter from Fort Marlboro 8th May 1788

The time of service of several Sepoys on the Establishment being expired and wishing to return to their native Country they now embark on the Tyrone, & we have paid Captain Macdonald the full amount of their passage.

A true Extract Signed Robert Clerk
Dep.t Sec.y

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the above relative to the Arrack be sent to the Import Warehousekeeper & that he be desired to observe the mode prescribed in the Secretary's Letter of the 2nd April with respect to the Arrack now Consigned to this Presidency on the Ship Tyrone.

Agreed also that the Freight for the Arrack be settled, Agreably to the Terms made with Captain Macdonald by

this

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by the Deputy Governor and Council at Fort Marlborough.

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions with Enclosure entered in M.B. No 52.

To the Honble. Major Gen.l Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that a Part of the Grain in Store at Arnee be sent to Nellaynabad, and the Remainder to the Presidency — That Mr. Tomans be permitted to purchase new Grain, with the Cash in Hand or that by the Sale of the Old, & that the Granaries at Vellore be repaired

I have received the enclosed Letter from Mr. Welsh on the Subject of the Grain in Store at Arnee, which, as it is in a decaying State and as there is no possibility of selling it there, I would recommend a part to be sent to Nellaynabad, and the remainder to be brought to Madras as the only probable means of disposing of it to prevent a very considerable Loss — for this purpose a part of the Company's Bullocks might be employed after the present Services is over.

I have likewise the Honor to lay before you the following Extract of a letter from Mr. Torriano.

"From the backwardness of the Nabobs Amuldar "to exchange the Grain in Store I have not much hopes that "it will be accomplished in any considerable measure — I "think it would not be ineligible if the Money for which I "may sell the old Grain now retailing were to be laid out in "the purchase of new Grain at the best rate I may be able to pro: "cure it, as a private Person, I am confident it would turn out to "the advantage of the Company."

"In the Granaries here are a great quantity of Rats "which destroy the Grain much — the Godowns are tiled with "pan Tile over Matts which renders it at present impracticable "to prevent the Rats from getting in."

Mr. Torriano's proposal of replacing new Grain as

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as he proceeds in the Sales of the Old on account of the Company will I doubt not meet your approbation, since there is so distant a prospect of the Nabob's exchanging even the quantity laid up by himself and until that is exchanged no part of the Grain sold can be replaced — which may reduce the Store lower than you wish — what Mr. Torriano represents respecting the Granaries is of such serious Consequence, that I humbly beg leave to recommend an immediate Estimate may be made, of the Expence of Covering the roof with flat Tiles and Chunam (instead of Matts) and the pan Tiles over them, this would effectually secure the Grain without having occasion to remove it — and I believe at a trifling expence. I have the Honor to be

H. H.

Signed Tho. Ockburn

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Madras
14th June 1788

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The Board approve the several recommendations of Mr. Ockburn, & it is in Consequence agreed that they be adopted.

approved

Resolved also that the Chief Engineer be desired to direct an Examination and Report to be made of the State of the Granaries at Vellore, in order that Government may be enabled to judge of the propriety of new roofing them.

Read the following Letters entered in the M.B.

No 53, 54. From the Paymaster at Vellore, enclosing Colonel Nixon's Bill amounting to Pagodas 13.24. for Secret Service, & desiring to know whether Similar Bills may be discharged without being previously presented to the Governor.

From the Paymaster at Vellore

Ordered that the Bill be signed for Payment & that Mr. Torriano be informed that no Bills for Secret Service are to be discharged unless Countersigned by the President.

Minute thereon

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From the Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops.

From the Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops desiring that a passage may be Ordered for Ensign Turner of the 52d Regiment on board the Barwell that officer having the leave of the Commander in Chief to proceed to Europe.

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly.

Lt Col
Adjt

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Ja: Stratton Major

R: Maunsell

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Diary

Received the following Letter from Captain Kennaway -

The Honorable. Major General
Sir. A. Campbell K:B:
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

From Captain Kennaway advises of the Arrival at Jaggernaut on his way to Hydrabad -

In conformety to the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, as conveyed to me in his Lordships instructions for my Conduct in the Deputation to Hydrabad under date the 28th April, I embrace the earliest opportunity of informing you of my Arrival at Jaggernaut, I have the further pleasure to acquaint, You, that I expect to reach Ganjam the 10th Instant, and Ellore about this day month. I shall not fail however to do myself the honor of sending you regular information of my proceedings I am with great Respect

&c. &c.

Jaggernaut
4th June 1788.-

(signed) John Kennaway

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1706 Fort S. George ꝛ June 1788.

ꝛ 18. Received the undermentioned Letters ꝛ

(entered in M. B. Nos 55: 56.)

From Vizagapatam stating some ꝛ

From Vizagapatam Repairs immediately wanted to the Sepoy Barrack at Cofsimcotah, & enclosing Copy of a Letter ꝛ from Captain Gowdie on the Subject

From Vizagapatam, enclosing Indent for Military Stores & Copy of a Letter from Colonel Frazer relating thereto.—

From Vizagapatam Sent the undermentioned Letters ꝛ entered in M. B. Nos 57: 58: 59: 60: 61: 62: 63: 64: 65: 66:)

To the Committee of Stores with

To the Committee of Stores Indent for Stores for the Use of the Vizagapatam District, & Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam with Papers relating thereto

To Mr. Joseph Garrow Attorney to Lieutenant General Lang— To Mr. Joseph Garrow Attorney to Lieutenant General Lang— a Certificate on the Bengal Government will be granted for the Balance, as stated in the amended Account Current, Amounting to Pagodas 20,362—33—32.

to

1707 Fort St. George ✠ June 1788.

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To The Accountant General

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Accountant General & to the Military Paymaster General with Copy of an Account Current between the Honorable Company & Lieutenant General Lang together with the Resolutions of Government thereon.—

To the Import Ware House Keeper with Extract of a Letter from Fort St. Marlbo' to observe the mode prescribed in the Letter to him of the 2d April last, relative to the Arrack shipped on the Tyrone & to consult with the Agent for Spirituous Liquors respecting the landing it

To the Import & warehousekeeper

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Mr. Tanner's Charges for a Chaplain are to be passed, if such were made by his Predecessors, but to be discontinued in future. The Remainder of the Audit upon Mr. Tanner's Accounts, confirmed.

To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions, & desiring he will order an Engineer to examine and Report upon the Granaries at Vellore

To his Majesty's Paymaster General &c. —

To His Majesty's Paymaster General — to pay to the Commander of the Barwell, the usual Allowance of Passage Money for Ensign Turner of his Majesty's 36th Regiment of Foot

&c

1788 Fort St. George 4 June 1788:-

18. To the Commander of the Barwell, advising
of the above & directing him to receive on Board
his Ship as Passenger for Europe Ensign Turner

To the Commander of the Barwell-

21. To Vizagapatam - their Letter of the 10th Instant
has, with its Enclosures, been referred to the Committee

To Vizagapatam.

of Stores - the Board approve the Repairs for
the Sepoy Barracks at Cajamcotah -

To the Paymaster at Vellore - No Bills for
Secret Service are to be paid unless countersigned

To the Paymaster at Vellore -

by the President - Colonel Nixon's Bill returned,
signed for Payment

22. Received the undermentioned Letter from

From the Commandant at Palamcotah -

the Commandant at Palamcotah (as entered in
M. B. No 67) stating that he has forwarded
to the President at Anjengo a Packet sent to
under Cover addressed to the Chief & Council at
Tellicherry -

Dispatched the following Letter to the
Resident at Poona -

To Charles Warre Malet Esqr.
Resident at
Poona

To the Resident at Poona the two Hircarrahs belonging to him, are now returned - Attached intelligent Man sent with them -

Sir,

I have the Pleasure to acknowledge
the Receipt of your Letters of the 19th and 26th of
April

1709 Fort St. George ye June 1788.

22.

April, 5th and 12th of May, and am much obliged to you ye
for the Important Information they contain. —

The two Hircarras one of them ye
belonging to Yourself, to whom you gave the written
Token, which I now return to you arrived here on
the 7th Ultimo, and gave me all the Information
you expected. I have ordered twenty Pagodas to
be given to your Hircarras and fifteen to the other,
but if you should think that not a sufficient ye
Reward for their Risk and Fatigue in this ye
long Journey, I beg you will give them as much
more as you may judge proper, and either put
it to the Account of the Publick Service, or draw on
me for the Amount

I have engaged a very trusty ye
intelligent Man to go with those Hircarras,
who will either proceed directly with them to ye
the place or wait on the Borders of Tippoo's ye
Country till he be sent for by the Person with
whom we propose to commence a Correspondence.
If he be found to be a Person of such Rank
and Talents as to be of material Service to us,
he will be directed to communicate his Information
through

1710 Fort St. George ye June 15th 1788

22.

Through Captain Read who Commands at Amboor, and from whose Abilities and Knowledge of the Languages we may derive every advantage from this important Channel of Intelligence.

I shall give the two Hurcarras a written Token, as you desire; which will be an exact Copy of what is now enclosed with the other and they will be dispatched along with the Man I have mentioned in a few Days.

I am with much Esteem.

Fort St. George
21st June 1788.

Yr. Yr.
(signd) Archd. Campbell

P. S.

Since closing the above it has been thought expedient to alter the Payments mentioned. They now stand, Pagodas 25 to one and Pagodas 10 to the other

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1711. Fort St. George 24th June 1788.

At a Consultation Present

John Holland Esqr.

Acting President

Tuesday 24th: June ~1788.~ James Henry Casamajor & Robert Haunsell, Esqrs.

The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

indisposed.--

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letter from

Masulipatam.

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

Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Captain Prescott having in

the Course of his Defence, delivered at the present

General Court Martial assembled here, related some

Circumstances, conveyed with allusions and insinuations

tending to set the conduct of the Chief in an

unfavorable point of view, and that might, if not

removed, make unfavorable impressions; he

addressed

Letter Masulipatam with Copy of the Chiefs address to the Members of the Court Martial assembled for the Trial of Captain Prescott.-

1712 Fort St George 21st June 1788.

addressed the Court on the Subject, wishing that
his Letter might have accompanied their Proceedings
as an appendage on his part. The Forms of
the Court however not admitting of the Chiefs
Letter being received or entered on their Proceedings
he has requested of us to transmit it to Your
Honor &c.~ for your information and
that of the Commander in Chief

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

Masulipatam
17 June 1788.— (Signed) Anth Sadleir
" J. Hodges
" W Dobbyn.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Edward Collins.—
President &c. Members of the General Court
Martial now sitting in the Fort House

I therefore humbly and respectfully offer
by Anthony Sadleir Chief of this Settlement to
some matters stated by Captain Prescott in his
Defence, which he thinks contain allusions
and insinuations tending to convey disadvan-
tageous impressions of him, in consequence of
that part of the Charge which became his Duty
to prove and support.

Gentlemen

1763

Fort St. George 24th June 1788.-

Gentlemen.-

Tho' in waiting during the course of the present Trial, I have made it a point not to attend in the Court at any part of the Proceedings except when delivering my own Evidence, and when Captain Prescott was delivering his Defence, the latter I did in consequence of an request which he made of me, As in some parts of such Defence, Captain Prescott has on the one hand made allusions and mentioned motives for his conduct in regard to me, that did not appear to me at the time, or seem, to have actuated him, and on the other has ascribed motives to me that did not exist, I beg leave to explain what relates to myself, without an Idea of bringing any Matter of accusation against Captain Prescott at this stage of the business the impropriety of which I am fully satisfied of; but solely with a desire to do away what does not seem to relate so much to his own justification,

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Gentlemen

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Fort St. George 24th June 1788.-

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Fort St. George 24th June 1788.-

justification as to reflect upon my Conduct

The Court no doubt will be aware

of the difference between one delivering my

Evidence upon Oath & confining myself to

facts simply; and Captain Prescott on

his Defence, not upon Oath, and taking

a larger latitude, wherein besides mentioning

what passed between us, he has endeavoured

to explain the Motives by which I was

actuated at that time, as well as at other

times when he was not present, and in

this I am free to say he has greatly

misjudged.-

Captain Prescott in mentioning

my having been acquainted with the differ-

ence between him & Mr. Miller for a space

of two days Vizt. the 16th and 17th April, and

conversations having been held on the

Subject without taking any public notice

of it, in order to have prevented matter s

from being carried further, ascribes it to

an improper remissness. The remissness

J.

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Fort St. George 24 June 1788.

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I acknowledge; and my motive was to afford ye
Captain Prescott time coolly to reflect with ye
himself, and consider with himself, and consider
with his freinds on the Subject of the Offence ye
he had given to Mr. Miller, in hopes that he
would have made such atonement as ye
their common freinds, or the Gentlemen
who happened to be present when the ye
Offence was given, might have thought
becoming in one Gentleman to offer, and
another to receive under such Circumstances.

This motive appears to me so probable in
itself, & indeed the only one that could have
been supposed to have actuated me to this for-
bearance, I am surprised therefore that Captain
Prescott should, and upon what ground he can
have supposed himself injured by such ye
forbearance, which was intended by me to favor
him and for so doing, I did not expect to have
been reflected upon, at least by him.—

In speaking of the conversations
that passed between Col: Russell Mr. Miller and
myself, on the 16th and 17th he has thrown ye
out

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outinsinuations as if their tendency had been
injurious to him, whereas the Subject at such
times was simply whether Captain Prescott
had apologized to Mr. Miller or seemed to intend
making him an apology; an atonement that
appeared to me proper; and which I was therefore
anxious should take place, rather than that
matters should have been carried so far as
they have been. Mr. Miller on such occasions
showed himself ready to receive a suitable
apology from Captain Prescott and I am
convenced Col. Ruffells forbearance from
taking more decided measures arose, and
can only be imputed to the same cause, that
withheld myself.—

My reason for accosting Capt.n
Prescott in the evening of the 17th arose from
the motive above described he never hinted
to me of his having made or intended an
apology to Mr. Miller, nor could I probably
suppose it on hearing the very scurrilous
epithet he uttered in mentioning that Mr.
Gentleman's name, which appears in the Evidence

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Evidence. If I did tell Captain Prescott that he had acted unbecomingly, which I very ∴ probably did, as I do not know by what ∴ milder mode of expression I could have told him that I thought he had acted wrong — was this to subject me to a Letter from him such as he wrote me even, as it appears before he reached his own house? "for the only proper construction that I did or can put on the ∴ words of that letter, was that he meant either to fight me, or to terrify me from acting in the Manner I might think necessary in my station. With respect to Captain Prescotts ∴ other Letter to me dated the 22d April, it may perhaps be considered as some sort of apology to the Station of Chief, but certainly contains none to me personally, and could never therefore in my mind do away a personal Challange, contrary to an express article of War which he then sent to me without his having been able to establish a shadow of Offence on my part

I am exceedingly sorry, that ∴ Captain Prescott should on his Defence have included such reflections as to make me think this

possible

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this explanation of my conduct as
necessary, which explanations I wish to
deliver to this Court, but if any thing in
your forms, of which I must confess myself
ignorant, prevents its being received and
entered on your Proceedings I must in justi=
fication of myself transmit it to Government
to request of them to lay it before the
Commander in Chief, as an explanation
on my part to your Proceedings.—

(signed) Jon.th Sadleir

Masulepatam
13 June 1788.—

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing
be sent to Sir Archibald Campbell in his
Capacity of Commander in Chief.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from
the Import Warehousekeeper

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

Honble Sir

From the Import ware-
housekeeper, with his
report on the Arrack
imported from Fort
Marlbro' on the Tyron

The guage of the 81 Leagers of Arrack
imported from Fort Marlborough per Ship
Tyrone, is 273 Gallons less than the quantity
specified in the Invoice.—

Having

1719 Fort St. George 24th June 1788.

Having on the 21st inst. tried a disposal of the said Arraeck by Public Outcry, & the highest offer that was made, not coming up to its cost to the Company, I bought it in; & have, agreably to Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 17th inst: "directing me to observe the same mode with the Tyron's importation as was done with that per Snow Foxton delivered it to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors:- the quantity delivered, is 11,592 Gallons, estimated at Pagr. 43:--20 per Leager of 150 gallons. 20 1/2

The Presidency of Bengal will be credited for the said quantity of 11592 Gallons, at the rate of Pagr. 34 p the Leager of 150 gallons, that being the price at which the Arraeck was bought in.-

Jam & Co.

(signed) George Savage
Import co: & Keeper

Fort St. George
23d June 1788.-

Read the following Letter from

Mr. James West

To

1718 Fort St. George 24th June 1788

this explanation of my ~~conduct~~ own conduct if necessary, which explanation I wish to deliver to this Court, but if any thing in your forms, of which I must confess myself ignorant, prevents it's being received and entered on your Proceedings I must in justification of myself transmit it to Government to request of them to lay it before the Commander in Chief, as an defendage on my part to your Proceedings.—

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The Honble. Major General Sir. Arch.d Campbell K.B.
Governor &c.a in Council

Honble Sir

From the Import warehouse keeper, with his report on the Arrack imported from Fort Marlboro' on the Tyrone—

The guage of the 81 Leagers of Arrack imported from Fort Marlborough per Ship Tyrone, is 273 Gallons less than the quantity specified in the Invoice.— Having

1719 Fort S.t George 24th June 1788.

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Sam.l Ch.s Ch.s

(signed) George Savage

Import co.s Ware.r Keeper

Fort St.t George
23d June 1788.-

Read the following Letter from

M.r James West

To

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Fort St. George 24th. June 1788

To The Honorable the Presidents and Council
of Fort St. George, 17th June 1788.

Honorable Sirs,

From Mr. James Mill
requesting a Debt due by
his Highness the Nabob
to the Estate of Mr. Geo.
Burrows Clerk, &
which he Mr. Mill was
appointed Administrator &c.

I humbly request leave to State to
you in as Short an Explanation as I can the
following Circumstance, with submission and
Anxious hope the same will meet with your
generous protection to a debt due an Estate
which I am Creditor to, and administer for, in
the Year 1780. Mr. George Burrows Clerk was
an Officer in the Nabobs Service, when the
Sum 1850 Star Pagodas were due to him as
pay. for which the Nabob was pleased to give
an order or Tunkah to receive the same by instalments
monthly from the Vellour Country. - in
Consequence the same were sent down and
the Hamildaw Accordingly paid 238 pagodas
as first payment. but he was soon after
Removed. and the War there About that Country
- and the Vellour Country put under other
managers

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managers. no further sum was paid upon such
Order. and which was never more attended to
attend to before Mr. Clarke departed this life.
leaving the Said Balance of 1612 Pagodas with
Interest only to pay numerous debts Contracted
therefore as Creditor and attorney to Creditors
Letters of administration have intitled me to
represent the Case to his Excellency the Nabob
upon which I have had the honor to recive
a Certificate and Letter about ten days ago
acknowledging the Said Sum with Interest
to be Justly due from the above period of 1780
from his Excellency the Nabob.- therefore and
under Such proof of the Debt. acknowledgement
and documents I humbly hope as the only
means of recovering the Said Amount rest, with
the Honorable Board You will be pleased to
admit the Same and grant me a Bond for it
as is now Said to be granted to other Creditors to
his Excellency.- I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(signd) James West

Copy

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Fort St. George 24th June 1788.

P.S.

Copy of the Nabobs Certificate of Pay &c &c
the Original being in Mr. West hands.

My Friend Mr. West

I have received your letter and
perused the Contents. a Parwana was procured
in the name of Amanda Cawn, from his
Highness for the Sum of 1850 Star Pagodas
on Account of pay due to Mr. George Barrow
Clark to be paid out of the Revenues of the year
1188 Fazley. the said Amanda Cawn has
paid According to the said Parwana the first
Sum of 238 Pagodas to the before said Gentleman
from the Revenue of the aforesaid year the
remaining Sum of 1612 Star Pagodas with
Interest is the exact Sum or Amount of Pay
due him and which ought to have been paid
in my Name out of the said Revenues of 1189
Fazley but was prevented on Account of the
War in the Country dated the 24 Safer 1202 Hegry.

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Omnah
Bahauder

N.B. Mr. West received the above Certificate about
ten days Ago from 17th June 1788.—

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Ordered that the above Letter be

Minute thereon sent to the Committee for investigating the
Debts of His Highness the Nabob, & that they
be desired to report thereon.

The Acting President lays before
the Board the following Letter from Captain
Bannerman addressed to the Commander in Chief

Major General Sir Alex.r Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief &c.a

Sir

From Captain Bannerman on the Subject of affairs at Tanjore

Agreeable to my letter of 7.th Inst.
the Rajah last night received the Vackeels
of Tippoo Sultaun in publick Durbar, at
which I was present, when the presents were
delivered & letters publickly read, of the latter
I have the honor to enclose you a translation,
which, tho perhaps not accurate contains
what I conceive to be their purport, but as
the Rajah sends a Copy in Persian there can
be no mistake; nothing passed at this interview
but the Compliments common on these occasion
The Rajah has since expressed his uneasiness

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to me, at what the King of Cochin has entimated to Tippoo, relative to his on taking advance of Friendship, in doing this he solemnly declared that he had been guilty of an impudent falshood, for that they never had a communication tending in any degree to the above effect, that certainly it was his grief to see Tippoo treat with all Contempt that first it was only to the English, he looked for friendship & alliance as a Nation - And these, as far as I am able to judge are the Rajahs real Sentements

With regard to that part of the letter in which Tippoo refers the Rajah to his Vakeels, I have strongly recommended that they should have no private conference, but that they should always be received in public, by which means every disagreable discussion will be easily avoided - The King of Cochin accompanied the Embassy and after the Vackeels were with drawn, he desired the Rajah, to explain to me, his friendly sentiments towards the English, & his strong attachment to the Rajahs Interest - This the Rajah & did himself in English, adding at the same time

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time, that I might believe as much of their professions, as I thought proper. — Altho' in my last I had the honor to acquaint you with the Rajahs determination of waiting for your answer, before he would send back the Vackeels, yet I am in hopes he will dispatch them without so much loss of time, as their remaining here can serve no good purpose. —

I cannot a little uneasy, least my conduct in giving opinions on Subjects of a political tendency, I should meet with your disapprobation, being without instructions so to do, in this light I consider the reception of Tippoo's Vackeels & the avoiding any particular discussion with them; but hope that the Rajah's urgency with me on these points, will be esteemed by you as sufficient reason for my having acted in the manner I have done. — The Rajah acquaints me that he has information from Coimbatore that Tippoo intends remaining at that place with his Army for three Months. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) J. Bannerman. —

Copy.

(Seriore.
12th June 1788 —

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Copy of Tippoo Sultaun's Letter.

By the Blessing of God I am in good health,
I Desire to be informed of your health.—
The Cochin Rajah has wrote to me that you
are a good & great Man, & that you wish
to be on terms of friendship with me therefore, I
now write, inviting your friendship — if you
accept my friendship, you will for your experience
the good of it, this your own wisdom will point
out to you — I send you a present of a Casket, &
Jewels & a Horse, by Goolam modeen Dadanee,
who will converse with you relative to our
friendship; from them you will learn every
thing concerning this business. —
What can I say more?

Read Letter entered in C.C. No. 59. 60)

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore —

from the Rajah of Travancore & from the Nabob.

From the Rajah of Travancore
stating the particulars of a Conference between
him & the Rajah of Cochin, & giving an account of

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of a Letter & present sent to him by Tippoo &
Sultaun. - declaring his intention of meeting
the Continuance of the Company's Protection, & of
consulting with Captain Bannerman upon all
points of Consequence. -

From the Nabob answering all
the Queries submitted to him respecting the
Calastry Rajah, & desiring that the Troops
may be ordered to March without further
loss of time. -

Substance of a letter from His Highness the Nabob -

Ordered that the above be sent in
Circulation for the particular Consideration
of the Members of Government. -

Minute thereon

Read Letters entered in the
Miscellany Book N: 68: 69: 70)

From Mr. Oakes, Paymaster at
Palamcotah, requesting a further extension of
Leave to remain at the Presidency as the
expected Ships from Europe are not yet Arrived. -

From Mr. Oakes

For the reasons stated in Mr. Oakes's
Letter it is Agreed that an Extension of Leave to
remain at the Presidency be granted to him -

Minute thereon

From Mr. Johnston Paymaster at
Trichinopoly requiring to know if the Barrack Master
South of the Coleroon is to draw Batta & if Mr.
Lord the Surgeon to the 2d Battalion of Artillery
is

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

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is to draw Pay as Captain of that Corps.—

Agreed that the Secretary do #

Minute thereon inform Mr. Johnston that the General # Order of the 18th July 1786 is to be his Guide as to the Allowances of a Barrack Master & that Mr. Lord is to be permitted to draw Pay as # a Captain of Artillery while doing duty with that Corps.—

From Captain Dunwoody to the

From Captain Dunwoody.— Commander in Chief, requesting that Field & Allowances may be granted to him, & the Officers of the Detachment under his Command from the 13th Ultimo when they were directed to hold themselves in readiness to march.—

Minute thereon Ordered Accordingly.—

The Acting President informs the

Sir Archibald Campbell recommends that Mr. Hyde will be appointed # Paymaster & Storekeeper of Madura in the Room of Mr. Latham, deceased— Board that the Governor being made acquainted with the death of Mr. Latham Paymaster at Madura by a Letter received from the Commandant of that Place recommends in Consequence the # appointment of Mr. William Webb to the vacant Station, agreeably to the Orders of the Court of Directors under date the 16th March 1784

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& 16th February 1787 which direct that a Suitable &
appointment in lieu of the post of Superintendant
of the Water Works, be conferred on Mr. Webb.—

Resolved unanimously that &
Mr. Webb be appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper of
Madura agreably to the recommendation of Sir
Archibald Campbell, & for the Reasons stated by him

Approved

Ordered that Mr. Webb be &

Mr. Webb to be advised accordingly

advised of the above Appointment

Geo. Gosfd. Monckton Esqr

Arch. d Campbell

John Holland

H. St. L. Saumarez

R. Maunsell

1730 Fort St George June 1788.

Diary

25th Sent the following note to the Commander in Chief.

Mr Stannier presents his respectfull Compliments to Sir Archibald Campbell, and has the honor to enclose, by Order of the Board Copies of Papers from Masulipatam which are submitted to his Consideration in his Capacity of Commander in Chief.

To the Commander in Chief with Copy of a Letter & Enclosure from Masulipatam

Secretary's Office
25th June 1788

Sent the undermentioned Letters pertaining in Bo Nos 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76)

To Mr Webb, informing him of his appointment to the Offices of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Madura.

To Mr Williams Webb.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly— the General Order of the 13th July 1786 is to be his Guide as to the allowances to be drawn by Barrack Masters— Mr Lord Surgeon, to draw as Captain of Artillery while attached to that Corps.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Paymaster at Malavyaubad— to pay to the Detachment under marching Orders field allowances from the 13th ultimo.

To the Paymaster at Malavyaubad

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah— His Request for further Leave of absence, complied with.

To Mr Acker