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16. Diary.–

Received the following Letter from Colonel Capper.

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

Honorable Sir,

I have received the Commands of the Honble The Court of Directors respecting the Defalcation of part of my Salary as Comptroller of the Accounts of the Kings Troops; And therefore as I understand a Ship is to be dispatched to Europe in the course of a few days, I take the Liberty of Requesting You will do me the favor to represent to my Honble Masters how inadequate my Salary is to the Trouble & Responsibility of the Offices I hold; to the various Duties attendant upon them; to the Number of years I have served in the Country; & to the Rank I have the honor to hold in the Service.–

From Colonel Capper requesting the Diminution of his Salary; Requesting that Copy of this Letter may go a Number in the Packet.–

The Honble The Court of Directors may perhaps consider my Office of Commissary General in the same light as that of Comptroller General, and as

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Therefore deem my Salary as Comptroller an additional only to my Pay as Commissary General. But the fact is, they are by no means similar but perfectly distinct The Commissary General superintends & checks the Disbursements as they daily occur, & sees that the Officers conform to the Rules and Regulation of the Service; but the Comptroller & General Examines the Accounts when made up, & closed by the Paymaster General, to ascertain if the Receipts Disbursements and Balances are properly stated, and all the Accounts are accompanied with their proper Vouchers. but there are also two different branches of the Commissarys Departments both of which are likewise extremely laborious. & The Duties of one I have already explained, the other is that of superintending the Musters of the Kings and Company's Troops on this Coast, and of reducing them once in 6 Months into a General Return for the inspection of the Commander in Chief, & also to serve in my Office as a Check upon the Pay Rolls For the performance of this Duty I must claim some small share of Merit, for it is a Duty not positively prescribed to me either by the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, or by those of

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the Honble the Governor in Council, nor was it
practised by my Predecessors, or by those who
officiated in this Office during my Absence, but
a voluntary Act of my own proceeding from a desire
to establish a full and effectual Check on the
Military Disbursements and for which
I have never yet received any Pay, not even
for Writers or Stationary; I therefore the
allowances I have hitherto received as Comptroller
are lessened I trust the Honble Court of Directors
will be pleased to grant me an allowance for
acting as Commissary General of Musters; or
else that they will exonerate me from the
Expence, the trouble & the Responsibility of this
Office which evidently does not belong to the
Comptroller Generals Department

The Duties attendant on the Office
of Commissary General are not only various but
such as require constant attendance. A Committee
of Stores of which I am a Member is held every
Tuesday when the State of the Stores at the
Presidency and the Out Garrisons is considered, and
the Books containing an Account of all the
Receipts

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Receipts Issues and Remains are once #
a Month most carefully examined, On Friday #
Morning in every Week the Military Board #
is assembled The Members of which beside #
explaining away many frivolous Demands #
which probably would otherwise take place #
have also nearly compleated a New Book of #
Regulations for Paying and Mustering the Troops
and likewise for fixing past disputes the Camp
Equipage Stores Provisions and Artificers #
necessary for the different Corps both in Garrison
and in the Field. –

The Committee of Works of which
also I am a Member meets often as occasion requires, and
although these are the only Public Boards in the #
Service, the Members of which do not receive Salaries.
I beg leave to observe that in the course of 32 years
I have never once absented myself from either on
any pretence whatever My Salary of Commissary
General is fixed at 1800 £ a Year whereas that
of the Commissary General at Bengal which #
was originally ordered to be exactly on the same
footing, is if I am rightly informed upwards of
3000 £ per Annum – This I most humbly #

represent

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represent to You as a singular hardship, for he has not more trouble or Responsibility than myself. Besides after having served almost 30 Years with somewhat more I flatter myself than M. Negative Merit, I cannot but feel myself very sensibly Mortified that many Gentlemen in the Service on this Establishment have more ample allowances than myself, who was not born when I first came into the Service nor had left School when I had the honor of being Appointed to my present Employ with the Commission of a full Colonel & the Civil Rank of the youngest Member of Council.-

I have several times most Services for the Auditor or Comptroller of Accounts to receive a Fee for passing them; which is generally so settled in such a Manner as to render this an Office a Place of considerable Emolument. On this supposition no doubt the Honble Court of Directors have proceeded when they ordered a Reduction to be made in my Salary; but as the Nature of my Office or rather the peculiar Usage of this Service precludes me from the possibility of receiving any Perquisite or Emolument whatever.

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whatever, I flatter myself the Honble Court
of Directors on a reconsideration of my situation
will augment the Salary of both my Offices ✠
and of this I have a lively hope not only
from the Justice and Liberality of my ✠
Honble Employers but likewise from ✠
the evident propriety of holding forth to
a Comptroller the prospect of a moderate ✠
Competency as a proper Reward for the ✠
faithfull and Zealous discharge of his Duty

As the Diminution of my Salary
subjects me to considerable Inconvenience and
to obtain an Answer by the Ships of next
Season is an object of some importance ✠
I request You will do me the favor to make
this Letter a number of the Packet now ✠
under Dispatch.—

I have the honor to be with
great Respect

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signed

Yr. & Yr.

J Caspren.

Col. C.G. Y. Y.

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Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent a Member in the Packet now under Dispatch, agreeable to Colonel Capper's Request

To go a Member in the Packet

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Doveton Commanding the Troops of Vezeram Rauze.—

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

Sir,

I had the honor to address your Excellency on the 30th Ultto. and again on the 7th Inst. enclosing the Copy of a Paper I had delivered to Mr. Sadlier respecting Sief Jungs Motions.—

From Lieutenant Doveton stating that Sief Jung has removed into his own District, & enclosing substance of a Conversation which passed between him (Lieut Doveton) and Sief Jung.—

On the 7th Inst. in the evening I received a letter from Mr Scott Secretary, enclosing, by direction of the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, two letters—one for Vezeram rauze—another for Sief Jung—with translations of both for my information; and acquainting me that the Board, understanding I had a knowledge of the Persian language, recommend that I should deliver the letter to Sief Jung in

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in person, and communicate any circumstances
that might pass, in case of an interview, worthy of
notice.—

I immediately sent word to Sief
Jung that I had just received a letter to his address
from M.r Sadlier the Chief of Masulipatam,
which with his permission, I should be happy
to deliver in person — he returned an answer that
he would see me the next Morning — The enclosed
Paper contains what passed between Sief Jung
and myself — a Copy of which I yesterday transmitted
to Masulipatam.

Sief Jung marched this morning —
and has encamped near Cuddapallam a village in
his own districts about 4 Cose from hence
Vizeram Cauze has just informed me that he
intends to proceed tomorrow.—

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect

Yedowlapillah
9.th July 1788.—

&c.— &c.—
(signed) Gabriel Doveton
Lieut.
Commanding Vizeram Cauze Troops

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16 — This morning waited upon Seif Jeng, and delivered the letter to his address—which having perused, he informed me that he had already written to M.r Sadlier on the subject—That he had acknowledged his fault, and had in consequence made an excuse for his behaviour—He had not, he said, entered the Company's districts with hostile intentions, but merely as a friend—he had committed no damage nor injury to any one since his having taken up his present position—was solely with the view of soliciting the interference of Vizeram rauze in a business between him and the Manicktroo family, who had taken refuge in his Vizeramrauze's Zemendary—and that if Vizeramrauze had, in the first instance, listened to his request, the business could have been settled to the satisfaction of all parties, and no interruption given on his side—I told him I was happy to hear he had written to M.r Sadlier in the Style he mentioned that with respect to Vizeram rauze, he was a tributary to the Company, and had no authority to interfere in matters of this sort on such occasions to the

the Company's Government alone application was to be made - He said, Vizeramraze has ye power to enjure my affairs by granting protection to those under my Authority, - has he no power to amend them? I answered, that Vizeramraze ye had no Authority to do either the one or the other that if he had afforded protection to those under him - he had acted improperly, and would meet the reprehension of Government, - but, at the same time, I must observe to him that if ye Vizeramraze had now interfered, according to his request, he would have drawn upon himself their displeasure in a double degree, and that therefore he had certainly done his duty in ye refusing his interposition. -

Sir J. Jones said, he had not applied to M. Sadleir in the present instance, as he understood that Vizeramraze and his districts were not immediately under the controul of M. Sadleir, but that of another Chief who was at some distance - That besides, he had on one or two former occasions ye applied to the Company's Government, but meeting

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with no attention; he had now acted according to
his own judgement — Mr. Sadlier continued —
Sent Jany, writes much of my entering the —
Company's Districts — suppose I should choose not.
that it is my intention / to forbid Vizeram Rauze's
entrance into the territories under my Authority —
I told him he must be conscious that his having
entered the Company's territories in force was contrary
to established rule — that he was the judge of, and
answerable for his own actions; and if he chose
to refuse Vizeram rauze a passage thro' his territories,
that Vizeram rauze would certainly halt at the —
Company's boundary, and there wait the orders of
his Superiors — The present business however,
said Sent Jany, is now at an end — to Manuktrow
Jungannah I have promised Cowl and Tiepetty
Row is at Masulipatam — it is my intention —
therefore to march immediately — of which I have
given notice to Vizeramrauze — I told him that
Vizeram Rauze had received instructions not to
quit his present station, until assured of no —
interruption from him — I therefore requested —
to know whether he meant to intercept or —
impede the progress of Vizeram Rauze — he answered
by no means — on the contrary that he would afford

him

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him any assistance in his power.—

— He had now, he said, on his part two requests to make, — the first, that Manickroo & Tacpettyroo who was at Masulipatam, might be restored to his authority — the second, — that understanding Jungannah Manickroo had deposited some treasure and other valuables at Devi, they might be searched for, and if found, delivered to his hands — he said he had mentioned these requests in his letter to Mr. Sadlier — and he desired me also to communicate them — I then took my leave. —

(signed) Gabriel Doveton
Lieut
Commanding Vizagam range
Troops. —

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Received the following Letter & Enclosures from Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam
and Journatures from
the Company's Destruct,
Copies of Papers on
the subject of the
Invasion, enclosed

We had the honor of transmitting to You with our letter of the 6th Instant,

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the Translation of one then just received from Sieff Jung,
and we think it therefore necessary also to forward &
a Copy of the Answer written to it by our Chief, with
our approbation. We have also the honor of enclosing
a Copy of Information received from Lieutenant
Deveton on the 10th Instant, by which it will be
observed, that Sieff Jung expressed himself &
sensible of having acted improperly; a confession,
which we consider however to have been solely &
occasioned, by his apprehensions, that Your
Honor &c. might be induced to adopt measures
for punishing such wanton insolence of conduct,
and not from any real contrition. It appeared
by Mr. Devetons information, that Sieff Jung &
was about to withdraw himself and his Troops
from the Company's District, and although no Answer
has been received to the Letters written to Vezeram &
Rauze & Sieff Jung, Translations of which will
appear entered on our Proceedings of the 5th Instant,
Mr. Scott has received a letter from his Gomastah,
Mentioning that the Camp removed into the
Guntoor Circar on the Morning of the 9th Instant,
which Agrees with Lieutenant Devetons &
communication

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communication dated the Day before.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Masulipatam
11. July 1788.

&c. &c.

P.S. Having since writing
the above received letters
from Mr. Dewton and
Vizianagrauze, a Copy of
the former and translation
of the letter are herewith enclosed.

" Anth Sadleir
" J. Hodges
" W. Dobbyn.

dated 10th
July 1788

To Tiel Jung.

I have at last received a Letter
from you on the Subject concerning which I lately
wrote to you, and observe that it only contains
vague excuses & trifling shifts, calculated to evade
giving that just and reasonable satisfaction which
I had a right to expect for your late very unwarrantable
conduct, but the Veil is too thin not to be seen thro',
nor am I so easily imposed upon by unmeaning words

You mention the Zimeendars of
Madura & Cunnagerry being disobedient to you. I have
already informed you, and again repeat, that if you
have any charge or claim to state against any Subject
of the Company residing within their Districts,
I am ready to receive it, and to do you justice, after which

and

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17 and candid enquiry shall have been made. I seek
persons Rent Lands or hold Possessions of any
Kind within his Highness the Soubah's territories,
it is a matter that remains with him, or with
yourself in case he has delegated that Authority
to you, to sequester their Possessions on Account of
any Arrear that may be due by them.- When
a Body of Public Robbers found protection
& even received Assistance from the Polly Zemendars
of the Courmandl Coast, over which you claim
an Authority, and from thence made incursions
into the Company's District, Murdering and
plundering the peaceful and innocent
Inhabitants, I applied to you for the extirpation
of such Banditti, & to deliver up such of them
as were subjects of the Company's that they
might receive the punishment due to their
crimes. You made fair promises it is true,
but it is evident that you either had not the
inclination, or did not possess the Authority you
claimed, as the letters you sent me to be delivered
to Ramchundroo made no impression upon
him, but on the contrary he continued to give
their

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these people open protection, in contempt and
defiance of the orders he received from you. When
I then found, after these Depredations had
continued for many Months, that the lives & prop
of the Company's Subjects could not otherwise
be preserved, it became an act of necessity in me
to send a Detachment of Troops in pursuit of
those
Murderers and Plunderers, who had so long been
suffered with impunity to take refuge in a Country
alledged to be under your Jurisdictions but what has
this however to do with your late conduct, in or
sending an Armed force into the Company's Country,
to carry away persons on whom you had no claim?
If you had any cause of complaint and had
preferred one to me in the first instance you may
assure yourself that my orders would not have been
treated with the same contempt by persons under
my authority, that yours formerly met from
Ramchundradoo &c. &c. nor would the rigour
of our Government have suffered it with the same
impunity. When I wrote to you to be informed
of the Reasons of your proceeding; in a Manner so
unwarrantable, instead of your replying to my
letter

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Letter in a manner becoming the Station you hold under the Authority of his Highness the Soubah, you sent the Servant of your Servant with, a flemsey verbal Note, who like a Parrot could only repeat the Words put into his Mouth, without knowing their meaning, & so met with the treatment such a Messenger might expect, which was to be dismissed with a derision.-

Your measures have thrown every thing in the Guntoor Circar into a state of confusion: The Industrious Manufacturers, and Husbandmen, unable to find protection under your authority, have fled to preserve their Lives, Families, & property, & is it to be wondered at if many of them have concealed themselves & their effects in the Company's Districts. To compel them by force to return to their ruined habitations, is only to drive them to despair; but they would soon go back of themselves, if Peace & Settled Government were re-established. Manickroo Junganah & Tupelly Roo the Zemindars of Rayfellee & Rashore have also

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also been compelled to abandon their Zemindarys, the former is gone to the Southward and is not to be found in the Districts over which any of authority extends but as soon as I know that the latter had crossed the Kistnah, the respect I have for the Soubah, induced me to take all necessary precautions to prevent his having it in his power to collect Peons in this District, by means of whom he might have raised troubles in the Soubah's Country. He is now arrived there, & as soon as he has represented his Case, which he means to do, it shall be transmitted to our Resident at Hydrabad, for him to lay it before the Soubah, on whose justice, as a subject, he ought to rely. You request that Ineptilly Row may be delivered up to you, but this he declares would be worse than death to him as in such case he would only expect death at your hands, at the same time he relies with confidence on the humanity & justice of the Soubah, whose Servant you are, as soon as the circumstances of his situation & cafe shall have reached his presence, Besides

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whatever right you might have had to claim
the subjects of the Soubah, in case you had
remained within your own proper bounds, it is
now forfeited by the insault you have yourself
offered to the Company, by entering their territories
& carrying away their Subjects, for which I have
no Doubt the Soubah will out of his friendly
disposition to the Company make you
accountable as well as for having disgraced
his own Government as much as lay in your
power by the ruin & devastation you have
spread throughout the Distruct, he has
entrusted you with the Management of, as
soon as matters shall have been properly stated
to him.—

Having made you full Acquainted
with my opinion of your late conduct, & warned
you of the consequences that may insue, it
remains only for me to add, that while
you continue encamped within the limits
of the Company's Possessions, no further
Communication shall pass between us, and
you need not therefore expect an Answer from
me to any future letter you may write, unless
you

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you shall have previous by with Bacon yourself, & all the Troops under your Command, into the Soubahs territories.

A true Copy of the Translation

(signed) A. Scott

Letter from Vegeram Pauge dated 5. & Received 11. July 1788.—

I received your letter of the 5. Instant and as thereby as well as by Captain Doveton's Verbal Conversation, being conceived thereof, I was very happy— you was pleased to write me that it contained no information that might incur the displeasure of Sul Jung, or in any wise inconsistent with my future intentions. I beg leave to observe that as I informed Captain Doveton of every thing and sent him, thinking that every matter could be known to you thro' his means, therefore I did not enlarge the subject. You was likewise pleased to write me that from Report, You understood that Maundhoo Jungnah and Tripetty Row applied to me for Protection against the Authority of Sul

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Sung, whom it is understood he represents in these parts on behalf of the Soubah, and that these in a great degree confirmed by the Certainty of Sieppelly Row having sent his Family along time since to Cottepilly a Village belonging to my Zemendary the situated on the Rajahmundray Circar whither Sieppelly Row himself lately proceeded and was met on his way, and with said escorted by some Troops & armed People, also that under these circumstances I must consider the difficulties. I now experience to be entirely owing to my own imprudent Conduct, I take the Liberty to acquaint you that during my Marauding Power being under the subjection of Sief Sung, they having applied to me that as they would send their Family to Cottepilly (the River Godavery there of being a shrine or Divine place of Purification) I gave my Consent to it, but as it to be understood of his meaning intention towards Sief Sung I would not have at such a Juncture given my Concurrence thereto. - Had I the least Knowledge that Maunekarow pro- would have raised a dispute during these 5 or 6 Months past.

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part and commence Hostelities with them, alledging to Sirf Jung) and make their escape at the same time or even if I was to be acquainted in the beginning that they (both the Brothers) would take their flight Thro' different Routs that is to say Tripetty Row towards Madras and had I employed and placed Armed People towards toward Ostapellee and Jungamut towards Madras and had I employed and placed Armed People towards that Route they should have served as an Escort for Tripetty Row, but my Enemy informed of the sequel at that time, and sending Assistance Tripetty Row with Armed People as I resided in Madras 120 Cos's distance this side of Ottepelly and any Country situated on the other side the same distance. How could it be possible for me to act so - I did not even before understand that such proceedings should happen in future, either have Employed an Armed People, nor placed them any where, of which you will on proper enquiry be convinced of 2dly Had I certainly afforded encouragement to them, I conquered at the time he came of

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If to Ramayapatam, sent a Message to visit me,
why did he pass it volentarely and not comply
with his request. Which you will also enquire
and strict enquiery be convenced of.—3dly. Notwith-
standing Sief Jung sent me several Messages &
observing to me that should I enter cede between
him & Mauricanoyoos, he should settle their
affairs agreable to my desire, yet why did he
strictly & plainly reply that there was not
the least occasion to interfere in their affairs?
Notwithstanding you have been convened of
the proof of such important alligations, yet
you, who is wise and being my Friend from
a Considerable time) not Considering the Valedy
of the false assertion of those who are at Variance
with me wrote me on the subject, what can
I in such case write You about it. However as
you are my Old Friend I trust you will be
convened of my alligation to be true, on your
entering into a discussion even in future. The
letter you now wrote to Sief Jung was carried
and delivered by M. Doveton to him Sief Jung

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17 Upon receiving the Same sent me a Notice that
that he would March to Pachoor and that I
should also have a free passage on the High
Road. This day as he departed from thence,
I will also move from this place & arrive
the day after tomorrow evening at Pallatore,
and as for to Cross the Kistnah from that
place, as it should be done be means of your
Assistance, I hope you will please Order to
Codantram &c. Zemindars to provide 4 or 5
large Boats so that I may pass directly to
Nadaccodorro, humbly request that you will
be graciously pleased to favor me with my
request respecting the Boats. Whatever
should occure before I cross the Kistnah, I
will acquaint you therewith please to
continue to write me of your welfare.

A true Copy of the Translations

(signed) Jno Scott
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N.B. The Substance of Lieutenant Doveton's Letters to the Chief and Council is contained in the foregoing Letter from that Officer to the Governor.

Received the following Letter from Captain Montgomery Commanding at Ongole.

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 9th instant, & and in order to execute your ententions, will immediately set off to join Vizeram Rauze, that his anxieties may be removed, by the confidence of being supported by the Honble Company &

From Captain Montgomery intending immediately to join Vizeram Rauze

I shall also on my Arrival represent to Chief Seerg, that any insult offered to the Rajah, will be resented by the Company as directly & offered to the Government of Madras - should & I find him obstinate after this official representation, I shall send a Copy of your letter to

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the Board of Masulipatam, requiring to be
sent to Cottapatam the Nearest Seaport there,
two Companies of European Infantry, One
Battalion of Sepoys, and thirty European
Artillery Men, to work Seven Guns which are
been got ready on the occasion here, with
this force and the 12th Battalion on its March
to the Northward, which I shall employ
on the same Service, I make no doubt to
give a good account of Chief Seung -- My own
is so desperate, that after the necessary Guards
and detachments with the Convoy, I can
not assign a single Guard of duety - at the same
time, that I have represented what would be
necessary in Case of Seif Jeung's obstinacy I am
by no means of Opinion, that he will do
matters to extremity, but by my going
the spot, and making my negotiation
to the Board of Masulipatam from thence
two or three days will at least be gained on my
marching the Troops to enforce the orders of the
Govt

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To Government.—

I have the honor to be Sir with the
greatest Respect &c. &c. &c.

(signed) A. Montgomery
Captain Comm.t Fort Angola

Angola 1st
July 1788—5

Received Letter from Captain &
Buchanan, Commanding the Ranger Packet
ascertained in M. B. No. 39 stating, that he
could not effect his Passage to Negapatam, &
whither he was ordered to proceed with Troops;
but that after beating about a considerable Time
he made the Pulicat Hills, from whence with
great Difficulty he reached Madras.—

From Captain &
Buchanan of the Ranger

Sent the following Letter to Mr. James
Taylor—Mr. Benjamen Roebuck & George Maubray &c.

To Mr. James Taylor

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to
acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated
the 13th Instant, and to inform you that after
duely Considering the same together with every
thing on Record relating to your Conduct as a
Member

To Mr. James Taylor Mr.
Benjamin Roebuck &
George Maubray stating
that Government have
removed them from their
Employ—but that in
Consequence of their
apologies for their
Conduct the Board will
intercede with the
superior Government
for restoring them

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A Member of the late Committee of Naboh [illegible] Editor,

They have resolved, in Conformity to the earn[illegible] part

recommendation of the Right Honble the [illegible] of

Governor General in Council to remove you

from your Employ of Post Master & you are

hereby removed accordingly.

In Consideration however of

your having expressed yourself sensible of the

Error into which you have fallen, and Apologized

in a satisfactory manner to the Board they

have resolved to intercede with the Supreme

Government in your behalf & will recommend

your being restored to your Employ, of which

you are to Remain in Charge until the further

pleasure of the Right Honble the Governor

General in Council, shall be known.

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Sam. [illegible]

(signed) John Owen

No 13. The same to Mess.rs [illegible] and

Mendoza

[illegible] Secy

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Sent the following Letter to Mr. Paul Benfield

To. Mr. Paul Benfield.-

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to ye

To Mr. Paul Benfield, his Conduct, as a member of the late Committee is referred to the further consideration of the Governor General

Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the

4th. Instant and to inform you that a ye

Decision upon your Conduct as a Member of

the late Committee of Nabobs Creditors is ye

referred to the further consideration of the

Right Honble the Governor General in Council

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George

5 July 1788.-

(signed) John Stamier Secry

Sent the following Letter to Bengal

To the Right Honble

Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council.-

at

Fort William

To Bengal with Copy of the proceedings of this Board upon the Recommendation of the Governor General regarding the members of the Committee of Nabobs Creditors.-

My Lord

We have now the honor to ye

Acknowe-

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Acknowledge the receipt of the Letters dated the
4th and 18th Ultimo from your Lordship and
the Supreme Government

Our President introduced the
Consideration of your Letter of the 4th June by
a Minute in which he took a review of the
Subject and included several motions founded
upon it. The other Members of Council also
delivered in Minutes and in conformity to the
Orders of the Company it was agreed to make the
Gentlemen who compose the late Committee
the Nabob's Creditors acquainted with the
mendation of your Lordship: to their Gov
ment for removing them from their Emp
and thereby to afford them the means of
what might be in their power in
of the Error into which they had
Upon the receipt of the
from the Gentlemen of the Committee Our
President entered another Minute, containing
several Resolutions, which gave rise to
different Opinions from the Members of
Government

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The whole is now submitted to your Lordship and the Supreme Council, and will be found upon the accompanying Extracts from our Minutes of Consultation dated the 8th and 15th Instant.—

In Addition to the above, We enclose at the desire of Mr. Maxwell a Copy of a Minute entered by that Gentleman on our Proceedings of the 30th May which has relation to the Subjects lately under deliberation—

Agreeably to the unanimous resolution of this Board We beg leave to intercede with your Lordship in behalf of Messrs. Taylor, Roebuck and Mowbray whom We have removed from their Employs

We are induced to recommend them to your favor, as it appears to be the first offence they have been guilty of and they are now fully sensible of their Error, and have implored the Forgiveness of this Government in Terms that leave no room to doubt of their Sincerity

Your

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Your Lordship will perceive by the Consultations of the 15th Instant that the other Members of the Board did not concur with the President in his motion for transferring Mr. Benfield the Service and sending him to England. It was therefore resolved to refer the same without other proceedings to your Lordship.—

I have the honour to be &c &c &c

(signed) Archd. Campbell

Fort St. George
17 July 1788—

List of the enclosed Letters
(entered in M. B. Nos. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. &c
46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52)—

To the Adjutant General

To the Adjutant General
Paragraphs 34. 43. 45. of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 28th March 1788

To the Committee of Accounts
Paragraph of the above mentioned Letter

To

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17 To the Military Paymaster General with 4th

the 5th 35th 36th 37th 38th 39th 40th 41st 44th 46th 48th and 49th

To the Military Paymr Genl Paragraphs of the abovementioned Letters.

To the Military Board with the 3d 4th Paragraph

To the Mility Board

To Colonel Capper with the 5th and 12 Paragraph

To Colonel Capper

To the Committee of Stores with the 8th 25th

To the Comme. of Stores 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st Paragraphs.

To the Hospital Board with the 9th 18th 20th 32d

To the Hospital Board 47th Paragraphs.

To Masulipatam that Part of their

Masulipatam Letter of the 9th Instant relating to the Provision of Stores will be observed to the Committee of Stores

the Repairs for Ellore to be executed in the

usual Manner Mr Darvall has permission

to visit the Presidency.

To the Captors of Jaggernaut Proam-

the Board Consent to discharge the Moiety

Captors of Jaggernaut Proam- of the Prize Money due them, reserving the

other Part until the Claims of the Owners &

Commanders of the Ships Royal Admiral and

Grosvenor be adjusted.

To the Committee of Stores with Extract

To the Committee of Stores of a Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipr

relating

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No. 1. relating to the Provisions of Stores &c.

To the Commander of the East Cornwallis.

To the Commander of the East Cornwallis—

his Claim to be repaid for Wine supplied the Troops on their Passage to India will be referred to the Court of Directors—Enclosing for their Information the Proceedings of the Court Martial on John Griffith, together with the Opinion of the Deputy Judge Advocate thereon.

No. 2. To Mr. Raine, Surgeon—His Request for Reimbursement for Medical Charges on Captivity at Mysore cannot be complied with, as Government are not responsible for any Losses sustained by Individuals.

No. 3. To the Commander of the Ranger Packet

To Ganjam—

To the Commander of the Ranger Packet—Troops to be immediately landed—To proceed to Vessell for Sea as soon as possible.

To Ganjam the 11th March 1788. Estimate No. 2. transmitted in their Letter of the 28th Ultimo, not to be undertaken—The Repairs mentioned in the Estimate to be completed.—The Requests of the Inhabitants for an Augmentation of Troops to be complied with—The Hospital Stores have been replenished

1989. Fort St. George 1st July 1788.

18. instructed to send to Ganjam some further Medical

assistance.—

To the Hospital Board With Extract of

To the Hospital Board a Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam to

comply with their Request for further Medical

assistance.—

To the Committee of Stores With Indent

To the Committee of Stores for Military Stores wanting for the District of

of Ganjam.

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.—

President

Tuesday 1st July 1788

22 John Holland, James Henry Casamajor

and

Robert. Maunsell Esqr.—

Ministers of last Consultation

read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter from

the Resident at Poonah.— To

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To The Honble

Sir. Archibald Campbell Kt.

Governor &

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Malet's Report
prevail of Hostilities
having actually commenced
between Tippoo and the
Rajah of Travancore
States an Official
Message from the minister
in Conqueror Reports
Intelligence

I had the Honour to write you
fully the 5th Instant via Masulipatam, a
Duplicate of which was forwarded 24th via C

That Letter will have informed
You of the general Prevalence of a Report that
hostilities having actually commenced betwee
Tippoo and the Rajah of Travancore of which
having received no authentick Accounts, I
Still doubtfull; I cannot however admit the
Doubt to influence a Moments Delay in
Acquainting You that I have this Day had
the pleasure to receive an Official Mes
from the Minister of this State announ
an assurance of his desire to Co-operate
the Right Honble Governor General in forcing
the Rajah of Travancore against the Attacks of
Tippoo,

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Fort S.t George 22 July 1788.

Tippoo, which assurance has arisen from an
Opinion that those Powers are actually at
War.

Persuasion that the earliest Knowledge of this Circumstance must be of the greatest
Importance, and highly requisite for your Information if the hostilities in question do exist indeed
Me to transmit the bare Intelligence of it without the Delay of further Comment or Explanation;
and as all further progress in the Negotiation necessarily depends on my Receipt of authentick
Intelligence of the Reality of the War between Ram Rajah and Tippoo and as the Accuracy of
My Conduct in the future Management of the
Negotiation will greatly depend on the Goodness
of my Intelligence of the Situation of the Contending
Powers permit Me to hope that you will be
pleased to assist Me in these two essential Points,
by favouring Me with such Advices as You may
deem at all conducive thereto

I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect

&c. &c.

(signed) C.W. Malet

Poona
28 June 1788.

Read

1992

Fort St. George 22 July 1788.

Read the following Letter from

Major Dugald Campbell.

To The Honble. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Inclosed I send upon honor

From Major Dugald Campbell with his Account Current for the Purchase of 422 Horses

Particular Accounts and Account Current of

Four hundred and Twenty Two Horses (422) from

from the 31st. December 1787 to the 31st May 1788

They cost on an Average when delivered nearly

five Star Pagodas (85) each Horse, which

will be Honored with your Approbation

that the Military Paymaster General

be ordered to return the Receipts granted

Agents for the Bonds delivered them on my

previous to those delivered in May last.

I have the Honor to be

the greatest Respect

&c. &c. &c.

(Sign'd) Dug. Campbell

Major D. Agent for

purchasing Horses.

Madras

July 20 1788

Dr. Major Dugald Campbell in account Current with the Honble Ea[illegible]ia Company Cr

1788.			1788.		
Decr 31	To Bonds remaining on hand Star Pagodas 36400			By Prime Cost and Charges of four Hundred and Twenty Two Horses purchased from the 31st December 1787 to 31st May 1788 as p Account pasted	
	To Balance from last Account	6,6383355		Nearly Eight five Pagodas p Horse	35,816.31.76
	To Cash received for 9 Bonds sold Amounting to Pagodas 20000			Balance Due the Honble Company	1854.2959.
		20000.--			
Janry 15.	To Discount at 20 p Cent Pay. 4000	16,000.--			
	To Interest on D. from 19. June the date of the Bonds to this date is 6 Mo. 26 Days	915.20			
March 24.	To 12 Government Bonds dated the 19 June 87 Amounting to	16,400.--			
	To Discount at 20 p Cent Pay. 3280	13120.--			
	To Interest on D. on Pay. 16,400 from 19. June 87 to 24. March 88 is 9 Months 5 Days at 8 p Cent	1002.8.--			
	Sr. Pagodas	37676.19.55.		Sr. Pagodas	37676.19.55.

Remaining in Bonds granted on May — 340000.--

Madras June 25th 1788

E.E. & Dug.d Campbell
Major & Agent for purchasing Horses —

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Accounts delivered in
on with Major Campbell's Letter be passed and
to the Military Paymaster General with
to Return the Receipts of Major Campbell
for Bonds Corresponding to the Amounts of the
Account passed

Read the following Letter from
Vizagapatam with the Plans Enclosures Contained
in Mt. B. Nos. 53. 54. 55.)

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

Honble Sir,

From Vizagapatam 22 July 1788 respecting Repairs for the Military Workhouse &c. and for Ones Storing the Magazine in the Fort.

We have the pleasure to enclose
of a letter from the Committee of Stores with the
Report and Estimate of the Expence attending
Repairs represented to be necessary and requesting
Honour's instructions thereon.

We are very Respectfully
&c. &c.
Chas. Russell
Chas. Sheriffs
Mach. Bruting

The

1995. Fort St. George 22 July 1788—

The Repairs stated in the above re-
Letter amounting to Rupees 1,122 being repre-
sented as immediately necessary it is Agreed that they
be executed in the usual manner—
To be executed &c

Read the following Report from
the Hospital Board, with Enclosures entered in
M: B: N: 56)

Hospital Board
21st July 1788—

Present Messrs. Robert
Little, Thomas Pollard, &
Alexander Alexander having
Arrived on the William Pitt
Mr. Norman on the Manship
Mr. James Brady on the &
Triton, Messrs. Andrew Patton
and James Johnson on the &
Boddam Messrs. Thomas &
Shakery, Francis Duncan
Thomas Spalding and John
Swidamore Hathway on the Cives,
The Hospital Board recommend
their being admitted Assistant
Surgeon

Hospital
a List
Surgeons
Indentures
of Direction
by Nations
Ben
Board
of Ass
were
found
them
for the

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Fort St. George 22 July 1788.

Surgeons on this Establishment,
and the following Appointments should take place!

Mr. Macmahon 1st Batt
James Barber 22d Batt. of
Henry Morris 20th Batt. of
Alexander Kennedy 28th
Sepoys; Robert Settle
Hospital Masulipatam
Thomas Pollard 3d Europ
Regt. Alexander
23d Battalion of Sepoys
William Norman
Hospital Madras,
Brady General Hospital
Trichinopoly Andrew Ponton
General Hospital Madras
James Johnston 3 Batt
of Sepoys Thomas
13 Batt of Sepoys
Duncan 10 Batt Sepoys
Thomas Spalding
John Sudmon

Approved—

1997 Fort St George 22 July 1788

General Hospital Tschenopoly

Received a Letter from
Mr Chamier, enclosing Sundry
extracts of the General Letter &
from the Court of Directors, &
which they will have the honor
of replying to at their next &
meeting —

The Hospital Board
have received a memorial from
Mr Charles Ogilvie, claiming
To be enquired into — Rank from his appointment
at the India House, which they
have the honor to forward agreable
to his request, and have directed
their Secretary to send them their
remarks on his claim in &
September last, which was &
approved of by Government

(signed) Edwd Atkinson Secy

Resolved that the Stations proposed
by the Hospital Board for the Assistant Surgeons &
lately arrived be fixed, & announced in General Orders

Read the following Letter from
Captain Lieutenat John Forien

To

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Fort St. George 22 July 1788.

To The Honble. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
President Governor & Commander in Chief
Fort St. Geor

Hon'ble Sir,

My Horses having been st
by a Maratta Jemmedar, Commanding a
six days March from Bombay, I have the
to enclose you Copy of my Correspondence
the Honble Board (& the Governor) to w
I have been obliged to represent the Matter
against their interference for the Recovery of
I am in daily expectation
from my People that they have perm
to proceed when I shall leave this to
having during my stay here, procured
Embarking them immediately on their
should their Condition permit, which
fear —
I cannot help regretting the

From Captain Lieutenant John Torin. States the Progress he has made in the Purchase of Horses on the Malabar Coast for Completing the Madras Cavalry. Incloses Copy of his Correspondence with the Bombay Government

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Fort S.t George 22 July 1788.

Mr. Bodam, who convinced of the practicability of the Scheme, seemed Anxious for its Success, and had promised to send me Boats up to Surat from Bombay to Convey them down the Coast, which would not only have prevented any impediment from the Marattas, but would have secured their Arrival at Anjango by the middle of last Month.—

I have had the honor of receiving your two Letters, the last by Mr Rumley, with whom I will send a Jecond Squas of Horses, if I Should Receive Order from you to continue Purchasing in which Case I must request an Order for Government how to Advance more Money, as the Public Letter I brought with me, Specifies advances only for One Hundred Horses.

On the Arrival of General Meadow, (which I most Anxiously wait for) I shall do myself the honor of waiting on him, Jequaint him with your wishes and Coutions for Completing the Cavalry, also the possibility of its being done from this Coast, with advantage to the Service—

I shall

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I shall send my Accounts Closed to the
day of delivering over my Horses to the
at Anjango Should you approve them, I
no time will be lost in sending the Order
Return to the Northward, which will give
the Opportunety of having the Horses re
sending down the Coast by the Month of
when the Boats will be able to Return
the Monsoon, Consequently the Freight co
much less.

The delay of the Horses from Bu
is a disappointment, the more Mortifying
me, as I had succeeded even beyond Expectation
thro' the progress of the Business, and ha
Concieved my Cautions were Crowned
Success; I had purchased the Stipulated
and laid down a regular Plan for procuring
further Quantity; I had brought them
thro' every Country where Opposition
any degree to be Suspected, when my Zealous
Endeavours were Checked, and perhaps for the
Season frustrated; help by the detention on
the

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the first Instance, than by the subsequent re
Omission of demanding a Passport, as repeatedly
urged, which the Government had only to require
to obtain from Poonah, indeed when at Surat,
I received assurances that the necessary permits
were obtained between that place and Bombay.
or I should not have ventured to pursue the
route, however I doubt not in future, as the re
medy is so easy, to avoid any inconvenience
by a previous Application to the Peshwah, from
the Government of Bombay.

I have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c.

(signed) John Torin

Capt. Lieut Cavalry.

Bombay
March 20. 1788

To The Hon^ble. Andrew Ramsay Esq^r.

President Governor & Commander in Chief

Bombay.

Hon^ble Sir,

In Consequence of the many re
applications made for the Release of the Hon^ble
Company's Horses, not having been Complied re
with, and the Letter received by you from the
Jemindar

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Jemendar, or Commanding Officer of Befsion, I
Imeet beg leave to represent thro' you, to the
Honble Board of Bombay, the Consequence
attending the delay at this Critical Juncture

On the 10th of last Month I mar
with Eighty One Horses from Surat, ha
first been apprized by the Chief, that from
Befsion he, and the Maratah Chowtky dele
to me / together with your dispatches fro
Presidency to meet me at Befsion, and
the Commanding Officer there, that they co
the property of the Circar / they would meet
no Molestation whatever / —

On the 14th I arrived at Pun
a small Fort near Befswanah, whe
surprized at sending my Horses not on
Seized, but Myself made Prisoner, in
Hostile, and ignominious Manner,
prevented either residing to my Employ
permitted to return to Surat. The answer
Offered to myself tho' an Public Capacity
ever, but the detention of the Horses, and
delay

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delay, is a matter of two serious a Moment, as I am not only Accountable to Government for the Sums disbursed but to the Commander in Chief for my Conduct as an Officer; which in parties to myself, You will feel the necessity of my vindicating by a recital of facts.

The Purdet of Pardu having openly, declared, that if I attempted either to proceed or Return, he would seize on me, I with some difficulty made my escape to Surat under Cover of the Night, to Represent the Circumstances to the Chief, who advised me to take the Opportunity then offering, of a Ship Sailing for Bombay, to lay the Matter before you, which I did on my Arrival on the 19th June which time nothing but equivocal Answers, and delays, seem hitherto have been the Result of your Applications, and by Constant intelligence from My People, I am sorry to hear of the most Shamefull exactions, for, bad provisions, and prohibition from purchasing

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purchasing grain, but from the Pundit himself,
who issued a protective Order to prevent my Peons
being supplied from the Neighbouring Villages
with Badgerry or Hay and now a heavy
demand is made on account of Customs
the Jemmidar of Bajeen, before he will allow
them to proceed. How far this demand may
just I leave to your Superior Judgement
but for the State of the Horses, it is impossible
I can be answerable, tho' I left them in the
Order, and took every precaution before
I came away for their provision, and have
since remitted Sums at different times to
support them.

The Season is so far advanced,
getting them down the Coast is become very dangerous
as well from the Violence of the Winds, for the most
Part Shoar tendering it unsafe for Boats to
Venture, as from the Surf, which after the
Month becomes too high and determines all
to their being landed, had they Gun Permiss

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Come on, or even delivered upon your first application they would have arrived in time to permit the Boats to return before the Monsoon, now on the Contrary I find the owners (of the Boats) daily increasing the freight as the Northerly Winds are to subside, that it renders it impossible for them to get back before the Month of September.

Under these circumstances I must leave Government to take upon them, or not as they may think proper to Oblige the Power that has detained them not only to be Answerable to the Circar for the expence incurred by delay but also the Original price of the Horses, as by my Peon who is just Arrived to make me acquainted with the Shamefull treatment he has met with I understand they are in a most miserable Condition, by being fed on bad Rice, and old damaged Hay -

Conscious of having made every exertion in my Power and Succeeded to the utmost of my Expectations, and permit me to add to the Satisfaction of my Employers) had it not been

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tion for their extraordinary Conduct, from a Power
with whom we were at Peace) I cannot help
expressing my regret at not being able to Carry
it thro' with the same Success that Marked the
Progress of my endeavours.

I will trust Honble Sir to your
Candor to represent this Disappointment of his
Archibald Campbell from a State of
it will Account to them for the unexpected
the additional Expence Necessarily incurred
probable loss of the Season from the Appro
of the Monsoon.

I have the Honor to Remain &c.

&c. &c.

(signed) John Toron
Capt. Lieut. Comdg
Madras Establishment

Bombay
March the 8.
1788.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Conduct of
Captain Toron, and are well pleased to find he
Exertions - and in order to give him
of making a further trial of their
favorable Circumstances than those
it is agreed to authorize him to Draw for One Hundred
Pieces

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horses more, and that this Resolution be
Communicated to him and to the Government
of Bombay requesting the latter to make the
necessary Advances to Captain Sorien and to
draw upon this Government for the Amount
at 30 Days Sight

Read a Letter from Consign Edward
Blount (entered in Mis: No 57) enclosing a
From Consign Edward Blount Certificate signed by the Hospital Board &
declaring the necessity of his proceeding to Europe
for the Recovery of Health.—

Ordered that Consign Blount be
permitted to proceed accordingly.—

The President in his Character
of Commander in Chief proposes the following
Minute Shenon— General Order.—

Memorandum for General Orders.—

James Hughes Esq^r who went to Europe
Recommended for the Benefit of Lord Cornwallis Military
Fund having been permitted to return to this Establish-
ment without prejudice to his rank is accordingly
to be Readmitted as a Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry
Date

Proposed G. O. by the Commander in Chief Officers returned from Europe to be readmitted on the Establishment. Captain D. Kennedy included. Provisions in Consequence Lieut. Rothwell & Consign Blount regain the Service. Ensign Shenon pensioned.

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Date of Rank 17. April 1786

The Undermentioned Officers of Infantry who went home on half pay are also readmitted without Prejudice to their Rank as follows:—

Captains George Roberts	13 June	1784
Barth.w Vigors	10. Janu	1782
Lieut. James Nagle	12 Sept.	1787
Ensign Cha.s D. Burn	23. Nov.	1782

Captain Daniel Kennedy of Artillery on the Invalid List at his own request having a constitution impaired after Twenty Years Service to be Captain of a Company from this date vice Bell Invalided and Speedeman on half pay.—

Lieutenant Farrington James Gordon Nagle to be a Lieutenant from this date vice Clarke and Tanner on half pay—and Mr. Adam Conductor to be an Acting Lieut. Fireworker from this date until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known vice Scott promoted and Monkton on half pay

In consequence of the above promotions Captain Bell, Lieutenant Friend and Lieut. Fireworker Gahagan Junior succeed to full Rank—date the same as before and Lieutenant Friend is appointed Quarter Master to the 2d Batt.n of Artillery vice Clarke.—

John

to

Lieut.

2009 Fort St. George 22 July 1788 —

Lieutenant Charles Stockwell permitted to
resign the Service — and Ensign John Stephenson
to be promoted on 10 Pagodas Monthly after #
Seven years Service and an unpaired constitution

Captains Roberts and B: Vigors having
returned from half pay, the Two Junior #
acting Captains of Companies Viz.ts L. Pirlat and
Wm. Godfrey are to be considered in their former
Station as Captain Lieutenants and to draw
the pay and Allowances of that Rank after #
the 31st. of this Month —

The Dispatches from England having
intimated the Return this Season of Two Lieut.ts
and an Ensign of Infantry from half pay, #
besides the Officers that have already Arrived, #
Commissions protempore in the Subaltern Ranks
of that Corps are not to be filled up untill the
close of the Season —

Ensign Edward Blount having delivered in
the Necessary Certificates to be permitted to proceed
to Europe for the Recovery of his Health. #

Resolved that the above be published
in General Orders —

To be published in
General Order —

Read

2014

Fort St. George the 22 July 1788

To The Honorable. Andrew Ramsay Esqr.
President in Council
at
Bombay.

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to inform you
that We have authorized Captain Toren to make
further purchases of Horses on the Malabar Coast
to the Amount of one hundred, and We shall therefore
beg leave to request you will make him
advances of Cash and draw upon us for the Amount
at 31. Days sight

To Bombay—Captain Toren authorized to make further Purchases of Horses to the Amount of 100—desiring that the necessary Advances may be made to him, & Bills drawn for the Amount at 31 Days Sight

We think it a justice due to
Captain Toren to mention that We are perfectly
satisfied with his Conduct which has been
marked with much active Zeal and

Fort St. George
the 20. July 1788

We have the honor
&c. &c.
(signed) Arch.d Campbell
&c. &c.
Council

Sent the recommunicated Letters entered
on H. B. Nos 63: 64: 65: 66: 67: 68: 69: 70: 71: 72—

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22 To Captain Lieutenant John Toven 2

To Captain Lieutenant John Toven — Government approve his Conduct, and Authorize him to continue his Purchases to the Number of One hundred Horses, in Addition to those already brought. To send on his Account without Loss of time.

To the Commander of the Ceres - to deliver the Sperate sent on board his Ship for the Use of the Troops to the Superintendant of Medical Stores, and the Cloathing &c. - to the Town Major

To the Commander of the Ceres —

23 To the Paymaster at Tanjore - to make up and keep in Store 20 Doolies - the Dooley Boys to be hired as the Service may require them

To the Paymaster at Tanjore —

To the Commandant at Tanjore - with Copy of the above Letter to the Paymaster.

To the Commandant at Tanjore —

To Vizagapatam the Repairs represented in their Letter of the 9th Instant to be immediately necessary and estimated at Rupees 1122.. 13. 1 are to be executed in the usual Manner.

To Vizagapatam

To the Military Paymaster General - to deliver to Major Duigald Campbell's Agents the Bonds as corresponding to the Accounts now sent to him which have been approved and passed by Government.

To the Military Paymaster General —

To

2016

Fort St. George 23d July 1788.

To Lieutenant Thomas Cook Barrack Master North of the Pettnah - informing him that when European Invalids are Stationed in Cope the Barrack Master is to supply the Articles and the Paymasters vice versâ -

To Mr. Haven - Late an Ensign in the Service informing him, that he is allowed to draw a One Rupee Per Diem for Six Months after which, the Allowance will cease - but he will be permitted to proceed as a Charter Party Passenger to Europe, should he be desirous of availing himself of that Indulgence -

To Ensign Edward Blount - With a Permission to proceed to Europe for the Re-establishment of his Health -

To the Northern Subordinates - advising of the above -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Friday
25. July
1788

John Holland James Henry Casamaijor

and

Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.-

Read the following Letter from

Bengal.-

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal. Relative to the Demands made by the Prince of Cheritta upon the Residency of Tellicherry.-

We have received your letter dated the 10th Instant, inclosing the different papers relative to the demand of the Rajah of Cheritta upon the Residency of Tellicherry.-

We consider the behaviour of that Rajah as highly unwarrantable and insulting of

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to the Company's government, but we are not w
without hopes that Tippoo Sultaun will in c
consequence of your letter, interfere to correct and
restrain him.—

Should the Rajah however proceed
to actual hostilities against Tellicherry, or con
persevere in threatening language, and in refusing
to settle his Account with the Company, We trust
that you will either by public countenance or
Assistance as may be necessary, give every protection
to that settlement which the Season of the year
and other circumstances will admit.—

Similar directions will be sent on
this Subject to the Presidency of Bombay

We have the honor to be

Hon. Hon.

(signed) Cornwallis.—

Fort William
30. June 1788—

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P.S. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Shore, the Gentlemen
of the Council, being unwell this Letter is co
dispatched by necessity without their Signature
to it

(signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govert.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops.

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

Honble Sir —

We have the honor to lay before you a further Report of our Investigation of the Army Accounts from the 1st July 1782 to 30th June 1783. The bulk of our Proceedings we trust will sufficiently evince that perseverance only can get us thro' this tedious Employment and secure to the patience of your Honor and of the Supreme Government in bringing it to a conclusion. The Abstract Statement that accompanies this Letter contains the Articles of Expence specified in the orders from England & the annexed Papers afford the detail of every Months Expence for each of their Majestys Regiments. The particulars on which the Statements are formed are also transcribed — The Officers of the Supreme Government will therefore not only be possessed of every

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every probable information but be able without
any difficulty to state the net, or deduct, whatever
may appear to them extraneous in forming their
Statement of the whole.

We now beg leave to refer to that part
in our Letter of the 19th April, which explains our
difficulty in furnishing a Correct Account of the
Company's Expence to the Kings Troops under
the Head of Batta. We are still of Opinion this
Charge will not be admitted exact as general to the
whole Army & of the same nature with the
Charges for Tents, Stores, Boats Carriage Bullocks,
Artificers, Coolies, &c. all which have been furnished
and charged indiscriminately with the Company's
Troops and cannot be ascertained.

We have however availed ourselves
of the Agents Books to inform us of the rate at
which the Company may be said to have Victualled
his Majesty's Troops during the War & which
Victualling is in lieu of Batta. To give the
Subject a fair Trial we have formed our calculation
on the Charges of four years from May 1781 to
April 1785 & we find that the Average rate of
Victualling

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victualling the Europeans with the Grand Army,
in that Period, including Carriage for Provisions
Wastage in Camp &c. to be about 9 Fanos, & 42 Cash
each Man ₹ diem. Arrack was then purchased
at 150 & 200 Pags. ₹ Load. Rice at 150 & 200 Pags.
₹ Garce & other Articles proportionably dear, but
the loss sustained by the Company in sending
Rice &c. to Camp; is not included in the above
calculation, as it cannot be ascertained.

As the Kings Troops have been
continually employed on Field Service during the
late War with the exception, of the 19th Dragoons
& the 98 Regiment employed on board his Ma-
-jestys Fleet. We think this Average rate
of Batta may be fairly Charged if admitted at
all, in the Effective Strength of every other
Regiment. Tho' this may be called a very Summary
calculation yet we presume to say it is the nearest
the truth if not the only Account that can be made.
But as the Batta if Charged at this rate would
accumulate to an enormous Sum, and as we
cannot determine, if the Company will be allowed
to carry it to their Credit. We have not included

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This Charge in our Statements, further than what has been paid to his Majestys Officers under the Heads of Batta & Extra Batta, leaving to the Gentlemen in Bengal to make this Additional Charge for the private Men if it shall be deemed fit & as it may be easily calculated by the Average of 9 fanr. & 42 Cash ₰ day for each Man that appears in the Abstract Return of Men of each Regiment for the period of the War.

It has come to our Knowledge Since the date of our Letter enclosing the Papers required by the Governor General in their Letter dated 21 March last, that Disbursements to a small Detachment of the different Regiments under the Command of Major General Jones, made at Masulipatam, were not entered in the Books of the Military Paymaster General, but in those of the Accountant General the Disbursement therefore of Subsistance and Gratuity to these Troops will be found in the Accompanying Papers Marked A which is necessary to complete the Statement inclosed in our Letter of the 10th. May.—

We have not yet received from any of the Officers any Account of Charges incurred

in

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in their respective Departments during the
War by his Majestys Troops.

The Extract from the Court of Directors
sent to us on the 15 Instant by Mr. Secretary
Chamier is received & the Contents will be duly
attended to.

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

Fort St. George
22d July 1788.

(signed) Benjn Roebuck
Benjn Torin.

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing
with the Accounts that accompanied it, be
forwarded to Bengal.

Minute thereon.

The President lays before the Board the Draft of a Letter which he proposes to send to Tippoo in Answer to those mentioned on the Proceedings of the last Meeting.

The President lays before the Board proposed Letter.

To The Nabob Tippoo Sultaun.

To Tippoo Sultaun acquainting the assistance Claim preferred by the Rajah Cumilas Nattaney & other Chiefs of Cheeka and desiring that he will give such Instructions to his Officers to evacuate Cannapalam & make good the Injuries & which the Company have sustained. Forbidding Orders have been given to Mr. Commandant Stuart and Encouraging all to discourage all persons whatever to disturb the Company's possessions &c.

Shaveneaven your Letters dated 25th Ramgaun
(30th June) and 10th Shawal, 15th July.

The Scope of these Letters say, that the
Zemindar of Cheeka had mortgaged some Villages to
the Factory of Tellicherry for Money he had borrowed,

and

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and that the people of that Factory had collected from those Villages double the Amount of their Debt, and yet they would not return his Bond, or settle their Accounts between them in a just Manner, but forcibly retained possession of his Villages the Chief and Council of Tellicherry assert, that the Representation of the Cherikal Zemindar is all false, and that they were ready and willing at all times to settle Accounts with that Zemindar according to Justice. There being therefore a Difference of Opinion, it would naturally occur to Friends, that the most honourable Mode of settling that Difference, would be to refer a candid Statement of their respective Demands to their Superiors, for their mutual and amicable Adjustment

The Cherikal Zemindar instead of following that wise Rule, has forcibly urged upon the Island of Darmapatam, and against every Principle of Justice has become the Arbiter and Judge of his own and the English Company's Rights.

You are to observe a strict not to see the Injustice of those Proceedings, and that such an irregular Conduct in the Cherikal Zemindar is not permitted

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permitted to pass unpunished, cannot fail to
destroy the Harmony which so happily
subsists between you and the English: I trust
and hope therefore, that in Consideration of these
circumstances you will give positive Orders to the
Cherikal Zemindar to evacuate Darmapatam,
That he will make good the Injuries which the
English Company may have sustained by his
rash and intemperate Conduct and that he
shall not in future attempt to disturb or
molest the Settlement of Tellicherry.

After your friendly Disposition
in directing these Matters to be adjusted in a
proper Manner, The Chief of Tellicherry
will settle all Accounts depending between the
Honble Company and the Zemindar of Cherikal
on the most liberal terms and according to
the strictest Justice.

In Order to convince you of my
Readiness to discourage all Persons who are
hostile to your Interest from seeking Protection
in these Territories, I have procured the most
positive Injunctions to the Dependants of the

Nabob

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Nabob Walajaw Behauder, particularly to
Soubarow, the Renter of Madura to enquire &
after the different Persons described in your two
Letters now referred to with Instructions to
seize their persons if possible, and to send them
prisoners to you. I have communicated &
Similar Instructions to General Floyer, commanding
the Honble Company's Army at Trichinopoly,
and to Major Clarke Commanding at Madura,
from all which you must be convinced of the &
Sincerity of my Disposition to cultivate the &
Friendship of those who are in Amity with the
English Nation. –

I shall hope to receive a speedy &
Answer to this Letter and at all times to receive
favourable Accounts of your health. –

To a Friend whatever Jonaymon?

(signed) Arch.d Campbell. –

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The Board approve the proposed &
Approved – Letter and request the President will be pleased
to dispatch it.

The President in his Character of
Commander in Chief laye before the Board the
following

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Following Letter from Lieutenant Harry Gordon

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

Sir,

From Lieutenant Harry Gordon, requesting permission to resign the Service—

As my private affairs require my presence in England, and as by the Orders of the Honorable Company it is necessary if I should resign the Service previous to my proceeding thither, I request your Permission to do so, and hope for your recommendation to the Court of Directors that I may be replaced with my rank in the Service, in the event of my returning to India.—

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect—

&c. &c.

(signed) Harry Gordon.—
Lt. & 2d. Mr. 2d Brigade.—

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Agreed.—

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Agreed that Lieutenant Gordon

Resolves accordingly.— be permitted to resign the Service agreeably to

his Request.

The Commanders in Chief recommends

Lieutenant James Graham to be Quarter master of Brigade in the Room of Lieut Gordon

&

Lieutenant Brunton to Command Permaicoil vice Graham.—

Lieutenant James Graham to be Quarter Master of Brigade in the room of Lieutenant Gordon

and Lieutenant James Brunton to

Command at Permaicoil vice Lieutenant

Graham.

Resolved that the above be published

in General Orders.—

Upon Considering the Memorial

of Mr. Charles Agalvie, Assistant Surgeon

noticed on the Proceedings of the Hospital Board

(entered on the Minutes of the 22 Instant:) it

is Resolved to refer the Claim made for Rank,

to the determination of the Court of Directors &

for this purpose it is Agreed to send Mr Agalvie's

Memorial to Europe as a Member on the Packet.

Mr. Charles Agalvie's Claim made for Rank to be referred to the Court of Directors.—

On the Subject of the Rank to be

given to the Assistant Surgeons announced

for

Resolutions of the Board on the Subject of Rank to be given to the Assistant Surgeons mentioned in the Letter from the Court of Directors Dated the 5th March.—

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for this Establishment in the Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 28th March last it is Resolved that the Gentlemen therein named in the Order prescribed by the Honourable Court shall take rank prior to Messrs. Thomson, Steele, Galloway and Stewart, appointed since the beginning of the year by this Government - The Date of Rank for Mr. A. Kennedy (the first on the List in the General Letter of the 28th March) to be the 1st June 1788 - the other 25 Assistant Surgeons to rank in successive Days from that date - & Messrs. Thomson &c. to rank subsequent to the 25th June -

Ordered that the above be published in General Orders and Notified to the Hospital Board -

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the President (entered in C.C. No 74) stating that having sent his Vackeel and Shroff to Madras for the purpose of raising 1,20,000 Pagodas they had entered into negociations but found & People unwilling to lend Money without the approval of Government being apprehensive that if the Country

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Country cover Liged upon, their Money would be lost
- The Rajah represents his wish to borrow two or
Lacks of Pagodas, and Requests to be able under
the Presidents assurance to Mortgage a Sowbe' -
- till the principal and Interest shall be discharged
- he desires the President to give him accordingly
an assurance in writing, & concludes with
professions of Attachment to the Company. -

Ordered to lie on the Table. -

To lie on the Table -

Engd QS.

Arch: Campbell

John Hollond

Jas. W. Harmaye

R. Maunsell

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Diary.

From Lieutenant Mathew Macalister

Received Letters from Lieutenant Mathew Macalister (as entered in the M.B. Nos 73. 74) stating, That he has been empowered by Major David Smith to receive the Allowance of double full Batta due to the late Lieutenant Andrews Thompson, who was present at the Blockade of Tellicherry during the Years 1779 and 1780 also to Receive the Prison Batta due to William Oliver a private Pensioner at Masulipatam, and requesting that the Military Paymaster General may be directed to discharge the same.

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

Fort William.

May Lord.

To Bengal with Copy of a Letter & Enclosures dispd to Government by the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops.

We have the honor to forward Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops, together with the several Papers that accompanied it &

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Arch.d Campbell

&c. Council

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Sent the undermentioned Letters sentenced on

M: B: Nos 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82.

To the Military Board – their proposed &c

To the Military Board – Orders respecting the Payment of the King's Troops & Regulations for the Pay and Allowances to the King and Company's Troops serving under this Presidency have been approved by Government and are to be inserted in the Rule Book of &c Regulations as are also with some Alterations their proposed Cavalry Regulations. –

To Masulipatam – to supply the Paymaster at Ongole with such Sums of Money as may be necessary for purchasing the Grain ordered to be laid up at Ongole and Tenricotah; and for paying the Detachment under the Command of Captain Dunwoody. –

To Masulipatam. –

To the Paymaster at Ongole – advising of the above. –

To the Paymaster at Ongole

To the Military Paymaster General – enclosing Copies of Letters addressed to Government by Lieutenant Mathew Macalister, and directing that the Claims therein preferred may be liquidated in the usual Manner. –

To the Military Paymaster General

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27th To the Hospital Board - With Extract from the Proceedings of Council relating to the Memorial of J. McOgilvie, and fixing the Rank for the Assistant Surgeons appointed in the present Year. -

To the Hospital Board

To the Paymaster at Walaujaubad - To the Paymaster at Walaujaubad - With a Statement regulating the Pay of the Artificers upon this Establishment. -

To the Secretary at Fort William - To the Secretary at Fort William - with the Proceedings of this Government in its Military and Political Department from the 1st April to the 30th June 1788. -

28th Sent Letters to Tippoo Sultaun (sentenced in the C.C. Nos 75-76) the former advising that his Hircarrahs being sent and unable to return immediately with an Answer to his Letter of 10th Showal, the President's Letter was therefore forwarded by an express - the latter Enclosing a Letter to him (Tippoo) from the Right Honorable the Governor General. -

To Tippoo Sultaun

Received a Letter from Tondiman (sentenced in C.C. No 77 stating his Apprehensions that Tippoo meditates an Attack on his Country, and Requesting that in Case such an Event should take place, he may receive the Company's Assistance. -

From Tondiman. -

29th Ordered, that Tondiman be informed (vide C.C. No 78) that he need be under no Uneasiness, for

To Tondiman. -

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29th. for the Company will protect him— To write to General Horne, if he could be molested.—

At a Consultation Present

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

Tuesday the 29th July 1788.—

James Henry Casamaijor and Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.

W. Holland, absent, indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Factor at Tellicherry.—

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

Honble Sir,

We had the Honor to address you under the 27th Instant & the next day the Chief Wrote to the Nabob and Prince of Cheriekal as per Copies enclosed & from the former received under the 25th Inst.

From the Chief and Factor at Tellicherry. Matters are in the same State as when We wrote last Dewanpot am letter in the Hands of the Prince of Cheriekal's People. Report prevail of the Death of the Prince and of Disputes & Differences will take Place in Cheriekal Country into the own Hands Endeavoring Commodore with Hyder &c to the Rajah of Cheriekal—

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an Answer as per Translation and Copy of Original were forwarded. We cannot avoid remarking that the Nabob from the tenor of his last Letter seems ententionally to have blended the Island of Dammapatam with the Province of Rhaudaterah as the former Place was never Mortgaged to the Honble Company but given up entirely to them by a Written Instrument dated in May 1733, the latter was for a Debt which We before informed you, the Prince of Chinnietka's connexions & pretences had never yet adjusted - We are the more confirmed in this Opinion from the contradiction that appears in the Nabob's two Letters, in the first saying "Dammapatam and the other Places "belonging to the Rajah which you have taken by fou" "and in the second "the Province of Dammapatam" which was mortgaged for Debt" We before acquainted you that We had not attempted the Defending of Dammapatam for the Reason assigned by our Commanding Officer, We should however at all events have objected to such a Measure, as our Conduct was before fully approved by our Superiors at Bombay when the said Prince on like manner took from us the Province of Rhaudaterah and telling

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ies that We must avoid by every means committing any Act that might tend to involve the Honble the Company on Disputes with the Country Powers — Matters in their Respects have Remained much on the same State as at the time of your last Dispatch. Dammapatam is still in the hands of the Prince & People but they have not hitherto taken any further Steps to Molestus — The Prince of Shorikal Brother has this day written to our Resident informing him that the Prince had left Ellur and arrived at the District of Pallicatchery where on the 9th Instant M: C: and 19th C: C: he was siezed with a Fever and a Sickness at the Stomach and Died at a little after Ten the same Night. From the Nabobs Perwannah Conduct we have every reason to suspect that he will take the late Prince of Shorikal Districts into his own hands, and that he will also keep the Island of Dammapatam — We deem it necessary to inform you of these circumstances from which you will be able to determine what Steps are necessary to be taken — We must also before request your forwarding a Copy of this Dispatch &c: to the Honble the Governor General and the Honble the Governor at Bombay, in order that

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that they may be fully appriezed from time to time
of our Real Situation.—

We are with the greatest Respect

&c— &c— &c—

" William Lewis

(Signed) " G. Paterson

" L Shaw

Tellicherry
28th June 1788.—

Copy of a Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry to the Nabob Tippoo
Sultaun Bahauder dated the 8th June 1788 after Compliments

I have been favored with your
Highness's Letter and understand the Contents &
thereof. I cannot avoid expressing my Surprize that
Rewyerma, Rajah of Cherikal, should Represent
to you that the English had taken Dharmapatam
& other places by Force from him — when it is well
Known to all the World that the Company never
took any thing from him by Force, but that
so long ago as the Year 1734 & 1735 that Dharmapatam
& the other places the Company possess were made
over to them by regular grant from Odeyerma. It is
therefore more astonishing that the Raime with
your Highness's Authority which is directly contrary
to the 1st Article of the Treaty of Peace entered &
into with your Highness in March 1784 should &

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take by Force the Island of Dunmapatam which he yesterday did without any Reference being made either to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, or Bombay, as he is not however in any Power to Act or without Orders from my Superiors, I immediately sent advices to all those Places of every thing that had been done — I make no Doubt on Receipt of this, on Account of the Friendship that should subsist & continue between your Highness & the Honble Company, that you will send positive Orders to your Tributary the Prince of Cherrickul to withdraw in a peaceable manner the Force with which he now has taken possession of the Island of Dunmapatam, & that you will prevent his infringing in future on the Treaty of Peace entered into by your Highness —

I have the Honor to be
with great Esteem
Sir
Your most obedient
& most humble Servant
(Signed) Lawrence Shaw

A True Copy!

Copy of a Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry to the Prince of Cherrickul dated the 8th June 1788 after Compliments —

I have received your Letter accompanying one from Tippoo Sultaun, to whom I have sent an Answer. I am greatly surprized that you should send your Armed people to take possession of the Island of Dunmapatam, such Conduct being contrary to the

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The Treaty of Peace entered into between Tippoo
the Treaty of Peace entered into between Tippoo
Sultaun, whose Subject you are and the Honble
Company in the Month of March 1784 C.E. I have
represented the same to the Governments of Bengal,
Madras & Bombay, to whom I have also sent a
Copies of Tippoo Sultaun's and your Letter, whose
Orders I shall wait. & in the Meantime expect
you will order your people to evacuate the places
they have taken, & I do hereby protest against
you for all Losses the Honble Company have already
sustained or may hereafter sustain by your so
breaking the Treaty of Peace; which however notwith
standing what you have done, I shall still endeavour
to preserve inviolate on my part.—

A true Copy!

L. Shaw Secry

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun to
William Lewis Esq. Chief of Tellicherry received the 25th June 1788

After Compliments.—

I have perused your Letter and understood
all that you say therein. You desire me to order
Rajah Rampurroma to evacuate the Provinces of
Durmapatam without doing any Mischief to
the Inhabetants—when the said Rajah wrote
to me that he had on his profession the Original
Obligation

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obligation by which the Province of Cunnapatam was
Mortgaged for Debt. I wrote as well to Rajah Rayerooma
as to you four or five times to settle the Accounts which
were between you according to Reason and Justice, and
in this manner the Accounts between you should be
settled. I hope you will always write me the Notice of
your health. Made this 13th of the Month Makelapurval
in the year 1216 written by Seshoraien moneyp.

A True Copy
(signed) L. Shaw Secy

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing be
sent immediately to Bombay.

Copy to Bombay

Read the following Proceedings of
the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
28th July 1788.

Report of the Hospital Board stating the Necessity there was for the appointment of the assistant Surgeons made in the Country. Inclosing List of the Medical Establishment & requesting that Letters of Instruction may be furnished them from Mess.rs Hall & Wellesley and Boulton

The Hospital Board have the honor to inclose the present state of the Medical Establishment agreeable to the Orders of the 16th Instant, and to remark in answer

to

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In the General extracts from the
General Letter from the Honble
the Court of Directors, transmitted
by Government, that the Gentlemen
whom they have recommended as
Assistant Surgeons, do no more
than fill up the Vacancies that
have happened by Death or
Otherwise, since their Institution,
which they have enumerated to
shew the absolute necessity there
was for such appointments, as
otherways a Number of Stations
& Garrisons so removed from a
Medical Aid, must have been left
Destitute; the Casualties are as
follows.-

M. Sinclair Dead
M. Davis Dead
M. Gardner pensioner
M. Whyte resigned
M. Turing resigned
M. Pringle Dead
M. Mallet dismissed
M. Simpson home on leave

M.

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Mr. Weston dead

Mr. Ferrier resigned

Mr. Howel home on leave

Mr. Gillespie home on leave

Mr. Blackadder home on leave

Mr. Ruddiman with the Nabob

Mr. Simmons Invalided

Mr. Stein dead

Mr Kincaid home on leave &
in all 17 Vacancies, the number
of Assistant Surgeons that have
been appointed are 22. 4 of whom
are now off the list.

Mr. Vaughan resigned

Mr. Brae never joined & Struck off

Mr. Gafford absent without leave

Mr. Baird gone to China for his health

So that there are not more now
on the Establishment appointed
in the Country than were when
the Board was established -

This presumed unnecessary
to represent to Government how
inadequate the number of Surgeons
were at their Institution to give
Relief in many parts where Troops
were

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were Stationed, and how fatal
the consequences would have
been, if after so many Casualties
those young men had not been
appointed, of which Government
were fully sensible when they
were pleased to confirm the re-
commendation of the Hospital
Board in respect to the re-
cruits, the Hospital
Board replied both
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Court of Directors
dated March 28 1788 refusing
their

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List of the Medical Gentlemen on this Establishment

Doctor James Anderson Physician General
Coolley Lyon Lucas Chief Surgeon
William Duffin Head Surgeon
William Raine Surgeon Black Town
William Gordon Deceased
George Binney Head Surgeon Masulipatam Hospital
David Simpson Home on Leave
Neal Main Head Surgeon Trichinopoly Hospital
Terence Gahagan Head Surgeon Vellore Hospital
Finlay Ferguson 2d Regiment European Vellore
Thomas Howel Home on Leave
William Roxborough Appointed by Permission of Government.
Robert Rollo Cuddalore
John Briggs Vizagapatam
Jeremiah Addenbrooke 1st Batt. of Artillery
Job Budmans Apothecary
James Richardson Surgeon
Alexander Watson Pallamcotah
Joshua Gillespie Home on Leave

Alexander

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Alexander Blackadder Home on leave
Anthony Lemoens Invalided
William Ruddeman with His Highness the Nabob
George Ogilvy Madura
Alexander Anderson Committee of Circuit
George Anderson Ongole by Order of Government
Maxwell Thompson 4th Regiment of European Army
Thomas Lord 2d Regiment Artillery Wanicore
Edward Stuart 1st Regiment European Sick Hospitaly
Patrick Bowie 3d Regiment Vellore.

Assistant Surgeons

Henry Miller Medical Storekeeper Masulipatam
Robert Trotter Medical Storekeeper Sick Hospitaly
Charles Ogilvie Vizagapatam.
John Kennaid Home on leave
John Walker Maddepollam and Ingeram
Henry Harris Medical Storekeeper General
Hospital Madras
George Bell Negapatam
Alexander Seawright Medical Storekeeper Vellore
John Laird Tanjore
Andrew Berry General Hospital Madras

George

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George Lepper General Hospital Madras
Michael Corbet 1st Batt. Artillery
George Baird gone to sea for his health
John Campbell 4th Regiment Cavalry Arcot
Fourke Moore 1st Regiment European Trichinopoly
Bernard Macmahon 11th Battalion Sepoys
James Ramsay 1st Regiment Cavalry Arcot
James Reid 7th Battalion Sepoys Trichinopoly.
George Fergieson 4th Regiment Europeans
Charles Flemming 18th Battalion Sepoys Cuddalore
John Ingles 3d Regiment Cavalry Arcot
Thomas Gifford 2d Battalion Artillery Walajabad.
Absent without leave -
Alexander Boswell 27th Battalion Condapolly
John Bannantine 2d Regiment Cavalry Trichinopoly
James Cameron 15th Battalion Amboor
John Duncan 1st Regiment Cavalry
George Baillie Dispensary Fort St. George
Joseph Copeland 2d Regiment Europeans at
Ellore -
Morres Fitzgerald 6th Battalion Walajabad
Alexander Dow 28th Battalion Sepoys
William Todd not arrived -

Robert

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Robert Little General Hospital Maudapatam
Thomas Thackeray 13 Battalion Sepoys
Samuel Barber 22 Battalion Sepoys
James Bengham Not Arrived
George Nelson Not Arrived
Henry Morris 20th Battalion Sepoys
William Norman General Hospital Madras
John Loudamon Hathway General Hospital
Trichinopoly
John Cooper Not Arrived
William Pearson Not Arrived
Francis Duncan 10 Battalion Sepoys Tanjore
Alexander Mackenzie Not Arrived
Thomas Thiesprand not Arrived
Valentine Connelly not Arrived
Whitelaw Ainslie not Arrived
Andrew Paton General Hospital Madras
Thomas Pollard 3. Regiment Europeans Vellore
Alexander Alexander 23 Battalion Sepoys
James Johnstone 3. Battalion Sepoys Tiagar
James Bondy General Hospital Trichinopoly
John Thomson 1st Battalion Sepoys Tanjore
James Steele 4th Battalion Sepoys Palagatcad

Robert

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Robert Gallaway General Hospital Masulipatam

Robert Stuart Not Annexed –

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(signed) Edwd Atkinson Secy

Ordered that such Part of the

Minute thereon – foregoing Minutes of the Hospital Board as relate to the Command of the Court of Directors be extracted and transmitted to Europe by the dispatches now preparing –

The Draft of the General Letter

General Letter to the Court of Directors via Bengal –

to the Court of Directors to go viâ Bengal

Approved – is now read and Approved, and Ordered to be

Copied fair –

The President lays before the

Board the following Copy of a Letter written

by the Governor General to Tippoo and

transmitted by Lord Cornwallis to the

Rt Honble –

To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 5 July 1788

From Lord Cornwallis to Tippoo Sultaun informing him that a Treaty of Peace is concluded between the Kings of Great Britain & France

I have heard with the Astonishment from the Governor of Madras, that the Rajah of Travancore has dared to assault the Company's Settlement

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Settlement at Tellicherry on the Coast of Malabar.

You, who are a Prince of great power, will be sensible, that such Behaviour must deservedly draw my Resentment upon him; and as the Rajah is a Tributary to your Crown, I am persuaded that from your Regard to the Friendship and Treaty subsisting between you and the Company, you will not only Approve of the Orders that I have given to punish him, but also give the Aid of your Authority to force him to make ample Reparation for this Outrage, as well as to pay the large Balance in which he has long been indebted to the Honourable Company.—

It is known to the whole World that since my Arrival to take Charge of the Supreme Control of the Company's Affairs, I have paid the most scrupulous Regard to the Faith of Treaties; and have conducted myself in every other Respect, towards the Princes of Hindostan according to the Principles of Moderation and Justice, and it is my earnest desire to Continue to live in Tranquility and Friendship with them

You

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You are well acquainted with the Duties of a Chief Ruler, that you will know it to be equally incumbent upon me to be Watchful of the Honour and Interest of the English Nation, and not to suffer an Injury or Insult from any Power whatsoever to pass unresented.

I therefore in my Determination, and by the Blessing of God, the Forces under my Command are sufficient to enable me to take Satisfaction for all Injuries that may be offered by Enemies, and to shew Kindness and protection to our Allies and Friends.

I have no doubt of your giving your hearty Assistance to bring the Rajah of Cherika to proper Punishment, and shall always be happy in receiving friendly Letters from you.

Ordered that Copy of the following be sent to Europe as a Number in the Packet

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The President writes the following

Minute.—

President's Minute
29th July 1788.—

President Minute on the Subject of the present Situation of Affairs at Tanjore Recommends that a Civil Servant be appointed with Powers from Government to enquire, investigate, and Report and State the Reasons formed given such Powers to the present President

His with sincere Concern that the President finds himself under the indispensible Necessity of calling the Attention of the Board to a Minute Consideration of the present State of the Tanjore Affairs, and not only to reflect upon the Measures most expedient to be pursued in order to obviate the present alarming deficiency in the Revenues of that Country, but also to prevent similar Embarrassments in future.—

The repeated and too well founded Representations of the Resident at Tanjore have for along Time past convinced the President that the Impressions of Gratitude on the Mind of the Rajah, for his unexpected Elevation to the Musnud, have been too weak to resist a Passion for Profusion and Extravagance, and that the solemn Promises which

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. which had been made by him on being restored
to the Rights of his Birth were forgot almost
as soon as the President quitted the Tanjore
Country. The Records will shew, that the
President has not been inattentive to these
Representations of Misconduct in the Rajah,
and that he has contenanced to enforce, &
admonish, and remonstrate as Circumstances
appeared to him most likely to give Effect, or
rousing the Rajah to a Sense of Gratitude,
or an Apprehension of the severe Displeasure
of Government. -

Besides the constant Public
and Private Address to the President of
Tanjore on this important Subject, the
President has leave to refer to his Correspondence
with the Rajah, which commenced so early
as the 14th of June 1787, when he found it
occasion to admonish His Excellency to be
more punctual in the Payment of his Rents,
and in attending to the Cultivation of the
Country. To which the Rajah on the 22 July
following made a very favourable Reply -

From

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From that Period for several Months there was an Appearance of Exertion in the Rajah to discharge his Engagements, but this Exertion was of short Duration, & he endeavoured the President to address His Excellency in the Strong and pointed Language on the 6th of March last, when he accused him of unpardonable & Neglect in his stipulated Payments, and & forewarned him of the Evils which must & arise from the Pursuit of a Conduct so irregular & and irregular &c.

Another Address still stronger & than the former was sent to the Rajah on the 12th of May by which he was again & charged with Neglect of his Engagements to the Company, and almost lavish Waste of the Public Money, which ought to have been & applied to the Payment of his Rents; expressing him at the same Time, that he was well acquainted with the Penalties imposed by the Treaty in the Event of Failure in paying his Rents.

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sent along An answer to what had been written to him, expressed great Concern at the Delay in making his Payments, as well as the Uneasiness he had occasioned to Government, and stated various but unsubstantial Causes which occasioned those Delays. The Rajah assured the President however, that the Money due would be forthwith paid, and craved a Delay of one Month to fulfil his Engagements. That he would immediately dispatch his Vackeel to Madras to satisfy the Governor as to his Resources, and furnish every Thing in a just and proper Manner.—

The Vackeel did not make his Appearance at Madras 'till towards the End of June, previous to which the President on the 25th of that Month, wrote every pointed Letter to the Rajah demanding immediate Payment of the Arrears; and intimated that if that was not done forthwith, Measures would be taken to secure the Company's Just

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To the last mentioned Letter the Rajah replied on the 4th of July by informing the Governor that he had sent his Vackeel and Sheroffs to Madras, who would provide Money and pay it into the Company's Treasury without Delay.

Inclosed is the Vackeel shewing a Disposition to execute the Promises of his Master in this respect, he thought it sufficient to present to the President an exact account of the Collections of last Year, which he acknowledged to amount to the Sum of Pagodas 7,50,000, the Expenditure of which he accounts for as follows:-

Paid to the Company		2,30,000.
Paid Money borrowed to discharge last Years Kist	1,60,000.	
Interest thereon	15,000.	
Advanced to the Farmers on Account of Cultivation for next Season	45,000.	
The Rajahs Expences & Charges	2,50,000.	7,50,000

With Respect to this State, the President has only to remark, that from the last

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best Information he has every Reason to believe, &
that the Collections are very considerably undervalued.
Having in this Way attempted to
account for the Expenditure of last Years &
Collections, the Vackeel declared his Master &
readiness to borrow Money to discharge his
Arrears, and that he has no other Means of
making Provision for them.

The Rajah's Letter of the 16th Instant
confirms his total Inability to make good his
Payments, and the President recommends these
Circumstances in order to bring the Progress
& overall as the present State of the Business
fully under Review and that a Decision &
may more easily be formed on what is most
proper to be done in the Emergency to which
the Rajah's Affairs are now reduced.

The Board are well informed of the
heavy and accumulating Arrears due to the
Company on account of the Tanjore Rents.
Arrears which are monthly increasing, without
even a Prospect of Payment from that Quarter.
Bills drawn upon Tanjore for the Rents of
March

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. Marets are yet unpaid, for although they have been accepted, the Sowcars refuse to pay them & pleading their total Inability, and alledging that the Rajah has actually failed in his Engagements, to remit them Funds from Tanjore for that purpose. His Debt to the Company at this Time amounts to but so far from being in a Situation to discharge any Part of this Sum in the course of the Year, that in all Likelihood, this Amar may be greatly encreased before the End of the Season, until other Measures were adopted than those which have been pursued for some Time past in the Tanjore Country.

The last Letter from the Rajah sufficiently discribes his present Situation Having exhausted his Resources by Folly and Profusion, and lost the Faith and Confidence of those who could assist him in his Distress, he is compelled to make an Avowal of his Incapacity to perform his Engagements. He has even declared, that the People cannot rely upon his Assurances; and calls on Government to assist him with their Sanction in mortgaging

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President is convinced that certain Policy as well as absolute Considerations of Justice require that every other Expedient, which can be used with safety should be tried before the Penalty is enforced.

Under these Explanations and in with these Sentiments the President has drawn up the following Plan which he submits to the Board as involving the fewest difficulties in its execution, and most likely to be attended with advantage of any other arrangement which he would think advisable at this time.

With every favourable Sentiment towards the Resident Mr. Macleod who the President has the honor to recommend to their Masters, He must admit, that his misconduct in Travancore, Cochin and Dubois at Tanjore, have at by any movement quelled the Disorders which are Mr. Macleods Virtue and Attention and gave reason to expect. The Rajah indeed seems to Favor, could return bounds to the gratifying of Friendship however mild and virtuous they of pursuit, and the

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Barrier by which the President attempted to re-
strain his Intemperance.—

The Intervention of unforseen re-
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to act in defiance of the Power of the President;
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at any thing like an Idea of Neglect on
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a change of System, and at the same time a change
in the means by which the wished for Alteration
are to be effected.—

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With every favourable Sentiment towards the Revd. Mr. Maulet who the President has the honor to recommend to that Station, He must admit, that his misfortunes at Tanjore, have not by any means recalled the Precedents to his Memory which are Mr. Maulets Virtues and Abilities and give reason to expect the Rajah intends to make Amends for his late unbecoming conduct to the professing Christians however void and unmeaning they [illegible]

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With every favourable Sentiment towards the Resident Mr Macleod who the President had the honor to recommend to that Station, He must admit, that his conclusion concerning the irregularities & abuses at Tanjore, have not by any means qualified the President to confirm nor have they [illegible] such as Mr Macleods vigilance and Attention [illegible] and gave reason to expect. The Rajah and Brahmins with Power, & could set no bounds to the gratifying of their desires however wild and unwarrantable of success, and the

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with a degree of Power and Authority superior to the Controul which the President has been in use to exercise. These Advantages would be still further improved if the Person chosen by the Board to proceed from the Seat of Government, to see their Resolutions carried into Execution, is one, who has held very high appointments, and who from being called to this Trust will carry with him an unquestionable proof of his possessing the Confidence as well as the Power of this Government, to ensure a prompt and faithfull execution of their Instructions.—

The President will now proceed to state to the Board what he conceives are the principal points of reform and correction, to which the present measure should apply: and the next Line of execution which should be given to the Person whom Government may appoint to Act at Tanjore, in the present deranged State of that Government.

The Person, by whatever Name it may be thought proper to distinguish his appointment,

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but with whom for the present the President shall call Commissioner, as charged with a Commission from Government, should be the bearer of a Letter to the Rajah, explaining the necessity of the Interference of Government and informing him, that the President in Council has thought proper to delegate authority to this Servant of the Company, to enquire, investigate and reform.—

He should accordingly be invested with full and Confidential Powers, to act as variety of Circumstances, shall appear to him most expedient for the accomplishment of the important Objects of his Mission, at the same time the President will recommend, that the following outline be adopted for the Spirit of his Instructions, which may be filled up, or extended as Government in discussing the subject may think proper.

The President apprehends that the principal Points of investigation, information and reform may be defined under these general heads.—

To

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or some other formal Instrument for the purpose of Liquidating the Arrears now due, and for securing for two or three years to come the punctual payment of the Subsidy agreeable to Treaty, or until the expiration of the year 1791.

The President will on that time take upon him to say, what may be the best mode of managing the Districts so made over to the Company, from the Decrease which has attended the Management by Company's Servants in the Inghire and Northern Circars. The President is much disposed to recommend this mode in preference to any other, but either one the other Sunnud, he considers the ascendance which the Rajah would feel to acquiesce in so open and direct an innovation of the Customs of this Country, the total Change of which must effect in their Government, and the appearance it would have to all the Native Powers of this being totally removed from the Station of their Ancestors, his wishes

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from recommending this mode, and wishes rather to hold his Judgement in suspence, until he can receive such full information as the Government will have a right to expect from the Person whom they may appoint to the temporary Superintendancy of the Company's Interests at Tanjore —

Another great and very important object which the President proposes should make a very essential part of the Commissioners Instructions, is to obtain an Accurate Account of the situation and value of all the Lands, Privileges, Immunities and Villages, which have been given away to Pagodas Braminy, Fakeers and other Individuals by the late as well as the present Rajah — It is notorious that these grants have been a very great source of abuse, and that the Revenues of Government have suffered a very great and unnecessary diminution from this cause. It is equally well known to the People of that Country that these Alienations have generally taken place

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in favour of those who had nothing else to recommend them, but their ready compliance with the views or follies of the Prince; some of the Covert menial Servants of the former Rajah, &c is currently reported, were rewarded with Cowries on the Country &c. a considerable amount, When Government is made acquainted with the Nature, extent, and every other circumstance attending those Alienations from the Public Revenue, they will be competent to determine, how far it may be just and expedient to resume them, and the Consideration that may be due to some particular Circumstances of merit, or which the Munificence of the Tanjore Rajahs may have been prosperly bestowed. —

From the Nature of the Information which is expected from the Commissioner and the effect which his Communications must naturally have, on the Subsequent Measures of Government, it follows that every means should be afforded him of obtaining the best and most authentic lights upon all these Subjects to

which

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which the influence and Authority of Government can put him in possession of. The President therefore recommends that the Rajah be required to direct his Ministers, Accountants, Farmers and Amildars to give every assistance to the Commissioner in his investigations, and on no Account whatever to attempt to impede his enquiries, or to counteract him in executing the Instructions of Government, under pain of the severest displeasure. That all the Revenue Accounts, Accounts of Collections and Accounts of Expenditure, must be open to his Inspection, and the Servants of the Rajah employed in those departments of Government, be ready to attend and assist his enquiries when called upon.

The President does not bring the Measure before the Board as a Plan perfectly matured and digested in all its parts, but as the exigency of this important consideration, will not admit of much longer delay, he feels it to be his indispensible Duty to bring the Subject into discussion, and to offer to the

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Absent Members of this Government & General Description, or Out Line, of what appears to them, from the result of all their information, to be the best adopted Plan, for the connection of present Evils and Safeguard against them in future —

(signed)
Archd. Campbell
" " " "

The President moves that Mr. Petrie be appointed the Commissioner for carrying into Execution the Plan contained in the above Minute for the Arrangement of the Tanjore Country, and that the Treasury Instructions be prepared for him without Loss of Time.

President Moves that Mr. Petrie be appointed Commissioner for the Purposes contained in the Minute

The President declares to the Board that he has made Choice of Mr. Petrie from a Conviction that he is particularly & well qualified to execute this Service, from his Local Knowledge, — his high Rank in the Service, and the distinguished Stations he has filled in it — and adds, that Mr. Petrie can

The Reasons for recommending Mr. Petrie

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can be spared without Inconvenience for a short Time from the Duties of his Employ, and that his going to Tanjore will not create any additional Expence to the Honorable Company by a New Appointment.—

The Board unanimously Concur in the Reasoning contained in the Presidents Minute, and acquiesce in his Recommendations of Mr. Petrie— Resolved Accordingly, that the Secretary be directed to apprize Mr. Petrie of his Nomination, and to desire him to prepare for the Journey, that he might set out, as soon as Instructions can be drawn out for him.—

Approved—

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (entered in C. C. No 79) expressing his regret that no Answer has yet been given to the request Contained in his Letter of the 10th June entreating a Compliance with it and Requesting his Reliance on the Company's Protection.—

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.—

Read a Letter from Mr. Raine, Surgeon (entered in M. S. No 83) requesting that the Memorial lately delivered in by him may be transmitted to Europe as a Number in the Packet.

From Mr. Raine Surgeon.—

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Minute thereon.

Ordered Accordingly

The President in his Character

of Commander in Chief recommends that Mr.

Mr. Mortimer Sticht appointed a Conductor

Mr. Mortimer Sticht Lewis be appointed a Conductor

Sticht Lewis

The Board acquiesce in the Mr.

recommendation of the Commander in Chief.

and in consequence Agreed that Mr. Lewis

be announced as a Conductor in General Orders.

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Arch. Campbell

John Holland

Jas. H. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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The Packet to England - Via Bengal closed -

The General Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors of this Date having been signed by the respective Members of Government — ordered, that the Packet be closed. —

Received the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

at

Fort S^t George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal — acknowledging the receipt of Letters on the Subject of accounts relative to the King's Troops remarks thereon; enclosing Statements from Mr Burke

We have received your Letters of the 22^d of April, & 10^th of May, in answer to ours of the 21^st March last, upon the Subject of accounts relative to the King's Troops. —

It would have been very satisfactory to us to have obtained the two abstract accounts required in our Letter of the 21^st of March, but we are convinced from that addressed to you by the Committee which you appointed to investigate those accounts that at least one of the abstract Accounts, namely, that of the Extraordinaries, cannot be otherwise completed, than by pursuing the Detail in which the Committee are engaged. —

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the Committee are engaged;

The other abstract Account, namely that of Kings Subsistence, appears to be of less difficult investigation, and however useful the account of Extraordinaries would be, we consider the account of Kings Subsistence as by far the most material of the two.

In the abstract Statement of subsistence &c as furnished by the Committee and inclosed in your Letter of the 10th of May, We remark that the first Payments of Subsistence stated to have been made to the 23 Regiment of Light Dragoons, and to the 101st and 102d Regiments of Infantry were in September or October 1782, the periods probably at which those Troops arrived at your Presidency; Bubna subsistence is stated to have been paid sooner than April and June 1783 to the 73 and 78th Regiments which were up on your Establishment in 1781 before the Act passed, or had effect - We wish to have the Cause of this Circumstance explained.

When in our Letter of the 25th of March We required the name of the person, to whom the Issues of Kings Subsistence had been made, we did so with a View to ascertain how far the Amount

Stated

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1st stated by you to have been advanced agreed with the amount stated to have been received by the different Persons to whom the Payments were made on account of the Crown.

We observe by an account delivered to us by Mr. Burke that from and after the 24th of October 1783 all Issues of Kings Subsistence to His Majesty's Troops under your Presidency passed through him, and that before this period he states from information the Sum of Sixty Six thousand nine hundred & ninety nine Pounds Sterling Fifteen Shillings & five pence, £ 66999..15..5. had been issued for Kings Subsistence to His Majesty's different Regi: ments from the Dates of their arrival at your Presidency.

Mr. Burke has also furnished us with an account of the different Sums which he states that he has received from your Presidency on account of the Kings Subsistence.

We enclose Copies of these accounts, which We wish should be immediately examined in order to ascertain how far they correspond with your actual advances, or in what respects the two differ.

The Committee, in their Letter to you of the 16th of May have taken notice that their

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1st Statement of subsistence &c. goes as far as the Military Paymaster's Books are made up, and indeed "till the exact period, when the accounts of those payments were "transferred from the Company's Pay office to that of "the Kings" and you have forwarded to us two Letters from Mr. Mitford, Mr. Burke's Deputy with an account of the Disbursements, of Mr. Burke's office from the 25th of February to the 25th of August 1787. Mr. Mitford referring to his Principal, Mr. Burke, for the accounts of his Disbursements, prior to the 25th February 1787 which he says have been transmitted to Mr. Burke's office at Calcutta "with Vouchers to support the same."

We are sorry to observe that, in this particular, the Committee appear to have misunderstood the object of the investigation; for we do not require the account, or Vouchers, of Mr. Burke's Disbursements, we require the account of monies paid by you to him, & acknowledged by him to have been received on account of King's Subsistence, that it may be stated against the Sum claimed according to Act of Parliament for His Majesty's Troops serving in India.

Mr. Burke's Statement of his receipts upon this account can only afford partial Information upon the State of the account. To have it made up regularly &

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upon such principles as will be required, in those Departments, either here or at home, to which the adjustment of the business may be finally committed; it becomes necessary that you should state the account of the issues & that Mr. Burke should acknowledge the receipt of them.

In short it is our Intention, to prepare one General account of Payments made here, at your Presidency and at Bombay, of all Sums advanced by the Company towards the King's Subsistence for His Majesty's Troops serving in India, since the 25th of June 1781.

We hope that this account from the period of the institution of Mr. Burke's Office will be clear & correct, & agreed to on both sides without hesitation as far as it respects the advances made to him here and at Fort St. George But the advances made at Bombay, and at your Presidency, prior to the 25th October 1783, must specify to whom the Payments were made & the nature of the Vouchers received for them.

We have the honor to be,
&c &c

Fort William
the 9th July 1788

[Signed] Cornwallis
J Shore

Mr Shore

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Upon the Receipt of the foregoing, the following Letter was immediately sent to the Committee for investigating the accounts of the King's Troops.

To Messrs Roebuck & Torin

Committee for investigating the accounts of His Majesty's Troops.

To the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops, Encl: ing Copy of the above Letter, and Enclosure—

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to enclose Copy of a Letter just received from Bengal and to desire your particular attention to it's Contents—I also enclose the accounts which accompanied it, and

I am &c.

Fort St George
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/Signed/ John Chamiers Secy

Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Mr. Cockburn.

From Mr. Cockburn with a Return of Draught & Carriage Bullocks on hand, & remaining the 1st August

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before you

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I a return of the Honorable Company's Draught & Carriage Bullocks on service & remaining this Day.

The Extra Carriage Employed is as follows

	Draught Bullocks	Carriage
With Captain Dunwoodys Detachment for Camp equipage Ordnance & Garrack & Provisions for the Europeans	114	248
Ordered for the intended Detachment in the neighbourhood of Mellon 300 of which are now Employed with Captain Dunwoody's Detachment carrying Rice for the Sepoys		3000
Ordered to Complete the Ordnance Department for the intended Detachment		760
Ordered to Complete the Commissary General of Provision's Department for the intended Department		216
Total	1090	3224

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All the Bullocks not with Captain Dunwoodys Detachment are ordered to the neighbourhood of Otterpatam. I have the Honor to remain

Honble Sir,

your most Obedient & faithfull Humble Servant,

Signed Tho Cockburn

Madras
1st August 1788

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Return of Company's Bullocks and Carts Employed on Service on 1st August 1788

Dates when sent		Bullock Carts	Small Bullocks	Draught Bullocks	Sumpr Bullocks
1787					
May — —	Sent with Colonel Campbell to Hydrabad				26
1788 January 1st	Employed at the Mount	2	"	4	— "
February 15th	Sent with Captain Close's Detachment	"	"	"	15
27	Sent with Mr. Topping on a Survey	4	"	8	8
April 22	Sent with Tent with a Detachment from Arnee to Chengamah	"	"	"	6
May 12	Sent with Arrack and Provisions for the use of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment	"	2	"	"
June 11	Sent with 4th Battalion of European Infantry ordered from Walaujabad to Arnee detained there	1	"	2	"
17	Ordered to Arnee for bringing Grain 2 Trips	"	"	"	400
July 1st	Sent with Arrack and Madras for the use of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment	"	"	"	35
	Sent with 1st Battalion native Infantry to Marut Upalam and Ellore	"	"	"	50
7	Sent with Arrack for the use of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment	"	5	"	"
11	Sent with Arrack to Arnee	"	"	"	16 38
15	Sent with Clothing to Vellore	"	"	"	15
23	Sent with Arrack for the use of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment	35	45	"	"
26	Sent with Arrack for the use of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment	11	"	"	"
28	Sent with Clothing to Trichinopoly	"	"	"	3
		53	68	52	558
	Remaining at Madras & Walaujabad	163	32	948	442
	Total	216	100	1000	1000

Received from the Store 216 — 100

213 of the number of Carts remaining on the Establishment are unfit for Service

E. E.

Sign'd Tho.s Ockburn

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Received the following Letter from Captain Lieutenant Torin, on service, purchasing Horses on the Malabar Coast.

To the Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor and Commander in Chief
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Captain Lieut.t Torin, with account Current for the purchase of Horses on the Malabar Coast.

I have the Honor to enclose you a General Return, of the Horses purchased on Ac; account of the Honorable Company, with a particular one of those sent round in the Chichester Captain Blake, with the Price & Freight of each Horse.

I have the Honor to remain
Honble Sir,
your most obedient and
faithful Humble Servant
Signed John Torin
Capt.n Lieut.t Cavalry. A.C.G.

Bombay
July 5th 1788

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Dr. The Honble Company in account with Captain John Torin Cr

		Rupees	Dr.	R.
1788 June 30	To Tactnaum paid for 86 Horses as P General Return	19,744	..	..
April 29	To Tactnaum paid for Freight to Captain Blake of the Chichester for 54 Horses	5400	..	..
April 30	To Charges for Ship and Shipping on board the Chichester as P Vouchers Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. & 8	310	3	9
June 17	To Charges Crossing the Ombay or River Mayhie	50	..	..
	To Charges Crossing the Broach River for Boats and Coolies	100	..	..
	To Exchange drawn by Bills on the Resident at Bombay wherein the Country at Lymin & Dolcah where Money could not be transported with Safety in December & January	500. 2. 78		
		26102 1. 87		
		3897. 2. 13		
June 30	To Balance			
	Rupees	30,000	..	..

1787		Rupees	Dr.	R.
Dec. 31st	By Cash received at different times from the Ship and Pinnace at Surat	30,000	..	..
	Rupees	30,000	..	..

Bombay
Jan.y 30th 1788
E E P

Sign'd John Torin
Capt.n Lieut.t Cavalry
on the Service of Purchasing Horses

Sign'd August 1788

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I Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Gels—

John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Gels—relative to his situation in being withheld from the Command of the 1st Battalion of Artillery by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, who is a supernumerary Officer

I was favored with your Letter of the 4th January, in which I had not an opportunity to reply to from being employed at that time upon a Service of Inspection by Order of the Commander in Chief.

I am totally unacquainted, and wish for information of His Secretary, how far an individual may have a right to require, or Government to withhold from him a Communication of the Records on matters merely relating to himself, at the same time I have such respect and Confidence in the present Members of administration, that I cannot allow myself for a moment to suppose they mean or intend otherwise than to give me the fairest opportunity of asserting my rights and doing myself every justice in the eyes of my Honorable Employers, and which the Honorable Board are sensible I can alone be enabled to do, by having an unrestrained knowledge of every fact, as it is stated, for, or against me.

Under the foregoing Circumstances I beg you will do me the favor to lead the attention of His Excellency

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Excellency in Council to the very great hardship & loss I may sustain in not having been indulged at the time, with Copies of the Honble Boards proceedings sent by the Henry Dundas, and request they will be pleased to order that I may now, tho' late, meet with this indulgence.

You will likewise State to Government the disadvantage I labour under by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, who was declared Supernumerary in the Honorable Boards proceedings of the 25th September 1787, being still continued as Effective and in the Command of a Battalion Contrary to the usage of the Army and the repeated Orders of the Court of Directors, particularly those of the 25th September 1783 and 16th February 1787 wherein all Supernumerary Officers are directed to be subsisted on half Pay, and "be permitted to return home to their native Country "where they shall enjoy that allowance till the op- "portunities offer of restoring them to full Pay on the "Establishment" and the 20th Paragraph of the General Letter to Bengal Dated 14th March 1786, which I shall here take leave to transcribe as perfectly applicable to my own, and Lieutenant Colonel Sydenhams Situation.

"A misconstruction having been put on "the Orders Contained in the 18th Paragraph of our General Letter "to

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I "to your Presidency of the 14th April 1779 we think it
"necessary to declare that they extended no further than
"is implied by the words of the Paragraph itself, thus, If
"an Officer or Officers of any description / not absolutely
"become supernumerary in consequence of the newly
"adopted Military Establishment / shall be gone to
"Europe, the same shall be considered pro tempore, as an
"actual Vacancy or Vacancies and filled up accordingly as
"far as respects the Pay and Batta only by the next in standing,
"until the Return of the Officers who were the occasion of such
"temporary Vacancies — according to this explanation, the
"eldest Captain would receive the Pay & emoluments of
"a Major in the absence of an Officer of that Rank."

In order to provide for a number of Supernume-
:rary Majors, Captains and Subalterns upon the Bengal
Establishment, who did not chuse to go home on half Pay,
a further option was given them, but not to the detriment
of their Senior Officers, as has been the Case with Lieutenant
Colonel Sydenham, of being appointed to the Command
of Sepoy Battalions or to Corps, upon the Pay and allow-
:ance of the next inferior Rank, or to retire where they
pleased within the Province upon the half pay of their
own. There were no Supernumerary Lieutenant Colonels
in Bengal on the formation of the new Establishment
but the following Extracts from Minutes of Council & General
Orders, will, I apprehend, clearly point out to the Honble
Board, the intention & meaning of this option.

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April 5th 1786

Minute of Council in the Secret & Military Department of Inspection

"Resolved — That the other Majors of Infantry on Major's "Pay, and now Commanding 4 pay Regiments or Batt.ns "be placed on the list of Supernumeraries, unless they "should prefer remaining in their present Commands on "the Pay Batta and allowances of Captains. The Majors "on Captains pay now serving with any of the European "Regiments are to be struck off the Strength of those Corps. "It being by the resolution of Council left to the option of "the Majors on full Pay who now Command Battalions "of Sepoys, either to retain those Commands on the Pay & "allowances of Captains or to be placed on the list of "Supernumerary Majors with the half Pay and "allowances annexed to that Rank Such as are in the "above Situations are desired to signify their determi: "nation as early as possible to the Commander in Chief "through the Adjutant General The Officers now in the "Command of Battalions of Sepoys, are now to be con: "sidered on the footing of Captains, as well in respect to "Pay, Batta and allowances, as to Camp Equipage:

Minutes of Council in the Secret & Military Department 16th June 1786

"All Supernumerary Officers to be paid "by the Paymaster General".

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"The Supernumerary Captains are directed to
"send their determination to the Adjutant General on the
"option given them by Government, of being posted to the
"36 Battalions, according to the plan in the Arrangements
"of the 22d March last, and the remainder to European
"Battalions upon the terms specified in the 1st Paragraph
"of the foregoing Resolutions, or be put on the half Pay list,
"with the half Pay and half Batta of their Rank."

All the Supernumerary Lieutenants are
"in like manner to send their Determinations, whether
"they chuse to serve in the European Battalions as Ensigns
"on the Pay, Batta, and allowances of that Rank, or to
"be put on the half Pay list, on the half Pay & half Batta
"of their own Rank."

"The 20th September is the latest period fixed
"for receiving the determination of Officers on the option
"given them by Government, and Officers who do not
"transmit, so as to arrive by that time, will be put on
"the half pay list."

"The Supernumerary Officers of every
"Rank who prefer the half pay list, and the Supernumerary
"Subalterns, are desired to acquaint the General with the place
"where they intend to reside."

"The Officers coming under the above Des:
"criptions will draw their Pay and Batta as fixed by the
"Board in the manner prescribed by General Order under
"Date 29th March."

"In order to enable the Adjutant General

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"to supply with all possible Dispatch the List required
"by the Board in the 16th Resolution on the above minute
"of Council — all Officers who intend to retire to Europe on
"half pay are desired to send their names and Rank
"without delay."

"All Officers who mean to retire to Europe
"on half pay are desired to accompany their applications
"with the Paymasters Certificates agreeable to the forms
"prescribed by the regulations under Date the 11th October last."

"Vacancies occasioned by Officers resigning
"the Service or retiring to Europe on half Pay will not be
"filled up from the Supernumeraries List until Periods
"of Embarkations of such Officers"

"Supernumerary Officers who apply for the
"Commanders in Chiefs permission to take up their residence
"in any particular part of the Companys Provinces are
"not to draw the Boat allowance to convey them thither,
"but on their being nappointed to Corps they will be
"entitled to the Customary Boat allowance."

G.O. By Earl Cornwallis, 22d September 1786"

"The undermentioned Supernumerary
"Captains having on the option given to Officers of that
"Rank in the 7 minute of Council of the 24th July declared
"their preference in favor of being appointed to Corps or
"Lieutenants allowance are graded as follows —

Robert

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1 "Robert Gillaspie 1st Battalion Sepoys" "Lt. Gillanders 5th Batt. 4 Regt
"George Wood — 2d D — — D" "Thomas Clayton 6th —
V. V.

"It being directed in the Minutes of Council of the
"24th July, that the Supernumerary Captains who shall
"be appointed to Sepoy Battalions, be on the plan adopted by
"the Commander in Chief in the Arrangements of the 22d March
"last: It is accordingly Ordered that the Supernumerary
"Captains attached to a Battalion of Sepoys be not posted
"to any particular Company, or Rastes on Duty or Com:
"mand with any of the Subaltern Offices, but he is, if
"present, to Command every Detachment or Division of
"Two or more Companies of which the Commandant
"may not take Charge, or a less Force upon any
"particular occasion of Service."

"The undermentioned Supernumerary Lieut.ts
"having on the option given to Offices of that Rank
"in the Minutes of Council of the 24th July last, declared
"their preference in favor of being appointed to Corps on
"Ensigns allowance, are posted as follows — but there
"not being sufficient to complete the six European
"Battalions according to the Establishment ordered by the
"Court of Directors, the following Ensigns are appointed to
"supply the Deficiencies."

Lieutenant Phillip Baldwin
" Wm Cuppage } 1 European Battalion
" Chas. Christie
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1st "The Establishment of Ensigns for the Engineer
"Corps is Compleated with the following Officers according
"to the Resolution of Council relative to the Supernumerary
"Officers."

"Lieutenant Caldwell
" Stewart
" Egg
" Welsford
} who have applied to serve on Ensigns allowance

Lieutenant Daniel to Captain to have an Captain supernumerary being supernumerary on being posted to Lieut. as Major

"May 11th Captain Lieutenant Carnaigie to have an
"option of remaining Supernumerary, or of being posted
"to a Company as Lieutenant"

"William Shipton, Lieutenant, unless Captain Lieut.
"Carnaigie be posted as Lieutenant.

Daniel Lieut. Major unless Lieutenant Col. Lieutenant to be posted as Major

G. O. By Earl Cornwallis 4th July 1787

"Lord Cornwallis has been sorry to hear that
"several irregularities has been committed of late by some
"of the Supernumerary Officers who reside in the neighbour-
"hood of the Cantonments of Berhampour, and it has
"given him particular Concern to learn, that they have
"in some Instances so far forgot the rules of their profession
"as to behave with disrespect to the Commanding Officer
"of the Station."

"Acts of Violence and impropriety of
"behaviour, not only injure the private reputation of
"Gentlemen in the Company's Service, but in the eyes of the
"Natives they reflect discredit upon the National
"Character. His Lordship therefore directs, that the

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"Commanding officers of all the stations and Detach:
"ments of the army, shall keep the same Watchful Eye
"over the Conduct of the Supernumerary officers, who may
"reside within, or adjoining the limits of their respective
"Commands as upon that of the officers upon the Effective
"Strength of the Troops, and if any of these officers shall
"in their opinion deviate so far from the proper line of
"behaviour of officers and Gentlemen, as to render them
"deserving of public punishment, he desires that they
"may be sent under an Arrest with the necessary
"Witnesses to Fort William, where they will be tried by a
"General Court Martial."

G.O. By Earl Cornwallis 13th July 1787

"The Supernumerary officers of every Dis:
"cription who chuse to return to Europe this season on
"the Half pay of their respective Ranks in Conformity to
"the resolutions of Council of the 22d May and the 22d June
"1786, are required to send their names to the adjutant
"General's office before the 1st December, after which period
"no application will be attended to."

"The officers to express in their applications
"whether it is their intention to proceed to Europe on the
"Honble Company's Ships, or on Foreign Vessels, they are
"to accompany their applications with their Certificates,
"agreeably to the form prescribed by the regulations
"under Date 11th October 1785."

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I doubt not Mr. Secretary but there are a Variety of other instances that might be quoted as well from our Bengal as this Establishment, which I must depend on you to bring forward, & that you will at the same time do me the favor to state to the Honorable Board, the very great difficulty I find in coming at such Instances and being obliged to Extract these from orderly Books at Bengal, which at Madras can only be furnished with by the special permission of Government.

I am likewise perfectly aware, how all my Claims must sink to nothing when they appear in opposition to the opinion of the Commander in Chief, nor do I see by what means the rights of the Company's Military Servants can be well ascertained and preserved unless certain promotions in this Service is understood quite as invariable as in any of His Majesty's Corps, for example if Captain Brown of the 19th Light Dragoons could not with propriety be promoted to the rank of Major in the room of Major Affleck, gone to England, Major Sydenham for like Reasons, and from the 20th Paragraph of the Honorable Company's General Letter to Bengal Dated 14th March 1786 I should not have been promoted, but in, "as far as respects the Pay and Batta only" in my room.

I remain with respect,

E. E.

Signed Thomas Dils

Lieut

Fort St George
25th July 1788

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I Sent the following Letter

To the Honble Andrew Ramsay Esqr.

Governor in Council at Bombay

To Bombay - with Copy of a Letter just received from Tellicherry

Honble Sir,

I am commanded by the Honble the President in Council to enclose for your Information Copy of a Letter just received from the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry.

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

Fort St George
31st July 1788

Signed John Shannier Secy

To William Petrie Esqr.

To Mr. Petrie informing him of his appointment to Tellicherry - full Instructions for his Guidance are preparing

Sir, I am directed by the Honble President in Council to inform you, that he has come to the Resolution of investing you with authority for the Execution of some important Matters in the Country, and to desire you will prepare yourself to proceed thither without Loss of time.

The necessary instructions are drawing out, and will be delivered to you in a few Days.

I am, &c. &c.

Fort St George
31st July 1788

Signed John Shannier Secy

To

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To I. F. I. De Ravellet Esq.

A Member of Council

at

Juggernautporam

Sir

To Mr Ravellet.
at Juggernautporam
requesting he will
give his opinion
whether the appearance
of the Royal Arrival
Prosenner Indiaman
influenced the surrender
of Juggernautporam

I've a late Letter from the Court of Directors of the English East India Company it is stated that the owners and Commanders of the Ships Royal Admiral and Prosenner have presented a memorial to them requiring to be allowed a share of the prize money arising from the Capture of Juggernautporam in the late War as having been in sight of the place at the time and thereby influencing its surrender and it is desired that an Investigation of this point may take place.

With a View of procuring the necessary information on the Subject I beg leave Sir to request you will acquaint me whether you consider the two Ships above mentioned as Composing any part of the force that Came to reduce the place and whether their appearance influenced the Surrender of Juggernaut: Ponnany.

I have the H. Comr to be
Sr &c
(Signd) Arch. Campbell

Fort St George
29th July 1788

Recd the undermentioned Letters contents
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1 in M.B. for the month of august Nos. 1. 2. 3/

From Lieutenant Colonel Ross — enclosing

From Lieutenant Colonel Ross — Lieutenant Morris's account for reinstating the Buildings damaged by Lightening at Arcot amounting to Pagodas 265.40.50.

Ordered, that the above account be discharged —

Minute thereon

From the Committee of Stores at Vellore — with

From the Committee of Stores at Vellore — Proposals for furnishing Materials requisite for the Repairs at the Granaries and the Chief Surgeons House.

From the Commander of the Albion, desiring

From the Commander of the Albion — to know to whom he is to deliver the Spirits and other Necessaries sent on board his Ship for the use of Troops intended to have been embarked on her, and whether he can purchase the Sugar and 6 Casks of Brandy.

Sent the under mentioned Letters entered

in M.B. Nos. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10/

To the Commander of the Albion — with

To the Commander of the Albion — Permission to retain the Sugar and Brandy, discharging the Amount here — The remainder of the Spirits and Necessaries to be deposited in the Company's Stores.

To the Accountant General — enclosing

To the Accountant General — Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Dated the 30th April 1788 which contains an Arrangement approved by Government.

To

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1st

To Major Dugald Campbell the Accounts transmitted in his Letter of the 20th July have been sent to the military Pay master General with the necessary Instructions.

To Major Dugald Campbell

To the Resident at Ingeram & Maddepollam stating that Mr Walker, assistant Surgeon is permitted to draw full Batta while employed at both Stations.

To Ingeram & Maddepollam

3d To Captain Price Commanding the Cord- to accommodate with a Passage to Anjengo adjutant Neville of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

To the Commander of the Cord.

To Lieutenant Colonel Pitts informing him that the Subjects of his Correspondence with Government having been referred to the Court of Directors so long ago as to make it probable a Decision will be received this Season, it appears unnecessary to furnish him with the Documents which contain the Opinions and Reasonings of Government upon the Claims he has made.

To Lieutenant Colonel Pitts

4th

5th To Captain Buchanan of the Ranger with sailing Instructions.

To Captain Buchanan

Received the following Letter from General Horne.

To

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5th

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

From General Home, with Information respecting the Fort of Pollipettah, belonging to Sam Naick, and captured by Tippoo: some Suspicion that the Sheriqas of Shiriga has given Protection to the Illpachy Poligas.

Sir,

I have been honored with your Excellency's Letters of the 25th and 26th Instant, with their several Enclosures — The Letter addressed to the Nabob of Tippoo Sultaun I immediately dispatched by two trusty Harcarrahs with Instructions to proceed to whatever place he might be gone to, and to endeavour to obtain his answer to that dispatch; as there are still here two of Tippoo's Harcarrahs, waiting for an Answer to a Letter they brought from Tippoo, and which was forwarded to your Excellency by the post: — I shall detain them a few days longer, and should no further instruction arrive in consequence of my Letter of the 28th Instant, I shall inform them your answer has been sent by another Conveyance, and allow them to return, the usual allowance of Batta they regularly receive.

By accounts brought from Tippoo's Camp which arrived yesterday, he was then about to Cross to the Westward of Croade, in the high road towards the Gaz: zaratta pass, but it was Expected he would cross the Cauvery near Bovin Coral a Village near the River and proceed to Sankel Durgham, and from thence

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through the Tapoor pass — He has with him only a Body of Troops, which are his constant Guards, and which accompany him wherever he goes; This body of Troops, by the best Information I have been able to obtain consists of 1000 of his own Stable horse, and four Kylsums each of which contains three or four Rossaulaes, each Rossaulaw has five Guns attached to it. — I shall endeavour to obtain an Account of what Force he leaves on this side the Ghauts and where he is stationed, as soon as I possibly can, after Tippoo has got thro' the Passes.

I refer your Excellency to the inclosed for particulars respecting Tippoo's people having taken the little Fort of Pollipettah from the Ram Gherry Poligar, I understand from Sam Naicks Vackeel that Tippoo has left in it about 150 of his people and three small Guns; on making enquiry respecting Sam Naicks right to this Fort I understand that about 30 years ago some disputes arising between the Ram Gherry Poligar and the Carroor Shoosdar, the latter dispossessed the former of several Villages, & in order to protect the open Country they had seized, the Fort of Pollipetty which was built by the Carroor people. Soon after this was done, it happened that a party of Mysore horse joined the French, and threw a

Considerable

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5th Considerable Convoy of Provisions into Pondicherry,
when Sir Eyre Coote's army was Blockading that place
in 1760 – In consequence of this interference of the
Mysoreans – Captain Richard Smith then Comr:
in landing at Trichinopoly, received Instructions to
make a Diversion in the neighbouring Country dependent
on Mysore; & was in consequence of those Orders detached
with what Force could be spared from our small
Garrison, to drive off all the Cattle &c. he possibly could from
the neighbouring Country, and send them to the Coast
for the use of the army and Victualling the Fleet – This was
succeeded by an expedition set on foot to reduce the Fort of
Carore then a place of considerable importance, in which
Captain Smith took the Command – The Rain Gherry
Poligar joined Captain Smith with all his Forces, and
on the Surrender of Carore was put in possession of Polli,
Pettah, and some other small places he claimed as
belonging to him, which the Carrore Government had
taken from him, since which time he has had possession
of those places.

I beg your Excellency's excuse for taking
up so much of your time by so minute an account
of this trifling place but as Tippoo's taking possession
of it, in so summary a manner, may lead to
some serious discussion I conceived you would not

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5th. I'm Displeased at receiving some information respecting the place—

The Phousdar here has received orders from the Nabob, similar to those sent to the Madura Renter—He had previously to the receipt of those Orders assured me he had made very strict enquiries among all the Dependent Poligars of this place to know if any Dependents whatso-ever on Tippoo's Government, had taken refuge within their Districts and had received assurances from each that they were now in their respective Countries, that he had reason to believe that Chennah Murdah the Shenigar of Shevagungah had deceived him, and that he had given protection to the Illpachy Poligar, and had also supplyd him with money, he further adds he has again written to Chennah Murdah on the same subject, But as this man pays little Obedience to the Orders of the Circar, he cannot be answerable for his Compliance.

Shenigar.

Since writing the above I have received your Excellency's letter of the 27th and shall pay every attention to the Contents of it.

I am, with Respect,

Yr. &c.

(Signed) Mathw. Horne

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly
July 30 1788

Recd the undermentioned Letters (entered in Vol. B. Nos. 11. 12. 13. 14.)

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5th

From the Commandant at Chindergerry,

From the Commandant at Chindergerry requests that his Bills for ten days Batta to one Havildar one Naigue, and ten Sepoys, and for Secret Service, amounting to 26 Pagodas, may be discharged:

Ordered Accordingly

From the Commander of the General Coote 5 Dozen & four Bottles of Port Wine remaining from the Quantity sent on Board by the Court of Directors for the use of the Troops:

From the Commander of the General Coote

From the Surgeon of the Boddam India:

From the Surgeon of the Boddam : man - requesting that Government will purchase the Medecines which he bought for the use of the Troops intended to have been sent on the Boddam:

From the Purser of the Earl Cornwallis enclosing Bill for Payment amounting to Pagodas 230, being for two Days Provisions purchased at Canna for the use of the Troops

From the Purser of the Earl Cornwallis

The President sends in Circulation the following Letters received from Captain Dunwody, commanding the Detachment employed against the Rajah of Calastry —

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

From Captain Dunwody — takes Possession of the Fort of Cannore —

Sir, I do myself the Honor to acquaint you the

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5th. the Detachment under my Command took
profession this morning of the Fort of Pannare—
The 8th Instant on the march Sent forward a Letter
addressed to Dannah Pahah Nayar the Chief person
in Command, requiring him to deliver up the Forts
and District claimed by His Highness to the
Honble Company's Troops.

His answer as might be expected was a Negoti-
:ation of Delay

The Detachment marched so as to arrive
this Morning a little after three at the Pettah from
whence we were fired on—The attack commenced until
half past four, when we took profession of the Fort
by two parties nearly at the same time one forcing
an Entrance by blowing open two Gates leading into it—
and the other effecting an Escalade upon the Rampart
from whence they met with no small Opposition—

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that
notwithstanding the resistance made, there was but
one shot fired after the Garrison called out for quarter—

In the place we have made three prin-
:cipal Men prisoners, who by the Negotiation
we have reason to conclude were in hopes to effect
their Escape. The Garrison consisted of about 600 men

Capt Tarr

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Captain Davies was wounded in the Leg we have besides twenty Sepoys wounded some of them mortally—This Loss amounts as well as I can collect, to nearly the same number.

I propose distributing some Grain found in the Fort, to the Sepoys, who having left as much as they could possibly spare of their last pay, with their families at Wallajahbad, begin to want—Two Horses a Camel, a few Bullocks, and some other trifles I shall sell by autory for the use of, with your approbation, the Captors.

Iron, Steel, Gunny Bags &c. &c. which the Detachment much wants shall be appropriated to the public Service.

I shall proceed against The Forts of Verroor & Sutrampore, within Six or Seven Cs of this, with the least possible Delay.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest

Camp near Caurmore
20th July 1788

respect &c. &c.

Signd Tho Dunwoody

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

Governor Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

From Captain Dunwoody
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been evacuated Sute.
Sutrampore also evacuated
a Description of Caurmore
Verroy & Sutrampore—an
account of Stores—recommends
a Sepoy of the 2d Battalion
Native Infantry who accom-
panied the Detachment as a Vo-
lunteer—was of great service—The
Detachment distressed for Carts

Sir,

I did myself the Honor to acquaint you on the 20th Instant that we had taken possession of the Fort of Caurmore—The Chief force of the District was

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5th. there assembled; which being either dispersed or taken,
and the principal persons amongst the latter sent to
have met no resistance in any other place, Veroor, a Fort
about five miles West of Saumore, was evacuated on the
20th & taken possession of by one Company of the Detachment.

We arrived yesterday at this place and found
it evacuated — a great many of the inhabitants re-
main in all the Villages; their Cattle have been driven off;
but there is every reason to imagine the remainder of the
inhabitants and all property will again be collected.

The utmost attention has been observed to
prevent the inhabitants from being alarmed,
molested or plundered; and no complaint of any con-
sequence has reached me.

The Fort of Saumore is a square each face
about 90 yards in length on the rampart; has four
angle bastions, and two at the entrance to the Gate;
the Ditch is dry and about ten feet deep, the foot wall
is built of Stone cemented with mud, and about thirty
feet high from the bottom of the parapet of the curtains is
only nine feet — Veroor is much larger, and the
construction of the works much the same as Saumore,
except that the Gate being only single is not so strong.

A quantity of powder, on computation
about 100 barrels, was found at Veroor, three iron Guns
carrying

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5th carrying from 1½ to three lb balls, and some fixed ammunition for them. — Seeteramporc is inferior in Strength and Size to either, having only one Gate, & in some parts no ditch, & nothing was found in it but one iron gun, about 2 Lb, and a very small quantity of grain.

Pannore is about 70 miles N. W of nellore, Verroor five miles W.ᵗ of Pannore; and Seetarampeur in a direct line across the hills, about 14 miles N. W. of Verroor; but by the road about 21 miles.

I have left the Sick and wounded with a Tonnidars guard of the Detachment, and one Company with a gun of the Vencatghirry Sepoys in Pannore; one Company of the nabobs Sepoys and about 150 Match: lock and Pikemen at Verroor, and at the very earnest request of Hutta Hussein Khan I have consented to commit the fort of Seeteramporc to one Company with one gun belonging to the Vencatghirry Rajah & about 150 Matchlock & Pikemen — But as Seeta: rampore is the most north westerly station of the District, and the farthest distant from any of our Settle: ments; and is situated 12 miles within the range of hills, from whence the fugitives from Pannore and Verroor may make an attack, I do not conceive the above to be an adequate Garrison; but as the Detach: ment must for a while continue in some centrical

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5 situation to give countenance to the malcontents
Managers employed in settling the Country, little
danger while we remain in the neighbourhood
is to be apprehended.

Should the Detachment move to a
distance I shall remove a Seeteramporе with a
Subadars party Facor a small fort belonging to
Tippoo in the Coiddapatt Country lies about 10 or 12
Miles W.ᵗ of Seeteramporе across the Mountains.

The Day after taking possession of Baumore
eleven images belonging to a Pagoda were found
at the bottom of some wells; they are of curious work-
manship, and from about 1½ to 2 feet high; and of
such weight that a man can scarcely lift one of them.
they were examined by a Silversmith who says there is
a considerable quantity of gold in their composition.
The Detachment look'd upon them as a Prize that
would produce a very handsome Sum for the
advantage of the Captors — but when the attachment
of the natives to their Pagodas and Images was
taken into consideration, and that there being left
in the place would probably be a strong motive
to detain the inhabitants who continued in the Pettah,
and to encourage those to return who had quitted it.

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the determination was almost unanimous to restore them to the Brahmins; which was accordingly directed a full confidence is entertained that should you be pleased to make known the circumstance to His Highness the Nabob, he will grant to the Captors a Compensation at least equal to the value of the rings and also cause an allowance to be made for the guns and ammunition taken in the three forts.

In my letter of the 13th Instant from Vellore, I did myself the honor to write that the information I received from a man who had been in the Calastry Service induced me to lay aside the idea of taking a battering gun with the Detachment — I now beg leave to recommend him to your notice in a more particular manner — His name is Gholam Hussein a Sepoy in the 2d Battalion N.I.

He offered himself as a volunteer on the Service, and accompanied the Detachment from Vellore; the intelligence he gave respecting the situation and Strength of Caunore I found to be perfectly just; and I attribute the little loss we sustained to the precision with which he conducted us through the Pettah direct to the fort Gates — He is an intelligent young man and has a great deal of enterprise & personal courage.

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

Signed Tho.s Dunwoody

Camp near Sulterampore July 24th 1788

At a Consultation Present

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Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President

Tuesday 5th August 1788

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Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

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Govr in Council at Fort St George

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

Fort William
Sept 1st July 1788

Signed
Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
G. Shore
Governor

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Fort William
the 9th July 1788

Signed Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
P. Speke

Governor

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Gournor General,

The reference some time since made to me, accompanied by a Copy of the 7th Paragraph of the Company's General Letter to Bengal in the Military Department Dated 31st July 1787, requiring my Opinion, respecting the Division of the Statutory Fund, upon the Madras Establishment: & generally, upon the mode of establishing such an equality of Pay and allowances, Amongst the Kings and Company's Officers; as might put an end to the Heart burnings and Jealousies, which have unhappily subsisted between them; should have been Answered long since, had I not waited the Receipt of such Papers, from Sir Archibald Campbell, as were necessary to throw Light upon the Subject. They came to hand by the Snow Hastings, but were in themselves so Voluminous, and the Subject altogether so Complicated, as to Create a further unavoidable Delay from the time necessary to investigate it.

The Claims of His Majesty's Officers, may be divided into two Classes. First those of the Field Officers, who assert, the inequality of their allowances, Compared with those of the Honble Company's officers in the Corresponding Ranks, which Inequality, I find is stated to arise from a Participation

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which the latter derive, in the savings from the Cloathing of the Troops, and from an allowance, which they likewise have been accustomed to receive, from a Gratuity Fund established by the Orders of the Court of Directors in the year 1768 & 1770, Which is an allowance, authorized to be paid by the Company, to their Field Officers, from a certain Commission upon the net territorial Revenues of the Country, over and above their stated Pay, with a View to animate and excite the exertion of their Endeavours, in the preservation of the trade, Possessions, and Revenues of the Company; and which latter advantage, I find to be made up, to His Majesty's Officers, in part, but not fully, by a stated monthly allowance.

Secondly those of the Captains, originating from an inequality of allowances, which I find to arise solely, from the Benefits which the Officers of that Rank, in the Company's Service, derive from a Participation, in the savings, from the Cloathing of the Troops.

I shall first speak of the Claim of the Captains, tho' more recent, than those of the Field Officers; because it involves one Part of the Rights which the latter assert, and a Discussion of it therefore will be equally applicable to both, and reduce the Consideration of the remaining Subject to a much narrower Compass.

It may be proper to explain to the Board that

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that the advantages arising from the Cloathing of a Regiment, in His Majesty's Service, is confined by his Regulations, to the Colonel of the Regiment: while those Derived from the Cloathing of the annual Corps in the Company's Service, forms a general Fund, subject to a Distribution more or less extensive, according to its Amount, amongst the Field Officers and Captains belonging to the Establishment; and further that the Benefits so derived by the Colonels of the Regiments serving in India, is actually provided for, out of the Sum of two Lacks of Current Rupees p annum, stipulated to be paid by the Company, for each Regiment of One Thousand Men, serving in India; & from which Sum, the British full Pay, which includes the Cloathing, is to be defrayed.

Hence then it follows, that the advantages, whatever they may be, which arise from the Cloathing are subject to an internal Arrangement, in both Services, and Shew that no Hesitation, in declaring why they cannot be taken into Consideration as an Article of establish'd Pay or Allowance,

The Company, it is evident, in the Two Lacks of Rupees, already provide that full Pay from which the off Reckoning Fund Arises, and if the internal Rules of His Majesty's Service, give the whole of the advantages

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arising from it to one Person; the Company ought not in Justice, to be subjected to additional Expence to put the Field Officers, and Captains of the King's Troops, upon a footing of Emolument with the Corresponding Ranks of the Company's Troops, arising only from a different mode of distributing the same Fund, merely because a part of the Emolument actually paid, is withheld from the King's Officers, by Regulations, which the Company have neither framed, nor possess a Power to alter.

Thus it appears to me, not only, that the Company cannot in Justice, be Subjected to any additional Expence, to satisfy the Claim presented by the Captains of His Majesty's Troops, but also that the Claim is in itself ill founded, and ought not to be granted from any other Fund, or means whatever.

Indeed it must be self Evident there is no other Fund from whence it could be satisfied; if from the Company, it would be paying the same thing twice over, the Surplus of the two Lacks of Rupees, is not at the Disposal of the Company, or their Government in India, and any Participation of His Majesty's Officers in the Aforesaid Fund to the Prejudice of the Company's Officers, would, in my Opinion, be departing still farther from propriety and Justice.

I can attempt therefore at equalizing the Pay and allowances, of the King's & Company's Troops, in all the different Ranks, I shall entirely leave out, the Consideration, of any benefit derived from the

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From an Inspection of the Papers, which have been before me, I am led to infer, that after intending on the first arrival of the Kings Regiments in India, to equalize the stated Pay of each Rank of Field Officers, an extra allowance was granted to them of His Majesty's Service, in lieu of the advantage derived to the Company's Officers, from the Gratuity Fund in the Proportion of one Thousand Pagodas per annum, to the Colonels & Lieutenant Colonels and five hundred Pagodas to the Majors; but I confess myself at a Loss to determine upon what Principle

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these Proportions were so fixed, because they neither appear to be regulated, by what each Rank in the Company's Service received; nor to Carry with them, the distinction of allowance, which the difference of Ranks ought to produce, Because I find, under every Distribution of the Gratuity Fund, that the Company's Orders, have fixed the relative Proportions at the rate of four Shares, out of One Hundred, to a Colonel, two & a half Shares to a Lieutenant Colonel, and one and one Quarter Share to a Major - and after a due Consideration of the nature of this allowance, I confess, I am inclined to View it, so much in the Light of a General Gratuity from the Company to the Field Officers, Serving under the Presidency of Fort St George, as to have become a Component part of their public allowances, and to declare that I think the Field Officers of His Majesty's Service, have an undoubted Right under the existing Engagement, between the Crown, and the Company, to an equivalent, in lieu thereof, from the Company, but by no means, to any Participation in the Fund, to the Prejudice, of the Field Officers of the Company's Service.

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Reflection, I am induced to recommend, that the Retrospect should not go further back, than to the Arrival of the Orders by the Ranger, referring the Subject to the Decision of this Government, to which opinion, I am influenced by the Consideration of the difficulties, which would attend any adjustment, carried further back; but more particularly from the Superior advantages, which the Kings Field Officers, have already derived from the Monthly Payments, in Cash, which they have been in the Receipt of.

The very Complicated and troublesome Discussion, which the Distribution of the Gratuity Fund has produced to the Government of Madras, as well as to the Court of Directors and to this Govern-ment, in my opinion clearly point out the neces-sity of adopting some permanent Regulation, which may render the adjustment of it, more distinct, and easy in future.

In considering this Point, I have carefully Consulted the Company's Orders of 1708, which first established the Fund, and those of 1770, which made some little alteration regarding it, and in adverting to the Original Object of this Grant, I am led to form the following Opinions upon it, and to recommend that the future Dis-tribution of it should take place conformable thereto,

That

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That is to say Commencing with the 1st May 1788.
being the beginning of the year of Revenue accounts.

First.- That a General Fund has been established,
arising from a Commission of five p Cent on the net
Territorial Revenues of the Madras Presidency, that
the Division of this, into one Hundred Shares, should
be subject to a subsequent Distribution in the
following Proportions.

To a Colonel, Four Shares, to a Lieutenant
Colonel, Two and a half Shares, & to a Major, One & a
Quarter share.

Secondly — That as an Augmentation of Establish-
ment, must at all times produce, a proportionate
increase of Expence, and as every motive which could
operate, towards the original Grant, exists with equal
Force, at this Time, the full Extension of it, to every Field
Officer, within the fixed Establishment, including
the Staff Officers, who enjoy that Rank. — but to the
Exclusion of Supernumeraries, appears to be the fair,
and just Interpretation of the original Institution — In
a similar Case, the Spirit of the Company's Orders, has been
so Construed at this Presidency, and should in my
Opinion, be likewise adopted at Madras; — For I never
can conceive, that it was intended, to diminish the fixed
Emoluments of any officer, because the Establishment
of the Army, with which he is serving, has been
Augmented.

Thirdly

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Thirdly — That as the present Establishment of the Gratuity Fund, is declared to arise from a Commission of five ℔ Cent upon the net Territorial Revenues; Yet appearing from the Papers, which I have had before me, that a subsequent Order of the Court of Directors, has likewise authorized a Commission to the same amount, and drawn from the same Source, to be distributed amongst their European Revenue Chiefs & Collectors, which latter Commission, it has been the Practice to calculate first, and to leave the remainder only subject to the Second Calculation, any such preference must tend to the diminution, of one or other of the Funds, that the most equitable mode of Constituting each Fund, appears to be a Calculation of Ten ℔ Cent divided into two equal Parts, and therefore I propose, that it be recommended to the Government of Madras, to adopt this mode in future.

Amongst the various plans, which I find have been proposed to Sir Archibald Campbell, there is one which suggests the Expediency, of granting a fixed Annual Sum, to each Field officer, in lieu of the fluctuating, and uncertain Amount of a Commission upon a variable Revenue; it is supported by some specious Arguments, amongst which the most Considerable, is the object of ascertaining to each officer, the probable Amount of his Income, and reducing this

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Article of Expence, to a Certainty, with respect to the Company

The Convenience however, of such an Arrange-
ment, is greater than its Policy; because upon the present
Footing there is an Individual Interest, connected with
the Public Prosperity; and the proportional Charge
to the Company, must always keep pace, with the means
of defraying it. — Besides, the System proposed, is that
which obtained in 1768, but was altered in 1770, by the
Company's Orders, upon the Grounds, which I have
mentioned.

Upon the Idea then, that the Gratuity will be
hereafter issued, as I have recommended, it will
only remain to Consider, the other parts of the State
Pay and allowances, which are represented as
unequal in the different Services, Because I do not
find that it has ever been urged, that the Batta, and
other Field allowances, have not been issued upon a
System of perfect equality.

I know not to what Accident it was owing,
that so little attention, was paid after the act of Parlia-
ment in India passed in the 21st year of his present
Majesty's reign, in regulating, with Precision and
Exactness, the Pay of his Majesty's Officers, so as to render it
equal to that of the Company's Officers in the Corresponding
Ranks, as it was a Circumstance early pointed out to
this Government by the Commissary General Mr. Murray
in his Letter of the 14th of February 85 — That a due Uniformity

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did not subsist between them — It has been already shewn in what it differs in the Superior Ranks, and it further remains to mention the Inequality which exists in the inferior ones.

The full Pay of each Rank in the Kings Service is divided into two Parts, Subsistence, and Arrears, the latter of which are issued for 12 Months at once, but are very irregularly paid, it follows then, in order to establish a perfect Equality between the allowances of both Services, that the Arrears should have been added to the Subsistence, and the difference between these & the Company's allowances, been paid to the Kings Officers, instead of making up the subsistence equal to the Company's Pay and Gratuity, which has been the Practice hitherto, in all the Ranks, except the Field Officers, who as has been already shewn received a fixed Monthly Sum more than equal to this Arrears and yet inferior to the Pay and Gratuity of the Company's Field Officers — This Inequality both here & at Madras has been productive upon the whole, of a very heavy loss to the Company, which it is utterly impracticable now to recover, but it becomes us the more to be on our further guard in applying a Remedy to it, and I have accordingly directed Tables to be framed distinguishing the British Subsistence and Arrears as actually received by the Kings Officers, with the

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difference of allowances to be paid to them here, in order to render their Pay exactly equivalent to the Monthly Pay of the Corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service under this Presidency, these I propose to publish in General Orders, and that they should take effect from the 1st of August next, as far as they relate to the Officers doing Duty in Bengal, & which it to be recommended to the Madras & Bombay Presidencies to take the same steps there.

I have extended the Rule, of adding the Arrears to the Subsistence, to every Rank in the Service, except the Boundage of the Privates, and this Exception I consider warranted by a Comparison of the Terms on which the Soldiers enlist in the two Services, those in his Majesty's Service generally engage for Life, while on the other hand the Contracted time of Service for the Company's Soldiers is limited to 5 & 3 years, on the return of which Periods, they receive a Bounty for renewing their Contracts, against which the Advantages of Boundage, in his Majesty's Service, may be very fairly opposed.

Farrawarre there is yet another Benefit derived to His Majesty's Officers above the Rank of Subaltern that is not taken into the Account, & this is the Allowance arising from the non Effective Fund - there are Expences however to be defrayed out of this Allowance, subject to the internal Rules

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of His Majesty's Service which renderit very prov:
: carious, and Circumstances may occur to prevent it
being at all productive, I can neither think it reasona:
: ble, or fair therefore, to include it in a Calculation of
allowances.

I have yet one observation to make
respecting the Surgeons of the King's Regiments,
who are noticed, in a Report from His Majesty's
Officers, to have set up a Claim to be classed with the
Head Surgeons of General Hospitals, the situation
of the latter rather Corresponds, in my Idea, with the
former Rank of Surgeon Major in the Company's
Service & I am therefore of opinion, the King's
Surgeons should Continue to be Classed as Regimental
Surgeons.

A true Copy
Signed C. Hay Sec.y to the Gov.t

General Orders
By Earl Cornwallis
1st July 1788

Any advantage, arising to the Officers in the
Company's Service, from a Distribution of the Effects
coming Fund, is not to be considered as an Article of
established allowance, to be enjoyed equally by the
Officers of his Majesty's Troops.

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The difference between the Amount of the Off reckonings, and the actual Expence of the Aaa: thing, is a Fund, Subject to internal Regulations, in both Services, the East India Company, in the two Lacks of Rupees, payable for each of his Majesty's Re: giments, of one Thousand Men, provide for the full British Pay, which includes the Cloathing, and therefore, is not again, to be subjected to an additional Expence, upon the same account.

An allowance from the Company, equal to one Share of the Reckoning Fund, has been authorized for the time past, to the Field Officers, of His Majesty's Service attached to Corps, what is due upon this account, to the 31st July 1788 is to be discharged But the allowance discontinued in future.

The established Pay accounted for, to the Officers in His Majesty's Service, ought to have been exactly equal to the Pay of the corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service. This has not been the Case, an addition to His Majesty's Subsistence having been paid to the Officers, whereby that Subsistence, was immediately made up equal to the Company's Pay, and consequently His Majesty's Officers, when their Arrears are discharged, receive the amount of these Arrears, more than what is received by the corresponding Ranks, in the Company's Service.

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It is therefore ordered, that from and
after the 1st of August next 1788 the arrears of His
Majesty's Troops / the Foundage of the Privates /
excepted / for one year, in each rank shall be added
to the Subsistence money of 365 Days, and the
same converted into Sonnat Rupees, at the Exchange
of two Shillings and one Penny the Current Rupee
to which Sum / if it shall be less than the Company's
Pay / such addition is to be made, as to ascertain exactly
equal to the Company's Pay for 365 Days: and
This difference / addition being divided into twelve
equal Parts, shall be issued monthly Pay-
ments by the Paymaster of the Company's allow-
ances to the Kings Troops.

A Table pointing out the difference / where
any is due / to each rank, together with a Statement
of the Particulars, upon the above mentioned
Principle is annexed to these orders.

Additional allowance, Gratuity,
Batta, and Pay other Public and established
allowances, payable by the Company to their own
Troops, will in similar situations, continue to be
issued to His Majesty's Troops as at present

Signed A Ross Adjt Genl
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Table of Difference payable to His Majesty's Troops upon the Bengal Establishment, to make their British Pay, equal to the Pay of the corresponding ranks, in the Company's Service. Infantry

Rank	Statement of Particulars	annual amount Sonaut Rupees	difference of Pay p. any Month Sonaut Rupees
Colonel	Subsistence for 365 Days at 18/ p Day		
	is £ 328. 10. —		
	Arrears for D° ——— 80. 7. —		
	408. 17. —		
	which at the Exchange of 2/ p C°B°		
	is equal to Sonaut Rupees ———	3536. — —	
	Difference payable by the Company —	114 — —	9. 8. —
	Total or Company's Pay for 365 Days —	3650 — —	
Lieut. Colonel	Subsistence at 13/ p Day £ 237. 5. — —		
	52. 7. —		
	Arrears ——— £ 289. 12 —	or 2504. 10. 4	
	Difference payable by the Company —	415. 5. 8	34. 10 —
	Total or Company's Pay for 365 Days	2920 — —	
Major	Subsistence at 11/6 p Day £ 209. 17. 6.		
	Arrears — 45. 13. 4		
	£ 255. 10. 7 or	2209. 15. 7	
	This exceeds the Company's Pay which is only	2190 — —	
	Therefore no Difference is to be paid —		
Captain	Subsistence at 7/6 p Day £ 136. 17. 6.		
	Arrears — 33. 9. 7.		
	£ 170. 7. 1. or	1473. 5. 4.	
	This exceeds the Company's Pay which is only	1460 — —	
	Therefore no difference to be paid —		

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Table of Difference payable to his Majesty's Troops upon the Bengal Establishment, to make their British Pay, equal to the Pay of the Corresponding Ranks, in the Company's Service,

Infantry

Rank	Statement of Particulars	annual amount sonant Rupees	Difference of Pay for any Months sonant Rupees
Lieutenant	Subsistence at 3/ ₱ Day — £	63.17.6.	
	Arrears	15.12.5.	
	£ 79.9.11 =	687.8.6.	
	Difference payable by the Company	42.7.6.	3.8.8.
	Total for Company's Pay for 365 Days	730.—	
Ensign —	Subsistence at 3/ ₱ Day £	54.15.—	
	Arrears	7.14.3.	
	£ 62.9.3. =	540.3.6.	
	Difference Payable by the Company	52.14.6.	4.6.7.
	Total Company's Pay for 365 Days	593.2.—	
Volunteer —	Subsistence at 2/ ₱ Day £	9.2.6 =	78.14.9.
	Difference Payable by the Company	161.13.	13.6.10.
	Total or Company's Pay for 12 Months	240.—	
Adjutant —	Subsistence at 3/ ₱ Day — £	54.15.—	
	Arrears	13.7.10.	
	£ 68.2.10. =	539.5.4.	
	Difference payable by the Company	140.10.8	11.11.7.
	Total or Company's Pay for 365 Days	730.—	
Quarter Master	Shall respects the same as a Lieutenant		3.8.8.
Surgeon —	Subsistence at 3/ ₱ Day £	54.15.—	
	Arrears	13.7.10	
	£ 68.2.10. =	539.5.4	
	Difference Payable by the Company	870.10.8	72.8.11
	Total or Company's Pay for 365 days	1460.—	

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Table of Difference, Payable to His Majesty's Troops upon the Bengal Establishment, to make their British Pay, equal to the Pay of the corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service

Infantry

Rank	Statement of Particulars	annual amount Sonaut Rupees	difference of Pay from a month Sonaut Rupees
Mate —	Subsistence at 3/4 Day £ 54.15.—		
	Arrears — — — — — — — 4.17.5.		
	£ 59.12.5. =	515.10.3.	
	Difference payable by the Company	214.5 g.	17.13.10
	Total or Company's Pay for 365 days	730 — —	
Serjeant —	Subsistence at 1/2 Day £ 18.5.— =	157.13.6.	
	Difference payable by the Company	34.2.6.	2.13.8
	Total or Company's Pay for 12 Months	192. — —	
Corporal —	Subsistence at 8/4 Day £ 12.13.4. =	105.3.8	
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Drummer —	Difference payable by the Company	26.12.4.	2.3.9.
	Total or Company's pay for 12 Months	132. — —	
Private —	Subsistence at 6/4 Day £ 9.2.6. =	78.14.9.	
	Difference payable by the Company	17.1.3	
			1.6.10.
	Total or Company's Pay or 12 Months	96 — —	

Signed A Ross
Adj. Genl.

a true Copy
Signed E. Hay
Sec.y to the Government

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has hitherto remained in the same state as before.
but we cannot see even the most distant prospect
of the Honorable Company having the Island of
Dunnapatam redelivered to them, or getting pos-
session by any other means than Force; should it
be hereafter deemed a sufficient object.

We beg leave to forward you Duplicate
of our last Letter of the 28th ultimo, and are with
the greatest respect. &c. &c.

Signed William Lewis
G. Paterson
Laurence Shaw

Tellicherry
14th July 1788

Read the following Letter from General

Home.

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

From General Home-
States the Force with Tippoo-
Recommends that a
small number of
Draught Carriage
Bullocks be taken
immediately into
service.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your
Excellency's letter under Date the 29th ultimo with an
enclosure for Tippoo Sultaun, which has been im-
mediately forwarded by two trusty Carcarrahs
with your Excellency's Instructions.

I beg leave to acquaint you Excellency
that

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that it does not appear from the various information I have received of Tippoo's movements within these few days, that he has yet crossed the River for Changelamgum although a great number of Boats &c have been in readiness for several Days near Bovan Coil for that purpose.

On a reference to my letter of the 30th Ultimo, I find that I have been guilty of an Error in stating to your Excellency the number of Guns with Tippoo's Force, as it appears that instead of having five Guns to each Rofsaulaw; that number are only attached to each Kufsum, so that the whole amounts to, only, 20 Field pieces, exclusive of two long pieces of Ordnance attached to each Kufsum, which he left at Combetore on his way to Dindigul, besides these there are two others belonging to Monsieur Lally's party, who have accompanied him ever since he left Seringapatam. This party consists from very authentic information of about 150 Europeans of different Nations, and above Five hundred Natives.

Although the Troops under my Command would be able at a very short period to take the Field, yet I beg leave to submit to your Excellency's Judgement, the great advantage that would be derived should any serious Commotion happen, from having a small number of Draft and Carriage Bullocks

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Bullocks taken immediately into the Service, as it would enable a Body of Troops on any emergency to be put into Motion at the shortest notice, and on which I had the honor of personally representing to your Excellency when at the Presidency.

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly
August 2d 1788

I have the Honor to be, with respect,
Sir
Your most Obedt Humble Servt
Signed Math.w Horne

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores.

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

From the Committee of Stores with remarks on the 3d 25th & 31st Paragraph of the General Letter Dated the 28th March. stating their Reasons for advising that all Stores be made up at the Presidency — Military Storekeeper's Minute on the Subject Recommending Instructions for Ellore & Masulipatam —

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Mr. Secretary Stevens's Letter of the 15th and 16th Instant, the former Inclosing several Extracts of Paragraphs from the General Letter of the 28th March last the latter covering several Papers from Masulipatam.

We beg leave to remark on the 3d Paragraph of the General Letter —

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Letter that the order mentioned therein
is not now so indispensably necessary
as it was previous to the late arrange-
ment for Stores the receipt of the Com-
missary General of Stores now serving
as a Voucher for the Military Store-
keeper; but with all due deference to
the opinion of the Honorable the Court
of Directors we humbly conceive that
although his Majesty's Ships cannot
be legally employed to carry Goods
or Stores on freight, yet, when the
Exigencies of the service require
an application to the Commanding
Officer of one or more of his Majesty's
Ships to transport Stores from one
Port of India to another, the Officer
receiving such Stores on board
should be directed to give a Receipt
for them otherwise the Stores so
sent may be mixed with those
belonging to the Ship, and not be
delivered at the place for which
they were destined nor can the
Person who sent them from hence
nor he who receives them at the
Subordinacy be called to an
Account for any deficiencies that
may appear in the delivery of them

All the Guns mentioned
in the 25th Paragraph of the
same

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sas no Letter were received last season except 3 Brass 6 Pdr but notwithstanding the arrival of these we beg leave to remark that the 6 Pdr short field Pieces indented for in 1786 are still much wanted.

Part of the Serge alluded to in the 30th Paragraph of the General Letter of the 25th March 1788 is also arrived and we are happy to find that more is daily expected, for it appears to us superior to that formerly sent and seems better calculated to answer the Purposes for which it is intended.

In respect to the Flints mentioned in the 31st Paragraph we beg leave to represent that in Consequence of frequent Complaints from the Commanding Officers of Corps of the Flints in general, the Military Storekeeper & Commissary General of Stores opened all the Packages then in Store and after a careful examination they found that every Package contained a considerable Number of such as were unservicable.

Upon perusing the Paper from Masulipatam contain-

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in our Chairmen's Letter of the 16th
Instant, the Commissary General
of Stores observed that a great part
of the Tents lately sent to Masulipatam were sent from thence
or Vizagapatam previous to the
late Arrangements for making
up Tents and Stores at the Presidency.
It is impossible therefore for us
to answer for the goodness of the
Whole of them, but we can venture
to declare ourselves responsible for
such as were made at the Presidency with respect to their remark
concerning the use of Dungery
Cloth in the Tents, we beg leave to
observe that some time since it
was resolved by the Committee
of Stores the Commander in Chief
being then present to make the
Tents with two white and one
blue long Cloth which regulation
was approved and confirmed
by the Order of the Governor & Council

The Proceedings & Letters
of the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam we humbly conceive
afford the strongest Argument
against all Tents and Stores
being made at the Subordinates
and Out Garrisons by which it

appears

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appear that they complain of
such as were not made at Madras
and wish to deviate from the
Orders of Government respecting the
materials of which they are made;
but were these Arguments of a
contrary tendency we should not
without very cogent reasons presume
to recommend an alteration in
orders so recently issued by Govern-
ment on this Subject. By these
Orders we consider that Military
Stores should always be made up
at the Presidency and supplies be
sent from thence to the Out
Garrisons, as Occasion may require.
We have had repeated Proposals
from other Places as well as from
Masulipatam on the same
Subject, but these also for the above
mentioned reasons, were invari-
ably rejected.

It is possible some few
Articles might be made somewhat
what cheaper at the Out Settlements
than here, but the difference of the
Prices does not appear to us of suf-
ficient importance to recommend
setting aside a System laid down
by you, and founded on reasons
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more solid than those suggested by the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam for setling them aside. In several kinds of Stores there is an almost imperceptible difference in the appearance when made up, and the goodness of which depends rather on the work than on the Materials but this by rendering them more durable occasions a greater difference in their Prime Cost and real Value, than is mentioned in the comparative Statement from Masulipatam. It is but fair to presume that the workmen and artificers at the Presidency are much more skilful than those at the out Settlements and therefore we may reasonably conclude that the Goodness and durability of the Stores will more than compensate for the trifling additions if any there be in the Price But the most persuasive argument in our Opinion for making up all Military Stores at the Presidency is that an entire uniformity should prevail throughout the whole, so that when Troops march from one

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part of the Country to another, the
same sort of Carriages may serve
for the Camp Equipage and Ammu:
nition all over the Coast, & the
Gun Carriages Tumbrils and
Artack Carts &c. be made accordg
to one Model. Besides at this Place
the whole business of the Arsenals
is carried on under the immediate
Superintendance & Direction of
the Commissary General of Stores,
and is finally inspected by the
Committee of Stores, which is
composed of Persons supposed to
possess the most knowledge and
experience of the business of that
Department whereas at the Seaboard
Subordinacies Monthly Persons to super:
intend the making up of Stores &
to serve as a Check on the Storekeeper
are generally a Junior Civil Servant
a Subaltern Officer of Artillery and
sometimes not always a young
Officer of the Corps of Engineers,

The present Mode serves
also as a double Check both up
the Quality and Quantity
have sent to the Subordinacies

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Ordered that these Paragraphs be extracted and sent to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

Out Garrisons, first / as before observed / from the Inspection of the Committee of Stores here & afterwards by a second Examination at the Place to which they are sent, where the Storekeeper to whose Charge they are committed will never fail to remark every defect in their Quality or deficiency in the Quantity.

We have the Honor to enclose you Copy of a Minute laid before us at Our last Meeting by the Military Storekeeper on the same Subject.

In consequence of Mr. Secretary Chamiers's letter of the 17th of June enclosing Letters from Masulipatam, desiring that a Conductor may be appointed at the recommendation of Lieut.t Colonel Pitts & Lieut.t Colonel Moorhouse, we beg leave to propose that Alexander Davieson Sergeant of Artillery at Ellore be promoted to the rank of Conductor & Stationed at Masulipatam and that Mr. Thompson

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Thompson Conductor has appointed
Conductor of Stores at Gorjeon,
We have the Honor to be,
Honble Sirs &c &c &c,
your most Obedient
humble Servants,
Signed I Capper
Wm Petrie
"
I Moorhouse

The Military Storekeper acquaints the
Committee that when Mr Dobbyn the Storekeper at
Masulipatam was lately at Madras, he applied to
him for his Consent to the making up of Tents & some
other Articles at that Subordinacy. The Military Store-
keeper told him that he had individually no objection,
but that He was afraid the Committee of Stores would
not give their Consent, as it was against the Regulations
of Government. That he would however speak to one
of the Gentlemen, and advised Mr Dobbyn to speak
to Colonel Capper and Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse
when the Military Storekeper mentioning the subject
to Colonel Capper, he disapproved of having any Stores made
up at the Subordinate settlements, as it was in direct op-
position to the Orders of the Board and the Committee of

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Stores would not hold themselves responsible for Stores which were not submitted to their examination — and Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse advised him by no means to allow the making up of Tents at Masulipatam as the Tents received from thence during the late War, were extremely bad and much Complained of in the Field.

The Military Storekeeper begs leave to add that the Tents which he has made up in the Carnatick have been in the opinion of many Officers, who have looked at them, in the Arsenal much Superior in Quality to those received from the Northward. That his Tents & every other article of Military Stores are made up by him agreable to Musters which are kept in the Arsenal where they go through three examinations, first by the Conductors, who receive them from his People, and who have Strict orders to reject every thing that is not agreable to Musters, Secondly by Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse & Lastly by the Committee of Stores — It is well known to Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse how freely the Conductors make use of the permission which is given to them of rejecting Stores, and of the Competency of the other two Checks it is unnecessary for the Military Storekeeper to speak.

With respect to the Pouches, it must be an inadvertency in the Masulipatam Letter, when they include them on the List of Stores which had been made up by their Storekeeper, as not one of the new Construction, has ever been made up at those places — some time ago a proposal was received from Masulipatam for

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for making up Pouches at a lower price, but the Pouch they offered for, was of the old Construction, and made of Wood whereas the only Pouch now used on this Establishment is of Tin, agreable to the Pattern sent from England and is only made up at the Presidency at a price settled by the Committee of Stores & approved by Government.

Madras
22d July 1788

Signed J. Wm Petrie

A true Copy
Signed J Chase
Clerk

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Secretary Shannon's Letter of the 11, 17 and 20th Ultimo with their several Enclosures. The Building in the Fort of Egmore consists of one long room with a tiled pent roof in which at present there are 11 Stanchers and several empty Barrels and other Stores of that kind. Without the Fort, there are four rooms and a shed with

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From the Committee of Stores respecting Egmore Pursuit the Old Store House in the Roads of Madras Sulphatum to be written off the Books.

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Agreed that Egmore Redoubt be appropriated to the use of the Male Orphans Asylum.

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two small Magazines all in Serviceable repair, & the whole Building both within & without the fort were formerly appropriated to the purpose of making Gun Powder.

But as we are informed that Application has been made to your Honorable Board to convert this place into a School for the benefit of the Male Orphans of Europeans we beg leave with deference to observe that the fort of Egmore has always been considered an usefull Post in time of War.

We concur in Opinion with the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam that a Conductor of Stores should be immediately appointed to that Garrison, and that the Stock which were lost overboard be written off the Books.

We delivered to the Commissary General of Stores the Indent for Stores for Vizagapatam for him to report thereon, and therefore have postponed the Consideration of it till our next Committee.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed J Capper
Wm Petrie
Patrick Ross
Thomas Pels
J Moorhouse

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Letter from the Trustees of the Male Asylum entered in Consult. the 10th June taken into Consideration -

The Committee of Stores having reported upon the Request made by the Chaplains, the Vestry and some of the Inhabitants, respecting Egmore Redoubt, the same was entered in Consultation the 10th June instant taken into Consideration, and the following Resolutions passed -

The Redoubt at Egmore to be appropriated to the Reception of the Male Orphans

The Egmore redoubt be appropriated in its present state to the Reception of the Male Orphans and that this be notified to the Committee of Stores.

The arrears due by the Company to the Male Orphan Asylum to be discharged -

That the allowance of 5 Rupees pr Month from the 1st December to 31st May last for 100 Boys be Discharged

The Paymasters at out Garrisons to receive on account of the Asylum the Subscriptions paid in and to remit the Amount to the Presidency by Bills on the Military Paymaster General -

That the Paymasters at out Garrisons be directed to receive the Subscriptions which may be paid in Duly, & to remit the Amount to the Church Wardens at the Presidency by Bills on the Pay master General, drawn at the usual Exchange of each Place.

The foregoing Resolutions to be communicated by the Trustees -

Ordered that the above Resolutions be communicated to the Chaplains, Church Wardens &c. who signed the address to Government under Date the 5th June last -

Read the following Letter from Mr Petrie -

John Chamier Esqr

Secretary &c &c

Sir

From Mr Petrie - expressing his acknowledgements for the confidence reposed in him by Government of inventing him with authority for the Execution of some important matters in the Tanjore Country

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 31st ultimo informing me that the Honorable the President in Council had come to the resolution of investing me with authority for the execution of some important matters in the Tanjore Country, and desiring that I will prepare myself

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myself to proceed thither without loss of time.

I request you will do me the favor to make my acknowledgements to the Honorable the President in Council for this mark of the Confidence of Government, and to assure him, that I will endeavour to execute whatever Instructions I may be honored with, to the satisfaction of this Board, and to the advantage of the publick.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Sign'd Wm Petrie

Madras
3d August 1788

Mr Benjamin Torin appointed Secretary to the Commission & Ensign Blackburne Mahratta Translator & assistant

The President informs the Board that Mr Petrie has requested that Mr Torin may accompany him to Tanjore as Secretary to Commission, that Ensign Blackburn should be appointed Mahratta Translator and assistant to him, and that the Reverend Mr Swartz be desired to attend the Commissioners when his services may be required—all which the President recommends may be complied with.

Mr Swartz to be desired to attend the Commissioners

Approved & Ordered accordingly

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Drafts of Letters for the Tanjore Business.

To Alexander Macleod Esq.
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore stating the appointment of Mr Petrie, and the Causes which gave rise to it

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to communicate to you their late Resolutions in consequence of the present State of affairs in the Tanjore Country, & the heavy Arrears due by the Rajah to the Honorable Company.

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So long as any hope remaining that HE in Excellency would attend to the affairs of his Government & exert himself for the purpose of fulfilling his Engagements, the Board were unwilling to take a Line which would interfere with the Rajah's administration, but when it certainly appeared that the Presidents exhortations & frequent admonitions on your part, were ineffectual that the Rajah intoxicated with power could not be brought back to the Duty which he owed to himself & his People, it became necessary to take such measures as should obviate the present alarming deficiency in the Tanjore Revenue, and prevent similar Embarassments in future.

In the determination upon the mode to be pursued, the Board were sensible that every dependance could be placed in your Activity and Exertions, but as your vigilance and attentions had proved insufficient to the restraining the Rajah within proper bounds, it was judged that a more extensive appointment than the one which you fill, should be made for the purpose of restoring the Tanjore Government to a Situation, by which the engagements made by the Rajah might be fulfilled, and the prosperity of the Country and Inhabitants ensured.

To effect this desirable object the Board have delegated to Tanjore a Company's Servant, who has held high appointments, who will be invested with a degree of Power and authority superior to the Extent of which

which your office has enabled you to exercise, who will proceed from the Seat of Government to see their Resolutions carried into Execution, and who from being called to this Trust will carry an unquestionable proof of his possessing the Confidence as well as the power of this Government, to ensure a prompt & faithful Execution of their Instructions.

The Gentleman chosen for this important Service is Mr. Petrie, who is to be stiled Commissioner for the affairs of the Tanjore Country.

In conferring this appointment upon Mr. Petrie, and in superseding for a short time your authority, the Board have not been influenced by any idea that you have been wanting in the discharge of the Duties of your Office - they are assured that your exertions have been unremitted, and if they were inadequate, the want of success is to be attributed to various causes, and perhaps to an idea entertained by the Rajah, that a Resident did not possess the power of restraining him.

The Board desire you will afford Mr. Petrie a communication of every Document in your Possession, which may be necessary to him for the purpose of fulfilling the various, confidential, and important objects entrusted to his management.

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5 August 1788

Sam. & &c.
Sign'd John Shore Jun.
To

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To the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjore
expressing Regret that
his Excellency's mis-
conduct should have
occasioned the Interference
of Government - stating
the Nature of Mr.
Tolan's appointment
& requesting he would
afford him every
Assistance.

after having so often and in the language of a
friend pointed out to you the various consequences that
would infallibly attend your neglect of the affairs of your
Government, and after having admonished you in the
most earnest terms but without Effect in my Letters of the
6th March and 12th May I was obliged in my last Dated
the 25th June to declare to you that I should be compelled
to take immediate Steps for securing to the Company their
due and for preventing failures in future, if you did not
without further delay discharge your Balances and adopt
a line of Conduct which would ensure regular payments
to the Company and the prosperity of your Kingdom & Subjects

After the receipt of your Letter of the 6th July, there
could remain no doubt in my mind of the necessity
which there was of immediate interference on the part
of Government and accordingly lost no time in laying
before the Council the situation of the affairs of your
Government, and in proposing such measures as
appeared to be expedient.

It is not [illegible] that I have much regret that I
found myself compelled to recommend what must
tend to lessen in the Eyes of the World, the Man whom
I had myself in the Honorable Company's name,
raised to the Musnud at Tanjore, but when the safety
of the Country and Prosperity of the Inhabitants, were at stake

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stake and when the Articles of a Treaty so lately con-
:cluded were totally disregarded, there was no Alter-
:native and I was obliged, tho' with much Concern,
to perform the Duties of my Station.

I have accordingly with the Concurrence of
my Council, appointed one of the Company's Servants
of high Rank, and who has filled the most distinguish'd
Posts under this Government to proceed to Tanjore for the
purpose of regulating the Affairs of the Country which
you have so much neglected, and for establishing
a System which shall be permanent & secure to the
Company the performance of the Treaty, and at the
same time promote your real interests with those of
your Country & Subjects.

This Letter will be delivered to your Excellency
by Mr. Petrie, the Person delegated for the above purposes—
he is furnished with Instructions from this Government,
and is empowered to take such Steps and make such
Arrangements, as shall secure the Completion of the
Objects of his Appointment.

In order to enable him to execute this im-
:portant Commission in the manner the most bene-
:ficial to your Country, to yourself, and to the Honble
Company, I request you will give him every Assistance
in his Investigations for which purpose you will direct
your Ministers Accountants, Farmers & Annuldars

to

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to attend him when called upon and to lay before him all the Revenue Accounts, Accounts of Collections, & Expenditure &c. &c.

I have only to add that Mr. Petrie's possessing of the full confidence of this Government – you will therefore attend to him and acquiesce in what he will in my name require from you.

To a friend, What can I say more.

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Signed Arch Campbell

To William Petrie Esq.

Instructions to Mr. Petrie the Cause of his appointment, and the Line he is to adopt

Sir,

The situation of affairs in the Tanjore Country having rendered the interference of Government absolutely necessary, We have resolved to delegate from the Presidency a Civil Servant of the Company, who shall be entrusted with such extensive powers, as appear in the present Crisis to be requisite.

In the full conviction that your zeal, abilities, and local knowledge particularly qualify you for this Service, We have appointed you to execute it, and shall now proceed to give you our Instructions;

That you may be particularly acquainted with the Circumstances which have given rise to your appointment

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appointment, / which We shall term Commissioner for
the affairs of the Tanjore Country / We have enclosed Copy
of a Minute delivered in by our President wherein a detail
is given of what has passed, and of the present alarming
situation of affairs in the Tanjore Country. —

As the President's Minute points out the
principal Causes which have occasioned the deficiency
in the Revenues of Tanjore, and the Rajah's inability to
fulfill his Engagements, it will materially assist you in
the exercise of the powers entrusted to you, which are
to be employed in Enquiry, Investigation, and Reform.

For the above Purposes, it will be necessary,
first, to ascertain the amount of the Revenue collected
since the present Rajah came to the Government — Secondly,
To endeavor by every possible means, to procure authentick
Information of the present existing abuses in the Tanjore
Administration, to ascertain whether these abuses proceed
from the Vices of Individuals, who now rule the Country,
whether from the frauds and peculations of those from
whom the Revenue is in the first instance collected, or from
the oppressions and embezzlements of the Inferior Servants —
in short, to discover — whether the Evil exists in the indi-
vidual profusion and weakness of the Rajah, in the
incapacity and embezzlement of his Ministers, or in
the interior Management of the Country & Revenue

of the above Points, it will be necessa
to obtain accurate information in order to erad

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us to judge when a Reform may be practicable, and when it can be adopted Consistently with ancient Usage, and the Religious and Civil prejudices of the Inhabitants.

It will be requisite that the Rajah should be prevailed upon, to agree to the receiving a reasonable proportion of the Revenue for the expences of his House, Household, beyond which, the Revenue should not be alienated for any purpose whatever, until the Double Company be paid the amount of the Costs for the defence of the Country, and the other Sums stipulated in the Treaty.

In order to render this Appropriation of Revenue practicable, and as little offensive as possible to the Rajah, you will suggest to his Excellency the setting apart Certain Districts for his share, which shall be left entirely under his Management. The Revenue of them to be collected by the Rajah's Servants, & conveyed to his Treasury as he may direct. Government taking care that the annual estimated value of the Districts shall rather exceed than fall short of his Excellency's Expences.

It will afterwards be necessary that an Arrangement should be made for assigning over the rents of the Country to the Company, for the purpose of liquidating the Arrears now due, and for securing two or three years the punctual payment of the

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subsidy, agreeably to the Treaty, or until the Expiration of the year 1795.

It is recommended to your particular attention, to obtain an accurate account of the situation and value of all the Lands, Priviledges, Immunities, & Villages, which have been given away to Pagodas, Brahmins, Fakeers, and other Individuals by the late, as well as the present Rajah - it is notorious, that these Grants have been a very great source of abuse, and that the Revenues of Government have suffered a great and unnecessary diminution from this cause, it is also well known to the People of that Country, that these alienations have generally taken place in favor of those who had nothing else to recommend them but their ready Compliance with the Vices and Follies of their Prince - it has even been said that some of the lowest menial Servants of the late Rajah, have been rewarded with Emaums on the Country, to a Considerable amount.

When We shall through your means, be made acquainted with the nature, extent, and every other Circumstance attending the above mentioned alienations from the Public Revenue, We shall be Competent, to determine how far it may be just and expedient to resume them, and enabled to judge of the Considerations that may be due to some particular Circumstances of Merit, on which the munificence

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of the Tanjore Rajahs may have been properly discharged—

We enclose a letter to the Rajah announcing to
the extensive and Confidential powers entrusted to you, &
requiring him to direct his Ministers, accountants,
Farmers and Amildars to give you every assistance in
your Investigations, and on no account whatever to at-
tempt impeding your Enquiries, or Counteract our
Instructions under pain of our severest Displeasure.—
We have also desired that all the Revenue accounts, Accounts
of Collections, and Accounts of Expenditure be open to your
Inspection, and that the Servants of the Circar employed in
those Departments of Government, be ordered to attend
you, and to assist your Enquiries.

We have also announced to the Resident
of Tanjore, and to Colonel Stewart Commanding the
Garrison, the nature and cause of your appointment &
desired them to give you every possible assistance of
which you may stand in need, Copies are herewith enclosed, for your
Information.

After you shall have fulfilled the objects
detailed as above, and reported to us the result of the
Enquiries recommended to you, We shall take into
Consideration what may be the best mode of managing
the Districts to be rendered to the Company, and shall be
glad to have your opinion on the subject.

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We recommend to you the greatest delicacy towards the Rajah, in the management of this important Commission, and particularly in your discussions with his Excellency, whom you must at the same time impress with a proper idea of your firmness, and of the necessity there is for his acquiescence in what you will, in our names, require from him.

If the Rajah should not accede to the Propositions which you are to make, or immediately discharge the Balances due from him, you will inform him of our Resolution to enforce the articles of the Treaty which relate to the Failures on the part of his Excellency.

We have appointed Mr. Torin to be Secretary to the Commission to Tanjore, & Mr. Orsiyn Blackburn to be his Assistant, and Mr. Maratta Interpreter. We have also desired the Reverend Mr. Swartz to attend you whenever you may have occasion for his Services.

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We are, &c. &c.
Sign'd Arch'd Campbell
& Council

To Colonel James Stuart
Commanding at Tanjore

To Colonel Stuart, informing him of Mr Petrie's appointment, desiring him to afford assistance & forbid Mr Petrie the Military Honors due to the Delegate of Government.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you that the situation of affairs at Tanjore having rendered the interference

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I have the Honor to enclose Extracts of many Letters from those Places for your Notice.

I have also the Honor to enclose Extract of a Letter received yesterday from Major Palsmes, with Copies of two Persian Newspapers that accompanied it, containing an account of the decisive Victory gained by the Jaut and Marratta Forces under Ramny Khan on the 18th Ultimo over Myrza Ismael Beg, who, by the Retreat of Gholam Kadir across the Jumna, was left alone, and with a very ill conditioned Army, to oppose the very Superior Force of his Enemies.

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Signed C.W. Malet

Poona
13th July 1788

Translation of a Paper of Intelligence from Curnool received at Poona 26th June 1788

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but its works are in very bad Condition the Nawabs
Force consists of about two Thousand Foot and Six Hundred Horse.

True Extract
Signed C.W. Malet

Translation of a Paper of Intelligence from Darwar
Dated 25th Ramzan or 27th June 1788.

The latter End of Shaban news arrived here
that a great Battle had happened between Ram
Rajah and Tippoo, the severity of which fell on that
Part of Tippoo's Army commanded by Syud Guffar
and Burhan al Deen, which, with their Leaders, was
entirely cut off, and not a man escaped; in consequence
of which Tippoo retreats with the rest of the Army
towards Calicut, but it is not known for certain, where
he will go, some say he means to repair his Loss and
attack the Rajah, others that he intends returning
to Seringapatam or Bednore. I am now on my way
to the former Place and will address you from thence.

True Translate
signed C.W. Malet.

Extract of a Letter from the Resident with Sindea to the
Resident at Poona. Dated Gohud 26th June 1788

Probably the Visit of Sindea at Poona will be

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be considerably retrieved by the decisive and important Victory which Ranny Khan has obtained over Ismael Beg, The'e can be little Doubt of it's producing the complete and immediate Restoration of his Power in Hindostan.—

Sindia has not determined on any Measures in consequence of his Victory I expected that He would have almost instantly crossed the Chumbel—He ought to pursue his Advantage, and march to Delhi without Loss of Time—I see no Impediment to it at present, but if he hesitates, his Enemies will have Leisure to oppose him—At any Rate he ought to be in Person where his principal Force is, He is probably appre: hensive that Gholam Kadir will return to Agra, but the Conduct of that Chief in the late Action is I think a sufficient Security against any further Attempts from Him.—He might have effectually assisted Ismael Beg, or he might have taken Possession of the City of Agra, and maintained it with his Army against all the Efforts of Ranny Khan I suspected when he separated from Ismael Beg that he had privately bargained with Sindia to betray him & I am now confirmed in that Suspicion.—

Ally Bahauder & Holcar are still at Mahaiur, and as I learn, employed in adjusting the affairs of the Rajpoot Tributaries.— True Extract

Signed/ M Malet

Bombay Resident

Read

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

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

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Since my last of the 24th Instant I have Examined the accounts of the Military Storekeeper from April 1787, to the end of January 1788, every Charge of which was supported by regular Vouchers in all proper form; the prices were agreable to the Contracts, and the Debits and Credits properly stated, But the Books of this Department are now kept in the same manner as they were when the Service was on a very different footing; in consequence of which several of the Heads are now become absolete and unintelligible- under the head of Gun Room Stores for Example, are comprised a great number of different Charges which seem to have no connection with each other, and what is still more extraordinary we have no Gun Room in which Stores are either made or Deposited, upon Enquiry I am induced to believe that when the Company had only a Factory at Madras they had one or two small Rooms for making and depositing Stores which bore the name of the Gun Room, in which all the Stores of the Company on this Coast were then kept- as the Company's authority and Possession encreased the different

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different branches of this Department were of course augmented, until the Company became a Sovereign Power, and consequently required a large Arsenal with all it's different dependencies of Magazines, Laboratories, Storehouses &c.

But the present Heads of the Military Storekeeper's Books appear to me to be altogether much better suited to the Gun Room, than to the Arsenal, & therefore as in my humble opinion the accounts of every Department should in the clearest manner describe not only the amount but also the nature of it's Disbursements, I beg leave to propose that an entire new Arrangement should immediately be made of the Heads of the Military Storekeeper's accounts.

I have already mentioned the Subject to the Military Storekeeper himself, and have found him in this as on all other occasions most readily disposed to adopt any measure that may contribute to the good of the Service or tend to give perspicuity and correctness to his Accounts. We have likewise consulted with the Commissary General of Stores to profit by his profound knowledge of every branch of this Department, and therefore now only wait for your Commands to make a new Arrangement, but we must request also to call in the Accountant General to our Assistance, not only to benefit by his advice, but likewise to cooperate with him and by that means prevent any

confusion

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Consideration in the General Books.

Have the Honorable, with great Respect

&c &c

Signed J Capper

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Fort St George
29th July 1788

The Board approve the Recommendations
of Colonel Capper respecting the Military Storekeepers
Accounts and direct in consequence Agreed that the
Accountant General, the Military Storekeeper and the
Commissary General of Stores be directed to Consult with
Colonel Capper on the Subject.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Secretary
to the Bengal Government.

Charles Nicholas White Esq.
Secretary to Fort St George

Sir

I am directed to request that you will lay
before the Governor in Council at Fort St George the
accompanying Extract of a Letter which was written to
Fort Marlbro on the 21st March

&c &c &c

Signed E. Cay
Secy to the Government

Extract

Fort William
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Extract of a Letter to Fort Marlbro

Dated the 31st March 1788

Supposing the Military Establishment now at Bencoolen to exceed that which is above allowed for its protection, we direct that the Commanders of the Troops do select from the Europeans such numbers of Capable Men as will complete the Company of artillery to its proper Strength of good Soldiers, meaning by this order not only to follow the actual terms of it but to clear the Company of artillery as it now stands of those Men, who from any Cause are not thought Completely fit for Duty at your Residency such Men not being Superannuaries or Invalids are to be sent to Fort St George or Bombay by the first Conveyance — The Supernumeraries are to be sent by the first opportunity that offers to those Presidencies — The Invalids are to be sent by the first opportunity to England and you will be Careful to give them proper Certificates to entitle them to the Pension.

With respect to the Sepoy Corps the same Orders apply to them which apply to the Europeans as to Completing the Strength of the three Companies in Now Commissioned and Privates and clearing the Troops as they now stand of Soldiers not fit for

Duty

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Duty at Fort Marlbro – The other Men as well as the Supernumerary and Invalid Sepoys are to be sent to Bengal or to the other Presidencies at their option or if they chuse it, Portions of Land may be allotted to them on the Coast of Sumatra.

It is left to the Commander of the Troops to Select such Subaltern European Commissioned Officers for the Commands of the Companies of Sepoys as he may deem most fit for them; taking care to use every delicacy in not removing any from their present Situations without the best reasons, of which we are to judge on reference made to us – The other Officers, excepting those he may appoint (being two or three at farthest) to attend the Men sent to either of the other Presidencies are to come to Bengal; where we shall hereafter assign to them the Place they are to bear on this Establishment and their Rank to the other Presidencies will come to Bengal in the same manner when they have done the Duty with which they have been charged – / a true Extract /

Signed E May Secy to Govt.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Pitts –

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To His Excellency

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President Governor in Council &c. &c.

Fort St George

From Lieutenant Colonel Gill requesting that the Subaltern Officers of Artillery may be allowed an Encrease of Pay.

Sir,

As the Military Board are at this time employed in framing Regulations that may be supposed ultimately to ascertain the Pay and allowances of every Officer in every Corps in the Service, I hope it will not be thought presumption in me, in taking the liberty to call your Excellency's attention to the situation of the Subaltern Officers of Artillery, a Description of Men, who tho' liable to every hardship in the performance of the severest Duty, do not equally participate with other Officers in the advantages of the Service.

The Subalterns of Sepoys from the extraordinary duties and fatigue they are known to be subject to, have an Extra allowance made them as well on this account as under the Head of

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a proper encouragement for them to acquire an adequate Knowledge of the Country languages, which their situation in acting with Black Troops renders so highly necessary – Officers of the Engineer Corps have in like manner a similar addition to their Monthly Pay under no Doubt the same plea, whereas the subaltern Officers of the Artillery tho' liable to every Duty and severe Service when attached to Sepoy Battalions, in common with the Officers of those Corps, and at all other times it may be presumed they have at least as hard Duty to perform as the Engineer Subalterns, yet they do not meet with the encouragement given in either case to the one Corps or the other.

I am confident it would have been more agreeable to your Excellency, for me to have suggested a plan of retrenchment rather than additional expence, but as this appears to me, as I hope it will to the Honorable Board, an act of common justice, and more particularly as the monthly Charge on this account, will not exceed One hundred and Eighty Pagodas – I hope and request your Excellency will be pleased to give it your Countenance and

Support

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support, by stating it in such terms to Government as your Excellency may suppose the merits of so deserving a Body of Officers may Claim, and as I am sure they will at all times Gratefully and readily acknowledge.

I have the Honor to remain,

with all due respect,

Your Excellency's

most obedient and

most humble Servant,

Signed Thomas Gels

Lieut.t Col.o of Artillery

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Ordered to lie on the Table

To lie on the Table

Read the following Letters entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 15. 16.

From Mr. James Taylor, Assay Master,—

From the Assay Master

representing the want of Repairs at the Gold & Silver Mint &

enclosing the Chief Engineer's Report of the Expence amounting to Pagodas 359. 38. 40.

Ordered that the Committee of Works be

Minute thereon

desired to direct the Execution of the above Repairs.

From Lieutenant Colonel Ward stating that

From Lieutenant Colonel Ward

his health is perfectly restored, and requesting to be

Readmitted on the Effective List.

Agreed to inform Lieut.t Colonel Ward

Minute thereon

that

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That the Board decline Complying with his Request -

The Committee of Stores having recommended

Mr Alexander Davidson Serjeant of Artillery at Ellore.

Mr Alexander Davidson Serjeant of Artillery, appointed a Conductor as the Recommendation of the Committee of Stores.

to be appointed a Conductor of Stores it is Agreed that he be appointed accordingly.

Ed
AGM

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

H. M. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Diary.

Received Letter from Captain Allen Commanding the Albion/as entered in M.B. N° 17/ stating that he has 620 Gallons of Brandy and 6 ¾ Candy of Sugar sent on board his Ship by the Company for the Use of the Military - and that he values the former at 1/7 ₱r. Gallon, and the latter at 135/₱ Cwt.

From Captain Allen -

Ordered, that the Garrison Storekeeper be & instructed to receive the above Amount

Minute thereon

Sent the undermentioned Letters/entered in M.B. N°. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34./

To the Reverand Mr. Swartz at Tanjore & informing him of the Mr. Petrie's Appointment, and desiring he will afford that Gentleman every Assistance in his Power

To the Reverand & Mr. Swartz. -

To Mr. Benjamin Torin Appointed Secretary to the Commission to Tanjore. -

To Mr. Benjamin Torin

To Ensign Blackburn - Appointed Maharatta Translator and Assistant to the Commissioners to Tanjore. -

To Ensign Blackburn

To

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No 6 To the Committee of Stores - Thirteen last reports Approved - Egmore Redoubt to be appropriated to the Reception of the Boys of the Male Orphans Asylum. -

To the Committee of Stores. -

To Manelipatam - with Extracts from the Reports of the Committee of Stores. -

To Manelipatam

To the Commander of the Earl Cornwallis &c Indiaman - the Board declare discharging his Bill for the purchase of Provisions at Jaumah for the Use of his Majestys Sloops - the Same will be referred to the Court of Directors by the first Opportunity. -

To the Commander of the Earl Cornwallis

To the Commander of the General Coote. -

No 7. To the Commander of the General Coote to deliver to Mr Burton the Apothecary, the Company's Portion of Wine expended on his Ship. -

To the Paymaster at Malwajundad. -

To the Hospital Board - with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Leith Surgeon of the Boddam relative to some Medicines tendered by him for Sale upon which they are to report. -

To the Hospital Board. -

No 7. To the paymaster at Malwajundad - directing him to discharge Lieutenant Morris's Bill for subsisting

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To rebuilding the Quarters of two Cavalry Officers
Some time ago destroyed by Lightening also Captain
Mason's Bills for ten Days Batta for an Havildar
One Naigue, and ten Sepoys and for Secret Service
amounting to Pagodas 26. –

To Lieutenant Colonel Ward the Board
declene complying with his Request of being re-
readmitted on the Effective List. –

To Lt. Col. Ward

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts
the Board approve his Consulting with the
Accountant General, the Military Store Keeper
and the Commissary General of Stores, for the
Purpose of making a new Arrangement in the
Heads of the Military Store Keeper's Accounts. –

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Military Board enclosing Copies of
Papers from the Bengal Government on the
Subject of the Gratuity to the King's and Company's
Officers, and desiring they will prepare Tables
of Gratuity calculated in Pagodas, upon the
Plan of those published at Calcutta – Having
now every Document their Possession to
compleat the Books of Regulations compiling

To the Military Board

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7 by them, Government expects it will speedily be published.—

To the Accountant General—enclosing Copy of Papers from Bengal relative to the Gratuity to the Kings and Company's Officers and desiring he will prepare two Statements of Gratuity—the one shewing what is due to the Field & Officers from the last Liquidation to the 31st December 1785 the other shewing what is due from the 1st January 1786 to the 30th April 1788. To afford his Assistance to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts in making some new Arrangements for the Regular Military Stoneykeepers Books.—

To the Accountant General.—

To the Trustees of the Male Orphan Asylum—Ignorant Reduced to be appropriated in the present State to the Reception of the Male Orphans—Five Rupees P Month from 1st December to the 31st May for 100 Boys, to be discharged—Paymasters at Out Garrisons to receive the Subscriptions which may be paid in Cash and remit the Amount by Bills &c

To the Trustees of the Male Orphan Asylum—

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1/7 the Paymaster General, at the usual Exchange of each Place. &c.

2/8. To the Committee of Works - to direct the Contractors to repair the Gold and Silver Mint, To the Committee of Works &c. agreeable to the Chief Engineer's Estimate - being Pagodas 359.. 38.. 40 -

To the Commander of the Albion - directing him to pay to the Garrison Storekeeper the Amount of the Brandy and Sugar purchased by him - the Commander of the Albion. -

Received the following Letter & Enclosures from Bengal. &c

To John Shannier Esq.r Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed to transmit you the enclosed Account Particulars of the Sum entered in the Military Books of this Presidency to the debit of the Detachment of Horses ordered to Madras to mount General Burgoyne's Regement, and to

from Bengal - Fort St. George to be debited for the Sum expended on Account of the Detachment of Horses ordered from Bengal to mount General Burgoyne's Regiment. an Account Particulars inclosed - Pertaining also an Amount of the Sums disbursed to Officers at that Presidency belonging

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belonging to his Majesty's Troops on the Bath Establishment on the Military Paymaster General's Books for the Amount.

acquaint you for the Information of the Governor in Council that Orders are given to write off the Amount to the Debit of Fort St. George. —

Subscriptions on Account of the Sums disbursed to Officers who belonged to His Majesty's Troops on the Coast for Bills drawn upon the Pay Master at your Presidency. —

Council Chamber
the 7th July 1788. —

Sam Hy. Hy.
(signed) E Hay
Secry to the Govt.

Account of the particulars of the Amount entered on the Military Books to the Debit of Detachment of Horses ordered to Madras to Mount General Braggs's Regiment

1784
April — For Amount of 400 Horses sent to Madras under Charge of Capt. Samuel Black Transferred from the Debit of Horses purchased on Account of the Honble Company to this Head ..... 92.031. 5. —

1785.
Jan. 15. Paid Mr. Richard Johnson, Resident at Hyderabad. Draft on the Governor General and Council dated 27th February 1785 in favor of Major Macleod Banker on Account of General Sir John Burgoyne for Sa Rs ..... 11,000 — ..... 12760 — —

July 30. Paid D. D. D. D. at D. on the D. D.
and D. dated 28. February 1785 in favor of Mssrs. Comfort & Johnson D. D. for Sa Rs ..... 11,000 — ..... 12760.

1787
January 10 D. D. D. D. at D. on the D. D.
and D. dated 10 February 1785 in favor of Gundaloo Gookul Sing D. D. for Sa Rs ..... 13,000 — ..... 15312 — —

Current Rupees 133.863. 4. —

Pay Office
3. July 1788 —

E. E.
(signed) Geo. Elliot
Dy. Comy. Pay. Mr. Genl. Armd.

a true Copy
E Hay
Secry to the Govt.

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8.

Account of the Sums disbursed from this Department to Officers who belonged to His Majesty's Troops on the Coast for Bills drawn upon the Paymaster at Fort St. George

1783.					
May	26.	Advanced to Lt. T. O. M.c Neale of His Majestys 98th Regt. ... Dt. 1727 ...		or 1325. 2. 6	
June	5.	Dº ... to Dº W. Sutter of His Majesty 98 Regt. 1227 ...			
	10	Dº to Dº J. M.c Adam Dº Dº 1227 ...			
			Dt 2454 ...		
			Batta @ 8/6 ... 196. 5. —		
					2650. 5. —
July	21.	Dº ... to Ens. W. Hamilton for his Dap 25 April 1783			
			Dt 1045. 14. ...		1129. 8. 9.
August	13.	Dº to Lt. J. F. M.c Neal of His Majesty 98. Regiment Dt 1227 ...			
		Dº to Ens. W. Hamilton of Dº ... 1041. —			
		Dº to Dº as Cornet ... 840. —			
		Dº to Lt. J. M.c Adam ... 1227. —			
			Dt 4335 ...	or 4681. 12. 9.	
	22	Dº to Dº ... Dº ... Dt 720 ...	799. 3 2		5480. 15. 11.
Sept.r	3.	Dº to Ens. W. Hamilton for his Majesty 98th Regt. ... 720. —			
		Dº to Lt. J. C. M.c Neale Dº 98th Dº ... 720. —			
		Dº to Lt. W. Sutter Dº 98th Dº ... 1947. —			
			Dt 3387 ...	or 3759. 9. 1.	
1784 January	2	Dº to Lt. W. Sutter of His Majesty 98 Regt. 533. 5. 2.			
		Dº to Dº ... Dº ... 1230. —			
			Dt 1763. 5. 2 ...	1904. 6. 3. —	
		Dº to Lt. J. P. M.c Neale of Dº ... 533. 5. 2.			
		Dº to Dº ... Dº ... Dº 1230. —			
			Dt 1763. 5. 2 ...	1904. 6. 3. —	
		Carried Over ...			3808. 12. 6.

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Brought Over 3808..12..6.

January 3d Advanced to Captain Fraser of His Majestys
78th Regt 2014..10..8.

1/2 Do to Do Do 3074..6..—

Amt 5089..8..— 5496..2..6

1/24 Do to Ens W Hamilton 93 Regt 1040..—

1/28 Do to Do Do 703..15..9.

Amt 1743..15..9. 1883..8..1. 11188..7..1.

April 5. Do by Order of the Board on Account to
Lieut Robert Gregg of His Majestys 102 Regiment
for A 1500 1740..—..—

Current Rupees 27274..—..4.

Pay Office
4th July 1788. E. E.
J. Geo. Elliot
Pay Mr

A true Copy
E Hay
Secretary to Govt

At a Consultation Present

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

Friday
the 8th August
1788

John Holland James Henry Casamaijor Esqrs
&
Robert Maunsell Esq.—
Members of last Consultation

and approved.—

Mr. Holland begs leave to enter the
following Minute.—

The

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Fort St. George 8. August 1788.—

Mr. Hollond's Minute — stating his Reasons for dissenting to the Measure of deputing Mr. Petrie to Tanjore.—

The very considerable Balances due from the Rajah of Tanjore, and the measures most expedient in the present emergency of the affairs of that Country, to enable this Government to obviate the embarrassments owing to the very considerable deficiency in the Tanjore Payments and to recover the large Amount that has fallen into Arrear; are objects of serious consideration and attention to this Board.

It appears from the Correspondence between this Government and the Rajah of Tanjore, that every Measure of persuasion have been observed, to prevail on him to fulfill his Engagements with the Honble Company, and the Resident conformable to directions of this Board, has not been remiss in attention to his duty, by exhorting him in the most earnest manner to make good his payments, and advising him of the evil tendency of his Conduct and the punishment to which he would reduce himself and the Honble Company, in postponing payments of his stipulated Rents, that could not be dispensed with, being essentially necessary to be applied towards the immediate exigencies of the Military Establishment, maintained for the Protection of the Tanjore Countries as well as those of the Carnatic. &

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President

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Robert Maxwell Esq.

Friday the 8th August 1788

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The President having informed the Board that so far from having any hopes of being able to diminish the Arrears of Debt due from the Rajah of Tanjore, there is on the Contrary great danger of its accumulating, from the growing Rists becoming due, there seems to be no Option left to the Board at a Crises of Affairs so embarrassing, and more Coercive Measures than have heretofore been adopted, to appear unavoidable.

The Rajah having been raised to and confirmed in the Musnud office by the influence of the Honble Company [illegible] Beneficiary, the engratitude of his Conduct towards [illegible] more first subject of dissatisfaction on the part of the Honble Company who had every Right to expect from him the most Punctual performance of his engagements, and the most strict and engaged adherence to the Terms of a Treaty; by which he acquired an undisturbed & possession of the station to which he was elevated, and he has been frequently admonished of the destructive tendency of his Conduct.

Thus

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This Circumstance it becomes a serious
object of attention with this Board to determine
on the Measures that may be most expedient in
the present emergency of Affairs, and that may be
deem'd most conducive to the honor and Interests
of the Company; encroaching at the same time
as little as possible on the Rajahs Rights and
priviledges as a Prince.— To attain this desirable
object, it will be a necessary point of attention to #
preserve the National Faith inviolate, and #
carefully to avoid exceeding the Conditions of the
Articles of the late Treaty which must of Course
be Construed as the ground and Basis of over future
proceedings.—

The Payments stipulated to be made
to the Honble Company being supposed to be #
considerably below the reputed Annual Income
of the Tanjore Country there is sufficient ground to
suspose that the Revenues have either been
with held and secreted, or diverted to private expences
to the great prejudice of the well founded claims
of the Honble Company— There is an inherent
disposition in the Native Princes of India #

to

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to Amass a great Treasury, and to with hold
their payments, until actually invaded by
impending Ruin The Present Rajah of Tanjore,
there is every reason to believe is possessed of
considerable Wealth from the late Rajahs
Treasury, and there can be little room to
doubt that the Collections of the Tanjore
Country, since he was Raised to the Musnud,
have been very considerable He is therefore the
less excuseable in having fallen into arrear
to the Company at a time of profound Peace,
during which he has been on the quiet and
unmolested Receipt of the whole Revenues
of the Rich and Extensive districts of Tanjore,
It can scarcely be supposed, however Prodigal
and extravagant, that he can have dissipated the
whole Wealth of a Country reputed to be eminently
productive, in idle expences and ostentatious
shows.—

The Board have come to a Resolution
of nominating Mr. Petrie Commissioner to proceed
to Tanjore, Referring in General Terms to the
Presidents Minute, Regarding the Extent of his
authority

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Authority and the objects of his Mission. Having
been prevented by indisposition attending at
the Meeting of Council when Mr. Petrie's Nomination
and these Resolutions passed the Board, and
finding the Letter addressed by the Secretary
to Mr Petrie was worded in the usual
Form of merely appointing him to his Nomination
to a defined office, but was expressed to delegate
the Authority of Government, I intimated
my desire when the Papers came to me in
Circulation to be informed of the specific
Resolutions of the Board, postponing my
opinion in the mean time, on an appointment
that appeared to me very important, and
entirely new, and on the Instructions to the
Commissioner which were also sent Round in
Circulation; and I am sorry to be under the
Necessity of differing in sentiment respecting
the Power, with which it was determined he
should be invested; being of opinion that the
easy communication with Tanjore makes it
unnecessary to delegate the Authority of
Government on this occasion.

Regarding

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Regarding the objects of this Mission
I could have wished that prior to coming to
any Resolutions on this Subject the Rajah &
had been decisively informed thro' the Medium
of the Company's Resident at Tanjore, that
it was the fixed determination of Government
to enforce the Conditions of the Treaty, and
that the Resident had even been instructed
to Require the Cession of Countries of an e
equivalent security, and sufficient Revenue
for liquidating the amount of the growing
Arrears of Rents to the Honble Company
Mr. Macleod's
employment of Government might have been
found sufficient and his abilities equal to
the effecting this purpose - It might have been
proper also, in a point of so much importance,
to have called the Tanjore Vackeel as I proposed,
before the Board, to have received from him every
information on the part of his Master.

In recommending it to the Commissioners
to prevail on the Rajah to cede to the Company
the

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till the year 1791 all the Revenues of this Country, exclusive of a reasonable proportion, for the Expences of his household, it is to be feard that it may be thought they rather exceed the provisions of the Treaty, which I am of opinion should be the Basis of the Instructions to the Commissioners The opening a Negotiation for further Securities than are stipulated by treaty, may possibly be considered by the Rajah as a Violation of the existing engagements, and eventually encur a refusal, which might be considered disreputable to the Company's Government, and which it does not appear necessary to Hazard; and I do not perceive the necessity, of any further investigation, than is immediately Necessary to ascertain and Recover the Revenues of the Countries, that may be ceded; or of conferring an extraordinary Power of entering into details enquiries, on a friendly Court that must be harrassing and distressing without any sufficient reason or adequate object, and under an assumption of Power that I do not conceive

to

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to be Authorized by Treaty.

If the Possessions made by the Treaty for the Security of the Sums stipulated to be paid to the Honble Company are not deemed sufficient, and it be thought Eligible and expedient to open a Negotiation for further Securities, and in effect to form a New Treaty, it might be proper to postpone any such measures, by which Government may stand committed, and to refer the consideration of the subject to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, conformably to the instructions contained in Schedule A of Parliament, for His concurrence and approbation

It does not however appear necessary that we should delay availing ourselves in the meantime of the Possessions of the existing Treaty so far as they extend for the immediate Security of the present Balance but the Resolutions, which it might have been necessary to adopt upon this important subject should

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should have been founded upon every possible previous enquiry, and information and as the Sanjore Vackeel was at the Presidency, he ought as I conceive and suggested have been called in and the more particularly as it is said he is perpared to offer the immediate discharge of the Arrears Amounting to Pagodas exciepting the sume of 196,000 Pagodas, being the sum stipulated to be paid on Account of old Arrears of Peishcash due to his Highness the Nabob

I conceive therefore it would have been proper to have ascertained this point, and if the greater part of the Arrears, as there was reason to hope, had been discharged here M. M.Leod might have been instructed to demand from the Rajah Distruct to ascertain Amount adequate to the Remaining Balance Our Rights to a cession of certain Countries being clear, little negotiation would be necessary and it would I conceive have been proper for this Government previous to the sending a Commissioner, to have made a positive claim by Letter, on the Rajah, for the immediate

payment

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payment of his Balance or the Cession of equivalent
Districts conformable to the Articles of the Treaty,
leaving such Negotiation as might be necessary
on the occasion in the Hands of Mr. Macleod, &
the Resident, whom, from the Character he bears
is doubtless competent to such a Service. The
recovery of the Arrears might perhaps be effected
by Threats
to the Parliament of Depriving a Company's
Servant, of high Standing, with extraordinary
Powers, to Tanjore, who if the Rajah offers to
pay his Balance, may not unnaturally have it
in his Power to obtain the Cession of the
Districts, as proposed, without deviating from
the conditions of the Treaty.

John Holland

8. August

The President proposes that the
Tanjore Vackeel be sent for and questioned as to
the Means in his Power of discharging the Balance
due from the Rajah, his Master, exclusive of the
Sum 10,6000 Pagodas on Account of Arrears of Peshcush
as mentioned in Mr. Holland's Minute. — The

President moves that the Tanjore Vackeel be called before the Board.

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The above Proposition being agreed to, the Vackeel was accordingly called in when he was asked by the President whether he could discharge the Balance due to which he replied, that he would in a few Days pay in two Lacks of Pagodas, and the Remainder at Tanjore for the use of the Sooper — being the whole Balance excepting the Sum of 10,000 on Account of Arrears of Pesheush, which he hoped might be postponed Sundry other Questions were then put to him by the President to which he gave indefinite Answers, on consequence of which it was agreed that he should be permitted to retire and directed to attend the Council to morrow when he must come prepared to give Proposals on something relative to the Affairs & Resources of the Rajah —

The Vackeel called in —

Question to him from the President whether he can discharge the Balance due by the Rajah —

Vackeel's Reply —

Vackeel Retires —

Agreed in consequence he must to morrow

Consultation held this day on the manner for the further Liquidation of the Tanjore Business —

for the above Purpose at 11 O Clock —

The Secretary informs the Board that Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham is in waiting for the purpose of taking the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clives Bounty —

Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham takes the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clives Bounty —

Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham being called in, the Oath of Qualification was administered

to

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Taken by the President in the usual Manner

Read the following Letter from

the Arrack Agent

To The Honble. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

I have closed the Accounts of the Arrack Agency from the 1st January 1787 to the 30 April 1788 and upon the balance pending in the Course of 16 Months there is a Parcel of 861 Pagodas 3952.18.77 Leagers suspected to have been sold to the Troops & the Natives, & 689 Leagers & 172 Leagers sold to the Troops & to the Natives.

From the Arrack Agent
Closing his Accounts from
the 1st January 1787
to 30th April 1788 —
Parcel arising from the
sale of Arrack during
the above Period stands
Return of Arrack on
the 1st August 1788 drawn
to Name if the Expence
of Watching Postage
and Godown Rent are to
be written off by Government
that Bankrolls to be
entered on the Black or
Town Book —

When I had the honor of giving in my Estimate to Government, you will find that a Sale of 900 Leagers Annually was required for the Troops at 45 Cash per a dram to prevent it's being a losing concern, and to any

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any Profits which were produced by the Business
would arise from a larger quantity being sold, as several
heavy charges remained the same whatever
quantity was disposed of, and from the sales
to the Natives who pay 60 Cash Pcr a Dram,
and of course each Leager yields a profit of
Pagodas 23 3/4 from which is to be deducted the
additional Servants Wages -

From the above Statement the
quantity falls far short of the estimate, and
of course no profit was to be expected. &c

Besides this I must also observe
that the Bengal Liquor has been laid in Store
at Pags 0..36..20 1/2 pcr Leager higher than
estimated at and some other expences have been
incurred which I imagined the Agency was
not to be charged with

Stationary	Pags 1..51..25.-
Postage	143..42..30.-
Godown hire	1,638..8..20.
Pags	1,933..30..50.-

These

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These expences as well as the high rate of the Bengal Liquor have been in part counterbalanced by a cheap purchase of 200 Leagers of Batavia Arrack per ... the arrival of the Bengal Ships - The Pagodas 8952-18-77. ... Sum of Rupees ... Sterling ... from this circumstance much within ... Expences having been reduced

Sir

We estimate -

in whether ... to make the Liberty of submitting to you eight Ages ... Stationary, Postage, & Sundries ... found to be wanted off the ... Books of ... 1789 ... Bills, the ... for ... 1789 Bills ... Rupees ... Pagodas ... 47. for ... Bills ... Rupees ... Pagodas ... 116 ... Pagodas ... Bills ... Rupees ... Pagodas ... Bills ... Rupees ... Pagodas ... Bills ... Rupees

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Estimated Return of Arrack at the Different Garrisons on the 1st. August 1788.

Name of Garrisons	Gallons	Qrs	Remarks
Center Division			
Fort St. George Rum & Arrack	87182.	9.	
Mount	1010.	16	Ten Weeks Consumption
Poonamallee	563.	35.	Six Weeks Consumption
Chinglepuet	1092.	22	Three Months Consumption
Vellore	3574.	"	Six Months Consumption
Walajahbad	2830.	"	Three Months Consumption
Sheveleroydroo	1181.	31.	Six Weeks Consumption
Walajahnagur & Cavalry Lines	800.	28.	Ten Months Consumption
Permacoil	204.	23	Six Months Consumption
Arney	2219.	14	Two Months Consumption
Northern Division			
Masulipatam	3556.	28.	Three Months Consumption
Ellore, & Samulcottah			
Vizagapatam	5722.	29	expiards Two years Consumption
Ganjam	3093.	26	expiards Two years Consumption
Ostia			
Southern Division			
Tanjore	3729	27.	Seven months Consumption
Vellum			
Trichinopoly	6803.	31.	Eight Months Consumption
Wariore			
Negapatam	347.	3.	Twenty Months Consumption

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(signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spiritous Liquors

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr. Cathcart that a distribution of the Profits upon the Sale of the Spirituous Liquors will be made to the Commanding Officers of the different Ports and Garrisons - that the Expences of Stationary, &c. are to be deducted from the Profits, and that his proposals respecting the erecting Banks will be taken into Consideration after a Report shall be made of the Company's Godowns.

From the Report of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors it is necessary to provide some Contract for future Supply - Agreed therefore that a Letter be written to the Bengal Government stating they will form some new Contract for the purpose of Supplying the Coast with Bengal Spirits, and that the Agent be directed to state the Quantity which will be

for Contract for supplying the Coast with Bengal Spirits - Report what the Quantity required -

and it is further Agreed

Read a Letter from Major Darby

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From Major Darley of the Cavalry.

(entered in C. C. (No. 35) stating that the Establishment of Horses to his Regiment is greater than it was when delivered over to him by Major Jourdan, and Requesting that the Paymaster be directed to advance him Money for the purchase of Saddles for the full Establishment of his Regiment or for his present Strength of Horses.

Ordered that Mr. Welch be

Minute thereon

directed to Advance the Sum Necessary for the purchase of Saddles for the present Strength of Major Darley's Regiment.

Ex. Copied Marten &c.

Arch. Campbell

John Dalton

H. Abercromby

R. Maunsell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
President
John Holland, James Henry Casamajor
and
Robert. Massonsell Esquires

Saturday
the 9th. August
(1788.)

Minutes of last Consultations read and approved.

The Board having met for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposals to be delivered in by the Rajah of Tanjore Vaukeel, has called in and perused the following Paper translated by the Marquis de Tranquebar.

The Vaukeel of the Rajah of Tanjore attends in

Proposals delivered to the Governor in Council by Sreeumbuck Sumbajee, Tanjore Vaukeel

Besides the three Lacks, which were paid last year according to the Agreement, there remained a balance of three Lacks and Seventy Thousand Pagodas. This Balance I will pay to the Company by borrowing two Lacks of Pagodas of the

The Deputy with this Paper

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of the Sowcars to whom turneas shall be given for re-
repayment in two years — The times of payment to
the Company shall be as follows.—

In five days ..... 50,000.—

In ten days ..... 50,000.—

On the twentieth day ..... 30,000.—

On the thirtieth day ..... 30,000.—

On the fortieth day ..... 40,000.—

2,00,000.—

In this manner I will pay the Company's Money as the
Palace is upheld by the Company, the Sowcars require
the assurance of Government — The Governor and Council
must therefore pass their Assurance to the Sowcars re-
in writing. For the Last, this year, and the next one
Lack and Ten thousand pagodas of the balance of
the Rabobs peishcush must be delayed till the re-
expiration of three years. If one Lack and Six
thousand Pagodas are remitted for the last year, it
will remain for me to pay five Lacks and sixty four
thousand Pagodas.— Besides what has been re-
paid, and what is now to be paid, there will be
be a remainder of sixty four thousand Pagodas.
for the discharge of this Sum Money shall be re-
monthly paid for the expence of the Troops at Tanjore

G.J.

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If one lack and six thousand Pagodas are remitted for this and the ensuing year, the rest of the money shall be discharged according to the Agreement. If the payments of three lacks and eighteen thousand pagodas on Account of the Rabob & peshcush is delayed till the fourth year, I will then pay it along with the other Sums stipulated by the treaty in seven years after.

Be pleased to accept these my proposals in order that the same of the Place, and that the honor of my master may be saved. We are the Dependent of the Company, who expect us: if you will be pleased to comply with this request, no shall remain. If other measures are taken, we shall have no recourse against difficulty. You are well informed and know your attention to the education of your affairs: it remains with you to favor us. Adieu

(signed) Tumbuck Soobagee.

Tanjore Vackeel.

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Questions from the President with the Vackeels Replies.

The President Asks the Vackeel upon what Terms does he propose our raising the two Lacks & Mentioned in his paper?

Answer

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. Answer.- It is proposed to Mortgage a Soubah for 2 Years- the Interest to be 18. p.C Cent if Govermt. Consent to give Assurance that the Country shall not be seized.-

Second Question by the President

2d. What Premium is to be given upon the Proposed Loan.?

. Answer.— None.-

Third Question by the President

2d. Who are to lend the Money?

. Answer. The Principal Persons are Putchapah and Souberoy- there may be People under them.-

Question by Mr. Hodsoll

Question for Mr. Rous 2d. Do the Terms upon which offered Contain any Penal Imposition, or can you offer any thing more advantageous to the Honorable Company?

. Answer- Assented

Reply
Question from the Board.

Question by the Board.-

Whether the Vackeel can raise the money, without any Assurance being given to the Lenders on the part of Government, that the Country will

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will not be taken from the Rajah or without the
Mortgage of Districts— to Neither of which the
Government can give Assent—

Reply— Answer:— The Senders will not trust
the Rajah without Assurances from Government.
being apprehensive that the Country will
be taken from his Excellency—

The Vackeel is reminded that he was told
yesterday, and he is now again informed, that
if the Rajah [illegible] of
his Dependent of the Comp[illegible] by Treaty from being
distu[illegible] you will be pleased [illegible] of his Country, he is
his request, we shall [illegible] Assurances—
be taken, we shall have [illegible] the same as
Officially. You are well [illegible] apprehensive that
your attention to be taken from the Rajah
remains with to require the above Assurances—

The President asks the Members of
Council, whether they have any further
Questions to put to the Vackeel, and upon
their replying in the Negative the Vackeel is ordered
to with draw—

Vackeel withdraws

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The President observes that he is
Conceives Government have not a right to give up
any Claims to Arrears; and Remarks that
there is nothing in the Proposals now before
them, which in his opinion ought to be a
Reason for departing from the Rule and
Resolutions already formed — He therefore
Moves that they be Carried into Execution agreably
to the Instructions given to Mr. Petrie —

President moves that the Resolutions already formed, as contained in the Instructions to Mr. Petrie, be carried into Execution. —

Mr. Holland observes that his Dissent
not being solely founded upon the Points
now before the Board, he Contenues in the
Opinion he has expressed, in his Minute relative
to the Appointment of Mr. Petrie —

Mr. Holland continues in the Opinion expressed in his Minute relative to the Appointment of Mr. Petrie —

Mr. Casamajor and Mr. Maxwell
acquiesce in the President's Motion for the
Reasons he has given: —

Mssrs. Casamajor and Maxwell acquiesce in the President's Motion. —

Resolved accordingly that the former
Determinations be carried into Execution —

Resolution in consequence

Read the following Letter from
Colonel Anstruther, Governor of Tranquebar

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His Excellency Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor of Fort St. George.

From the Governor & Principal
Officers of the Danish
East India Company
to His Highness the Nabob of
Arcot &c. &c. &c.

Since with the full Conviction that
the Friendship which subsists between the
Courts of Great Britain & Denmark extends
its force to the Possessions of the two Crowns
in India, that I take the liberty to address
your Excellency on the Subject of a Public
Concern, wherein I am officially called upon
to support a Claim, which the Royal Danish
East India Company
[illegible]
Transactions referred to
executed by the Danish Company
[illegible]
His Highness Meerza Ameer ul
Hind that a Treaty & Contract made & agreement
with the Danish East India Company
to supply him with a certain Quantity of
Brass Ordnance to the Amount of 122400
Star Pagodas, which arrived at Tranquebar in
the

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the Year 1779 at a moment when His Highness was engag'd in a War with Hyder Aly. The Arrival of these Military Stores for the Account of the Nabob was known to Hyder, who sent a threatning Inhibition to the Danish Government not to permit the same to be delivered out to his Enemy the Nabob. This was reported to his Highness when the English Fleet, then on the Coast, was ordered to Tranquebar to take the Stores, as the Property of His Highness, which was delivered up and exported by the Fleet in the Company's Vessels to Madras. His Highness the Nabob demanded of the Danish Company his Bond for the Amount of 172,500 Star Pags, on which he payed off from April 1779 to July 1780 the Sum of 81,093 Star Pagodas, but as no further payment was received for a considerable time after. Mr. Walter of Tranquebar was sent in 1784, on the Part of the Danish Company to Madras to negotiate the payment of the remainder. An Account Current was made out

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out the 2d. of August 1784 and signed by H
Hon. Highness the Governor
Company for the Sum of 819.12 Star Pagodas,
But as a
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a Sum
the
Amount of 80,000 Star Pagodas to be
paid in four Years at 20,000 Star Pags. p. Year.
The said Junkers continued
on upon the District
and Cutcherry
ment of the
order to the former District
Treasury by whom the
were divided to be made out all that has
been received from March 1786 till the present
Management 6x85 Star Pags. 1018 Porto Nov.
Nov. 26 fant. 80 Pondicherry Pags. which
together makes about 7518 Star Pagodas. It
remains

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remains also on the two first Years Payments
32,382 Star Pags. The frequent Applications
made to the District Holders for the remainder
has continually met with Avatcons on
frivolous Pretences. I have addressed His
Highness Omer on the Subject, as he had
undertaken to Arrange the payment, and
desired that the Sum which remains unpaid
to be now paid out to me, and that the
Revenues which were allotted to the discharge
of the Commander 40,000 Star Pags to be
paid in two Years, I proposed to be received
by an Officer, I should send to the respective
Districts to open due, and to have a Parwa-
nah from the Nabob to that Effect. To
this His Highness Omer has not favored
me with any Answer.

The Affairs thus circumstanced.
I feel myself under the necessity to request
the Honour of an Official Interference from
your Excellency in support of this legal
and just Claim of the Danish East India
Company

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Company on his Highness the Nabob, which Amongst the Steps taken by the Government of Madras to compass the Delivery of the Cordiviance by Endeavring the Destruction Fleet before Tanjore to demand the same, which Hyder Ally had declined should not be delivered out, the English Company were made a party & concern in the Transaction being the Cause of the pursuing the Danish Company of the Value which Incurs in Possession.

I hope your Excellency will excuse the Liberty I take to trouble you on the above Subject and remain with respect Your Excellency's &c &c

Fort St. George
the 9th August 1788.

(signed) [illegible]

Copy to the Nabob

to send Copy of the foregoing to the Nabob and to desire his Highness would enable him to reply in a satisfactory Manner to Governor Sutton.

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Read the following Letter from Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

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

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts stating the Amount which has audited and the last address on the payment made to the Subsidiary Force of the 22nd Inst. Enclosing the Acknowledgement Copy of which being also enclosed is signed

To Honble Sir

Since my address to Your Honor on the

Fort St. George 9th. August 1788.—

on the 10th June, stating the Accounts which had been up
to the 31st December last, and those which remained
to be examined to that period, I have Audited and closed my
Correspondence on the Accounts of the undermentioned Garrisons
and Offices, which have been generally correct except in
a few Instances, the small Over charges and Irregularities
in which, will be brought to the Company's Credit,
on the Accounts of last and present Months, Viz.t. The
Poonamallee for the year 1786; The Accounts of this
Garrison for the year 1787 have been audited, but the
Correspondence not yet closed respecting the Remarks
that occurred; Accot for the Year 1787; Tanjore from
January to December 1787 inclusive; Chingleput from
January to June 1787 inclusive; Vellore and Amboor
from July to December 1787 inclusive— The Moorat
for the year 1787; Palamcotah with the Superinten-
dancy from January to May 1787 The Sepoy Paymas.r
of the Presidency; and the Military Paymaster's
Journal for the Year 1787.—

The Subidars and Jemadars of
the 22 Batt.n and Corps the late Independt.t
Corps at Madura having over drawn their Pay
from the Month of January to the Month of
December 1787 inclusive the former at the Rate
of 1 Pag.da each Subidar, & 21 fan.m each Jemadar,

&c.

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Company on his Highness the Nabob, which through the Stipulation by the Government of Madras to procure the Delivery of the Ordinance by Ordering the Eastern Fleet before Tranquebar to demand the same, which Hyder Ally had desired it might not be delivered out, the English Company were made a party & concern in the Transaction being the Cause of depriving the Danish Company of the Value which Goods in Possession.

I hope your Excellency will excuse the Liberty I take to trouble on the above Subject and permit me to respectfully to Certain

Your Excellency's &c &c

Fort St. George
the 9th August 1788.

Copy to the Nabob

Signed Thos Pearse
Secretary

to send Copy of the Foregoing to the Nabob and to desire his Highness will enable him to reply in a Satisfactory Manner to Governor Porter.

Read the following Letter from Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

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

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, Stating the Amount of his audited and his last Address on the Payment made to the Subsidiary Troops of the Nabob and Requesting that Instructions may be given

Hble Sir

Since my address to Your Honor on the

the

Fort St. George 9th. August 1788.—

on the 16th June, stating the Accounts which had been up
to the 31st December last, and those which remained
to be examined to that period, I have audited and closed my
Correspondence on the Accounts of the undermentioned Garrisons
and Offices, which have been generally correct except in
a few Instances, the small Over charges and Irregularities
in which, will be brought to the Company's Credit,
on the Accounts of last and present Months, Viz.t—
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from the Month of January to the Month of
December 1787 inclusive the former at the Rate
of 1 Pag.d each Subidar, & 21 fan.s each Jemedar,

&c.

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10 Lacks and Eighty Thousand Pagodas on Account
of the Second or March Rist, and which I had
conceived to have been the full Amount of the
Rist. — renders it necessary for me to represent to you
the true State of my Finances. "

At the Surrender of the Assignment
on the 28th June 1785 I entered into an Agreement
with the Governor and Council by which I
engaged to pay Sixteen Lacks of Pagodas
to the Company Annually. I had in the say twelve
Lacks on Account of my Public and Private Debts,
and four Lacks for my Proportion of the Military
Charges, But at the same time that I entered into
this Engagement I
was heavy for my Country
and exact War, to bear
an several Letters to Governor Dundas, requesting
that he and his Council would be pleased to
to the Company and to represent their
of the great burden which had been laid upon my
Country —

In this Situation and when Justice
expectation that My Friends The Company

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would have directed a Reduction to be made on the
16 Lacks, my Friend arrived here & brought
out orders for executing a Treaty with me, whereby
I was to pay as my proportion of the Military
Expences the yearly Sum of 9 Lacks instead of
four as settled in the Agreement of the 28th June,—
besides the 12 Lacks on account of my Public &
and Private Debts, making together the Sum
of 21 Lacks— Fully convinced that any Country
could never support such an enormous load, &
I made the same known to my Friend and
I plainly told him that so far from being able to
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[illegible] be my own Ruin and that
of the Country and Subjects— After many days &
[illegible] per at length agreed to take upon
[illegible] of the Annual Troops of 220,000. Pagodas &
from Tanjore on Account of Arrears & Current &
Peiscash in part of the 9 Lacks to be paid by
me for my Proportion of the Military Charges,—
and if the Company did not comply with any re-
quest for an abatement of 2 Lacks of Pagodas
annually

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10. Lacks and Eighty Thousand Pagodas on Account of the Second or March Rist, and which I had conceived to have been the full Amount of the Rist. orders it was necessary for me to forward to you the true State of my Finances. O

At the Surrender of the Assignment on the 28th June 1785 I entered into an Agreement with the Governor and Council by which I engaged to pay Sixteen Lacks of Pagodas to the Company Annually. Besides Double Batta and Double Batta on Account of my Family and four Lacks for my Reputation of the Military Charges, But at the same time that I entered into this Engagement I was well convinced that I never could [illegible] for keeping for my Family and Children, to bear, and I represented the same in several Letters to Governor Dundas, requesting that he would use his Interest with the Court of Directors to the Company and ease me of the great burden which had been lain upon my Country. — In this Situation and when Justice & reputation that My Friends the Company will

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Fort St. George ye. August 1788

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I was to pay as my Proportion of the Military
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could never support such an enormous load, &
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I plainly told him that so far from being able to
[illegible] the consequence of my
[illegible] be my own Ruin and that
of my Country and Subjects. After many days &
Debates upon all Length agreed to take upon
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from Tanjore on Account of Arrears Peishcush &
Peiscash in part of the 9 Lacks to be paid by
me for my Proportion of the Military Charges,
and if the Company did not comply with my
request for an abatement of 2 Lacks of Pagodas
annually

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annually from the Sum to be paid to my Creditors,
and that the Revenues of the Carnatic were not
found adequate to the discharge of the Same,
to carry the said two Lacks to my Account
Current with the Company. In consequence
of this Agreement of any Second communicates
to me in his Public Letter of the 22 February 1787.
I executed the Instrument herein the 24 February.
By the 17 Article of this Treaty it
is agreed that in case of any essential failure on
the Company's part in the time of Peace owing to the want
of Union or any other circumstances Calamity and Misfortune
shall be made in any Part of the Country
which the Revenues may not enable them to
however to manifest any Power to fulfill
the Engagements. I had not
would engage myself of that Power. As the Revenues
have suffered very much by Enjoying from an
insufficiency of Rain for these two years
past. After exerting myself to the utmost,
and after doing all in my Power to Redeem my
Country

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Current Expences, I fear, I will be impracticable
for me to fulfil my Engagements without injuring
my People, or having Recourse to New Loans.
I therefore hope my Friend will consider my
Situation and consent to receive 5 Lacks ^ in full of the
July Kist. instead of 7 Lacks
2 Lack deficient to be carried to the debit of my
Account Current with the Company.

For the Satisfaction of my Friend
that the Revenues are not adequate to the ye
payment of so large Sum, the Accounts shall
be sent to him.

The Company and the English ye
Nation are celebrated for their strict regard to ye
Sincerity; I am certain when that
Friend will find the Situation of their old and
faithful Friend and his distressed Subjects,
and will endeavour his Payments to be beyond
the Power of his Country can support, and as I know
that Their Representative in Archibald Campbell
feels equally with myself for the distresses of
me and my People I am persuaded he will readily
agree to fulfill the Assurances given me in his ye
public Letter of the 22 February 1787.

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

Cherapauck House
5. August 1788.

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Fort St. George 1st. August 1788.

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

My Friend.

I have received the Letter you did me the Honor to address to me on the 2d of this Month, the Contents of which gave me very serious Concern.— I am sorry your Highness will not abet, that you did promise the Honor to wait on you the 4th July when I had the Honor to write to you that you stated to your own Self Deputation that you were to pay the whole Sum of Seven Lacks of Pagodas due on the 10th Day of that Month. You stated the very great Inconveniences you had undergone on Account of that Kist not being discharged punctually, and that you had endeavoured to the utmost of your Power to fulfill your Engagements to Government to the most trifling Affair in Consequence of your Promise. Money for the foregoing Words of Mouth Promises I expected from your Highness in the Room of plain Language of the Danger which would arise to your Affairs in Case of Failure in the punctual Performance of your Engagements; an Event which would infallibly compel this Government to resort to the Stipulations and Agreements

To the Nabob in answer to the above - advising him to with Draw his Request and complete his payments equally to his late Promises - or this Gov^t will require an investigation into his Accounts -

Fort St. George &c. August 1788.

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Agreements entered into between them and your Highness.

Your Highness thought fit to express yourself in terms of great Satisfaction with the Representation I made to you, and for delivering it personally to yourself, instead of adopting the any other Channel of Communication less & convincing of my Friendship towards you. You were also pleased to say, that although your Revenues were not completly collected, and although you had met with Disappointments of various kinds, still you were determined to compleat the Payment of your first, agreeable Engagements, and all you desired was, that I should indulge you for the Space of One Month. Payments, which should be continued Day by Day, and which should be discharged. These several Agreements were confirmed by Your Highness Cowle dated the 7th July, in which you make Use of these Words &c.

"That the Business of the first was
"the first Object of your Heart, and that the &
"whole of it would be discharged in the Course of one Month &

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Fort St. George 1st. August 1788.

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

My Friend.

I have received the Letter you did me
the Honor to address to me on the 5th of this Month,
the Contents of which gave me very great Concern.
You Highness will recollect, that
when I had the Honor to wait on you the 4th July
I stated to you, my full Expectation that you
were to pay the whole Sum of Seven Lacks of
Pagodas due on the 10th day of that Month and
stated the very great Inconveniences which the Payments
on Account of that Kist, which had indeed
Government to the most serious Embarrassment in
supplying Money for the Service
the Army - and I apprized you Highness in
plain Language of the Danger which would
arise to your Affairs in Case of Failure in the
punctual performance of your Engagements,
an Event which would infallibly compel this
Government to resort to the Stipulations and
Agreements

To the Nabob in answer to the above - advising him to with drawn his requests and complete his payments equally to his late promises - as they require an investigation into his demands -

Fort St. George ye . August 1788.

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Agreements entered into between them and your Highness

Your Highness thought fit to express

yourself in terms of great Satisfaction with the

Representation I made to you, and for delivering

it personally to yourself, instead of adopting ye

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convincing of my Friendship towards you. You

were also pleased to say, that although your ye

Revenues were not compleatly collected, and ye

although you had met with Disappointments

of various kinds, still you were determined to ye

compleat the Payment of your Kist, agreeable

to your Engagements, and all you desired was,

that you should be indulged for the Space of One

Month from the Date hereof, at which time

you would be certainly prepared to discharge

the whole of the Demand, and be continued Day

by Day in the Service, until you should be discharged.

These several Assurances were confirmed by Your

Highness Cowle dated the 7th July, in which

you make Use of these Words &c.

"That the Business of the Kist was

"the first Object of your Heart, and that the ye

"whole of it would be discharged in the Course of one Month

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Fort St. George 1st. August 1788.

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

My Friend

I have received the Letter you did me the Honor to address to me on the 5th of this Month, the Contents of which gave me very serious Concern.

To the Nabob in answer to the above - advising him to withdraw his requests and complete his Payments equally to his late Promises - rather than require an investigation into his Conduct -

Your Highness will recollect that on the 4th July when I had the Honor to wait on you I stated to you my full Confidence that you were to pay the whole Sum of Seven Lacks of Pagodas due on the 10th Day of that Month and I also stated the very great Concern it would give the Government if you failed in the Payment on Account of that Kist, which had been fixed by Government to the mutual Convenience of both Parties for the Purpose of supplying Money for the Service of the Army - and I apprized you Your Highness in plain Language of the Danger which would arise to your Affairs in Case of Failure in the punctual Performance of your Engagements, an Event which would infallibly compel this Government to resort to the Stipulations and Agreements

Fort St. George &c. August 1788.

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Agreements entered into between them and your Highness.

Your Highness thought fit to express yourself in terms of great Satisfaction with the Representation I made to you, and for delivering it personally to yourself, instead of adopting the usual Channel of Communication less expressive of my Friendship towards you. You were also pleased to say, that although your Revenues were not compleatly collected, and although you had met with Disappointments of various Kinds, still you were determined to compleat the Payment of your Kist, agreeable to your Engagements, and all you desired was, that you should be indulged for the Space of One Year from the Time the Payments which should then remain unpaid should be discharged. These assurances were confirmed by Your Highness Cowle Nama Dated the 7th July, in which you make Use of these Words &c.

"That the Business of the Kist was "the first Object of your Heart, and that the "whole of it would be discharged in the Course of one Month

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After recalling these recent Discussions to the Remembrance and attention of Your H Highness, you will not wonder at any Concern at the Application now made by your Highness. Your Highness is pleased to ground your pretended Request on the footing of a Failure in my Remarks, and even on the Additional specifics in my Public Letter, dated the 22. February 1787. Although I have not yet received the Sentiments of the Honble Company on the Instrument sent into that part of the Arrangement which your Highness, still you shall ever find me ready to adhere to all my Engagements and to the Intention. But before I can admit the Claim now made for an Abatement from the full payments, it will be necessary for me to have the fullest Information from the Records and Papers of the Dewaut of the Sircar, that I may be able to form a Judgement of the Justice of the Claim. Such an Investigation would be agreeable to your Highness, and shows the Assurance of all Want of Confidence between Your H Highness and this Government. I beg Leave, as your under

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sincere Friend, to admonish you against the Measure
and that you will use your Endeavours to make
good your Engagements agreable to Treaty, and
with the least possible Delay.

Fort St. George
8th. August 1788.

signed Archd. Campbell.

In Conformity to the Presidents Note
The above Letter in Quotation ending If
the foregoing Letters from and to the Nabob were
sent around to the respective Members, and their
Opinions taken in Rotation, are entered as
hereunder.—

I beg leave to submit it to the opinion
of Board whether this Letter from so much consequence
The most opinion for
Mr. Hastings
in Answer to the
above Letter
should not be laid before His Highness the
Nabobs Letter should be considered in Council

J. Hb.

The Letter from the President to
the Nabob in Reply to the Address of the 5th Instant
Contains no Objection for Resolution, it only recommends
a Reconsideration of the important Subject in
Question by such Advice Government can in no
respect be Committed, I have therefore no objection
to the Letter being sent

J. H.C. — Hb

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The proposed Letter to the Nabob &
concluding him to the Necessity of borrowing &
Money on the most accustomed Terms, or submitting
to an Investigation which it is conceived would
have the Assurance of removing all Cause of Complaint between
Him & the Government — Lastly
Her Highness and their Government — That
of so much Consequence might be settled &

Transcript of the Board's R. M.

It having been resolved by a Majority
of the Board, that the Letter to the Nabob should
be read to the Board, that it be transcribed, copied
& sent to Bengal to be dispatched
for the Purpose &

The Letter for the Nabob must to be dispatched

To the Nabob

Board from the Governor & Council of Fort St. George
Subject of a Claim of the Danish
Read January 9th Letter from the President
requesting to be informed of the Intentions
and Arrangements for the Expedition

Ordered

That the recommended Letters &
Sent the recommended Letters &
pertaining to M. B. N°. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41.

To

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To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

with Respect to the Subidars & Jemendars who have overdrawn their Pay at Madura, the Paymaster must be responsible, and called upon, to respond.—

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.—

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly—to advance to Major Burrowes, Commanding the 2. Regiments of Native Cavalry the Sum necessary for the Purchase of Saddles at the rate of 4½ Pagodas each, for the present Strength of the Regiment

To the Paymaster at Beed.—to Advance to Major Darley or Lieutenant of the Saddles as above

To the Paymaster at Beed.

To Major Darley advancing him of the

To Major Darley.

Order for

To the Paymasters.—

the Storekeeper—to Receive from

To the Storekeeper

the Commander of the Vessel the Amount of the Saddles detained by him, together with the Horses which were sent on Board by the Company

and have not been expended.

To the Military Paymaster General, enclosing

To the Military Paymaster General.—

Copy of a Letter and Enclosures lately received from Bengal relative to the Purchase of Horses for the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons—and directing him to pay to the Trustees of the Male Orphan Asylum

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Fort St. George 1st August 1788.

12. Asylum the Arrears due by the Company &c.

Dispatched the following Letters.—

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane

Agent for Specie from Ligorne.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 1st

To the Agent for Specie from Ligorne, stating the Rate of the Board upon his Letter of the 7th Inst and

Inst. to Instruct, upon your Arrival there, to

forthwith to

the Board, the

Board to Order

for that Purpose

Board from the Govt

Subject of a Claim of

Conformity to the Agreeably to the Arrangement

respecting Personal Orders.

and you will be furnished on Consultation

there before the Board a Report shewing the

Corrections due to the respective Commanding &c.

Officers.—

With respect to your Application &c.

for

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Fort St. George 22 August 1788.

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For Permission to build a Bankshall upon Ground to be appropriated for that purpose I am directed to inform you that the same will be taken into consideration when a Report shall be made of the Conveyance Godowns and of the Wharfs to which the Company's Ships are ad present confined.

The Board desire you will state the Quantity of Bengal Spirits for which it will be necessary to make application to the Governor & General in Council in order to procure a supply for this Coast when the present Stock shall be consumed.

Fort St. George
22 August 1788.

I have &c.
(Sd.) John Shannier Secry

To His Excellency the Honble Colonel Anker
Governor General of Tranquebar
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have been honored with the receipt of your Excellency's Letter of yesterday's date which I have laid before the Council and at their desire have addressed the Nabob of the Carnatick corresponding the wish of this Government that his Highness will make such Arrangements for

To the Governor Tranquebar
His Highness the Nabob has written to me requesting he will make an Arrangement for the Liquidation of the Claim of the United East India Company -

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for the liquidation of the Claim of the Royal Danish East India Company as shall be satisfactory to your Excellency.—

I shall lose no time in communicating to you His Highness's Answer as soon as I may receive it, and it will afford me a sincere pleasure if the application of this Government be thus effectual.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir

Your Excellency's

most Obedient

& most Humble Servt.

(signed) Archd. Campbell.

Fort St. George
16 August 1788

To Captain Bannerman
Captain Lieutenant
Royal Danish Service

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you that the Rajah of Tanjore has requested the Assistance of this Government in forming his Troops into Battalions, and that it is the wish of the Board that you should proceed to Tanjore for the purpose of rendering such Assistance to the Rajah as he may require, and as you may find in your power to afford him.—

You will therefore consider this Letter as your Authority for repairing to Tanjore, and for complying with the Rajah's Request so far as you may find it practicable, consistently with the Duty you owe to the Service of your Sovereign.—

You will also consider it as your Duty to endeavour to impress upon the Rajah the necessity of having a Body of Troops ready to join the Battalions you will organize in the event of his being attacked by the Nabob, that the Rajah may not suffer from any want of Co-operation on the part of this Government.

To Captain Bannerman
At the Request of the Rajah of Tanjore for English Officers to Command his Battalions I wrote the Governor Letter to Complied with. Directing him to Compose a Plan for the Rajah for Organizing a Body of Troops for the protection of the Country.—

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Government to oblige him by granting his Request, but
from a Resolution to prevent the Company's Officers
from having any Kind of Interference in the
internal Concerns of his Country, which might
afterwards produce Uneasiness to the Rajah.

If the Rajah is earnestly bent on laying
down a Plan for the permanent Security of his Country
against any sudden Attack from Tippoo Sultaun,
and otherwise is ready to attend to without
Delay. The only Means by which he can accomplish
that Object, is to apply for a certain Number, not
exceeding three of the Company's Battalions
who should be stationed on the Frontier Line
next to the West Coast where I understand
it is impossible to Tippoo
to form any Jealousies or Interference
in the Affairs of the Country, the Battalions
would every 2 Years at furthest, if the
Rajah's Apprehensions of their Loss, the Annual
Expence of these two or three Battalions would be
particularly specified, and discharged by him at
fixed Periods, either in Money or in Pepper as
might best suit the Convenience of the Rajah.

By such a Plan as this, the Rajah
would

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would have an efficient Force well disciplined and
under able Officers constantly on his Frontiers &
towards Seringa patam, and he might reduce his own &
Standing Army to at least the same Amount
in Number as the Company's. Thus
he would greatly increase the Strength &
without any additional Expence or Inconvenience
because the Pay and Expence of the Troops would
be expended in his own Country, and he could
have the Option of rendering the Payments easy
to himself by delivering Pepper in place of
Money, or that Article as well as Specie,
from the Company's Money. Moreover he could
on the Invasion of the Rajah
the Pepper, and Sandal &c. that
would acquire substantial Security for
Possessions, by the constant Attendance of
unprotected Body of Troops to Invade his
Territories &c.

You will perceive that I have only
mentioned the Subject in general Ways to the
Rajah, wishing that the Proposal might come
from him, but I see so many advantages in the
Way

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Way of Security to the whole of our Connexions in Hindostan, from our possessing a post garrisoned by our Troops in the Front of the Travancore Country, that I very anxiously wish the Rajah may enter into the Idea. I hope you will do it what you can to draw his Attention to these Ideas, and to point out the numerous Advantages which can not fail to result to him from our acceding to such an Arrangement, Agreeable to your former communicating with the Rajah's Minister, you may still keep up the Idea of our being well disposed to station an additional Number of Troops, European and Native on the Sea Line of the Travancore Country, if their Residence for the Protection of the should be found necessary, and reasonable, and agreed with us or the Rajah, but the additional Expences to be paid entirely by the Company.

I received your Letter of the 20th July, in which you say, that you enclosed a Plan of that part of the Rajah's Lines which is most liable to Attack. No such Plan was enclosed and neither the Seal nor the Cover of your Letter was any Way defaced. — It

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It is not a clear point to me that

Sheltering over Troops on the Island of Sacotta,

as mentioned in your Letter, would answer the

purpose proposed by the Troops & Force on the

Coast of Coromandel, Under the

Command of Major Jephson, Quarterly

Should the Court of Directors think proper to order

the Island of Sacotta to be

Occupied by the

Troops under their Command

Should Defensive

Measures be necessary to be taken by the Bengal Government

for the Security of the

Possessions of the Company

Fort St. George
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Substance of Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Assembled on the Coast of Coromandel

Jephson and Officers

of the United Company's Troops except such as

Officers to the Corps and

are entered upon the Pay, and under their

own Command

by which One, two, three Battalions of Company's

Troops

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12 Troops can be employed in securing his Country against any Attacks by Tippoo, the President will most carefully take it into Consideration

Read Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (Vide No 86) requesting that the Creditors of the late Veeraun Moodily, who are now at Madras may be directed to deposit in the Company's Treasury the Jewels Mortgaged to them by the said Moodily, and that the Sum in Dispute between the Family and the Creditors may be paid at Madras according to the Rajah's Desire

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board

Fort St. George the 1st August 1788

Read a Letter from Mr. Kennon, enclosing a Letter from Mr. Keir Surgeon of the Regt recommending his Application to the consideration of the Hospital Board

They have also received a similar application from the Surgeon of the Corps and hope Government will order

Approved

Report of the Hospital Board recommending the Marine officers for the Surgeons of the Army and the Superintendant Mr. Wedderburn to be Physician, and Deputy Surgeon

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Order the Medicines to be received into the Stores.

They have received a representation from the Surgeons of their present Establishment of Surgical Instruments and Books, recommending the Adoption of Mr Ballard's to be purchased, in which they request the Concurrence of this Government.—

Messrs Todd and Hunter having arrived on the Ceylon they recommend their being admitted Assistant Surgeons on this Establishment.

Ordered Accordingly

Sent

Referred

to Mr Thomson Arranged in Vol 2 of the 26 July

Record the Recommendation

(entered in Mo Bs Nos 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49)

From the Commander of the Carnatic Dominions

From the Commander of the Carnatic to the Court

Represents the Necessity of granting an Establishment of 50 Pagodas per Month for the Support of His Majesty's Troops at Trincomalee and Batticaloe, and requesting Orders thereon

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Company's Troops Amounting to 72 " 111 "—

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From the Chief Engineer - requesting that Ensign Guthrie may be permitted to draw Batta while employed at the Company's Garden House from the 1st June to the 30 September 1786 - and enclosing Lieutenant Flower's Bill for Work executed at Seaport Amounting to Pagodas 416. 14 -

From the Chief Engineer

13. From Mr. Tod Stating that Mr. Macleod has consigned to him from Sanjore 75 Garces of Paddy for the Purpose of discharging a Balance due the Honorable Company's and offering it at the Market Price -

From Mr. Tod -

14 From the Commanding Officer at Sanjore - Will give every Assistance to Mr. Petrie in the Execution of the Service entrusted to him; and Stay for further Instructions -

From Lieutenant Commanding at Sanjore -

15 From the Secretary to Government - Transmitting Extract of a Letter from Sanjore to the Chief Engineer with the Copy of a Letter from Mr. Macleod to Mr. Tod and Copy of Mr. Tod's Reply thereto -

From Mr. Tod -

16 From Major Dugald Campbell - enclosing a Bill for 100 Pieces of Timber from the Materials of Pagoda Choultry - and for 256 Pieces of Timber worked last Year for Lieutenant St. Leger's forfitting up the new Guns and Accoutrements - Amounting to Pagodas 32. 18 -

From Major Dugald Campbell

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At a Consultation Present

The Honorable Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Friday the

15th August 1788

Present

John St Collond Esqrs

Robert Mainwell Esq

Minutes of last Consultation read

Approved

The Fort Despatches before the Board

The following Letter received from the Nabob

(No 17)

To Major General Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief

Fort St George

My Friend

I have received your Letter dated the

of last month

by Sir Edward Hughes and the Letter

from the Nabob

From the Nabob will explain the last Part of this Letter

States the manner in which he intends to make the payments —

To Major General Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

President Governor &c &c

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The
and great Difficulty I labour under to fulfil my
Engagements and Love in hopes that my Friend
Mr Thomas will take my Request of a Remission
of five Sorts of Pagodas on the last year Payments
for the Reasons given in my aforesaid Letter.
My Wish is to remain on all
Occasions my Regard for my Friend and Their
Confidence & Favour in the Time of their Administration.
I observe in my Accounts the Company
have not as yet made any Reply to my Representation
for a Relinquishment of the Sorts of Pagodas yet
I must to their Justice, that they would in Mercy
my Request then my Letters so fully manifest
to them for it
Mahony Country and Inhabitants
Last Flowerish ensue of having brought to Ruin
so Body of Men as
Time of my being Servant to
the whole of my last Rent of seven
Sorts of Pagodas in the following Manner
Sorts of Pagodas
Sorts of Pagodas
Company for Money from this Date to the 25th day
of the Seventh Month as will complete
the

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To The Honble. Major General Sir A.r Campbell Kt.
&c
President & Governor &c. in Council
of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant Colonel Gibbs
of the Company's Service
delivered me a Memorial
addressed to Your Honble Board
praying that I would forward
the Inclosed Letter
from him to Colonel Cuppage
his Successor in the Command
of Mangalore, which I have
accordingly done by the Pioneer
Packet, and have the Honor
to transmit herewith
a Letter from the Resident
at Tellicherry with Copies
of Intercepted Letters
from Tippoo Sultaun
to the Governor
of Calicut

I have also the Honor to transmit
herewith

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To Payment of Pay &c ..... 500,000...

During the Course of the Month of September } 100,000.....

Twelfth Jany ..... 100,000.....

In October Twelfth Jany ..... 100,000...

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This Proposal I hope will be agreeable to my Friends and that it will be sufficient by you to Remedy Inconveniencies and Distresses in the Affairs of the Company and that the Investment will be completed and that the Presidency and Council will be enabled to Remit the Amount of the Bonds now Depending Repeat from the Committee of Mony with the Answers pertaining to it. (H. B. Nos. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54).-

To

The Honble Court of Directors

By the Ship Worcester

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To The Honble. Major General Sir A.r Campbell Kt.

President & Governor &c.a in Council

of

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The Payment of Pagodas ..... 5,00,000.—

Deduct the Sums of the Months of September

Twelve pay ..... 1,00,000.—

& October Twelve pay ..... 1,00,000.—

Their Corps I hope will be agreeably

surprized and that will sufficiently plead thereby

Gratitude —

When I assure an Answer agreeing

to their Request the Business would be

Dispatched without Loss of Time

My Lord With the Utmost Respect I have the Honor to be

Your Lordships most obedient

& most humble Servant

Thomas Munro

15th August 1788

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To The Honble. Major General Sir A. Campbell Kt.
President & Governor &c. in Council
of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant Colonel Wells
of his having signified in a last Letter
his Intention to deliver in a Minute of his explana-
tory Sentiments respecting the Pro-
ceedings of a Committee of Officers
held at Seringapatam in the Month of
March last, for the Purpose of
considering the Propriety of
Colonel Wells's Application for
Leave of Absence to Europe
which Minute was delivered to the Secretary
on the 13th Instant, and Colonel Wells
having subjoined a Request that the
same might be recorded on the Proceedings
of the Committee of Officers
held at Seringapatam as aforesaid
We accordingly transmit herewith the
said Minute for that Purpose
And we also transmit herewith for your
Honble Board's Consideration
a Letter from Colonel Wells
of this Date, requesting to be permitted
to proceed to Europe by the Ship Lascelles
now at Anjengo
We also transmit herewith a Receipt of
Lieutenant Colonel Wells for
a Letter from the Shipowners
at Tellicherry to Seringapatam
which Letter was delivered from the
Secretary's Office to Colonel Wells
on the 13th Instant

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it is a little below proof as to be of
no great consequence even if it was
required for actual Service.

The Committee of Stores
also complain
of the manifold want of empty Tubs which
they seem to have expected with
the last Supply of Stores, but this
want was occasioned by the
number ordered at their
Indent which however they
expend 55,000 for. Tubs whereas
at least 50,000 More than
appear to be necessary for that
Garison but our Information
on this Subject is not sufficient
to enable us to say that
there are only 150 Sea Sounders
empty Copies. Tubs in Store & the
number ordered for from Ellore
are more than we have at present
on our Islands 1466 which will be
dispatched in their present State
which is a third of what we have

Store

papers

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Scarcity of Matter, which we have &
Shall endeavour
to procure
respecting the Powder at that Garrison,
making Leave to observe that we have
only received for a Copy of the Proof
made by Major Smith as mentioned
in Our Letter to you of the 19th March
Custom in order to determine exactly what
Quantity was first for Service from
whence we might also be able to
ascertain what Quantity it might
be required to send from hence. We do
not like to [illegible] Quantity of
Powder to a Proof of
Proof that place but from
[illegible] together only
now further to add that only
on that which is made by you to
Officers of Ordnance the Knowledge
than that
for one that is made by a Person of
Experience. But from the Best
Information we have been able
to form of the State of the Powder
at Masulipatam we are thought
to believe that a considerable part of
it

taught

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it is so little below proof as to be of
no great consequence even if it was
required for actual Service.

The Committee of Stores
at Masulipatam also complain
of the want of Empty Tubs which
they request to have expected with
the last Supply of Stores but this
want was occasioned by the Tubs for it
not being made of seasoned
Timber which however they
expend 55,000 Tubs. Tubs which
at least 50,000 More than once
appear to be necessary for that
Garrison but our Information
on this Subject is not sufficient
to enable us to say that
before the Committee say that
there are only 150 Iron Bounder
empty Copper Tubs in Store & the
remainder indented for from Bengal
are more than we have at present
on our Islands & shall be
dispatched in their present State
which is a third of what we have

Hence

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Hence it first appears they have
only 150 Tubs in Store yet
they afterwards propose sending
1966 to Ellore which they al-
also state as only a third part
of what they have, which should
therefore amount to 4398.
Until these mistakes are re-
ctified It is clear we can
neither judge what they have
nor what they require. They
have likewise indented for
1000 Tube Boxes a number so
greatly more than proportionate
that 3000 Tubs do fully
suffice for the whole Army.

The Complaints of this
Committee amply corresponds-
with the negligence & inattention
in this we have been obliged to
our own Justification to point
out many of the Errors and
Inconsistencies of their Indents
& Proceedings which however
we shall now conclude with
shewing two other remarkable
Instances

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Instances by which I had we complied with them) the Honble Company would have been subjected to a very heavy and needless Expence. The one is an Indent for 22250 Bottoms of for spirited Grape which would be sufficient for 2000 Pieces of Cannon, & the other for a number of Forges for Bengole which on Reference to the Returns of the Ordnance of that Island appears there are neither Pieces Mortars nor Howitzers at that Garrison.—

We received from the Contractor Yard at our last Meeting 1 Rumbrils 18 Iron Chain Traces for Tumbrils 100 Single Yokes of new Construction which we examined and finding them well made of good Materials & well finished we ordered it to be entered on the Company's Books

We have the honor to lay before you Copy of a List of Stores Received from the Military Storekeeper last Month Masters of which we examined & approved

We have the honor to be

&c— &c—

(signed) J. Capper

" Wm. Petrie

" Patrick Ross

" Thomas Geils

" J. Moorhouse.

" Read

Approved and an order to be sent to Masulipatam.—

Approved

Approved

Fort St. George
2d August 1788

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Recd the following Letter from Mandlish.
with Packet enclosed. N.B. N. 55.

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

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have the honor to transmit
for the Receipt of Your Orders, Communicated by
Your Secretary's Letters of the 22d & 26th
Instant and to assure Your Honors we shall be attentive
to the three Persons mentioned in the Letter they will be
examined, and a Report transmitted to Your
Honors &c. as required.

In answer to that part of the 12th Para
we regretted You with our having directed a
Repetition of the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held
and reported the fractures of the Bones found
not as they have been done accordingly, we have
now enclosed an Extract of a letter from Our
Committee

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Committee of Stores with the Report made to them by the Commanding Officer of Artillery; by which Report it appears that the Gun Powder which came under the denomination Sporting, may be considered fit for Service; and if the Committee of Stores at the Presidency are of the same Opinion, after examining the Powder, the Quantity lately Indented for, in consequence of this being considered unnecessary will not be required.

The Gun Powder in Question has been proved by means of a Small Quantity, which is the largest in the Stores, but is to be used in Broadcloth Guns lately recommended Mr. Broadcloth Should be Applied for, Accordingly

Lieut. Elliott

Request that

to be sent to

Agreed Elinor Lt. Coote order new

Mr. Place

We have the honor to be very respectfully

S. & S.

Madrastan

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Lieut. Dirom

Lt. Dobbyn

Agreed

Lieut. Sadleir

Hodges

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Agreed that Extract from the
Minute thereon — foregoing Letter to the Committee of Stores
Read the following Letter from the
Military Board.

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

We have the honor to enclose for
from the Military Board
Mr Robt Barclay
plaud on the Estab.
the Army, agreeably to
the Orders of the Court
of Directors, together
with proper Vouchers
for Half Annuity
the Expence of the
Pensioners on the Establishment
of Madras

the Information of Government Mr Secretary Thomas's Letter of the 3, 15, 25th 27, 29th
Ultimo with the Several Enclosures — Also the
Reserved Orders respecting the Establishment of the King's
Regiments for the Pay and Allowances
to the King's and Company's Troops serving under
this Presidency, together with the approved Cavalry
Regulations, and the Regulations for recruiting &c
Companies; all which shall agreeably to your
Orders, be duly inserted in the Book of Regulations
In considering the whole of the Expence
now in Question we take Mr Robert Barclay
We are of Opinion that conformably to the Court
of the Honble Court of Directors, in the 34th Para
of

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I have the honor to transmit herewith a Letter of the 28th March 1788. from the Officer commanding the Detachment of Artillery at Bombay, and a Letter of the 28th March 1788. from Lieutenant Robert Barclay, now holding the Rank of Lieutenant, should it appear on the List of Infantry Officers as the youngest Ensign promoted from the List of Cadets received from Europe, who were appointed in 1782. and Arrived in India in 1783.—

Mr. Shaw on the part of Captain Shaw Commanding the 1st Battalion of Native Infantry, having laid before me a Memorial, Copy of which is herewith transmitted, praying to be allowed the Pay of Half Mounting for the Corps of that Battalion on the Years 1778 & 1779. and it not appearing to me that there is any reason why the Claim should be withheld, I beg to lay the Memorial before the Board, and am of Opinion that it would be proper to allow them Batta at the rate of Sixteen Rupees per Month, being the Proportion of Batta allowed to Officers of the Rank of Ensign, whenever they may be actually serving with Corps, and not when they may be absent from the Regiment on Furlough or Passport.—

I have also herewith to transmit a Memorial from Lieutenant Barclay, praying to be allowed the Rank of Lieutenant, which I beg to recommend to the favorable Consideration of the Board.

One Secretary requires to be entertained on the Establishment of Stationary & Clothing for

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for the Use of the Office, he finds only two Quires
of Royal Paper remaining, wch are insufficient for
forwarding the Specifications, Estimates &
Drawings, likewise a
that Blank Books, and 10 Reams, are
Wanted, as there frequent occasion for,
Paper will
be required for transcribing the New Book of
Regulations, Mr Sargent will be pleased to
Order an addition to be made of two Quires of
Royal Paper, 12 Blank Books Ruled, and 4
Boxes of Wafers
Which he is to be charged to the Company

Fort St George
15th August 1788

{Signed}

I Sargent
Patrick Ross
Thomas Goals
James Cadenhead
Henry Malcolm
Jno Cumfobell
Jno Strachan

The Board approve the representation
and Opinion contained in the above Letter
Resolved

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Resolved that the Memorandum
for by the Standing Board be perused
and the following Letter from
Major Shaw
To The Honble. Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor &c &c &c
in Council.

Honorable Sirs

Having in consequence of the
Instructions you were pleased to honor
me with from Major Gen. Abercromby
dated the 2d. Instant, the Honble. Sir Archibald Campbell &c &c &c
and Commissioners
appointed to negociate the Peace with Tippoo Sultaun, arrived
safely on the 4th. Instant at Mahomedabad
on the Banks of the River Tapty, and delivered your Letters
to the Commissioners
Major Dallas and Captain Kirkpatrick
Mahomedabad
I do not expect to receive any Correspondence with Shereefjee or
his Followers
to be held any
Intercourse
their Government, or even to open our Despatches,
I thought it expedient on the Commencement of
the Mahommedan Khan to return to the Standing
Encampment
Shereefjee a duty composed by any present of
Value
solicitation to offer such ideas as occur to me, of
the Negotiation on which Shereefjee
is employed
I would hope that they will be heard &
Pursued
considered by Tippoo to persevere, that Tippoo
Sultaun

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Sultaun & Comr Seapurs, agreeable to their superior
have been conferred with on absolute persuasion
of his Highness right, in the Objects of the late
investigation. The Commissioners of Tippoo &
Sultaun having entered on a discussion of silent
correction contended them selves with a positive
assertion, instead of proofing in their wonted tone
to a prompt conclusion. Their Mediums in attention
to the subject of the negotiation in their subsequent
correspondence, so opposite to their unpunctuality
during the period previous to dejection: added
to Tippoo Sultaun's long silence on an object
which formerly engaged so much of his attention
seem calculated to [illegible] on the
part of

their persecution.

Tippoo proceed to persecution, and appear
clear of persons, seized altogether probable that he
will without a categorical demand, proceed to
a positive and public renunciation of his claims
and the other, as on the removed principles of
the negotiation, this must inevitably lead to a
declaration of the claims of this Government, from
which he has nothing to hope and much to fear.

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Sir however Jshall endeavour to reflect, that as the objects of his Jntercessions are in our possession, and he first came South as claimant, while he declines to review them, the essential purpose of the mission is virtually completed. But should ambitious and restless ambition eventually dictate less amicable measures, I would persuade myself in every event, that my two letters of the 27th of June with their enclosures furnish ample documents to justify the national character in the most vigorous resistance: -

I will not remain for the wisdom of Government to determine, whether as the great Festival of Pongol, and measures have been already taken about the Seharks to discourage the commerce of Pulgaum, it may not be expedient to station in the Pulney Valley such force as may enspire the confederacy, and furnish protection as well to the Pulgaum as to the inhabitants of Pandy and Coilcoonungal, who have already manifested their apprehensions for their safety, heightened no doubt by the evident importance of this local situation, on the center of the Pulney valley, connected

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connected with the Commissariat and Cavalry of
countries, and upwards of twenty Miles northerly
our nearest Forts.

Before I conclude this Letter, I think
it my particular duty to make you acquainted, with
the insufficient satisfaction, and essential assistance
afforded me by Mr Wilks Secretary to the Mission:
his knowledge of the Country languages having
in particular, for a considerable time, in
rendering the matter of Inquiry which
necessary for translation. I therefore to
hope that the result of these services will give
full effect to your intentions regarding them as
subscribe myself with the utmost
I have the honor to be with

Fort St. George
August 11th 1788

perfect respect
Sir
Your
(Signed) B Close

Read the following Letter from
Major Dugald Campbell

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To The Honorable Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor and Commander in Chief in Council
Fort S. George

Honble Sir,-

Major Campbell requests Permission to resign the Service, states his Reasons for resigning - and begs to be recommended home -

By the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors of the 31st July 1787 carried into effect on the 14th of February last, I under= went the entire Modification of being Reduced from the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry to that of Major and consequently placed above a Majority of the Officers of my Corps -

The immediate prospect which that period presented itself, of a War with France in which we should be soon involved, & the Duty and Gratification I proposed to myself in being employed to Service in any Station wherein I might be employed to advantage -

Under the prospect of Peace & which has prevailed, I have endeavored to subsist upon my Income upon Leave upon Furlough to return to Europe and afterwards upon Application for Leave to resign the Service -