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in competition with the Nabob of the Carnatic, who has openly and avowedly come forth, in Support of his just Rights and Priviledges. - It seems to be the Opinion of the Board that it will answer very little Purpose to contrast the Evidence of the Nabob's Official Servants with those of the Calastry Rajah, on Account of their Partiality to their respective Masters; and it likewise seems to be the Idea of the Board, that it is difficult to find any Native Moonshies at the Presidency, who may not be biassed to either Party - The President therefore has no Objection in taking the Opinion of the Council upon the present State of the Business, and begs Leave in consiquence to make the following Motion. -

The President's proposed Motion. -

From the Evidences and Proofs that have been brought before the Board - Is it the opinion of the Members of Council, that the Sannuds produced by M. Maunsell as the Nabob's Sannuds given the District

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After the word "One appears this hardly discernible" to add, and that appears to me to be rather to belonging to the word Pushcush than to the word Jaiah, or rent.—

Instead of saying I believe it is usual to mention the number of years for which a country is given in rent to say—" It is usual.—

After attesting the translations of the Muchulkas produced by the Nabob for Settarampore and the Pollams to be just as it is recorded that I declare I know the Seals upon the Muchulka for the Pollams to be it, meaning the Rajah's Seal I think it necessary to avoid mistakes to add after the above words "that I do not know whether the small seal on the Muchulkas, for Settarampore is the Rajah's or not, not having ever seen it before.—

My Answer respecting the letters from the Rajah of Calestry, to the Nabob should stand as follows.—

It appears not to be the same Character with that used in the letter to the Governor—It may be the same person's hand writing but it is difficult for me to ascertain.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters (as Entered in MB: No. 29..30..31..32..33..34..35..36..37..38..39..) —

From Secretary at Bombay. — From the Secretary at Bombay, advising of the Dispatch of the Ships Dublin and Northamberland with the greatest part of His Majestys 71st Regiment and that a further detachment proceeds on the Tweed; requesting that the latter Ship, after having landed the Troops, may proceed on her Voyage to Bengal. —

From Vizagapatam — From Vizagapatam, enclosing an Account of the Publick and Military Stores taken at Bemlipatam, as it stands upon the Books of that Factory, which differs from the List transmitted to them by Mr. Chamier —

From Mr. Young — From the Paymaster at Ongole, Vindicating his purchase of the Rice Complained of by Colonel Eidingtoun, promising to be more Circumspect in future, and advising of his having Collected Sufficient Grain to furnish the Detachment with Six Weeks Provisions.

From Mr. Willis. — From the Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar Exculpating himself for not having sent to the

11th Negapatam, were taken Charge of by the Honble Mr. Basil Cochrane, and Mr. Cuthbert.—

From the Import warehouse keeper.— From Mr. Savage, advising of his having received from the Commander of the Ship Contractor four Military Jackets and three Caps.—

From the Chief Engineer From Colonel Ross, Enclosing two Letters, which he has just received from Lieutenant Kisselback on the Subject of his Rank.—

From Mr. Tabbener.— From Mrs. Tabbener, requesting an Increase to her Husband's present Monthly Allowance of 15 Pagodas.—

Dispatched the following Letters (as entered in M. B. Nos. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48)

To Capt Rees.— To the Commander of the Northumberland — permitting him to receive on board his Ship as passanger for Bengal, Mr. Cooper Assistant Surgeon.—

To the Garrison Storekeeper To the Garrison Storekeeper, Enclosing an Account of provisions Shipped on Board the Dublin, Northumberland, Tweed, and Greyhound on Account of His Majestys 71st Regiment; and desiring him to call upon the Several Commanders for the unexpended provisions, for the Amount of which, he is to Credit the Bombay Presidency.—

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To the Governor of Pulicat. -

To the Governor of Pulicat Requesting he would deliver up (Agreably to the Cartel established between the two Governments) William Agustaff, a # Deserter, who is reported to have entertained in the Dutch Service. -

To the Honorable Major General Medows Governor in Council. - at Bombay

Honble Sir,

To Bombay Congratulating General Medows upon his safe Arrival - advising of the Surrender of Guntoor and of the Company's Troops being in peaceable possession of that Circar. - enclosing Duplicate of a Letter # dispatched 21st Ult.

We have been honored with the receipt of the Letters under date the 13th and 14th September from the President and Council at Bombay, and We beg leave to offer our # Congratulations to General Medows on his safe Arrival, and having taken Charge of his Government. -

We have the Pleasure to inform # you, that His Highness the Soubahdar of the Decan, has complied with the Demand of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, for the Surrender of Guntoor, and that the Company's Troops are in peaceable Possession -

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sent from Guntoor for that purpose.—

I have not yet got any Account of the Stores, or report of the Engineer's respecting the Works, but expect them to Morrow, when I shall acquaint you with further Particulars, especially, what Garrison may be requisite to Station here.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) James Eidingtoun

Camp at Bellamcundah October 2d. - 1788.

The Tr. Conble. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Tr. Conble Sir—

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th. Ultimo, and shall observe what you direct in it respecting Mr. Sadlier.—

I enclosed a Return of the Military Stores found in Bellumcundah, and Major Johnstone's report of its fortifications.—

Judging it a place only fit for a Post, I intended to leave only one Company of Sepoys

From Colonel Eidingtoun &c. enclosing a return of Military Stores found in Bellamcundah & Major Johnstone's report of the fortifications, has &c. Garrisoned it with the 4th. Battalion, requesting to know how he is to act with respect to the Forts in the hands of Zimendars: describing the Fort of Cheredepelly which from its situation and strength, is &c. deserving of particular Notice and stating the character of Wassey Haddy whose Capital it is, enclosing Copy of a letter from Mr. Sadlier with the reply.—

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the Board of Masulipatam as well as the Nizam's Venters have very often experienced his refractory Disposition. I conceive it would be good policy to place a pretty strong Garrison in his Fort, but it has appeared adviseable to acquaint you first with my reasons in support of its propriety, and to wait your determination. - Accompanying this are a Copy of a Letter I received to day from Mr. Sadlier, with one of my reply to it, by which you will be informed of my next destination.

Camp at Bellumcundah October 4th - 1788.-

I have the Honor to be &c. &c.
(signed) James Eidingtoun

List of Stores found in the Garrison of Ballamcondah. 3rd October 1788.-

Quality of Stores	Iron Guns	Iron short Stone	Musquet Trench	Ditto English	Match Locks	Leaden Balls Gingall	Powder Dubbers	Powder Bags	Wall Pieces	Flint Musquet Barrels	Salt Petre Barrels	Sulpher Barrel	Remarks
Guns Iron 6 Pdrs	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Country, Serviciable
Do. Do. 4 Do.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Wants Bushing -
Do. Do. 3/4 Do.	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	No Carriages serviceable
Musquets, Trench	"	"	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Unserviceable
Sulphur, refined	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	" " " " " " "
Powder in Dubbers	"	"	"	"	"	"	72	"	"	"	"	"	Unserviceable
Do. Do. Bags	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	40	"	"	"	"	Ditto.
Match locks	"	"	"	"	9	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Ditto.
Salt Petre not pulverized	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9	"	About 50 Barrels
Leaden Ball Gingall	"	"	"	"	"	120	"	"	"	"	"	"	Serviceable
Wall Pieces	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	"	"	"	" " " " " "

(signed) C: Carlisle.-
Commissary of Stores.-

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To Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun

Commanding a Detachment in the Guntoor Circar

Sir,

I this day received your Letter of the 26th Instant, dated in Camp before Innicundah, and acquainting me with the manner, in which you have obtained possession of it. As the Guntoor Circar has been peaceably surrendered to the Comp.y it appears to me that there need not have been & any appearance of hostility. I conclude that you will have sent the Soubah's order to Seyf Jung and required him to deliver directions to all persons under his authority for its being complied with. I received an Arzudert from & Veerashi Lingum, yesterday, informing me of his having received Orders from Ackram Cawn, who had been left at Guntoor by Seyf Jung for delivering up the Forts of Mortazanagur & Vennacondah (or Innacondah) Bellumcondah, Raypellur, Rauchoor, and Needamurroo which order I directed, as soon as I was informed of the Circumstance, to be sent to you, This shews that

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Copy of your Letter at the same time.—

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30th. September 1788

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

True Copy Alex. Read
Secy to Lt. Col Pedington (signed) : Anthony Sadlier.—

Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 30th. Ultimo, containing remarks I cannot in any shape apply to my conduct on the Expedition.—

There was no other appearance of hostility of my taking possession of Innicondah, than must ever be inseperable from the movements of a Military Force upon other occasion, where tho' the ability to act offensively be understood the & strongest assurances of a pacific disposition is declared.—

That being the Fact, I do not & & comprehend how you could draw an inference & from my Letter of the 26th. Ultimo so very foreign to what happened, nor is it clear in what respect the advice you offer in your Letter of the 22d Ultimo could have been so useful to me on that particular occasion by suggesting so very different a Mode of Conduct.—

Your

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with Provissions while the other part of the Country are in their present state, and as being contrical the most Eligible for its defence.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) James Eidingtoun

Campat Bellumcondah 4th October 1788.

True Copy Alex. Read Secry to Lieut Col. Eidingtoun.—

John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 27th Ultimo, acquainting me what the Honble Board had done respecting Rice and Bullocks for the Detachment. You will please to inform them that, being on my march of Guntoor where I propose to remain till further orders, on Account of its being the most Centrical Station, and the most plentiful part of the Country, I am not apprehensive of any difficulties in Supplying the Detachment with provisions in future, especially as its number will be considerably reduced, when all the Necessary drafts for Garrison's

From Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun advising of his being on his march to Guntoor and of his intention to remain there denies his having requested 2000 additional Bullocks.

and

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I am not yet furnished with the Engineer's opinion of its work's, nor am I determined what Garrison to leave in it. —

I will very shortly transmitt you the Plan I conceive the best for the Defence of the Cercar. —

So much rain has fallen, and the appearance of the Weather continues such, that I shall probably encamp here a few days. —

The enclosed is a Copy of a Letter I received Yesterday from Captain Kennaway, and my Answer.

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

Camp at Coondoovar, Octr. 7th. 1788. —

Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun. —

Commanding in Guntoor. —

Sir,

I am this Instant favored with your Letters of the 23d. and 24th. Instant, and shall take an early Opportunity of representing to the Nizam the Circumstance of Seyf Jung's having confined

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that may be made by Tippoo or others, to disturb us in the quiet profession of it.

I have the honor to be.—

&c. &c.

(signed) John Kennaway.—

Captain Kennaway

at Hydrabad

Hydrabad
30th Sept. 1788.—

Sir,

I was favoured with your Letter of the 30th Ultimo last night, when I expressed wrath in my letter of the 24th of being informed of some essential part of His Highness the Nizam's directions to his Renter, respecting the Delivery of the Forts and Country, it was on receipt of the Sealed Orders only; yours of the 19th brought a Copy which was perfectly satisfactory.—In regard to Guns and Stores, the Killidar of Innisundah had free leave to convey with him what he chose—but he never suggested an Idea of taking them with him, and indeed, whatever was under the denomination of

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in the way of intelligence, preferable to any thing I can pretend to, and of course, presume you will indulge me with any thing that may be of real importance, so as to enable, as far as depends on me, to make the best disposition of the Troops under my Command.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(signed) Jas. Eidingtoun.—

Camp at Condaveer, Octr. 7— 1788.—

True Copy
Alexr. Reed Secy.
and Persian Translator to Lieut. Col: Eidingtoun.—

Return of Ordnance, Artillery and Military Stores in the Garrison of Innicundah Commanded by Captain N. Dawes, 1st October 1788.

Quality	Found in the Fort: Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total	Rec'd from Stores of the Detachment: Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total
Iron Guns 3/4 Pounders	2	"	"	2	"	"	"	"
Iron Shot 3/4 Do	95	"	"	95	"	"	"	"
Powder Coarse, Dubbers	4	"	"	4	"	"	"	"
Salt petre not pulverized Baskets	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"
Coarse Powder, Dubbers	21	"	"	21	"	"	"	"
Iron Shot 2 1/2 Pounders	150	"	"	150	"	"	"	"
Flints Musquets	1550	"	"	1550	"	"	"	"
Polygars Musquets	52	"	"	52	"	"	"	"
Iron Guns 1 Pounder	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"

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Return of Ordnance Artillery and Military Stores in the Garrison of Immicundah, Commanded by Captain N. Dawes 1st October 1788.—

Quality	Found in the Fort: Serviceable	Unserviceable	Unnumbered	Total	Rec.d from Stores of the Detach.t: Serviceable	Unserviceable	Unnumbered	Total
Fuzes Cartridges	"	"	"	"	108.	"	"	108
Small Needles	"	"	"	"	50.	"	"	50.
Union Flag	"	"	"	"	1.	"	"	1.
Europe 2 Inch Coils	"	"	"	"	1.	"	"	1.
Log Line Skein	"	"	"	"	2.	"	"	2.
Large Needles	"	"	"	"	8.	"	"	8.
Bees Wax, pounds	"	"	"	"	2.	"	"	2.
Wax Cloth, pieces	"	"	"	"	10.	"	"	10.
Bell Hooks	"	"	"	"	18.	"	"	18
Baskets	"	"	"	"	50.	"	"	50.
Hides of Country Leather	"	"	"	"	4.	"	"	4.
Borax Dr.	"	"	"	"	1.	"	"	1.
Copper Do.	"	"	"	"	4.	"	"	4
Iron Bar, Flat	"	"	"	"	2.	"	"	2.
Steel Do.	"	"	"	"	2.	"	"	2.
Files of Sorts	"	"	"	"	5.	"	"	5.
Rush hoops	"	"	"	"	5.	"	"	5.
Batten hoops	"	"	"	"	5.	"	"	5.
Lining do	"	"	"	"	5.	"	"	5.
Drum Cord	"	"	"	"	10.	"	"	10.
Do. heads	"	"	"	"	24.	"	"	24
Do. Stick pr.	"	"	"	"	8.	"	"	8
Snares Setts	"	"	"	"	10.	"	"	10
Tar Kegs	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1
Plant Mesquit	"	"	"	"	1000.	"	"	1000
Mesquit Ammunition Barrels	"	"	"	"	36.	"	"	36
Tarpaulins	"	"	"	"	3.	"	"	3.
Nails of Sorts	"	"	"	"	1000.	"	"	1000
Iron Crow	"	"	"	"	1.	"	"	1
Powder Barrels 60 ℔ each	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4.

(signed) Captain N. Dawes
Comm.g.—

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probability of the Zemindars assembling at Guntoor without delay.—

Having established a Sappy from hence to Guntoor, and from thence to your Camp by which I conclude our Letters may be more speedily conveyed to each other than by Bandipitlah. I have given directions for discharging the Peons that I had desired might be prepared at the Village last mentioned, as no longer necessary.—

I think it proper for your information to enclose an Extract of a Letter that I have received from the Governor, with an Extract from the Gn. C.. of the 1st November 1786 to which he has referred me in consequence of a reference I made to him as already mentioned in one of my former letters to you, by which it appears intended that I should possess the same Authority during my residence in the Guntoor Circar, that the Chiefs and Councils of Subordinate settlements are entrusted with in their respective Districts.—

On

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11 Commander in Chief of the same date upon that Subject and apprehend that our Line of Conduct in respect to one another must be so understood to prevent any difference of Opinion—

I arrived here the day before yesterday and purpose marching tomorrow Morning to a village halfway between this and Guntoor—

The Fort of Coondavar appears to me of so little Consequence, that I intend leaving only a Jemendar's Guard in the pettah for the protection of the inhabitants.—

The Morning before I left Bellum-cundah, the Chintapelly Rajah came to within a few Miles from Camp, and desired permission to wait upon me, I desired that he would rather proceed without delay to Guntoor but understood since that he returned to Chintapelly to celebrate the Dussra Feast.

The Two Younger Brothers of the Moubrauze Family came into Camp this Morning, and told me they intend going directly to Guntoor

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) James Eidingtoun

Camp at Coondavar 8th October 1788

True Copy
Alexr. Read Secry to
Lt. Col. Eidingtoun—

Dates of Letters received ..... Dates of Letters received, .. Dates of Letters written

September	10th	September	22th	September	6th	24th	October 2nd
	12th		24th		13th	26th	4th
	17th		25th		15th	27th	8th
	18th		27th		18th	28th .. 28	
			30th		21st		
		Octr.	3d		23d	29th	

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

Minute of the Commander in Chief 8th
9th October 1788.

The acquisition of the Guntoor Circar in addition to the great extent of Territory under the protection of the Company's Troops of this Establishment, renders an augmentation of our Military Force absolutely necessary. — The Commander in Chief has however great satisfaction in acquainting the Board, that from particular circumstances that encrease may be obtained at a considerable expence, while the adoption of the Measure will be attended with other arrangements, that cannot fail to prove highly useful to the Service. —

President's Minute recommending the reduction of the Grenadier Battalion and raising 2 Battalion of Native Infantry and 1 Battalion of Sibbendy's in their stead, and pointing out the advantages that will attend this mode of encreasing the Military establishment. —

At the close of the last War, when the Native Corps were reduced, the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Native Officers in that Reduction became so numerous, that it was thought impolitic to disband them

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heavy and unnecessary expence. This however was not the only Evil that attended the Grenadier Battalion. The Vacancies for Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers being supplied from that Corps, went far to destroy the Attachment of the Native Troops in the standing Battalions because they found themselves deprived of the Reward of Service, and of those Excitements to Emulation in a Military profession which they had at all times been taught to expect, and to this Circumstance may be ascribed the difficulty of procuring good Recruits in the Carnatic. Indeed the Commander in Chief has been so long convinced of the Injury the Service has sustained on this account, that if the Opportunity now offered, had not been in Contemplation for some time past, he should have proposed a Mode of discharging the Supernumerary Native Officers either at the expence of a Compensation of Money

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Company, he begs leave to recommend, that the Grenadier Battalion should be reduced, and that two Battalions of Native Infantry and one Battalion of Sebendies be raised in their Room, that such of the Supernumerary Native Officers and Non Commissioned Officers, who from Merit and Activity have just Claims on the Service shall be turned over to Compleat the two Battalions, that such as are entitled to the Invalid List may be turned over to compleat the Sibbendy Battn. and that those who may want discharges, shall be indulged with them.—

To give an Idea of the advantages that will arise to the Company by encreasing our Force in the Manner here proposed, the Commander in Chief begs leave to State the following Circumstances to the Board.—

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additional Number of 343 acquired by the two new Regular Battalions to be raised; and of the Monthly saving upon the Grenadier Battalion amounting to Pagodas 215..20 is taken from the Monthly Expence of the Sibendy Corps, the Company will obtain by the Plan recommended by the Commander in Chief an additional Force of 863 Privates at the Expence only of Pagodas 417..35..60 P Month, and get rid of the Supernumerary List of Native Officers and Non Commissioned Officers, which has been found extremely discouraging and injurious to the Service.

(signed) A. Campbell

The Board approve the Arrangements recommended in the above Minute, and direct, that they be published in the General Orders.

Minute thereon.

Resolved however, at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that the raising Sibendies for the Service of the Guntoor Circar, be post poned, until it shall be ascertained whether

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my Friend, and to shew my respect for his administration, I send my People to exhibit the Muchulkas of the Calestry Man, and to prove the Justice of my Claim and &c &c Representations beyond the power of Controversy, but Duty to myself and my posterity make it necessary that I should at this period & object to the Measure of the English Government interfering in this manner between me and my Tributaries; for whatever inducement any Servant of the Company may have to encourage the Contumacious conduct of the Calestry Man in opposition to me, his Superior, my Friend, and the disinterested Members of the Government must be convinced, that such & proceedings and interference are contrary to & the express order of the Company, Derogatory to my Dignity and Sovereign Rights, and & what I shall not on any other occasion & agree to. My Friend I am hopeful will not be offended at this plain declaration of my

sentiments

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to Pagodas 1,38,558,, 3. 7.—

. As Credit can only be given to his Majesty's Paymaster General for the Amount that shall officially appear to have received the sanction of your Government, I am Directed to request that you will acquaint me whether or not the originals of these Accounts have been audited, and if they have or not, I am ordered to propose that they may be submitted to the proper officer for that purpose.—

. And, as the accounts enclosed are only brought up to the 25th December 1786, I am instructed to mention to you for the information of the Governor and Council, that it would be proper to issue an order for examining all the subsequent Accounts of a Similar Kind, that have not yet been audited, for the Check of these Accounts ought to be kept as closely up as the Control of the Accounts of the Company's (own) own Establishments under the Several Presidencies.—It is requested that advice may be sent to this Government of the Amount for which the Accounts relative to his Majesty's Troops shall have been passed

In

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

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to submit the enclosed Extract of a Letter which I have just written to Lord Cornwallis &c. for your information, The substance of it would be the same were I to transmit it to you in the form of an address to yourself &

I hope to have the pleasure of writing more fully in the course of two or three days and have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) John Kennaway.

From Captain Kennaway the Negotiation suspended enclosing Extracts from his Letter to Lord Cornwallis on the Subject.

Hydrabad
30th September 1788.

Extracts of a Letter from Captain Kennaway dated 30th Septr. 1788
To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis. K. G.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

Since my address to your Lordship of the 17th Instant my time and utmost exertions have been employed in endeavouring to bring the Accounts between the Nizam and the Honorable Company to a fair and equitable Conclusion but his Highness's Demands continue to be so &

extremely

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Answer which his Highness had engaged to give to my Demand on the 14th September, at which the memorial already transmitted to your Lordship was prepared, Shumsud Omrah the principal Military Commander, and who sharing in the Nizam's favor is at mortal enmity with the Minister and Zeinowar Jung a Military Officer next in Rank and power to that General, were against a Compliance, which was at length carried by the superior influence and advice of the Minister.-

I am clearly of opinion that the Nizam, unsupported by the Mahrattas, will never engage in hostilities with the Company, leagued with them. I think he might, but I think it would be with reluctance. With Tippoo, I do not think he could be prevailed on to unite except in a Case of extremity but if his intentions against the Company are really hostile, he will adopt the mode he formerly succeeded in of stirring up those powers against the English.

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Read the following Letters from Mr. Petrie

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

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Honble Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 25th Ultimo and beg leave to return your Honor in Council my Sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which you have been pleased to convey to me your Approbation of my Endeavours to accomplish the important Object of my Commission at this Durbar. —

From Mr. Petrie reporting the death of the Rajah's Mother and the delays that have occurred with occasions the receiving of the Receipt of 52 Horses from the Rajah

It shall be my unremitted Study to merit the continuance of the good Opinion of Government by every exertion in my power to bring the Subject of my Negociation with his Excellency the Rajah to a favorable issue. —

The Death of his Mother a few days ago, has suspended all public business for some time at the Palace, and I am informed that agreeable to the Ceremonies on this occasion it

I cannot

fanams and twenty four Cash (St. Pag. 16960. 22. 24) which I have received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore on Account of his Arrears to the Honble Company.—

I have the honor to remain with much Respect &c. &c.

Tanjore
8th October 1788.—

(signed) William Petrie.—

A Letter of Condolence to be written to the Rajah on the death of his Mother

Agreed, that the President be desired to write a Letter of Condolence to his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, on the Death of his Mother

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

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

From the Military Board, advising of their intention to summon the Senior Officers of Infantry and Cavalry to attend their meetings—their Opinion on Mr. Lennon's and Lieutenant Boug's Rank,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letters, under Date the 27th and 27th Ultimo and 1st Instant with their respective Enclosures.—

Agreeably to your Commands, the Senior Officer of Infantry or Cavalry will be duly

summoned

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Memorial it appears, he made application to the Honble Court of Directors, who have not thought proper to send any Orders regarding him, from which Circumstance, and the Papers now before us, We are of Opinion he is not Entitled to any other Rank, that what he now possesses, particularly as his application points to a Supercession over Lieutenant Ryland, who brought a Commission &c from Europe of a prior Date.—

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

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9th October 1788.—

J. Capper
Patrick Ross
(signed) Thomas Geils
Henry Malcolm
James Campbell
J. Moorhouse

Minute thereon.— Agreed, that the Opinions of the Military Board on the Claims of Lieutenant Bong and Ensign Lennon, be confirmed.—

Read the following Report from &c the Hospital Board.—

that Apartments sufficient to lay out and air the plants, and prevent their rotting or Moulding, adjacent to some enclosed ground, that might serve as a Botanical Garden for supplying ye new and fresh Specimens should be appropriated, and an intelligent Botanist appointed to this immediate care, of which should ye Government be pleased to approve, they recommend M^r. Rottler at Tranquebar who they understand was instructed by the late D^r. Koenig; and has made great proficiency in the Knowledge of Botany, in which way it will serve as a deposit of Botanical discoveries, and excite the emulations of such, as may be qualified

Government cannot consent to the appointment of M^r. Rottler to take charge of a Botanical Cabinet until it be ascertained whether or not there is among the Medical Servants of this Establishment, any one sufficiently acquainted with Botany to be entrusted with ye that charge.—

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Subjects that may appear
interesting to Government.—

Mr. Main Head Surgeon
at Trichinopoly having taken
a Sett of Surgical Instruments
belonging to Mr. Morris newly
arrived, the Hospital Board
Approved Recommend their being Viewed
in the Store and payment of
their prime cost amount 40 Pags
ordered to Mr. Morris.—

A Quantity of Brandy
Port Wine, Vinegar, Sugar, Soap
Lime-juice, and Essence of Malt
having been Viewed by the
Apothecary in consequence of
a Letter from Mr. Secretary
Approved.— Chamier — The Hospital board
have directed the Apothecary to
issue them for the Quarterly
Indents.—

The Cautions of Mr. Duffin in the Examination of the Apothecary's Accounts to highly approved. To prosecute his endeavours towards a Compleat Reform — Mr. Bulman to be written to on the Subject

The Hospital Board having
Referred to Mr. Duffen the
examination of the last Six
months accounts of the
Apothecary

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Mr. Ponton to take Charge of the Stores in the Manner practised by the Head & Assistant of all other Hospitals on the Coast.—

The Hospital Board sensible of the extent of the Department, recommend Mr. Ponton Assistant Hospital Mate, already on that Establishment to be appointed Medical & Storekeeper in General Orders.

(signd) Edwd Atkinson
Secy.—

James Anderson Esqr
Physician General &c. Member of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Having examined the Apothecary's Accounts for the last Six Months, commencing in February, I think it proper to inform You of their Amounting to the Sum of Pags. 1,507.. His Commission of 15 ₰ Cent 1,726, total Pagodas 13,233.— The expenditure of Liquors has been very considerable, Viz.—

Madeira..563..Dozen— Port 292 Dozen
Arrack...135...Do.. Brandy 201.....Do.—
Vinegar...146....Do— Those with the Annexed Articles which bear a high Price have Swelled the Amounts

to

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being rattaned, they should be laced with Tape—
The advantages of Having Cotts Taped are, that
the use of Mattrosses may be laid aside - many of
Inconveniencies attend them - They are too heating
in this warm Climate, and very difficult to be
kept clean, the Seeds of Infectious disease may lurk in
them notwithstanding every precaution - whereas Tapes
are easily taken off, and washed with the Cloathing -
by that means the Cotts may Constantly be kept pure,
and free from any offensive Smell. -

That no extra expence may attend the
introducing this new Mode - The present
Cloathing Should be used till worn out, and
whenever a Cott requires to be rattaned, the Tape
may then be put on - no more Mattrosses to be
made up, but two Quilts to be allowed to each
patient - The Comparative View which I have drawn
out will Shew the Oeconomy and eligibility of the
proposed Plan - The Calculation is made from
experience - Specimens of the Cloathing to be
laid before the Hospital Board, and if approved
of, Sealed proposals to be Sent in, & given to
the lowest Proposer -

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Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigateing the Debts of Hes Highness the Nabob.-

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

Hble Sir,

As We understand that a dispatch is shortly to be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors, We embrace the opportunity of informing Your Honor in Council, that We have repeatedly taken occasion to address the Nabob for his determination on various claims that are unconsolidated, and have passed thro' our hands for that purpose - But as the Agent gives Us no encouragement to expect his Highness's answer on the Subject, and many of the Claims have been long in his possession, We consider it our duty no longer to delay submitting a

to

From the Committee for Investigating the Nabobs Debts. Enclosing an Account of unconsolidated Claims on the Nabob with their Annotations on them, a List of the Claims allowed by His Highness to be just; requesting leave to deliver up their trust, & expressing also their acknowledgement to Mr Landon for his unremitted attention as Secretary to the Committee.

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with the approbation of Our Superiors on the
line of conduct We have observed in arranging
and settling these important Concerns; We
flatter ourselves, that We may be indulged with
the permission of Government to render up our
Trust, as We apprehend the purposes of our
original Appointment of 1785, are fully
accomplished. -

The proceedings from the commence-
ment of our appointment, amounting to two
Volumes in Folio, with a regular Index
compleat, wait herewith upon Your
Honor &c. to be lodged in the Office; We
transmit also, a Sett of Our proceedings
brought up from the last Dispatch to
Europe, to the present day, which We
request may be transmitted to the Hon.ble
the Court of Directors, with a Copy of this
Address. Much of our Time and attention
has been devoted to this business, exclusive
of

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Referred to the Committee by the Claiments.	Sums Claimed	when referred to the Nabobs Agents.	when returned by the Nabobs Agents.	when Reported to Government
Brought over Pagodas	528,715. 9. 78.			
N.B. The Sums of 8000 referred to the Nabob				
Bond to Mr. Alexr. Brodie referred to by Mr. Spalding being now the holder of the said Bond	4000. " "	23 Decr. 1786	5th January 1787	16th Feby 1787
do. to Captain H. B. Sullivan referred to by Mr. B Sullivan	4835. 39. 10.	30th Dec. 1786	23 Feby 1788	28th Feby 1788
do. to Captain Murray	1111. 15. 11.	do.	do.	do.
Receipts to Mr. Henderly referred to by Mr. Henderly	2500. " "	do.	do.	do.
Bond to Mr. Briggs referred to by Mr. Nimmo	2500. " "	do.	do.	do.
Bond to Mr. James Taylor & Co.? referred to by Mr. Benfield	115276. 10. 16.	19 Feby 1787	19th Decr. 1787.	28th Feby 1788
do. do. do.	44560. " "	returned to the Com.rs by Mr. Benfield with the Nabobs Acknowledgt		
do. to Mr. J. Andrews, referred to by Mr. Popham for Mary Sharratt	10000. " "	do.	do. 23 Feby 88	do.
do. to Lieut Charles Speyer	2212. " "	do.	do. 25th Feby 87	27 Feby 87
do. to Major Galloway referred to by Mr. James Wooley	14972. " "	do.	do.	do.
Bond to Captain William Dewar	8450. " "	do.	do.	do.
do. to Captain Moss	5277. " "	do.	do.	do.
do. to Mr. Jo.s Nevill	3226. " "	do.	do.	do.
Carried over Pagodas	747,636 2. 35.			

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Brought over Pagodas	528,715	9	78			
NB. The Sum of 8000 referred to the Nabob						
Bond to Mr. Alexr. Brodie referred to by Mr. Spaulding being now the holder of the said Bond	4000	"	"	23d Decr. 1786	5th Janry 1787	6th Febry 1787
do. to Captain H. B. Sulivan referred to by Mr. B Sulivan	4,835	39	10	30th Decr. 1786	23 Febry 1788	28th Febry 1788
do. to Captain Murry	1,111	15	11	do.	do.	do.
Receipts to Mr. Kendersly referred to by Mr. Kendersly	2,500	"	"	do.	do.	do.
Bond to Mr. Briggs referred to by Mr. Nimmo	2500	"	"	do.	do.	do.
Bond to Mr. James Taylor & Comd. referred to by Mr. Benfield	115,276	10	16	NB Pagd. 2200 allowed by the Nabobs agents 19 Febry 1787 returned to the Comn. by Mr. Benfield with the Nabobs acknowledged	19th Decr. 1787	28th Febry 1788
do. do. do.	44,560	"	"			
do. to Mr. J. Andrews, referred to by Mr. Popham for Mary Sharratt	10,000	"	"	do. do.	23 Febry 88	do.
do. to Lieut. Charles Spyer	2212	"	"	do. do.	25th Febry 87	27 Febry 87
do. to Major Galway referred to by Mr. James Wooley	14,972	"	"	do. do.	do.	do.
Bond to Captain William Dewar	8450	"	"	do. do.	do.	do.
do. to Captain Moss	5277	"	"	do. do.	do.	do.
do. to Mr. Jos. Nevill	3226	"	"	do. do.	do.	do.
Carried over Pagodas	747,636	2	35			

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Referred to the Committee by the Claimants	Sums claimed	when referred to the Nabob's Agents	when returned by the Nabob's Agents	when referred to Government
Brought Over Pagos	867001. 20. 40			
Account Current to Ensign Bellew referred to by Colonel Martinz	1854	9th Febry 1787	23d Febry 1788	28th Febry 1788
do. do. to Lieut Bellew ref.d to by do.	1288	do.	do.	do.
Five Bonds to Colonel Martinz as specified in his Account Current	42500	do.	do.	25th Febry 87 27th Febry 87
N.B. The Nabob on 25 Febry 87 only acknowledges 38,000 Ps. principal				
The Balance of an Account to George Wilson referred to by Mr. Benny	2709	do.	do.	23d Febry 1788 28th Febry 88
Account of Arrears of Pay to John Lowdon referred to by do.	1899	do.	do.	do.
Bond to Mr. John Readhead referred to by Mr. Petrie	20000	do.	do.	25th Febry 87 27th Febry 87
do. to Messrs. William Petrie & Alexr. Brody	13825. 35 66	do.	do.	do.
Five Bonds to Mr. de Souza as specified in his letter	58,019	do.	do.	23d Febry 1788 28th Febry 88
A letter from Mr. James Wooley relating to a Bond to Doctor Guinett for Ars. 16,600 Pagr.	4426. 30	do.	do.	25th Febry 87 27th Febry 87
N.B. The Nabob on 25th February 1787 acknowledges 16,800 Ars. without Interest				

Pagodas 1013583. 1426

(signed) J. Landon for the Committee

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		Pay	F.	C.
	Brought Over	165,831	4	48
1787 February 9th	Bond to Mr. J. Dott referred to by Doctor Bulman	5839	"	"
	Account Current with Lieut. Latulippe Debtor to the Estate of Major Galway referred to by Mr. Dupuy	723	2	12
	do with Lieut. Latulippe debtor to the Estate of Major Galway	1778	35	40
	do of Pay &c. due to Major Galway	3287	4	45
	do of Arrears of Pay due to Major Galway	11,673	27	32
	Bond & Account Current to Doctor William Duffin	2700	"	"
	Account Current to Captn. Hoddle	21,178	22	72
	do with Captain Gibbings referred to by Messrs. William Balfour & Tulloh	56,186	29	24
	do an Account Current to Messrs. Thomas Powney and J. Douglas referred to by Messrs. Porcher and Bromley	24,660	17	27
	Account Current to Lieut. Joseph Couffman referred to by Mr. Kingscote for Captn. Hammond	645	13	40
	do of Pay & Batta to Do. referred to by do	229	4	16
	do do do	595	8	32
	do to Captain Hammond referred to by Mr. Kingscote	2503	16	62
	Carried Over	297,831	18	50

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		Brought over Pd.	367886. 13. 3
1788 February	16th	Mr. Bromley claims the Amount of a Certificate to his Brother Captain John Stuart, for Arrears of Pay with Interest	4400. " "
March	22d	Bond to Mr. John Stuart dated 2d March 1785 with Interest	30,000. " "
		Pagodas	402,286. 13. 3

(signed) J. Landon
for the Committee.—

Minute thereon.

Agreed, that Copy of the above Account be transmitted to his Highness the Nabob, and that he be desired to reply to the different Claims on them, referred by the Committee to His Highness's Agent, and to which no Answer has been received.—

The Committee to continue on their Present Office until the Highness's Answer is Received, & the Board to thanks to be given them for the perfect discharge of their Laborious Duties.—

Resolved also, that the Committee be requested to continue in their present Office, until his Highness's Answer shall be obtained; and that the Thanks of the Board be given to them for the good Conduct they have manifested in the Discharge of the laborious Duties entrusted to their Care.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Robert Mitford, Deputy Paymaster General to his Majesty's

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an encreased allowance for Office Charges of Fifty two Pagodas per Mensem - and which I hope you will not deem an unreasonable request when you consider that there is no Salary, or Emoluments - whatever, drawn by the Paymaster General of His Majestys Forces, or His Deputy acting at this Presidency for conducting that branch of their business, which requires the greatest attention and daily Office attendance, I have the Honr to be with the utmost Respect

&c &c

(signed) Robt Mitford

Deputy Paymaster General to His Majestys Forces -

Kings Pay Office
Fort St. George
3d October 1788 -

The Honble. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K. B.
Presidt Governor &c &c &c
in Council -

From Mr. Mitford - Explaining the intended appropriation of Rs. 52 Pagodas which he has requested may be added to his Office Charges -

Honble Sir,

Conceiving it probable I was not sufficiently explicit in the Letter I had the Honor to

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Paymasters General of His Majestys Forces Whitehall
one for the Honble Company's Pay office Madrass,
and one for the Record of Office. — I have the
honor to be with the highest Respect

Kings Pay Office
Fort St. George
7th October 1788.—

&c: &c:
(signed) Rt. Mitford
Deputy Paymaster Genl. Kings Troops.

To be referred & recommended to Bengal —

Agreed, that Mr. Mitford's Request for an additional Monthly Allowance of 52 Pagodas for Office Charges, be referred and recommended to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, by whom, it is conceived, a Decision can with more propriety be given than by this Government.

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from the Deputy Accountant.—

John Shamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Deputy Accountant Enclosing an Account of Gratuity on the Field Officers of the Establishment from 1st Jany 1786 to 30th April 1788.—

Sir, Agreable to your Letter of the 27th September I have now the honor to send You an Account of Gratuity due to the Field Officers on this Establishment, from the 1st January 1786, to 30th April 1788, and by which the Honble Board will substract the Amount of the whole is Pagodas 136,092. 33. 12.—

Accountant General's
Office, 8th October 1788.—

Jam &: &:
(signed) Robert Woolt
Deputy Accountant.—

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Second. — From 1st May 1786 to 30th April 1787. — One Year — A Colonel Share being Pagodas 3,185..19..48. — A Lieutenant Colonel's Pagr. 1990..34..60.. and a Major's Pagr. 995..17..30.. —

Names. —		In what Rank to Share —	For what period in each Rank — years	Dear	to what Amount — Pag.	F.	C.
Brigr. General	M. Horne	As Colonel	1	..	3185	19	48
Colonels	J. Brathwaite	ditto	1	..	3185	19	48
	E. Nixon	ditto	1	..	3185	19	48
	Sir H. A. McCosby	ditto	..	244	2,129	18	42
	R. Kelly	ditto	1	..	3185	19	48
Lieut. Colonels	C. Ross	As Lieut. Colonel	1	..	1990	34	60
	T. Bruce	ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	W. Keating	Ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	C. Fraser	Ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	J. Rigault	Ditto	0	92	501	29	77
	W. Russell	Ditto	..	287	1,565	17	76
	R. Chesshyre	Ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	T. Bridges	Ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	J. Eidingtown	Ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	H. Malcolm, A.G.	Ditto	1	..	1990	34	60
	E. Tanner	Ditto	..	361	1,969	5	21
	Ditto	As Major	..	4	10	32	59
	G. Smith	As Lieut. Colonel	..	92	501	29	77
	Ditto	As Major	..	4	10	32	59
	T. S. Ward	As Lieut. Colonel	..	22	120	..	9
	Ditto	As Major	..	4	10	32	59
	E. Collins	As Lieut. Colonel	..	361	1,969	5	21
	Ditto	As Major	..	4	10	32	59
	D. Campbell	As Lieut. Colonel	..	241	1,314	20	77
	Ditto	As Major	..	124	338	6	71
	J. Campbell Q. M. G.	As Lieut. Colonel	1	..	1990	34	60
	J. Belcliffe	Ditto	..	340	1854	21	41
	Ditto	As Major	..	25	68	6	49
		Carried Over Pagr.			43,037	1	9

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Third. From 1st May 1787 to 30th April 1788 One Year No Colonels Share being Pags. 3,026..7..28 a Lieutenant Colonels Pags. 1,891..13..47 and a Majors Pags. 945..24..63

	Names	In what Rank to Share	For what period in each Rank		To what Amount	
			Years	Days	Pags.	F. C.
Brigr. General	M. Horne	as Colonel	1	..	3,026	7..28
Colonel	I Brathwaite	ditto	1	..	3026	7..28
	E Nicon	ditto	1	..	3,026	7..28
	R Kelly	ditto	1	..	3,026	7..28
Lieut. Colonel	P Rolfe	as Lieut Colonel	1	..	1891	13..47
	J. Bruce	ditto	1	..	1,891	13..47
	W. Keating	ditto	281		1456	3..52
	C. Fraser	ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	J. Giles	ditto	335		1735	33..14
	W. Russell	ditto	212		1098	19..73
	R. Cheshyre	ditto	223		1155	19..75
	T. Bridges	ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	J. Eidingtoun	ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	H. Malcolm, A.G.	ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	E. Tanner	ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	E. Collins	ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	D. Campbell	ditto	295		1528	23..24
	Ditto	as Major	71	..	183	34..26
	J Campbell 2. M. G.	as Lieut Colonel	1	..	1891	13..47
	J. Bideliffe	Ditto	123		637	13..20
	J. J. Debaud	Ditto	268		1388	26..43
	W. Sydenham	Ditto	1	..	1891	13..47
	G. Cunyngham	Ditto	74		383	16..31
	Ditto	as Major	214		554	16..40
	T. Burrowes	as Lieut Col.	58		300	19..57
	Ditto	as Major	308		798	.. 16
	J Oldham	as Lieut Colonel	94		487	3..32
	Ditto	as Major	272		704	26..28
		Carried over Pags.			43,431	25..79

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To lie on the Table.—

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosure entered in M. B. No. 53)

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

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores with observations on a Report from the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam. Rattans in future to be served out singly. Enclosing Copy of a List of Stores received from the Commissary General the Muster of which they approve, reporting their having received from the Contractor, two 18 pr. 2 field Carriages, and 30 Iron Chain Traces.—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 3d. Instant, enclosing Copy of an Extract and a Report from the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam, on which we beg leave to observe that the Gentlemen of that Committee are misinformed respecting the Number of Rattans in each Bundle as in general there are only Sixty but to obviate all future Mistakes we resolved at our last Meeting—

Approved.—

that

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Read the following Letter from M.
Tadama, Chief of Pulicat.-

Honble Sir,

I thoroughly sensible of the very important
Business in which your Time and Attention are
engaged, it is with unfeigned Reluctance, that
I presume at this Juncture to interrupt your
Occupations, but the Circumstance, that never
before any Attention has been paid to my just
Demand, will I hope, in some Measure plead my Excuse.

In the Month of September 1785 during
the Administration of Alexander Davidson Esquire
I applied to the Board of Council of Fort Saint George
and desired Restitution of the Damages I had
sustained from Captain George Smith.-

With Your Permission I will state
to Your Honor as concisely as possible, the Nature
of my Case, and the Foundation upon which I rest
my Claims.-

When Pulicat surrendered in
the Year 1781. to the British Arms, I was in
Possession

From the Chief of Pulicat stating his Claims upon Captain George Smith, for having Demolished his House at the Surrender of Pulicat and Requesting Government to procure him Compensation, Inclosing a Certificate of Captain Smith's Letter to Ennis.-

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That the Materials of which my House was built, were appropriated to public Uses, namely in the Construction and Covering of Mines &c.

By the 2d. Article of the Articles of Capitulation entered into, between the Governor of Cuddalore and the British Commander, all private Property was guaranteed and secured by the public faith, solemnly pledged to the several Possessors, and consequently, that if it should be deemed necessary to destroy any Part of it, a proper Compensation would be made to the Party, on whom the Stroke should fall.

This is my Case, Honble Sir, and permit me to add, that as the English have ever had the Reputation to be as nice Observers of publickly plighted faith as any Nation in the World, I hope that my just Claims shall have more Weight with Your Honor, than they had with your Predecessors, and that I shall receive the long wished for Compensation of my Loss and Damages, together with the Interests from the Time of the Demolition of my House 'till now, as I should be sorry to proceed by Law against Captain Smith, which Step I shall otherwise be obliged

interests

to

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Minute thereon.—

Agreed that Mr. Tadama be informed that Captain George Smith Acted but in Conformity to Orders which he had received from his Superiors for the Demolition of the Dwelling House, stated to have been Mr. Tadama's Property; and that the Board do not consider as a Breach of Public Faith, notwithstanding all private Property was guaranteed, and secured to the Several Possessors, that Buildings should have been removed, whose near Approach to the Fortress might seriously endanger it, if it were threatened with an Attack.—

The Commander in Chief recommends the following Promotions and Appointments.—

Ensign Lennon's date of Rank to be 8th November.— Lieut. Hesselback to be Captain and Sub Director date of Rank 21 Sept. 88.— Ensign Lennon to be Lieut. Ensign Wood to be Ensign of Engineers, Volunteer McKey to be an Ensign of Infantry from this date.—

Some doubts having arisen in respect to the proper Date of Rank of Ensign and Practitioner Engineer Lennon, the Honble the President in Council is pleased to direct that it be taken from the 8th of November 1782.—

The following Promotions and Appointments to take Place.—

Lieutenant

of the Petitioner, therein alluded to, is some what analogous, tho' he may have concealed himself from your Knowledge by the New name he has assumed — Roy Wekabut Ram is a name that we never heard of before, tho', from circumstances, we are satisfied that the Person who has addressed the Governor is Sevajee Puntoloo, who was the principal Tanadar, employed under Juggapah in the Management of the Zemindary of Noozeed.

Our letter to the Board of Revenue dated the 27th of last December, will have informed them, of a complaint against Sevajee Puntaloo, for having embezzled 10,000 Pagodas of the Revenue of Noozeed during the time of his trust. — About the same time that the above Complaint was preferred, Sevajee went to the Guntoor Circar, having, as he informed the Chief, received a Tunka upon Seif Jung, for Money to repair a Vessel, which he said was lying in the River at Porto Novo, which may

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Board of a Complaint preferred to him by Colonel Sydenham against Michael Levell a Matross who attempted to pass the Gates under a permit forged by George Bates.

that a Complaint has been preferred to him by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham against Michael Levell a Matross of 1st Battalion, who was on Duty at Fort St. George, and who attempted to pass the Gates under a forged Permission of Lieutenant Colonel Geils, which Permission had been written by George Bates, a Baker in the Black Town.

Minute thereon.

Resolved that George Bates be secured and kept in Confinement until an Opportunity offers sending him to Europe.

From Mrs. Douglas

Read Letter from Mrs. Douglas Widow of the late Captain Douglas, (as entered in M.B. No. 54) repeating her Request for an Allowance for House Rent, for a certian Period of the last War.

Minute thereon.

As Instances have occurred where Similar Claims have been allowed, it is Agreed that the Sum of three Hundred and fifty Pagodas be presented to Mrs. Douglas, As an Indulgence.

Exd
A.G.M.

Archd. Campbell

John Hollond

Jas. H. Casamayor

R. Maunsele

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Board of a Complaint preferred to him by Colonel Sydenham against Michael Levell a Matross who attempted to pass the Gates under a permit forged by George Bates –

that a Complaint has been preferred to him by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham against Michael Levell a Matross of 1st Battalion, who was on Duty at Fort St. George, and who attempted to pass the Gates under a forged Permission of Lieutenant Colonel Geils, which Permission had been written by George Bates, a Baker in the Black Town

Minute thereon –

Resolved that George Bates be secured and kept in Confinement until an Opportunity offers sending him to Europe. –

From Mr. Douglas

Read Letter from Mrs. Douglas Widow of the late Captain Douglas, (as entered in M. B. No. 54) repeating her Request for an Allowance for House Rent, for a certian Period of the last War. –

Minute thereon –

As Instances have occurred where similar Claims have been allowed, – it is Agreed, that the Sum of three Hundred and fifty Pagodas be presented to Mrs. Douglas, As an Indulgence. –

Exd
A.G.M.

Arch. Campbell

John Hollond

Ja. H. Casamayor

R. Maunsell

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14th application is not unreasonable, but we think it right to refer it to your Lordship, by whom we conceive a Decision can with more Propriety be given than by us.

We have the Honor to be, with great Respect &c &c

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Signed Archd Campbell
Wm Cunnl

Dispatched the following Letters as entered in MB Nos 57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65.66.67.68.69.70.71.

To Mr J Farrow — To the Deputy Paymaster directing him to pay to Mr Douglas 330 Pagodas on account of House Rents.

To Mr Burke — To Mr Burke — Enclosing Extract of a Letter from Bengal, and directing him to obey the Orders contained therein.

To Colonel Capper — To Colonel Capper — Enclosing Copies of four Accounts of Disbursements received from Bengal, and requesting to be informed whether the Originals have been audited, all accounts of a similar nature subsequent to 25th December 1786 to be immediately audited, and to report, to what

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To Mrs Douglas — Her Claim for House Rent, admitted as an indulgence, but not to be Considered as a Precedent or matter of Right; permitted to draw on the Military Paymaster for 350 Pagodas.

To Mr. Johnston — directing him to pay to Mr. Morris 40 Pagodas for a Set of Instruments.

To the Governor of Pulicat — Vindicating Captain Smith's Conduct in Demolishing Mr. Tadanna's House after the Capture of Pulicat.

To the Hospital Board — desiring them to ascertain whether any Gentleman in the Service can be found Capable of taking Charge of the Botanical Cabinet, previous to Mr. Rutlis appointment for that purpose, the Elabaratory not to be Erected, until the Indent for Chimical apparatus is approved by the Court of Directors — Mr. Morris's Instruments to be purchased — Mr. Duffins Conduct highly approved, and his reform in the Hospital Cloathing; directing them in Consequence to advertize for proposals — and to inform Mr. Gordon, that Mr. Pontow is to take charge of the Store.

To Messrs Garrow Webb and London — Highly approving their Conduct, in the Discharge

To Mrs Douglas

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Honble N. Tadama

To the Hospital Board

To the Committee for investigating the Nabobs Debt

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Hydrabad 5th October 1788

Signed John Kennaway

The President reads to the Board some Intelligence from Captain Read, which corresponds with the Communication made by Captain Kennaway, of Tippoo's Intention to move to the northward after the Mohurrum Feast. Captain Read adds, that it appears from Reports to be the Nizam's wish to enter into a Confederacy with Tippoo and the Marattas for the Purpose of dispossessing the English of the five Circars.

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I have the Honor to be, with great Respect, &c &c

Signed John Elphinston
Colonel Commanding the 71st Regt.

The Honorable Company ——— Dr.

To Batta to the following Officers of His Majesty's 71st Regiment for Seven Months -

Colonel - Elphinston for 214 Days		1284 - -
Lieut.t Colonel Maxwell -	Do	1070 - -
Major Baird -	Do	856 - -
	Carried Over Pag.t	3210 - -

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Batta cannot be granted but 2500 Pagodas presented to them as a Compensation

The Board do not think themselves authorized to grant Batta to the 71st Regiment for the Time they were at Bombay but being sensible that the Officers from their Sudden and unexpected Removal from this Presidency to Bombay, and back again must have been put to considerable Expence It is resolved that the Sum of 2500 Pagodas be allowed to the Officers of the 71st Regiment, as a Compensation.

Read the following Letter from Mr Hugh Vaughan.

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

From Mr Hugh Vaughan in Answer to the Charges exhibited against him by Majr Clarke

Honble Sir

I have been honored with the receipt of your Secretary's Letter under Date the 7th Instant enclosing Copy of one from Majr Clarke with Articles of Accusation delivered in against me I am sincerely concerned that disputes which will appear to be of trifling origin, should by the violence of Majr Clarke's conduct, become the means of taking up the time of the Honorable Board, but that I may as little as possible encroach upon it, I shall proceed to give my

mutton, and that I afterward, ordered a Palanquin bay to flay him. I beg leave to assert, that I did not order the Majors Servant to carry him any Message — I regret very much that I forgot myself so far, as to lift my hand against this man, but perhaps it may be thought some palliation of this hasty Act, when your Honorable Board are informed, that the Butcher who had supplied all former Paymasters was prevented from Serving me, owing to the obstructions thrown in his way by the Majors Servants, and that I was compelled to employ the only Butcher that the Major would allow to bring Mutton to the Fort — This man availed himself of my situation, and brought me for several days such mutton, as was not eatable, till at length loosing all patience, and knowing that he furnished better elsewhere, I punished him as beforementioned.

Charge the 3d
For having flogged
Some of the Brahmins
in the Street. — — — This Charge I positively deny, and assert my not having raised my hand against one of them.

Charge the 4th
For Violently stopping
the religious Processions
to the Pagoda — — — — In answer to this Charge, I shall beg leave to State, that experiencing much inconveniencies from the noise

of

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my Conduct in the Discharge of my Publick Duty - I shall hope the indulgence of the Board if I am somewhat prolix in my Defence against the accusation - In my discussions with Major Clark, respecting my Office of Storekeeper, I have uniformly asserted my right to the exclusive charge of the Publick Stores, declaring that I should visit them as often as I pleased, and give such directions, in the Detail of my Office, as I might think proper - at the same time I have acknowledged that he might visit them, when he thought proper, and that it was my Duty to make a return Monthly of them to him, as Commanding Officer. Pursuing this principle, I considered there was not any impropriety in my sending to the Naigues to come to me at a time, when they were going about, on their own business, with a view of knowing what directions, they had received and given to the Centries - This act is swelled by the Major, into a serious Charge of having ordered the People from their Posts, whereas it was at a Time when they were relieved.

Charge the 7th
For removing a Tumbril with the Ammunition for the Guns mounted on the Works without the knowledge of the Commanding Officer, or even of the Conductor of Stores -

This Charge also relates to my Office of Storekeeper, and is formed upon my ordering in to Stores a Tumbril

liable

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Duties of my office, and in that case I should certainly have replaced the Tumbril, because the order for it had become regular, but having told the Major, that I should decline acting, until the pleasure of your Honorable Board was known, I could not take notice of the Major's Directions, but confined myself to the desiring the Conductor of Stores to wait upon him, and to attend to his orders.

Charge the 9th
For refusing to
give a Monthly
return to the Com-
manding Office,
of the Stores & Grain
under his Charge,
tho' publickly
requested to do it by
a Garrison Order.

The improper interference of the Major prevented my complying with the order here alluded to, which I should certainly have obeyed had I been in the Undisturbed possession of my Employ — On this Subject I wrote to him an official Letter, which he has not thought proper to bring forward — It stated that "having been prevented from taking full Charge "of the Storekeepers Employ it was impossible for me

at

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the two first Charges, but my Conduct would perhaps be in some Degree excusable if all the trifling matter that led to it were exhibited to your view; with respect to the Charges, which relate to a Neglect of Duty, as Storekeeper, I can only say that Major Clark's positive assertions of his powers, added to my being quite new in Office + staggerd me, and tho' I could not bring myself to believe, he would have had the Imprudence to have gone still farther, and to have confined my Person, had I gone out of the Fort after the Message delivered by the Fort adjutant, yet I forbore to put him to the Trial, as it would have impeded the Service very materially, and I patiently submitted to an Arrest / I believe without example / on the full confidence of being supported by Government — on that Support I now beg leave to Express my perfect reliance and to assure Your Honorable Board that it will be my Study to deserve it.

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

Signd Hugh Vaughan

Madura the 12th October 1788

Resolved

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to make a return of them monthly to the Commandant, who may inspect the Stores as often as he thinks proper,

That it was extremely improper and unwarrantable in the Commandant to presume to put a Civil Servant under an Arrest, more especially, when he could not be ignorant, that such an act was entirely repugnant to the System of the Service;

The Board are sorry to remark that in the Conduct of both Parties there is an apparent Disposition to cavil, and a Spirit of Contention which cannot fail to impede the Public Service, and excite this Displeasure I am directed in consequence to notify to you, that Government expect both from yourself and from Major Clark a more conciliatory Line of Conduct, and shall not fail in case of a Repetition of Controversy upon trivial Points, to take such Steps, as will prevent the like in future;

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17th October 1788

I am,
&c &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
Actg Secy

Read the following Letter from
Brigadier General Horne, To

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your Excellency's Instructions on this head in reply to my letter under Date 24th Ultimo.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Math.w Horne

Head Quarters of the Southern Forces at Trichinopoly 2 October 13th 1788

The Board approve the Measure adopted by General Horne, of sending a Company of Sepoys under a careful Officer to the Boundaries of Tondeiman and Chinna Murdas Countries, to prevent those Poligars from coming to Extremities - agreed, that this be communicated to General Horne, and that he be informed, the Board will send him in a few Days further Instructions upon the Subject of the Dispute between Tondeiman & Chinna Murdas

The Board approve Genl Horne's conduct and will send him further instructions

Read the following Letter from Mr Secretary Hay.

To John Hamer Esq.
Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

From Mr Secretary Hay, requesting to be informed when and where the Rum & Arrack to be sent from Bengal, is to be delivered

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Fort St George Dated 24th August, and to request you will acquaint

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I have not yet heard from those Officers on the subject but where I do I shall readily follow your Recommendation in sending a proper person to meet them.

The Nabob is pleased to say that "He understands "from the Rajah of Cherika, the People of Tellichery make "delays and obstinate not to settle accounts, that the "Rajah's Vackeel is gone to Tellichery, that the people there "say they have sent to Bombay for the accounts, and that "the people of Tellichery, hearing of the Death of the late "Rajah, ordered away the Vackeel, who had gone there "to settle the accounts."

For the truth of these Assertions I beg leave to refer you to the Letters from the Chief and Factors of this Settlement of the 27th may and to mine of the 20th of that Month, also to the Answers I sent both to the Nabob and Rajah enclosed therein, from which I flatter myself it will clearly appear to you, that the delay has not been on our part but on that of the Cherika, and that the Person the Rajah is pleased to call a Vackeel, was nothing more than a Man sent to demand a Lack of Rupees, on account of what He terms arrears due him for the Customs of this place — also that we never told the Rajah we should send to Bombay for the accounts, but only that we should refer his Demand

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Had the late Rajah, Sir, accepted the accounts presented him by Mr Beaumont, which were drawn out in the same manner as those delivered him by Mr Byfield in 1765, except the article of Interest, with which he is not debited by Mr Byfield and is by Mr Beaumont, the present dispute could not have arisen and why he did not accept them can be accounted for in no other manner, than his having thrown himself entirely under the protection of the Nabob, who he well knows would support him in every Assertion he might make to evade payment of the demand the Company had on him — but even supposing the Company were indebted to the Rajah, surely Sir, the Nabob was not justifiable in ordering him to seige the Island of Durumapatam, without any application to my Superiors for payment; for without their Orders the Nabob must be well convinced it was not in my power to pay the Rajah any money. The Nabob in his last letter to me, Copy of which has already been forwarded to you, says that Durumapatam positively belongs to the Rajah; to prove however, that he has been misinformed in this Point at least, I take the liberty of forwarding an Extract from our Records, Copy of which was sent to the Presidency of Bombay on the 23d ultimo, agreeable to the

Orders

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Translation of a Letter from the new reigning Prince of Cherrika to the Chief of Tellicherry received the 7th July 1788

My Brother wrote you concerning the necessity he was under for money to satisfy the Nabob, also about the Customs and other Affairs, which he sent by Chelembera Pallara, accompanied by 25 armed men - to which I hear you replied that you would not finish any of those affairs agreeable to what was written in the said letter; that you would give an answer, but that no one could be permitted to stay in your place, and that you would not pay the usual allowances; - considering the friendship which is between me and the Honorable Company, it was not proper for you to act in this manner; for this I now send the said Chelembara Pallara and people to stay at your Place, and to augment the friendship which is between me and the Honorable Company, and I hope you will endeavour to find out means to augment our friendship - Chelembara Pallara will inform you of all other Business Dated the 19th June 963 M.E. 29 1788 C.E.

Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry to the Prince of Cherrika Dated 8th July 1788

I have received your Highness's letter and understand its Contents - respecting the Business

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Writings, Certificates, and Obligations in your possession with the Linguist, and seeing the Writings I have here, We can settle every thing in an equitable manner.

Because my Brother has spoke and wrote about his affairs, it is no reason that friendship is to be broken — The friendship between me and the Honorable Company, is of a long standing; therefore it is not necessary to make now a new one — I have always wished to continue it in the same manner as before without any difference, therefore it is better to settle the Business according to reason 2d August 1788 —

Translate of a Letter of William Lewis Esq.r Chief at Tellicherry to Prince of Cherrika. Dated 19th August 1788

I received your Highness's Letter and understand what your Highness relates — when the Orders of my Superiors from Bengal, Madras or Bombay arrive, I shall know what I am to do, as to the Friendship that Subsisted between you and the Honorable Company your Highness knows best who has broken it.

True Copies

Signed Laurence Shaw Jun.r

Tellicherry

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26th Mr Braddyl late Chief empowering our hoisting our Colours thereon, whensoever it might be thought proper and as we are at large Disbursements at this time here, whose continuance will be unavoidable, the Chief &c. did yesterday solicite the Prince for an absolute Grant of the said Island, which was accordingly obtained after some difficulty, as he seemd to expect either the whole or a Share of the Produce of the Grounds but on his being made sensible, we propose no other benefit in holding this place, than as it may secure our Trade from the Encroachments of any other Europe nation, and in doing which we shall be subject to a considerable annual expence in maintaining the Garrison, making and repairing its Fortifications, he gave up the Point, save that we allow to a Pagoda, situate thereon, some small spots of Ground said to belong to the same, and which is to be settled hereafter, and also that we give him under our hands, and Seal, in behalf of the Company, that his Customs be in time to come honestly paid on all Goods Imported and Exported to and from the said Island in Ships, and Vessels provided the same be subject to one duety in the manner it has been settled here in a writing

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amounting in the whole to Five hundred & twelve Rupees

At a Consultation Present

the Worshipfull Stephen Law Esqr Chief

William Forbes — Hugh Howard

William Jeynson —

The Board perusing and weighing the matters passed between the Prince, the Chief and Mr William Forbes yesterday approve of the same, and as the said Prince will expect speedily from us the writing he has Demanded us to give in behalf of the Honorable Company in Security of the Customs that may arise on the trade carried on from and to Durmapatam.

It is agreed the following be forthwith prepared and delivered him Signed by us and the Honorable Company Seal affixed thereto.

Adjourned (Signd) Stephen Law

William Forbes

Hh Howard

Willm Jeynson

The Prince Odeorman of the Palace of Paly, one of the Heirs of the King of Colastree, and present Regent of

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in testimony whereof we do affix the Honorable Company's Seal, and hereunto set our hands in Tellicherry this 25th Day of May 1734

Stephen Law
William Forbes
Hugh Howard
William Jeynson

A true Extract from the Tellicherry Diary

Signed Laurence Shaw Secy

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Eidinghuen

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

Honble Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your letter Dated the 4th Instant, acquainting me with the resolution of Government to keep the Troops under my Command, to the northward and your instructions regarding the Dispasition of the Troops in the Guntur. In pursuance whereof the 15th Regiment of Hanoverians, and the 14th Battalion of Native Infantry are now in

From Colonel Eidinghuen, has Ordered the 15th Regiment of Hanoverians and 14th Battalion of Native Infantry to march from Masulipatam & has furnished Major Johnston with Copy of the President's Questions respecting the Fortifications giving his reason for preferring Guntur for a Cantonment to Innicunda Communicating his Intention of visiting the hill Forts with Major Johnston — report of Condeveer —

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instructions: I may add that before I leave this quarter it is proper I should know your resolution regarding the petty Forts that have hitherto been continued in the hands of the Zemindars and particularly the Capital of the Chenta:pilly rajah, which I wrote you concerning the 4th Instant — I have before given you my idea of the hill forts in general terms, and it is my wish to make a tour with Major Johnson, in order to examine them deliberately, before I enlarge on their subject as requisite to the forming a true judgement of their advantages & defects, and replying in a satisfactory manner to your questions respecting them. This will seem extraordinary at first, but not when their extent, and the labor of going from one part to another of their works, are considered.

The enclosed is Major Johnston's report of Condaveer, which is of of such great extent, as to require so numerous a garrison to exceed any advan:tages to be derived from it. It likewise appears to be very unhealthy which has probably been one cause of the Inhabitants quitting it.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed James Eidingtoun

Camp at Paurcherla
October 10th 1788

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in a short time so secure themselves as to render the reduction of the place no easy matter — it is composed of a Rampart revetted with large Stones well put together and cemented with chinam — a Fauss braye and Counter:scarp of the same materials — there is likewise some remains of a Glacis — the west face is about eleven hundred yards in length, the north and South faces (in which are the Gateways) nearly five hundred to the foot of the mountain — from thence they are continued up the Side of the hill to the works upon it. — There are a variety of breaches in the walls of the place and the Fauss braye has in many places fallen into the Ditch, which is now much filled up, and in very few places is there at present any water in it — the Counterscarp has likewise given way in many places.

There are Several Magazines upon the hill but out of repair and without Doors &c. in the lower fort there is no place which has been or can be converted into that use but a small Pagoda and Choltry which in it's present State is unfit for the reception of Stores of any kind.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jas Johnston

Director of Engineers

Camp at Condaveir
8th October 1788

Read the following Letter from Messrs Lind and Close —

To

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Indent be sent to the Committee of Stores.

Mr. McVean appointed Conductor of Stores

The Commander in Chief recommends that Mr. McVean be appointed a Conductor of Stores in the Room of Mr. Hancock dismissed the Service.

Ordered Accordingly

Exd
A.G.M.

Archd. Campbell

John Holland

Jas. H. Casamayor

Rt. Maunsell

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18 removed from my Seat, as a Member of the Military Board, expressly ascertained to me, by the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, and that no other Officer of Artillery is competent to a Seat there, while I am upon the Coast.

Your Excellency having treated the late Lieutenant Colonel Tanner's Claims with still less Ceremony, before my Arrival, in not acknowledging his Right to a Seat at the Military Board, as Senior Officer of Artillery, can found no precedent, nor can such acquiescence apologize for me to the Service, in giving up the Rights of my Station, or as Commanding Officer of Artillery.

Urged by these Motives, and bound as I am, to an Obedience of all Orders of Government, I have taken the Liberty of appealing this arrangement of your Excellency's to My Lord Cornwallis the Commander in Chief in India, and of enclosing a Copy of this Letter for his Lordship's Perusal; which I request your Excellency will be pleased to forward to His Lordship, if not with the Recommendation of Government, with such farther Lights as Your Excellency may deem necessary for His Lordship to be informed of.

I remain, with the most perfect

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October 8th 1788

Respect &c. &c.
Signed Thomas Geils

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Island, though declared Effective, and his Senior and
Commanding Officer, I have been Stationed at the Presidency
Conformably to the Order I have the Honor of enclosing to
your Lordship, upon an allowance barely Sufficient to
pay my Servants Wages, notwithstanding Sir Archibald
Campbell's Declaration in his Letter of the 3d June 1786
your Lordship, of it's being equally his wish to do me justice
as well as the other Officers in the Command of Battalions of
Artillery: having Sent a particular Statement of this to the
Court of Directors from whom I hourly expect every Justice
and Redress, I shall not trouble your Lordship further
on this Head, than by observing, that the Loss I have
already sustained by Difference of allowances since my
Arrival in the Country, amounts to between Four and
Five Thousand Pagodas.

That it may not appear Strange, my addressing
the Government of Madras, in place of the Commander
in Chief, in a Communication of this nature, I have to
assure your Lordship, it proceeds from no Disrespect to
the Commander in Chief, but from an apprehension
my Letter may not be considered of public tendency
which your Lordship will perceive, was the Idea
affixed to my Letter of the 28th October 1787 Vz. now
upon the Bengal Records, by their Reply to me on that

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18 in India That, if the Command of the Second Battalion of Artillery, was, in Point of Emolument, Numbers or Situation, as much Superior, as it is Inferior, to the First, I should at all Events prefer the Command of the Mount, as my Station, and as the Head Quarters of the Corps, and I have now only to repeat to your Excellency the Language I have uniformly held, that the Pecuniary Advantages Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham enjoys, are, in my mind, but a Secondary Consideration — and that I require nothing farther than my Right, to be appointed in my proper Station to my Corps, and your Excellency may order me afterwards where you please.

It is necessary for me to state to the Honble Board, that there never was any Public authority for Colonel Tannis drawing Batta, but the Paymaster had a Letter from the Secretary to pay his Bills for that Allowance — It was recommended to Sir John Dalling to put Colonel Tannis upon full Batta, as Commanding Officer of Artillery in the Southern Provinces, Sir John promised to support an application to the Board, and recommended Colonel Tannis's sending one over, which was done, He obtained the allowance — but no public Order

was

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18 Sum of 300 Pagodas, from which, the Half Batta is deducted, allowed to the Troops to the Southward, there remain 225 Pagodas. The Officer Commanding the Artillery at the Principal Station, Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, has more than his Senior Officer Colonel Tanner had, in the Command of the artillery at Trichinopoly.

Had your Excellency, upon the Resignation of Lieutenant Colonel Regault been pleased so far to conform to the Custom of this Establishment, as to admit Lieutenant Colonel Tanner's being appointed in his proper Station, to the First Battalion of Artillery at the Mount, He would have taken his Seat, conformably to the Company's Orders, at the Military Board, as "Senior Officer of Artillery," and should regularly have succeeded him in his Seat, and Command, upon my arrival in the Country, June was a Twelve Month, and Lieutenant Colonel Tanner, in turn, must have displaced Lieutenant Colonel, or rather, Major Sydenham, for I comprehend the Propriety of his Promotion, from any Construction of the Honorable Company's Orders, to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, until Lieutenant Colonel Tanner's Decease - from the Temporary Command of the Second Battalion to the Southward, and upon the present Casualty,

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My being deprived of all Communication with the Honorable Company's Records here, obliges me to have so frequent Recourse to those at Bengal, where it is usual to publish such Paragraphs from the General Letters as relate to the Army in General Orders; and through this Channel alone I have been enabled to collect, with much Trouble and some Expence, the little Information I am master of.

I have the Honor to remain
with the most perfect Respect
&c. &c.

Signd Thomas Geils

Fort St George
14th October 1788

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Acting Secretary

Sir,

I did myself the Honor the 9th Instant of delivering an Address to Government, which, I am apprehensive, had not been laid before the Honorable Members, when the General Orders of the 11th respecting me were issued.

I have now the Honor of sending another Letter for the Honorable Board, covering also an Address for His Lordship — which I request may be forwarded to Bengal as soon as convenient; and

Yor

From Lieutenant Colonel Geils enclosing a Letter to the Board, and another for the Governor General desiring Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham may be promoted from a Supernumerary

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To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores — directing them to comply with an accompanying Indent of Stores wanted for Pennacoil, if it meet their approval.

To General Horne

To Brigadier General Horne — approving his Conduct in having sent a Company of Sepoys to the Borders of Tondimans and Chinna Murdah's Countries — will hear further on the Subject in a few Days.

To Colonel Elphinston

To Colonel Elphinston — decline allowing full Batta to the 71st Regiment during their Stay at Bombay, 2500 Pagodas to be granted the Officers as a Compensation.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Mr. Secretary Hay — desiring that the Arrack and Rum to be sent from Bengal, may be landed at Madras as soon as possible — Informing him that no Invoice was sent with the Gunpowder &c. &c. in april last.

To Major Clark

To the Commandant of Madura — with the Board's Opinion upon the Charges preferred by him against Mr. Vaughan — and directing a more Conciliatory line of Conduct in future.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — Enclosing the Claim of three Ensigns of Infantry — which they are to investigate and report upon.

To Lieut. J. Baillie

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To Lieut. J. Baillie — granting him permission to proceed to Europe for 3 years.

To

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

President

John Holland James Henry Casamajor

&

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Tuesday 21st October 1788

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr Petrie

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

President and Governor in Council &c &c

at

Fort St George

From Mr Petrie stating the Rajah's Inability to perform his Engagements & advising of his unsuccessful arguments with his Excellency to depose his present Minister recommending the reappointment of Bava, to be Sirkeel, and pointing out arrangements for increasing the Annual produce of the Tanjore Country

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you a translation of a Paper, delivered to me in the Mahratta language by his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore.

As this paper proposes an arrangement essentially different from the one I transmitted your Honor in Council by the desire of the Rajah the 3d Ult. which came voluntarily from himself, and in which Government acquiesced, I felt it my Duty to

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I am sorry to say, that altho' the Rajah at times admitted the justness of our Arguments, he appeared to want resolution to remove those Ministers, who have been the cause of his Embarrassments, and to place men of Credit and responsibility in the charge of his affairs.

The indefatigable exertions of the Reverend Mr. Swartz, to whose zeal and Services, I cannot do sufficient Justice, gave me reason at one time to expect, that the Rajah was of himself determined to bring forward the measure — and to give it the necessary Sanction of his Support and authority — but it was the impression of an hour, which the opposition of his Ministers easily effaced — as I have failed in accomplishing so desirable a measure, it perhaps was unnecessary to have made mention of it at this time, but as it may be resumed at some future period, with a more favorable Concidence of Circumstances, I should have been concerned if no trace had remained of it on the publick records. — The Measure I allude to was to remove the present Sirkel, whose incapacity and waste of the publick Revenues are universally admitted — to have dismissed his Brother the accountant, who is notorious for peculation, fraud & oppression, from any Situation of Power and Trust about the Rajah, and to have replaced Bava the

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to limit his own Expenditure — It is admitted on all hands, that Bava might collect this year 9 Sacks of Pagodas from the Country, without the necessity of an act of injustice to the Inhabitants — that next year the revenues under his management would produce 10 Sacks, and by adopting the wise and equitable mode of letting out the Lands on Leases of three and five Years, it is the general opinion, that the Country might be improved, to the annual produce of fourteen Sacks of Pagodas — Regulations were to be in force for the impartial administration of Justice, and the Rajah was to acquiesce in this temporary abridgement of his Power until the liquidation of his Debts, and the Settlement of the Country, upon a permanent, and equitable plan of improvement to the Revenue, and Security to the Inhabitants — I have already taken up too much of your Honor in Council's time, by enlarging upon the Subject more at length than I intended — and I shall therefore only add that in the measure I have explained there was

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will perform the present Engagements better than he did the last — For without any intentional deception on the part of the Rajah, such is his inexperience and inattention to his real Interests, so flagrant the incapacity of his present Ministers, that no dependance must be placed, on any Arrangement whatever, unless there is a power established, to watch over the progress of it's execution — If the Interference of Government can only extend to compell the regular payments of a Subsidy, I must take the liberty of remarking that, objects of still greater importance are unattended to — for unless there is a power in Government, to prevent acts of Oppression and rapacity, to Superintend the administration of Justice in the Country, and to enforce every practicable plan of Economy, so that frugality in expenditure may be in proportion to the increase of publick payments — such limited interference will unavoidably operate to the injury of the Inhabitants, whose scanty pittance will be wrested from them, to make up for the defalcations of the Revenues.

I have the Honor to remain, with perfect respect,

&c &c

Signed W.m Petrie

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Proposal

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discending the Throne; for these reasons I was unable to Pay off the Stipulated Sum to the Honorable Company, Particularly as the Paddy was very cheap and the revenue not very great this year.

7th But now being better informed and the Cultivation of the Country in this year being Preferable to that of the last year as the Country is better settled so that oppression and Peculation have been removed, as I have lessened my own expences therefore I am sure of being able to Pay in this year the Stipulated Sum to the Honble Company. I request therefore you will acquaint the Governor with these my Sentiments and Persuade him to trust me, and I hope that as the Company has taken me by the hand, He will trust me.

8th If you mistrust me fearing that I should not Pay the Stipulated Sum this year If you desire me to give Security or interfere in the Management of the Country or do any thing to lessen my authority it will not be beneficial this I know such Conduct will Dishonor me but if they will trust me and see whether I will Pay this year the Stipulated Sum or not and then require Security I will Consent to it. Having the Confidence of Paying this year the Stipulated Sum regularly. It is not Proper right to Consent to give Security. Be pleased to represent this to the Governor and Council; if they consent to it well, if not I will, when all here is decided send my Vackeel with you to Madras and Constitute Mr Dessouza and others for the regular Payment of the Stipulated Sum.

9th I am resolved to call Tuberow from Madras for the benefit of my Subjects for to advance them Sums to carry on Cultivation & that at a moderate per Centage, and will endeavour to Promote Justice and to obstruct oppression for the welfare of my People.

10th As you for many years have been a Promoter of the welfare of this Country and as my Condition and Circumstances are well known to you, it is unnecessary to write much as you are a Gentleman of Honor and wish to do Justice to every one Circumstances. I hope you will Consider all this Seriously and decide all according to our wish. that my family and I may live under the English Protection and you may be worthy of a great Name & Fame in the World.

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President's Minute

In Council 21st October 1788

The President's Minute pointing out the necessity of a decisive interference on the part of Government with the Rajah of Tanjore and his Opinion of the best mode to be adopted to enable his Excellency to fulfill his Engagements.

It is with great Concern, the President observes from Mr. Petrie's Letter of the 15th Instant, that the Rajah has announced his Inability to perform the Engagements contained in his own voluntary Proposal, by which he agreed to pay three Lacks of Pagodas towards the Discharge of his Arrears to the Company.

In the view of accommodating the Rajah as far as it could be done without material Inconvenience to Government, the Board consented to a Delay in the Payment of 70,000 Pagodas upon a solemn Assurance, that the remaining Balance of three Lacks would be punctually discharged — The Period allowed for clearing this Sum expired the 1st October and on the 5th when only Pagodas had been received from him in Money and Bills, he declares it to be out of his Power to extend the Payment at present to more than two Lacks and a Half, and requests that he may have Permission to discharge the rest of his Balance, amounting to 120,000 Pagodas in three Years by annual Instalments.

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present Minister and other Servants under an immediate, and direct Superintendance & Control sufficient to prevent Embezzlement & unnecessary Expenditure, to enforce Improvements, to take an Account of the Collection, and after paying an allotted Sum for the Rajah's Expences, to receive the Surplus on account of Arrears, and yearly Subsidy to the Company.

3d That the Rajah be positively required to dismiss his present Minister, and appoint in his room Bava, or some other able Minister, experienced in the management & collections of the Tanjore Revenues.

Upon the 1st Propasition the President begs leave to remark, that although the Rajah has unquestionably incurred the penalties of the Treaty made with him, yet there are Considerations, which may probably induce the Board to suspend the Exaction of this ultimate Power, while there is any Possibility of succeeding, by less rigorous Means — an immediate Sequestration of the Revenues would be attended with a certain Loss of the present Balance, and a considerable Deficiency in the collection of the ensuing Year — In a personal View too, it might be deemed

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Talents and Firmness to retrieve the affairs of the Rajah, and if such a person can be found it would be advisable to leave him with Power sufficient to execute the Task imposed upon him. The President is however of Opinion that the new Minister should be obliged through the influence of the Rajah to come under an Engagement for appropriating the Revenue faithfully to the discharge of the Company's Demands, after allowing 10,000 Pagodas P Month, and no more, for his Masters Expences. By holding the Minister responsible to this Government, he will be fearful of acquiescing in any improper Expenditure, and either remonstrate against it, or declare himself incapable of fulfilling his Engagement with the Company, in which case the Board will be able to provide a timely Remedy, by instituting further Checks, or resorting, if necessary, to the Penalties of the Treaty.

If the Board concur in these Sentiments, the President recommends that the Proposition by which the Rajah engages to make up the Payment of two Lacks and a half of the Arrears, and to discharge the rest by annual Instalments in three Years, be accepted, on the express Condition of his dismissing the present Minister and appointing such other Person as may be thought duly qualified in his room, and that it be

Revenue, originated in the Incapacity of the present Sirkel — I am therefore of Opinion it ought to be recommended to the Rajah to remove his Sirkel, Shevarow, and appoint some other fit and able Person in his Place, who has been accustomed to officiate in such a Capacity.

Mr. Holland's Opinion

Mr. Holland — I am against the Question, as it stands unconnected with any certain or specific System for the Management of the Affairs of the Tanjore Country — and shall give my Reasons at a future Meeting.

President's Motion Carried

Carried in favor of the President's Motion.

The President moves that the Sense of the Board be also taken on the following Question,

Another Question Proposed by the President

Whether, if the Rajah refuse to make so reasonable a Sacrifice as the Dismission of his present Minister to the just Complaints of Government, he should incur the Penalty due to the Failure that has happened.

Mr. Maunsell's Opinion

Mr. Maunsell — I am of Opinion that upon the Rajah's Refusal, the Board should recur to the Penalty, prescribed by the Treaty.

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To the Rajah of Tanjore

Proposed Draft to the Rajah of Tanjore in consequence of the foregoing Determination. Consenting to the time proposed by him for paying 12,0000 Pagodas provided his Sirkel is displaced — otherwise the Country to be delivered up, agreeable to the penalty prescribed by the Treaty.

Mr Petrie, the Commissioner deputed to your Excellency, from this Government, has transmitted a Translation of your address to him, Dated the 5th of October, by which I observe with great Concern, you declare that you are unable at this time to perform your Engagement of paying three Lacks of Pagodas, in part of your Arrears to the Honble Company.

With extreme Sorrow, I have long observed that by the weak and profligate Conduct of your Sirkel, Shivarow, and the evil advice of those in whom you have placed your Confidence, the affairs of your Country have gone into disorder, That the same evil Councils still influence the actions of your Excellency, and prevent you from adopting such Measures as would afford any solid prospect of retrieving your affairs — I have also the mortification to observe, that from the ascendency of these Councils, you have been led to disregard the admonitions of the Commissioner, deputed from this Government, as well as the Exhortations of that old and faithful Friend of your Family, the Reverend Mr Swartz,

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of 120,000 Pagodas, to run in Arrear for three Years, as proposed by your Excellency to Mr. Petrie, or having any reliance on the future payments of your Kist.

Yet in order to give you one other proof of their Desire to preserve to you the Power of managing your own affairs, they have come to the resolution of complying with your Request respecting the time for paying the Sum of 120,000 Pagodas, upon the express Condition, that on receipt of this Letter, you do immediately dismiss your Sirkel Sheerow, from your Service, and Confidence — That you shall appoint in his room an able Minister experienced in the management of your Revenues, a Man not like Sheerow, that is weak in his Judgement, and profligate in his Dispositions, but One that is possessed of Talents to improve your Country & by his Wisdom and Integrity, add Honor and Lustre to your Government.

Having learnt from the best authority, that there is no Man so well qualified as Bava, to collect the Revenues of the Tanjore Country, and to conduct the Affairs of your Government with a

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settle all other matters as much to Your satisfaction, as Circumstances will admit — You will please to consider this Letter as the ultimate decision of this Government, and that any Appeal from it, or further Delay will not be permitted.

That the great Ruler of the Universe may give you a just Idea of your Errors, and lead you into the paths of Virtue and Consistency, is my sincere Prayer. What can I say more.

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(Signd) Arch. Campbell

Mr. Holland dissents to the Contents of the Draft —

Mr. Holland dissents to the Contents of the foregoing Letter.

The other Members of the Board approve the Draft, and it is accordingly resolved, that it be translated and immediately Dispatched (vide P.C. N 117)

Mr. Maunsell recommends, that in the Event of the Rajah's Selecting a Person in the Room of Sheverow — that Mr. Macleod, the Resident, be desired to give his Opinion upon the Person so selected.

Mr. Maunsell recommends — Mr. Macleod's being consulted on the Appointment of a Successor

Ordered that Mr. Petrie do consult with the Resident before he accedes to the Rajah's choice of a Successor to Sheverow.

Ordered accordingly —

Resolved

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tend to shut the Door of Information, and be pro-
ductive of many public Inconveniences — that
I never corresponded with the Rajah, I have already
asserted, but it is obvious that the Summuds must
have proceeded from him through some Person or
Persons attached to his Cause — No Member of
Government would, I conceive bring forward Informa-
tion upon light, or suspicious Ground — for my part
I observed the greatest Circumspection, and even
satisfied myself, by the attestation of the Cauzee, of
their being original Summuds, previously to my
introducing the Subject before the Board — this
Circumstance in proof of their Authenticity would
gain no Strength by disclosing the Name of the
Person, who put the Summuds into my Hands —
and as I should not scruple bringing to public
Shame, and Punishment any Person, who might
wilfully attempt to mislead me in a matter of
such Importance as the present, so I will not expose
to the Consequences of Resentment from the Nabob
Those, who may furnish me with authentic
Materials.

With respect to the Idea of the President

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frequent — the Zaghindars and other Persons of Rank being generally concerned must, of course, have exposed themselves to the Resentment of one Party, — but the Conduct of the Palestry Rajah for the Space of 40 years has been such as to obtain him, not only the good opinion and favor of the Company's Government, but also Anaverdy Cawn — and, until within a short time past, of the present Nabob — Grants to such Persons were highly respected by the Successors of the Mahomedan Princes, except under some of them, who are distinguished for their Impolicy, and Injustice.

I have already urged that I consider the Sunnud of Anaverdy Cawn, and the Rajah's long possession of the Settenampore District, as his best Claims — he possessed it before the Nabob acceded to the Musnud, and before the Amer, the present Ruler of the Carnatic, was born — but as these circumstances have so little weight with the Board, I must proceed to state a few Points relative to the Sunnuds and Papers produced in Council.

In the first place I shall remark that about the beginning of August last, the Sunnuds were sent to the Cauzee of this place, who having accordingly prepared and attested Copies of them, in a solemn

further led strongly to suspect that the Cauzy availed himself of a momentary Possession to deface the words, which shewed the nature of the Sanad granted by the present Nabob.—

From the Depositions it appears clear to me that no word has been erased, but that it was originally Peishcash as it now stands, and, to judge from the extreme thinness of the Paper, I should consider it to be absolutely impossible without leaving evident marks of the substitution of another Word, to signify Rent, which is acknowledged to be of a different length, and known to be composed of letters formed in an opposite direction —— The Opinions delivered by the Persian Translator, and his Deputy, did not entirely correspond upon this Point, and, being Anxious to ascertain it with every possible Precision, I submitted the Sanad for Tellerampore to the Examination of Mr Hamilton, who not only understands, but also writes the Persian Language — He discovered a Circumstance singular in itself, which I conceive must put beyond all doubt that there can have been no Erasure, but that the word Peishcash must have been written originally — the Circumstance

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the strongest proofs of its validity, for surely the Rajah would not attempt to deface his own Sunnud, and if any attempt of Forgery had been made on his part, he would have avoided any suspicion of an Erasure or defacement of any word of Consequence — Situated as the Rajah is to the Nabob, and the English Government to Both, is it reasonable to suppose that the Rajah would venture to deceive us by asserting fictitious Claims? would he have challenged the Records of the Nizam's Durbar and forged his Sunnud then the Sunnud of Anaverdy Cawn, and two Sunnuds of the present Nabob, in support of a Claim he knew to be without foundation? — Does the History of Mankind abound with Examples of Presumption in the weak, or oppression in the Strong? and may it not more reasonably be supposed that the Nabob, whose System of Government is so severe and oppressive, would not have suffered the Rajah for a Series of Years to possess a Country on a renting Tenure, at a rate much below its value? —

With respect to the Sunnud for the Pollams, it is strong Evidence in favor of its authenticity that the Persian Translator is acquainted not only with the Seal, but the handwriting of the Nabob's Moonshee

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order to serve his purposes, is well known — and he has lately shewn, by the two Sanneds, produced by the President, that Sanneds may be forged, so as to elude Detection, at least by Europeans, —

Having thus far reasoned on circumstantial Proof I shall now recur not only to the Copies attested by the Cauzee, which in the Event of the Loss of Originals, are considered in every Mahomedan Court as equivalent to the Originals themselves, but I shall recite what is & founded neither on Circumstance nor Conjecture, appealing to the Company's Records, where it stands in positive Evidence that the Districts of Seetarampore, and the Pollams were held by Jaghire Tenure — after the Nabob had made an assignment of the Carnatic to the Company, the Right Honorable Lord Macartney applied to His Highness for Information respecting the Payments made to him by his Tributaries — the Nabob accordingly directed the Canangoe (Madoo Row) to attend the Committee of assigned Revenue for that purpose, which he did on the 20th of October 1783 and delivered an account of the annual & Payments from the Rajah of Calestry, as appears

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a doubt, that Silleranpore and the Pollams were held by the Rajah in Jaghire Tenure.

I will only further observe that the Information of the Canangoe to the Committee of assigned Revenue as above recited, was given when no Motive could operate with the Nabob, as at present, to pervert the Truth.

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Signed R. Maunsell

Mr. Casamajor delivers in the following Minute.

When the Nabob of the Carnatic made application to this Government for Troops to assist him in resuming the Districts of Silleranpore, and the Pollams, at that time Rented to the Rajah of Calastry; I conceived that Government by the late Treaty was pledged to maintain the Nabob's authority over his Dependants, Tributaries, Chieftains, Polligas, and Zemindars, I was also convinced that the Nabob had such a claim in virtue of former engagements confirmed by the approbation, and Instructions of the Honorable the Court of Directors — when the Nabob therefore required the assistance of this Government to aid him

Mr. Casamajors Minute stating why he consented to the Nabobs request for sending a Military force, against the Calastry Rajah — & his reasons for thinking the Zemindar defective.

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Nabob for a Military Force, because I conceive that the Justice of the measure adopted by Government has been undeservedly condemned, and I was one of the Members, who approved of granting the assistance of a Military Force, at the requisition of the Nabob, and in having done so, I consider that I acted consistently with the Faith pledged to the Nabob by Treaty.

I am now called upon to decide on the authenticity of Sunnuds, and Muchelkas, with which I conceive we have no connexion as Members of this Government, for the appeal cannot be made consistently by the Rajah himself, as he is a Zemindar dependant on the Nabob — The Sunnud and Muchelka produced to ascertain the Rajah of Calastry's Claim, appear an Examination to be essentially defective; the Sunnud for Setterampore has Erasures in the Word Peishcash both in the Sunnud, and Copy of the Muchelka written on the back of the Sunnud, and on the Insertion of the word Peishcash, the force of the Rajah's Claim rests, and one of the Evidences, Mr. Garrow is of Opinion, that the word Jarah, or Rent, could have been substituted in the room of Peishcash or Tribute, for reasons which

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Examination of the foregoing Subject before the Board, that the Sannuds produced to maintain the Rajah of Calastry's Claims, are very defective, and that similar defects, would before a Court of Judicature Invalidate any Claim founded on Documents supported by evidence so incompetent and equivocal. I do not therefore admit the Validity of the Sanneds laid before Government, in favor of the Rajah of Calastry's Right to Litterampore, and the Pollams.

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(Signed) Jas. Wm. Casamaijor

Mr. Nollond delivers in the following Minute.

Mr. Nollond's Minute — Is of opinion the Sunnuds are defective.

From the Question before the Board, it becomes the subject of their consideration, whether the Sunnuds produced by Mr. Maunsell, in favor of the Calastry Rajah, are genuine.

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Highness the nabob, actually denies their authenticity,
and he has furnished the original Mulchulkas, and
Papers, given at His Highness's Durbar.

I am therefore led to be of opinion, from the
investigation and examination taken before the
Board, that there is not any evidence, by which the
Sunnuds, produced in favor of the Calastry Rajah,
can be received as Genuine Papers.

Signed John Holland

October 21st 1788

The President delivers in the following Minutes

President's Answer

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The President's Minute states his reasons for supposing the Sunnuds not genuine.

The President is decidedly of opinion that
the Sunnuds, produced by Mr. Maunsell, are not
genuine, and for the following Reasons.

1st Because Mr. Maunsell has refused to
acquaint the Members of Council, from whence the
Sunnuds were received, which he has laid before
the Board, and has not offered any other Information,
which can entitle them to weight or Credit on the
Records, thereby subjecting them to all the suspicions
attached to unauthentic Papers.

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Copy of that muchilka indorsed upon the Sunnud produced by Mr Maunsell, the word Jaiah or Rent is plainly and clearly written in the Original, whereas in the Copy of the same Muchilka, on the Back of the Sunnud, the word Peishcush is substituted on an Erasement and written in different Ink.

5th Ly Because the Sunnud said to be granted for the Pollams, although apparently under the seal and Bayze of the Nabob, yet as it has not any Notification on the Back of it to prove its having been duly entered in any of the Public Offices of Record, in the Nabob's Durbar, it is deficient in the necessary Forms to establish its authenticity.

On comparing the alledged Sunnud for the Pollams with the original Muchilka, under the Seal of the Calastry Man, it appears that the Sunnud is Dated 21st Rejub 1191 Hegyra or August A.D. 1777, and the Original Muchilka is Dated 4th Showall 1191 or in November A.D. 1777 – Thus the Sunnud is Dated three Months anterior to the Muchilka, although from the established form of such Deeds, the muchilka ought to have been of prior Date to the Sunnud, because the invariable Usage is, for the Dependant or Tributary to present his

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which the Assertions on the Part of the Calastry Zemindar have been introduced to the Board, when he considers that those Assertions spring from anonymous authors, who do not come forward openly like the Nabob in support of his Rights and the Pains taken in every Stage of the Business, to conceal the names of these anonymous Authors from the Public — when he considers, that the only Evidence in support of these Assertions are Sunnuds which have been proved to be defaced or incomplete and irregular in their Forms, and that such Evidence is all that is opposed to the Original Muchilkas and Letters laid before the Board by the Nabob of the Carnatic, which are in no Shape defaced, mutilated or incomplete, nor their Authenticity in any Instance disproved; he does not hesitate to declare, that it would be the Height of Injustice and Inconsistency to place any Confidence or Reliance in Sunnuds so apparently fabricated to answer the Purposes of depriving the Nabob of his hereditable Rights, and of imposing on this Government.

Signed A. Campbell

Resolved that the Sunnuds produced by Mr. Maunsell are not admitted as Originals

The Majority of the Board being of Opinion that the Sunnuds produced by Mr. Maunsell, are not genuine —

Resolved That the Sunnuds be not admitted as Original Sunnuds from His Highness the Nabob to the Rajah of Calastry —

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Read the following Letter from Bengal

The Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal — Intimating that the resolutions of their Board, respecting Guntoor, had been devulged at Madras. —

Our present Address is suggested by a Circumstance which we deem too important to pass unnoticed — By various private Letters from your Presidency, it appears that the Resolution of this Government reclaiming the possession of the Guntoor Circar, has become public at Fort St George, and of course, since the Arrival of the Information, it has been current here, We have no reason to suppose that, until this Intelligence arrived from Madras our intentions were known at this Settlement, and as far as we can judge, were not even surmized.

We need not enlarge upon the Serious political Consequences that may result from devulging secrets of this nature, and we can only hope that it was not made sufficiently early to have any effect in impeding the Measures, which we have adopted for the recovery of the Guntoor. At all events our public duty requires us to communicate to You

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Upon the first Communication of your Lordship's Intention to us we saw the Propriety of keping it a profound Secret, and resolved, in consequence that the Subject should not even be entered upon our Records, until your Lordship's Plans were ripe for Execution— But, there was not any necessity for our being thus anxious to conceal that which was currently known at this Settlement at a very early Period— Your Lordship's Intention to demand the Possession of the Guntoor Circar, had become the Topic of Conversation at the Tables of Individuals, before ever it had been publickly announced to the Members of this Board— so extraordinary a Circumstance, your Lordship may be assured, was immediately enquired into by us, when we found, that private Letters from Calcutta had actually been receiving at Madras, communicating the appointment of Captain Kennaway and the Object of his Mission to Hyderabad—

It is however fortunate that no bad Effects have ensued from the premature Discovery of the Measures which your Lordship had adopted for the Recovery of the Guntoor Circar— We are most thoroughly convinced that such Discovery did not originate with us, and we trust

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European Creditors as Communicated to us in your Secretary's Letter of the 17th April 1787, and the reasonableness, and even necessity in respect to the Creditors, of considering those Terms final and conclusive, and liable to no future alteration, having been assented to by Government, the European Creditors themselves are precluded from any Seperate endeavour whatever towards the arrangement of their Concerns; Under those Circumstances we trust it will be considered that those Creditors have a well grounded right to a firm Dependence on Government, to whom only they can now look for Security for the payment of their Debts, and who therefore, we assure ourselves, will see it proper to cause the arrangement in their behalf, to be completed according to the Stipulations mutually entered into.

As it is incumbent on us to advise our friends and Constituents in Europe of the State of a business in which several are interested to the extent of their all, we persuade ourselves that you will pardon this address, and that you will favor us with an early communication respecting the prospect of payment of last year's Interest.

We have the Honor to be, with great respect,

&c. &c.

Fort St George
19th October 1788

Signed J. Balfour
For the Exec.ta of Major A. Mackellan

Charles Binny
Attorney to Sir George Ramsay Bart.

J. Sulloh - Attorney to A. Brodie
Major Burrowes - & Jas. Whyte.

Wm Balfour for Mr Spalding
Attorney to the administrators to the Estate of the late Mr Bayne.

Ordered To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Acting Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From Mr. Mitford enclosing a Statement of Cash received by the King's Paymaster General from 21st Feb 7. 1787 to 1st September 188 and advising of his preparing the accounts required for the Military Paymaster General at Calcutta,

I had the honor to receive your Dated the 14th Yesterday Covering Extracts of Letter from Bengal and I must request you will do me the favor to inform the Board that I immediately obeyed their Commands & have now the honor to lay before them the accompanying Statement of Cash received by the King's Paymaster General at this Presidency from the 21st February 1787 to September 1st 1788. There having been no Money issued to the King's Paymaster from the Treasury here, previous to that Date.

You will Please also to acquaint the Board, I am preparing with all Dispatch the accounts required for the Honorable Company's Military Paymaster General at Calcutta to whom in future I shall regularly transmit every two Months, the account of Disbursements to His Majesty's Troops under the seperate heads of King's subsistence and Company's allowances, with the balance of Cash remaining in hand.

The accounts of the King's Pay Office being kept in periods of 60 or 61 Days the Board no doubt will admit of this only variation from their Order,

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I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Rt. Mitford
D. P. M. G. F. L.

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		Brought forward	211,396.13.49
1787			
August	25th Received from the Treasury		70,659
October	25th Ditto	Ditto	66,207
December	25th Ditto	Ditto	60,000
	31st Ditto	Ditto	12,000
1788			
February	5th Ditto	Ditto	6,558
	7th Ditto	Ditto	1,200
	8th Ditto	Ditto	5388 22
	23d Ditto	Ditto	30,000
	24th Ditto	Ditto	30,166
April	25th Ditto	Ditto	50,000
June	4th Ditto	Ditto	4397.41.45
	25th Ditto	Ditto	38,032 3 59
July	4th Ditto	Ditto	25,000
	16th Ditto	Ditto	2,000
August	5th Ditto	Ditto	1,000
	23d Ditto	Ditto	35,000
	24th Ditto	Ditto	15,000
	29th Ditto	Ditto	10,000
September	1st Ditto	Ditto	6000
		Star Pagodas	6,80,004 38.73

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E. E. &c

(Signed) Rt Mitford
D. B. M. G. K. I.

Cash

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Account Disbursements of His Majesty's Paymaster General at Fort St George, from the 25th February 1787 to the 24th June 1788, Examined & Countersigned by the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

	King's Subsistence	Company's allowances
From the 25th to the 28th February 1787	25455 20. 17.	222 21.
From the 1st to the 31st March	5351 36. 60.	23110 17. 18
From the 1st to the 30th April	24499 14. 17.	7797 3. 23.
From the 1st to the 31st May	11474 21.	12498 29. 65
From the 1st to the 30th June	37287 3. 30.	9894. 5 66.
From the 1st to the 31st July	2054 6. 45.	10939 4 66.
From the 1st to the 21st August at Madras		6577. 17. 24.
D° D° at Tanjore	7385 32. 31.	7587. 36. 75
From the 25th August to 24th October at Madras	32243. 22. 61.	23323 17. 58
D° D° D° at Tanjore	3834 29. 60.	4000 22. 54
From the 25th October to 24th December 1787 at Madras	24617 7. 67.	24963. 28 27.
D° D° at Tanjore	6383 1. 60.	8245 10. 70.
From the 25th December 1787 to 24th February 88 at Madras	43292 4. 69.	33042. 75.
D° D° at Tanjore	6828 14. 61.	3560 23. 71
From the 25 February to 24th April at Madras	25616. 23. 25.	23351. 32. 1.
D° D° at Tanjore	6195 5 20.	3135 12. 45
From the 25th April to 24th June 1788 at Madras	29976 27.	20123. 14. 51
D° D° at Tanjore	4433. 28.	3428 26. 51
King's Subsistence	301022. 12. 3	217702. 70.
Company's allowances	217702. 70.	
Total Star Pagodas	518730. 12. 73.	

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E. E° p. Signed R. Mitford
D. C. M. G. & L.

N.B. This account contains both the subsistence and allowances paid to the Hanoverians as well as to the British Regiments.—

Agreed

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employed on a dangerous negociation in Tippoo's Country for gaining Intelligence, which he settled very speedily, and much to my Satisfaction.

His allowance for a Palanquin, if approved by the Board, should commence from the 1st of August, the time of his return from that Service.

Ordered accordingly

Ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Hospital Board.

From the Hospital Board - stating their reasons for having recommended the appointment of Mr Rutler - inclosing Letter from Captain Eagle and requesting Mr Fleming may be allowed House Rent - and that all Medicines sent to Masulipatam may be shipped on a Vessel Commanded by an European. —

Proceedings of the Hospital Board 17th October 1788.

Read a Letter from the Honorable Board of the 14th Instant, respecting the nomination of a person for the care of the Hortus Siccus. —

The Hospital Board actuated thro' their Letter accompanying Dr Russel, informing them of the Hortus Siccus intended for their preservation, thought it incumbent on them to represent to the Honorable Board, the necessity of employing a person, in the habit of collecting and preserving simples from which they thought Mr Rutler the most adequate, for, tho' many Gentlemen of the Company's list of Surgeons, have

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the confidence of which, and their order to have in readiness a proper person for the charge recommended to them, thought themselves fully acquitted in recommending Mr Rutter, which they again beg leave to urge.

To lie on the Table for future Consideration

The Hospital Board have ordered musters of the new cloathing as proposed by Mr Duffin, to be laid before them, as also Musters of the Purveyor's for comparison.

Approved

The Hospital Board have the Honor to forward a letter from Captain Eagle, and hope Mr Fleming will be allowed to draw house rent as formerly.

The Chief and Council at Tanjaur will be directed to give an order for the Payment of the usual allowance of House Rent to Mr Fleming.

Mr Binny Chief Surgeon at Masulipatam having represented that all Medicines should be sent on board a Vessel commanded by an European, as frequent losses and delay have arisen from their being under the charge of Lascars, they have directed their Secretary to write the Apothecary to that effect.

Approved

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were not misplaced, induce us to take the liberty of repeating

He desires us to observe that tho' the Horses, when landed at Madras, will have cost the Honble Company at the rate of about 129 Pagodas each; yet, that this Sum includes not only their freight, but also their feeding for 8 or 9 months & that the actual Average Prime Cost of the Horses is only 141 Rupees.

The detention of the Horses on the other Coast so long, was, he remarks, not only unavoidable on his part, but a Circumstance not at all likely to occur again — He therefore expresses the most entire Confidence of proving, in his future purchases, not only his zeal for the Service, but the advantages the Honorable Company will experience from his Mission.

The Balance in his favor you will observe is 8,871 Rupees from which deducting the Sums you have been pleased to direct to be reimbursed to us, there still remains due to him, a small Sum, which may be either paid us, or withheld, till you are pleased to determine as to the mode of Settling his accounts of feeding the Horses. — We are persuaded whatever mode you may consider most eligible, will be the most agreable to him; as we cannot but give him full Credit for his assurances, that he is more anxious to acquire your approbation & a just Reputation in the Service he is employed on, than any pecuniary advantage.

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We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Torin & Kindersley

To the Honble Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
President and Council, and Commander in Chief Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with your Sentiments, and

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

1788 July 31st	To the amount Paid for 86 Horses as p Return	29745 --	1787 December 31	By Cash Received at different times from the Chief and Council at Surat	30,000 --
	Paid for Freight to Captain Blake of the Chichester for 53 Horses, each Horse 100 Rs. deduct freight for 5 Horses Died	5300 --	Aug.t	By Balance	8871. 3 87
	Paid for Freight to Captain Lonies of the Maria Brigg for 19 Horses, each Horses 100 Rupees	1900 --			
Aug.t 31st	To the Amount Paid for feeding Horsekupis wages, Batta &c. as p.r Particulars in the Expence account	10930 3. 87.			
	Rupees	38871 3 87		Rupees	38871. 3 87

Bombay 31st August 1788

Errors Excepted

p.r Signed John Torin
Capt.n Lieut.t of Cavalry
Madras Establishment

Examined & Passed 1st October 1788

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The Commander in Chief recommends two or three Battalions being Ordered from Wallayaubad to do Duty at the Presidency

The Commander in Chief recommends that 2 or 3 Battalions of Native Troops be ordered from Walaiyaubad to the Presidency, for Garrison Duty, in the Room of the Grenadier Battalion about to be reduced.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, and desire he will give the necessary Orders.

Exd
A.G.M.

Arch.d Campbell
John Holland
Ja. H. Casamayor
R. Maunsell

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Mr. Holland thinks it would be more satisfactory, and be the Means of saving much Time if Persons could be called upon, independent both of the Nabob and of the Rajah — Mr. Holland has no Objection to the President's Motion — but is of Opinion, that in Case the Nabobs Official Servants are Called in, it will be proper also, that the Board should call upon those of the Rajah. —

Mr. Holland, has no objection to the presidents proposals, but thinks that the Rajahs people should be called in at likewise. —

— The President — It appears to be an Act of Justice that the Calestry Rajah should be allowed to send his people to support any Assertions of his respecting his Merchants — But as there is no such Person at present before the Board, and as Mr. Maunsell has produced Cannuds from an anonymous Authority, which puts it out of the Power of the Board to judge what Credit or Belief is to be given to them — it would be extraordinary indeed if this Board would admit at this the beginning Stage of the Agents of an Anonymous Authority,

The Presidents Minute on the above Opinion —

in

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of Setterampore and the Pollams to the Calastry Rajah in Jaghire are genuine Sannuds or not?

The President recommends that the Board defer giving an Answer to the above Question until they have had Time to consider the Subject—

recommends that the Board's Answer be deferred—

Agreed in consequence, to adjourn

The Board adjourn—

On the 17th of October Mr. Haliburton requested Permission to enter the following Paper, in Elucidation of the Evidence given by him, and entered on the preceding Minutes of Consultation—

a Paper from Mr. Haliburton in Elucidation of his Evidence—

Mr. Haliburton upon being shewn the evidence as entered in the Minutes of the Board observes that some parts are not quite so full as he remembers to have made them, and therefore wishes without curtailing any part of the evidence, to make the additions, which he conceives to be necessary explanations before the attests it by his Signature— They are as follows.—

After the Words "I am acquainted with the hand Writing of the Sannud for the Pollams" To add I believe it to be that of Lalla Shubila Ram the Nabobs.—principal Monshee.—

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11 Possession of that Circar.—

A Duplicate of our Address of the 21st Ultimo goes enclosed

Fort St. George
7th October 1788.—

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

(signed) A. Campbell &c. Council

Received the following Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun

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

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Eidingtoun advising of his having taken peaceable possess.n of Bellumcundah.—

Mr. Sadleir having sent a servant to Guntoor, with a Letter to Seyf Jung requiring him to deliver over the Circar, & Ackram Cawn who had been left by the Jung, readily gave up that Station to him, and sent directions for those of Cundaveer, and Bellumcondah to be delivered up also, by which means, I had the Satisfaction to find the Fort in possession of a Brahamin this Morning on my Arrival who had been sent

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Sepoys in it, but on consideration that the &c Inhabitants might expect a great Force as necessary to their Protection, have determined to leave the two flank Company's of the 4th Battalion of Native Infantry.

Every Fort that was occupied by Seyf Jung's Troops, being now in the Company's possession, I delay taking any steps &c regarding those in the hands of Zemindars, untill I receive your instructions. I am &c informed they are only Mud Forts with a Bastion at each Angle, and consequently none of them of much strength, but it appears that Chintapilly is deserving &c particular Notice.

That place is described as being capable of Resistance against Artillery, is situated at a principal Ferry over the Kistna, and is the Capital of Washy Neddy a Zemindar, whose possessions are partly in the Guntoor, and partly in the Condapilly Circars. The Force he keeps on foot are considerable, and the

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there would have been no necessity for any appear-ance of hostility. If you had concurred in adopting what I recommended in my Letter of the 22d Instant which you have acknowledged the Receipt of. I do not consider myself authorized to restrain you in your operations, but I think it contrary to the Spirit of your Instructions, that you should have proceeded against any of the Forts in the Guntoor Circar, provided the Country was, as it has been peaceably surrender'd by the Soubah. Give me leave therefore to recommend that you desist from any further appearance of hostility and to encamp your detachment in the most convenient place for protecting the Country

I do not suppose that you have an Idea of appropriating any such public or private property, as may be found in any of the Forts to the use of your detachment, as the Country cannot in any sense be considered in a State of hostility, or under other circumstances, than that of Peaceable surrender to the Company's Authority

I have written to the Governor to the same purpose as above, and transmitted him a Copy

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Fort St. George — October 1788.—

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Your conclusion, that I must have sent the Soubah's order to Seyf Jung respecting the surrender of the Guntoor, and required him to give the necessary Directions to the Persons in it under his Authority is but doing me Justice,— Sir in my letter of the 25th I informed you that I had done so, and enclosed you a translate of my Letter for your information

A supposition that I would appropriate any of the public or private property found in the Forts improperly would imply both a want of Judgement and Integrity: I should hope therefore no such Idea would be started without circumstances occurred to justify suspicion.—

Tho' sorry we should have any difference of Opinion, I cannot think with you that I have yet acted contrary to the Spirit of my instructions. Occurances have indeed been so few, and the line of conduct I ought to pursue so evident, that it could hardly be mistaken.—

It is my intention to march tomorrow towards Guntoor, as the best station for being supplied with

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Artillery, or Artillery stores were not worth the expence of carriage, and those of Bellumcondah, still worse. –

By the last paragraph of your Letter, I should imagine, some steps adverse to our & enjoying quiet possession of Guntoor Circar, by neighbouring powers, are likely to take place – – I left Captain Dawes with the Six Battalion Company of his Battalion (the 4th) in Command of Innicundah, and the Flank Company's of the same Corps at Bellumcundah; The & insufficiency of the Works at Present, and & almost a total want of accommodation, especially at the latter, renders it highly improper to & station considerable Garrisons at either. however, Innicundah being on the Frontiers of Tippoo's Country, as well as better adopted from its works to be converted into a place of Arms, should & appearances warrant the Expence, no time should be lost in laying in Grain, and Stores of every Kind and providing store houses in the lower Fort. –

A your situation gives advantage & in

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Return of Ordnance, Artillery and Military Stores in the Garrison of Innicundah, Commanded by Captain N. Dawes. 1st October 1788

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Quality	Found in the Fort: Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total	Recd from Stores of the Detachment: Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total
Brass Guns 1 Pounder	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"
Brass Do 6 Do	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	2
Limbers to do do Compleat	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	2
Tumbrills to do do do	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	2
Iron Crows	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1
do Shot 6 Pounders	"	"	"	"	100	"	"	100
Tubes	"	"	"	"	200	"	"	200
Port fires	"	"	"	"	50	"	"	50
Mometies	"	"	"	"	22	"	"	22
Spun Yarn Rolls	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1
Sinnet lbs	"	"	"	"	14	"	"	14
Scissars Pair's	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4
Catridges Bags	"	"	"	"	100	"	"	100
Spades	"	"	"	"	5	"	"	5
Cotton Threads lbs	"	"	"	"	6	"	"	6
Europe Twine Skains	"	"	"	"	12	"	"	12
Country Do Do	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4
Tar & Grease Kegs	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	2
Pick Axes	"	"	"	"	22	"	"	22
Hand Hatchets	"	"	"	"	28	"	"	28
Cotton match Skains	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	2
Country Do Do	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4

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The Ft. Conble. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K. B.
Governor, and Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Ft. Conble Sir,

I shall march from here tomorrow morning, and am to leave a Zemindar's Guard from the 8th Battalion, which is to be relieved every fortnight alternatively from the Native Corps, while the Service will permit.

From Colonel Eidingtoun Communicating his intention of marching from Condavar, and of leaving in that Fortress a Jemindar's Guard, which is to be relieved every fortnight. Enclosing Copy of a Letter he has received from Mr. Sadlier with its Answer.

There are no Artillery or Artillery Stores found in the Fort, and I am not yet favored with Major Johnstone's report of the Works.

The accompanying papers are Copys of a Letter I received to day from Mr. Sadlier and my reply.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Jas. Eidingtoun.

Camp at Coondoovar 8th October 1788.

To Colonel James Eidingtoun
Commanding a Detachment in the Guntoor Circar.

Sir, I have received your letters of the 27th and 28th Ultimo, and am glad to observe that there is every probability

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On comparing the Letters I have received from you with those I have written I am at a loss to know whether all the Letter have reached you or not, for this reason I think it necessary to mention the following dates of # Letters that do not appear acknowledged the most or all of them may have reached you Vizt. 24th. 25th. 27th. and 30th Ultimo, and wish you to mention the Dates of all Letters you may receive from me in future, # which I shall equally observe, and by this # means it will be immediately known if any Letter happens to miscarry.—

I am &c. &c.

(signed) Anth: Sadleir

Masulipatam
3rd October 1788—

A true Copy Alexr. Read
Secry & Persian Transr. to
Lieut Colonel Eidingtoun.—

Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter enclosing a Copy of the G. O. of the 1st Novr. 1786 and one of the Governor's Letters to you of the 27th Ultimo, explanatory of your Authority in the Guntoor Cercar — I received one from the

Commander

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Despatched the Following Letters (as entered in M. B. Nos 49. 50. 51. 52.)

To Edward Hay Esqr.

To the Secretary at Fort William advising of the dispatch of the Tweed Cruiser belonging to the Bombay Marine and enclosing Copy of his sailing orders.—

To the Commander of the Tweed.—

To Captain Peck, to make the best of his way to Bengal, and deliver the accompanying to the Governor General.—

To the Chief Engineer.—

To the Chief Engineer desiring him to lay before the Board an estimate of the Expence that will attend the erecting Barracks in the Fort of Tripassore for four Companys of Europeans with their Officers. To form the Plan in such a manner that if necessary, the Barracks may be enlarged.—

To Masulipatam.—

To Masulipatam, granting permission for Mr. Graham to visit the Presidency

At a Consultation Present
The Honorable Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
President
John Hollond, James Henry Casamaijor
and
Robert Maunsell Esquires

Tuesday 14th October 1788.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The

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Least they should fall into the hands of Tippoo, who would offer them every encouragement to entertain in his Service. It was thought expedient therefore to form the Native Supernumerary Officers, and Non Commissioned Officers into a Battalion which was called the Grenadier Battalion, that the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers should serve on their usual pay, the Latter to act as privates and that those supernumeraries should supply all deficiency in the standing Corps, as vacancies should occur.-

Had the Merits and Pretensions of those supernumerary Officers, and Non Commissioned Officers been properly examined into, on the original institution of the Grenadier Battalion, a number would have been discarded who had not the smallest claim to the Rank and Stations they held; but this was not the Case; and the Company was thereby exposed to a very heavy

to each in proportion to their respective Characters and pretensions. By transferring some on the Invalid or Pension List, as the state of their health and Services might entitle them, and by granting discharges to such as were not any longer inclined to do duty as Privates.

For this purpose a Committee of European Officers was appointed many Months ago to investigate the respective Claims of the Supernumerary Officers, as well as those of the twenty eight standing Battalions on the establishment, and they have made a full and decided report upon the Subject

The Commander in Chief having maturely considered the situation of the Guntoor Circar, is of opinion, that the addition of one Battalion of Native Regulars and one Battalion of Sebendies is all that is necessary at Present to be made to the Coast Army, and with a view to accomplish that Encrease at the least Expence to the Company

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Two Battalions of Native Infantry on the Madras Establishment gives for Duty ..... 1088 Privates

And the present Corps of Supernumerary Natives ..... 745 — Do.

Balance in favor of the two Battns ..... 343 Privates

Two Battalions of Native Infantry including the European Officers cost the Company monthly ..... Org. 3360 .. Fal. 5 .. C. 0

And the Total monthly Expence of the Grenadier Battalion & Amounts to ..... 3575 .. 5 .. 20

Balance in favour of the two Battns ..... 215 .. 0 .. 20

Hence it Appears, that by reducing the Grenadier Battalion and substituting two Battalions in their Room, the Service will receive an additional Number of 343 Duty Men with the monthly saving of expence of Pagodas 215 .. 0 .. 20.

The Number of Privates in a Revenue Battalion amount to 520, and & their monthly Expence Pagodas 632 .. 36, if therefore the 520 Sibbendies are added to the &

additional

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whether or not a sufficient Number can be drawn for this Service, from the present establishment of Sibendies.-

The Commander in Chief recommends that Captain James Dalrymple, now in Command of the Grenadier Battalion, be appointed to the Command of the 29th Battn., and that Lieut.t Macalister be appointed his Adjutant, That Captain George Roberts be appointed to the Command of the 30th Battn., and Lieutenant H. Webber his Adjutant.-

Officers appointed to the Command and to the Adjutancies of the 29th and 30th Battalions.-

Approved.-

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob, (which is also entered in Country Correspondence No. 113).-

To His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. President, Governor, and Commander in Chief

Fort St. George

My Freind,

In consequence of the request of my

From the Nabob accompanied by the Mutchlkas of the Calistry Man, which his Highness sends to prove the Justice of his Claims, but pointing out in strong language how injurious such steps are to his dignity and Sovereign Rights, and declaring it is the last time he will so far Condescend.-

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Sentiments — The person who is enjured, has a right to complain, and he complains to a Nation who will not suffer his just Rights to the invaded

If you are wise, and more writing is not necessary.-

Chepauck House
9th. October 1788.-

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

Read the following letter from Mr. Secretary Hay.-

To John Ramier Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Copies of 4 Accounts of Disbursements stated to have been made by the Payd. General of his Majesty's Troops in India "for subsistance to the 14 and 15th. Hanoverian "Regiments, and Company's Allowances to "them and to the English Troops under the "Presidency of Fort St. George from the 25th "April to the 24th of December 1786" Amounting to

From Mr. Hay enclosing Copies of four accounts of Disbursements for Subsistance to the Hanoverian Regiments requesting to be informed whether their Originals have been settled, and if not, that they may be; Communicating the Governor Generals Opinion that an Order should be issued for Examining all Accounts of the above description subsequent to 25th December 1786 - directing the Amounts of the Accounts of his Majesty's Troops already audited may be remitted Bengal and to be regularly advised of the Sums so issued at this Presidency on Account of the Kings Troops.-

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In order to prevent a continuance or Repetition &c &c of the difficulties which have occurred in obtaining proper Materials for &c adjusting the Accounts between the Crown and the East India Company. I am directed to request that the Governor General in Council may be regularly advised of the amount of the Issues at Fort St. George on Account of &c the Kings Troops, distinguishing the amount for Subsistance of the British Troops from &c the amount of extraordinaries, and specifying that for which the Accounts of the Paymasters of the Company's allowances to them shall &c have been audited. -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Ed. Hay
Secry to the Govt.

Fort William
The 15. Sept. 1788.

Agreed that the necessary orders be given to his Majesty's Paymaster General and to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts. -

Necessary Orders to be sent to the Kings Paymaster General & to the Comptroller General

Read the following Letter from Captain Hennaway. -

The

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extremely unreasonable as to afford Room for his friendly intentions towards the Company to be suspected, different Cossidys have been dispatched to Seringapatam since The Negotiation commenced and a # # representation on the Subject of it is also said to be preparing for the Court of Poona, letters however had been passing to, and from Tippoo's Court, before I opened the Business of my # Commission, and the frequency of them ascribed to apprehensions entertained by the Nizam of Tippoo's designs against Adoni, and Raychore which by the enclosed Newspaper from the # latter place it appears he has really an intention of invading.—

On the Subject of what regards # matters of account and the Conclusion which may be drawn from what has passed in the Course of my correspondence with the Minister concerning it, I hope to address your Lordship fully in two or three Days, Mean time # I think it necessary to inform you that in the secret delibrations which were held by the # Nizam and his Minister concerning the final

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with a view of profiting by all war which he has not spirit or respectability of Military force to engage in himself with effect.

True Extracts.

(signed) N B Edmonstone

Asst. to the Deputation.

Translation of a News Paper from Raychow under date 16th September.

On the 12th of that month intelligence was received that Tippoo Sultaun was at Seringapatam engaged in preparations for his Son's Marriage which he has appointed to take place after the Mohurrum, it is there reported that on the conclusion of it he intends to make the Settlement of the Country on the Banks of the Kistna, in the name of his Son, and that he has given positive orders to his troops to be in readiness the instant they are summoned. Orders have also been sent to the Talookdars of Goottee and Bulhauree to collect a stock of provisions in their Forts. The Nabob Mohabut Jung is laying up provisions in his Fort and enlisting Sepoys.

A true translation.

(signed) N B Edmonstone.

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I cannot be admitted to the Rajah for ten or twelve Days.—

In conformity to your Orders signified to me through Mr. Secretary Chamier in his Letter of the 27th ultimo. I have the honor to inform you that fifty two Horses have been received from his Excellency— there is one deficient of the Number mentioned in the Return for which a deduction will be made in the Account— The Horses are at present under the charge of Lieut. St. Leger of the Cavalry.—

I have the honor to remain with much respect— &c: &c:—

(signed) Wm. Petrie.

Tanjore
5th October 1788.—

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill of Exchange on the Presidency payable at ten days after Sight for Seventeen thousand Nine hundred & Sixty Nine Star Pagodas twenty two Fanams

From Mr. Petrie inclosing Bill on the Presidency for 17969. 22. 2½ which he has received from the Rajah of Tanjore on Account of monies due to the Company.—

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summoned to attend our Meetings, and the System be observed on all future Occasions, We shall also pay proper Attention to the Insertion of your Honor's Regulations for the Department of Commissary General of Stores, in the Work under Compilation.

Having maturely considered the Pretensions of Ensign and Practitioner Engineer Lennon, to Rank, We take the Liberty to refer your Honor to our Proceedings, in which are circumstantially detailed our Reasons for offering our Opinion that Mr. Lennon should rank from his Standing on the List of 1781, framed in the Town Major's Office which will give him a Date of Commission 8th of November 1782, moreover as, on reference to General Orders 30th October 1782, subsequent to Mr. Lennon's Return from Trincomale, to which place he appears to have been rather irregularly Ordered on service, he is therein appointed to do Duty as an Assistant Engineer only, at Masulipatam

In respect to Lieutenant Bong's Claim, We only beg leave to remark, from his own Memorial

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Hospital Board 10th October 1788.

Read a letter from the Secretary to the Civil & Department stating that Government had been presented by Dr. Russell with a Hortus Siccus of about nine hundred circar plants, & which are committed by Government to the care of the Hospital Board.

The Hospital Board fully aware of the value of a work of this Nature, & executed by a person of Dr. Russell's learning and & ability, hope it's preservation to render it useful in the way Dr. Russell has so & properly stated, will appear worthy of the further attention of Government, and for & this, purpose it appears to them absolutely necessary, that

From the Hospital Board recommending the appropriation of some apartments near an enclosed ground the former for the purpose of airing an Hortus Siccus presented by Dr. Russell, and the latter for a Botanical Garden & also the appointment of Mr. Butler as Botanist and the fitting up an & Elaboratory - recommending likewise the purchase of some Surgical Instrumts. from Mr. Morris for the use of Mr. Meen, reporting a Variety of Articles received by the Apothecary, which are to be issued quarterly - Enclosing Mr. Deffins & Letter on the Apothecary's Accounts - and another from the same Gentleman, pointing out a reform in the Hospital Clothing, which they & highly approve - and recommend Mr. Ponton & being appointed Medical Storekeeper to Colonel & Edingtoun's Detachment

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qualified to make additions. -

The Hospital Board sensible of the attention of Government in promoting the Natural History are solely guided by a view to its due preservation being placed on a certain and secure Establishment, in which way they will spare no pains in their power to superintend it.

In the hope that a plan of this Kind will meet with approbation of Government, they likewise recommend an Elaboratory to be fitted up for the reception of the Chimical Apparatus already indented for from Europe, to the immediate care of which they will recommend a person Skilled in Chimestry, and in this way enable the Hospital Board to make a proper Analysis of any subjects

It is not thought necessary to commence this Work, until it be known that the Company approve the Indent

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Apothecary's Department, beg leave to lay his Letter to them before Government, as the most perfect Report in their power to execute of this part of their Duty, which they think is indespensably Necessary on account of the encreasing expence, as well as the heavy charge for some Articles, to bring forward.—

They also beg leave to Recommend to the consideration of Government a Letter from Mr. Duffin, as an Object worthy their attention, in pointing out a useful Reform of Hospital Cloathing, at little more than half the present expence.—

Approved— To advertize for Proposals in the Manavi pointed out by Mr. Duffin

manner

Read a Letter from Mr. Gordon stating the necessity of a person to take charge of the Medical and Surgical Stores.—

The

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to such an enormous Sum.—

Saffran	Pag 24. ℔ pound	Cantharides	Pag 10. ℔ Pound
Nutmegs	7 Do	Mace	5. 21. Do
Opium	2. 28 Do	Dragons Blood	3
Musk	6 ℔ Ounce	Oil of Cinnamon	5 ℔ Ounce.—

I cannot help Observing that the Prices of most Articles are at the highest rate of the retail Market, and Some exceed it 25 ℔ Cent.— How far this is consistent with the liberal # Indulgence of Government granting 15 ℔ Cent on all purchases, may be a matter worthy # consideration.—

Should it be deemed necessary to have # a retrospect of All Accounts Since the commencement of the present Arrangement— The Apothecary ought to be informed to produce them, and # attend this Board, or any deputed Member, when They think most convenient for that purpose— In Order to check the growing Expences, Specific Accounts should be sent in Monthly, that any extraordinary charge may more easily be detected, and all Indents Scrutinized with the

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Comparative View of the Prices of Cloathing.-

Furnished by the Purveyor	Pag.s	F.	C.	Now Proposed.-	Pag.s	F.s	C.
Rattan Cott	3.	15.	"	Taped Cott	1.	21.	"
Shirt	"	13.	60.	Shirt	"	10.	"
Gown	"	22.	53	Gown	"	15.	"
Drawers	"	18.	58.	Drawers	"	14	"
Quilt	1.	4	52	Quilt	"	30.	"
Pillow	"	23	70.	Pillow	"	20.	"
Pillow Case	"	4.	5.	Pillow Case	"	3.	"
Cap	"	2.	20	Cap	"	2.	"
Mattross	1.	28.	25.	an Extra Quilt	"	30.	"
Pagodas	8.	7.	26	Pagodas	4.	19.	"

N.B. The Cloathing now proposed to be made of Striped Gingham lined with white Cloth - The Cotts now in use to be Taped, rate of 36 fanams each.-

(signed) Willm Duffin

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to Government the particular account of them-
brought into one point of View, specifying
also the time when each of them was referred
by Us to his Highness, not taking upon
ourselves under the circumstances to decide upon
their merits however just many of them, from the
Documents with which We have been furnished,
appear to be founded, and We conceive that his
Highness will at his leisure, be rather inclined
to send his remarks upon them immediately to
Government, than thro' the medium of a Committee

. At different times We have laid
before Your Honor &.c the claims which have
been agreed to by the Nabob as grounded on
reason and Justice, and are strictly due, they
are now also brought into one view, that when-
ever Funds are appropriated for their Liquidation,
they may without further trouble, be ascertained

We have acted as a Committee in
the Investigation of Claims on the Nabob
since the 25th of July 1785 - agreeable to the
Instructions We then received, and at different
times We have had the Satisfaction to meet

with

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of our having been engaged in arranging the
Sanjou Creditors accounts, under a subsequent
appointment from Government, which we
commenced the 18th of April and closed the
14th of November 1787; and it would be
injustice in Us at this Period not to express our
acknowledgments to Mr. Landon, who under
both these appointments, has acted as Secretary
to the Committees, of which he is a Member, &
The Volumes, which accompany this address
will make any comment of Ours unnecessary
in the Opinion of Your Honor &c. - on the
attention he has paid to these Concerns for
considerably more than three Years past

We wish to know if it be the pleasure
of Your Honor &c. that all the original Papers
and correspondence should be delivered into the
Office, as there is no place appropriated for to
preserve them in. -

We have the honor to be with Respect

Fort St. George
10th October 1788. -

&c. &c.
Edwd. Garrow
Wm. Webb.
J. Landon. -

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Referred to the Committee by the Honble the Governor and Council.	Sums Claimed	When referred by the Nabob's Agents	When returned by the Nabob's Agents	When reported to Government
Brought over Pagodas	111,234.34.11.			
N.B. only Pag.s 835 acknowledged by the Nabob.				
15. Bond to Captain Stevenson	5362.23.68	16 Febry 1786	18th Nov.r 1786	23d Nov.r 1786
Account Current to Lieut Jordon	1072.18.8		5th Janry 1787	6th Febry 1787
35 Accounts Current from Mr. Darke with the Nabob and his Family	344,303.8.74	10th Aug.t 86	14 Sep.r 86	30 Sep.r 86
38 a Bond to Captain Roddom for	6000. " "	16th Oct.r 86	18 Nov.r 1786	23d Nov.r 86
a do. to do. for	240. " "			
41 Bond to Capt.n Smith dec.d referred to by his Wife Mary Smith	3237.9.40.	do.	do.	do.
43 Bond to Miss Tybus 7080 Rupees	1888. " "	12 Nov.r 1786	18 Nov.r 86	23d Nov.r 1786
Referred to the Committee by the Claimants				
49 Bond to Colonel Burrowes	5704.27.40	30th Nov.r 1786	5th Jan.y 87	6th Febry 1787
do. to Captain Gourd referred to by Mess.rs Latham & Mackintosh	1022.19.55.	do.	do.	do.
Account to Captain Graham Campbell referred to by his Brother J. Graham	32,645.1.12.	5th Dec.r 1786	do.	do.
N.B. The Nabob only acknowledges 27,322 Pag.s due to Graham.				
Account Current to Mr. H. Price	6937. " "	do.	23d Febry 1788	28th Febry 1788
Bond to Captain Halmeyer	1065.32.65.	do.	5th Janry 87	6th Febry 87
do. to Lieutenant Paris	1002.22.25.	do.	do.	do.
do. to Major P. Davidson referred to by Captain Moss being now the holder of the said Bond	4000. " "	23d Decr 1786	5th Janry 87	6th Febry 87
Carried Over Pagodas	528,715.9.78.			

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Referred to the Committee by the ⁂ Claimants.	Sums Claimed	When referred to the Nabobs Agents.	When Returned by the Nabobs Agents	When reported to Government.
Brought Over Pag.s	747,636. 2.35			
Bond to Mr. Jos Nevill as Gardean to Catharine Pascal	1206	9th Febry 1787	25th Febry 1787	27th Febry 1787
do to Lieutenant Thomas Davidson	2,502	do	do	do
do to J Stuart referred to by Mr. B. Sulivan	37,500	do	23d Febry 1788	28th Febry 1788
do to Captn. Patter referred to by Mr. Porcher	952	do	25th Febry 1787	27th Febry 1787
do to Major Peter Davidson referred to by Mr. William Duffin & Pacepeak Braming through Mr. Secretary Chamier	10,000	do	do	do
do Do do	8000	do	do	do
do do do	6000	do	do	do
do do do	3000	do	do	do
do do do	2000	do	do	do
do do do	2,282. 27.65	do	do	do
do to Lieut Clotworthy Thompson and Mr. Mathew Tuder referred to by Messrs. Boyd & Porcher as Attorney	7426. 26.20	do	do 23d Febry 88	28 Febry 1788
Bond to James Stockwell	2425	do	do 25th Febry 87	27th Febry 1787
do to Captn. P. Bromfield referred to by Messrs. Pelling & De Fries for Mr. Stone	6,119	do	do 23d Febry 88	28th Febry 88
do to Sebastian Caldeira	1231	do	do 25th Febry 87	27th Febry 87
Account of Pay to Captain ⁂ Clauman	3,371	do	do 23d Febry 88	28th Febry 88
Bond to Lieut Colonel Eddingtown referred to by Mr. Secretary Chamier	15,350	do	do 25th Febry 87	27th Febry 87
do to Sir John Day referred to by Mr. J. Balfour	10,000	do	do 23d Febry 88	28th Febry 88
Carried Over Pag.s	867,001. 20.40			

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A List of Claims referred to the Nabob's Agent which are not yet settled

When Referred				
1786				
January	21.	Account Current to Captain Bowles	1,172.. 23.. 44	
October	27.	a Parwana to Mr. Gardner	2520.. 10.. 40	
December	5.	Account Current to Ensign Fenwick	223.. 25.. 16	
	23	Two Bonds to Captain Baggin delivered in by Messrs. Lathom & Mackendorb with an Account Current	3555.. 27.. .. 1518.. 27.. ..	
	30.	Account Current to Apothecary Evemire	670.. 41.. 4	
		Bond and Account Current to Mr. Baodie referred to by Mr. Spalding and Tullok	35,551.. 16.. 44	
		NB. The full Sum of the Bond 95,000 Pagodas was referred to the Nabob instead of this Balance & together with the Account Current containing this Balance		
		Account Current to the Revd. Wm Bambrigge dd. referred to by Mr. Casjon	10,995.. 14.. ..	
		Acct. of Pay and Batta to Lieut. Dean referred to by Mr. Tullo & through Mr. Baker	262.. 21.. ..	
		Documents to Colonel Brown	3,757.. 8.. 60.	
1787		Account Current to Mr. Menzies	89,566..	
February	9.	Bond to Lieutenant James Graham & referred to by Mr. James Wooley	10,000..	
		Carried Over	1,65,831.. 4.. 48.	

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	Brought Over	297,831. 18. 50
February 9th	Bond to Sir Robert Barker referred to by Mr. H. Price	5000. . .
	A Letter from Mr. James Wooley dated 30th. December 1786 claiming a Balance for Interest of Money	25,165. 8. .
March 26.	A Claim preferred by Mr. Crawford on behalf of Mr. Grant Widow for	3,500. . .
September 14th	An Account of Arrears of pay claimed by Lieutenant Freeman	1786. 40. 48
	An Account of Salary due to the late Mr. Bromley claimed by her Widow Mrs. Bromley	23253. 14. .
1787 November 24th.	Pay & Batta Bills claimed by Lieutenant Jarvis delivered in by Captain Ure	503. 5. 48.
December 31st.	A Claim preferred by Mr. J Johnson in the Nabobs Service on Account of the Estate of the Late Lieutenant Leech formerly Paymaster to the Nabobs 3rd. Regiment Cavalry for	6316. 32. 1.
1788. January 15th.	Mr. James Anderson claim the Amount of a Bond with Interest	4529. 20. 16
	Carried Over	367,886. 13. 3.

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Majesty's Troops.

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Mitford requesting an Encrease of 52 Pagodas to his present Allowance for Office Charges.

Permit me humbly to represent to your Excellency that since the arrival of the two additional King's Regiments on this Coast, Vizt. 74th and 76th, the business of the Kings Pay Office is so considerably encreased as to require a further Number of Assistants for the properly conducting the detail of Office.

As the chief, and indeed most laborious part of the King's Paymasters employ, is the Distribution of the Honble Company's Allowances, which are composed of numerous tribes of small Articles issued to the Respective Regiments in detail. I am emboldened to solicit your Excellency for

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to address to you last Board day, in respect to the Appropriation of the additional Office Allowance &c I solicited, Permit me to acquaint you Honble Sir, that it is intended to be apply'd as follows for,

2 Additional Writers	30.–
1 Cashier	15.–
1 Mootchy	4.–
1 Office Peon	3.–
Total ℔ Month	52.–

I am hopeful Honble Sir, my &c request will not be rejected when you have the goodness to consider that the King's Pay=master General has two distinct setts of Books to keep one for the Crown, for such British &c Regiments as the Stipulated contract of two Lacks of Rupees annually are paid, and one for the Honble Company; comprizing the Hanoverians and the new Regiments lately arrived, whose whole Expence are borne by the Honble Company.–

There are also three Copies from each sett of Books to be made out, one for the &c

Paymaster

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List of Officers in the Honble Companys Service entitled to share in the Gratuity Fund, from the 1st January 1786 to the 30th April 1788, inclusive according to the following Distribution of time.

First, From 1st January 1786 to 30th April 1786. A Colonels Share being Pagas 1,155..33..36.

A Lieutenant Colonels Pagodas 722..16..32. and a Majors Pagodas ..361..8..16.

Names		In what Rank to Share	From what period in each Rank Days	To what Amount Pagodas	Fans.	Cash
Brigadier General	Mr Horne	As Colonel	120.	1155..	33.	36
Colonels	J. Brathwaite	Ditto	120.	1155..	33.	36
	E. Nixon	Ditto	120.	1155..	33.	36
	Sir H. A. M. Cosby	Ditto	120.	1155..	33	36
	Rt. Kelly	Ditto	120..	1155..	33.	36
Lieutent. Colol.	P. Ross	As Lieut. Colonel	120..	722..	16.	32
	T. Bruce	Ditto	120	722..	16.	32
	W. Keating	Ditto	120..	722..	16	32
	C. Fraser	Ditto	120..	722..	16.	32
	J. Rigault	Ditto	120	722..	16	32
	R. Chesshyre	Ditto	120.	722..	16	32
	R. Gibbings	Ditto	59	355..	7.	37
	T. Bridges	Ditto	120.	722..	16.	32
	J. Eidingtoun	Ditto	77.	463..	20	57.
	Ditto	As Major	43..	129..	15.	67
	H. Malcolm A. G.	As Lieut. Colonel	15	90..	11..	4.
	J. Campbell Q. M. G.	Ditto	10.	60..	7.	29.
	J. Davies	As Major	107	322..	3.	32
	J. Hughes	Ditto	59..	177..	21.	58
	D. Campbell	Ditto	120..	361..	8..	16
	E. Tanner	Ditto	120.	361..	8..	16
	G. Smyth	Ditto	120.	361..	8..	16
	T. S. Ward	Ditto	77..	231..	28.	28
	E. Collins	Ditto	42..	126	15	37.
Majors	G. Banks	Ditto	120..	361..	8..	16
	J. Tonyn	Ditto	120..	361..	8..	16.
	B. Closs D. A. G.	Ditto	15.	45..	5..	42
	C. Smart D. Q. M. G.	Ditto	10..	30..	3.	54
			Pags.	14,674..	31.	49

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Names.	In what Rank to Share.	For what periods in each Rank		To What Amount		
		Years	Days	P.	T.	C.
	Brought Over Pag.s			43,431	25	79
Lieut Colonels T. Trent	As Lieut Colonels		79	409	13	15
Ditto	As Major		287	743	21	37
J. Patterson	As Lieut Colonel		72	373	3	29
Ditto	As Major		294	761	26	30
T. Prendergast	As Lieut Colonel		16	82	32	59
Ditto	As Major		350	906	29	54
J. Moorhouse	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
Majors G. Maule	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
J. Johnstone	Ditto	"	335	867	34	46
G. Banks	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
J. C. Tonyn	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
B. Close D.A.G.	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
D. Macleod	Ditto	"	153	396	14	66
G. Clark	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
E. Jourdan	Ditto	"	153	396	14	66
C. Smart D.Q.M.G.	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
R. Tolson	Ditto	1	"	945	24	63
W. L. Lloyd	Ditto	"	78	202	3	25
J. Dupont	Ditto	"	218	564	29	47
H. Montgomery	Ditto	"	152	393	29	44
J. Cuppage	Ditto	"	129	334	8	21
W. A. Younge	Ditto	"	129	334	8	21
R. Sale	Ditto	"	96	248	26	19
P. Bonnevaux	Ditto	"	79	204	24	47
T. Wragg	Ditto	"	72	186	19	54
H. Darley	Ditto	"	72	186	19	54
J. Judson	Ditto	"	44	114	"	2
D. Smith	Ditto	"	35	90	24	45
	Pag.s			58,795	33	4

1st	Pag.s	14,674	31	49
2nd	"	62,622	4	39
3rd	"	58,795	33	4
Total.	Pag.s	1,36,092	33	12

Errors Excepted

(signed) Robert Woolf

Dep.y Accountant

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that Rattans shall hereafter be served out Singly

The Commissary General of Stores at our last Committee laid before us a List of Stores Copy of which we have the honor to enclose, received from the Military Storekeeper for last Month musters of which we examined and Approved.—

Approved.—

We received from the Contractor's Yard last Tuesday two 18 Pdr Field Carriages with Limbers & Boxes for Brass Guns, two Field Carriages with Pole Trail new Construction for 3 Pdrs 2 Mortar Carts, and 30 Iron Chain Traces for Tumbrils all of which we carefully examined and finding them made of good materials & well finished, we ordered them to be received on the Company's Books.—

approved

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

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" J. Capper.
" Thomas Fields
" J Moorhouse

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Possession of every considerable Property, and
Amongst the rest, of a commodious Dwelling House
near the Fort; and being obliged in Common with
the other Servants of the States to quit Pallicat
a Prisoner of War, I left my House in the Care of
Captain George Smith, the then commanding Officer
for the Honble East India Company, requesting he
would make use of it, and at my Expence keep it
in proper Repair, however only a short Space of
Time had elapsed, before I received Intelligence, that
Captain Smith had given orders for the Demolition
of my House, and that in Consequence it had been
levelled with the Ground. - Astonished at this
Proceeding, I applied to Captain Smith for a
Reimbursement of the great Loss I had thus cruelly
sustained, and not receiving any Satisfactory
Answer, Made the Representation just alluded to,
but Since that Period I have been informed, and
which will fully Appear to Your Honor by the
annexed Certificate, and Captain Smiths Letter
to the Council of Fort St. George, that Captain
Smith Acted under the Orders of the Right Honble the
then President and Council of Fort Saint George and

that

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Lieutenant & Sub Engineer John A. Kisselback to be Captain and Sub Directors, vice Byres deceased – date of Rank 21st Sept. 1788

Ensign and Practitioner Engineer Walter Caulfield to be Lieutenant and Sub Engineer – vice Kisselback date of Rank 21st September 1788.–

Ensign Wood of the Infantry to be Ensign of Engineers vice Santer deceased. date of Rank the same as he held in the Infantry and Volunteer Francis McKey of the 36th Regiment, to be an Ensign of Infantry from this Date – vice Wood removed untill the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known.

Minute thereon.

Approved, and ordered accordingly.–

Read the following Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam, entered in the Public Department.

Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam Dated 26th September 1788.–

Extract of a Letter from Masulipm reporting that the person who addressed the Governor under the Name of Roy Mikaset Ram, is known to them by the Name of Lovejee Pantelee, of whom they have frequently written to Government and making farther observations on his petition to the Governor denying the Knowledge of any Vessel belonging to the Sadar of that district.

We take this opportunity of also acknowledging Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 17th Instant, because the application

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may probably have been only a pretence, as he has, we believe, remained in the Guntoor Circar from that time to this. — So far from preventing his Return, his Compliance has been required by the Chief for that purpose, and Sirf Jung has also been wrote to, to send him back; as Your Honor &c. will observe, by referring to the Copy of our Chief's Letter to Sirf Jung, a translation of which accompanied ours, dated 23d June last. — We have also had occasion to mention Sevajee Puntaloo, in our letters to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January and 21st August last, so that it will not appear that we have withheld any Necessary information respecting him. —

We know of no Ships that the Soubah has belonging to him, in any Port in this District, nor did Sevajee apply for any Assistance for such purpose, the only intent of his Petition, appears to us, therefore, to be the desire of returning hither, under the sanction of the Soubah's Name, whose Revd Waiter he is, tho' a Native of this Pettah, and often employed in the Business of the Company; under which Sanction, he may expect to evade enquiry into the Complaint with which he stands charged — We must therefore offer it as our Opinion, that his Petition is an attempt to impose upon Your Honor &c., for which he deserves punishment.

A true Extract.
(signed) Robert Clerk
Dep.y Secy

Agreed, That a Letter be addressed to His Highness the Soubah as of the Decan, stating the above Circumstances, as relative to Roy Mehabut Ram

The above Circumstances to be communicated to the Soubah —

The President informs the Board

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Diary

No 14

Received the following Letters (as entered in M. B. Nos 55. 56.

From Lieutenant F. Baillie enclosing a Certificate of ill health, and requesting permission to return to England for 3 years.

From Ensigns J. MacRae, A. Bryce and C. Wright, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the Officers promoted from the List of Cadets of 1782, regarding their Rank.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal

From Lt. F. Baillie

From Ensigns J. MacRae A. Bryce & C. Wright

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose Copies of two Letters addressed to us by Mr. Robert Mitford, Deputy to Mr. Burke, his Majesty's Paymaster General in India, on the subject of allowances claimed by him in consequence of the Encrease of Business in his Office, since the arrival of the two additional King's Regiments on this Coast. — We are well convinced that Mr. Mitford's application

To Bengal, with Copies of two Letters from His Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General on the subject of allowances claimed by him for Office Charges

14th of their Laborious Trust, and promising a most favorable mention of them, in the next Dispatches to England — desiring their Continuance in Office — until the Nabob's Answer to the Claims on him shall be obtained. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in Country Correspondence N° 113. 114. 115.)

To the Nabob — Enclosing an account of

To the Nabob

Various Claims which have been referred to him, and to which he has not yet replied, requesting his Highness's final answer to these Claims, that the same may be Sent to the Court of Directors. —

To the Nizam — Informing him that

To the Nizam

Roy Mekabut Ram was guilty of Embezzling 10,000 Pagodas when he was in the Zemindary of Nogeud. —

To the Rajah of Tanjore — Condoling with him

To the Rajah of Tanjore —

on his Mothers Death. —

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Gen.l Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.

President

James Henry Casamajor, & Robert Maunsell Esq.rs

Mr. Holland indisposed. —

Friday 17th October 1788

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved. —

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway

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in writing, I proceeded to draw out a Short account current between His Highness and the Company placing the revenues of Guntoor at 10 Lacks against the arrears of the Peishcush and offering to grant Bills on you for the balance amounting to about eight Lacks and fifty Thousand Rupees.

To this just proposal however his Highness refuses to accede and insists on the 22 Lacks of balance being included in the accounts, in vain have I used every argument which reason could suggest to convince him of the unfairness of this demand, His Highness persists and it is on this point the negociation is suspended till he can apply to Lord Cornwallis and receive his Answer — The Letter is preparing but whether he may not think better of the matter before it is actually sent appears to me a matter of some Doubt — my Statement was made up to the end of the Fusoolly year which expired about a fortnight since — should you wish any alteration to be made in the two periods fixed by Treaty for the payment of the Peishcush I do not think there would be any difficulty in obtaining the Nizam's consent to it and I shall be obliged to you to favor me with your thoughts on this Subject.

All accounts agreeing in the circumstance

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The Commander in Chiefs recommendation in consequence

Resolution of the Board for the March of the Hanoverians and the 14th Battalion of Sepoys to Masulipatam be annulled, and that Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun be directed to make the best Disposition which his whole Force will admit of to cover the Country, and be prepared to resist any attempts which may be made by Tippoo, or others, to disturb us in the quiet Possession of the Guntoor Circar.

Approved

The Board approve the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, and request he will give the necessary Orders to Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun

Read the following Letter from Colonel Elphinston Commanding the 71st Regiment.

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

From Colonel Elphinston requesting full Batta may be granted to the Officers of the 71st Regiment, during their Expedition to Bombay

Sir,

The Officers of the 71st Regiment have requested of me to state to You the very considerable

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Captains Dalrymple " Mackintosh " Hamilton " Borthwick " Sibbald " Gorry Surgeon Horsman	for 214 Days Pag.s 342.16.64. each	2396.33.48
Lieutenants Rodk. Mackenzie " Lewis Mackenzie " James Duncan " Matw. Hodges " David Ross " John Gordon " William Johnson " Lewis Moore " John Forbes " John Sinclair " Sir Geo. Leith " Alexr. Mackenzie " Hugh Mackenzie Qr. Master Duncan Mackenzie Surgeon Mate John Paley	Do. Pag.s 228.11.16. each	3424 " "
Ensigns Roderick Chisholm " David Aytone " Peter Pixton " Edward Telmes " Donald Mackenzie Volunteers Robert Macally " Whitney Macally	Do. Pag.s 171.8.32. each	1198.16.64
To Batta to Lieutenant Cuthbert from 16th March & to Volunteer Kope from 14th Do. to their Embarking for Europe 4th June 1788	Pag.s 86.16.64. 65.37.16.	152 12 "
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E.E. Jas. Robertson Captn. 71 Regt.

(Signed) John Elphinston
Colonel Commanding 71st Regiment

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my explanation, and Answers, to the charges exhibited against me.

Charge the 1st
for tying up, and threatning to flog the Garrison Baker

In answer to this Charge I must beg leave to Inform the Board, that upon discovering that the Baker supplied the Commanding Offic[er] with Bread of a very superior Quality to what he sent me, and that I paid the same price as Major Clark I sent for the man, and produced a piece of the Major's Bread — The Baker promised amendment, and nothing further passed, but, a very few Days after, he again gave me bad Bread, when I sent for him and tyed him up — judging that such act would be sufficient to procure me the same Bread as was furnished for Major Clarks Table, and to which I conceived myself entitled as paying the same Price.

Charge the 2d.
For repeatedly flogging the Butcher appointed by the rents, to provide the Europeans with Mutton
X that in presence of the Rents telling them that this Second flogging was given them for having presumed to complain of this first flogging, to the Commanding Offic[er], desiring my Servant who was present to acquaint me, that their having complained to me was the reason he flogged them this Second time.

In answer to this Second Charge I must confess that I did strike the Butcher with his own bad mutton

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of the Tom, Toms beating close to my Door, I sent my Servant to desire the People to cease, but as they did not, I went to the door myself, when they told me it was by the Renter's order and Major Clark's leave, upon which I wrote to the latter, but this not availing, and the noise still continuing I went to Major Clark, requesting he would give orders for their not beating before my House — he told me — he should not interfere, they might beat as long as they pleased — so far from stopping the religious processions, I was particularly anxious they should go on, and cease to annoy me in the painful manner they did: indeed the whole business was set on foot with this view, for I was told the day before, that it was to be so, and it was the more marked, as the People blew only one Trumpet, during this procession until they came before my Door when they made and continued a Noise which was unsufferable.

Charge the 5th

For Stopping the Marriage processions —

— this I positively deny nor do I know of there having been any Marriage Procession since I came to Madura.

Charge the 6th

For ordering the Naiques who had the Charge of the different Powder Magazines to leave their Posts & to come to him —

As this charge relates particularly to my

liable to be damaged, and placed upon the Works without authority – no Incident or Garrison order directing it – It is not the fact that both the Commanding Officer, and the Conductor of Stores were unacquainted with it, as the people, who returned the Turnbril into Stores received their directions through the Conductor.

Charge the 8th
For not replacing that Turnbril with the ammunition, when repeatedly ordered to do So by the Commanding Officer – – – – – – – – – –

To this Charge I answer – That when I was directed by the Commanding Officer to replace the Turnbril – I had declined acting as Storekeeper – In this perhaps I may be censured by your Honorable Board who may condemn me for suspending the functions of my Employ upon the Strange declaration of Major Clark, "That I had not the charge of the Stores, that I should not "even go into the Store Houses without his Orders – that I "was entirely subject to them, and that I had no Business "to enquire what were the Directions given to Centries placed "over the Stores" – If I had treated this absurd speech of Major Clark as it deserved, I should not have paid the least attention to it, and should have continued the

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"at present to comply with the General Order brought to me."

I have endeavored to be as Concise as possible in my replies to the Major's accusations, as I apprehend he must in great measure stand condemned, even by his own account— It will not with your Honorable Board to accede what credit is due to his anxiety for the carrying on the Publick Service, and what he must have suffered from my neglect in not furnishing the monthly returns, when he could upon such slight grounds, supercede by an act of Military authority (I believe without precedent in such a Case) an appointment made by Government, and by a violent measure impede the exercise of my functions not only as Storekeeper, but as Pay master, at a time when the Service certainly did not require a Measure (hitherto unknown to it) and when he had not the means of appointing any Person who could be authorized to supply my Place.

Although I feel in my own breast a conviction of having acted for the best according to my Judgment, at the time the Circumstances occurred; yet I am far from presuming to suppose that I shall not be liable to some portion of Censure from your Honorable Board— I confess myself blameable in the

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the following Letter be sent to Mr Hugh Vaughan, and that one Similar to it, be transmitted to Major Clark.—

To Mr Hugh Vaughan

Paymaster & Storekeeper at Madura

To Mr Vaughan, with the opinion of Government upon Major Clark's Charges against him— and directing a more conciliatory Conduct in both parties.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter Dated the 12th Instant, and to inform you, that the Board have come to the following Resolutions upon the Charges preferred against you by Major Clark.—

That it was improper in the Paymaster to punish the Public Servants of the Garrison who are under the immediate authority of the Commanding Officer.—

That to impede or molest the natives in their religious rites and Ceremonies would be highly unbecoming, and would, upon a Complaint well founded, be severely censured by Government.—

That the Paymaster acted very properly in Asserting his Right to the exclusive Charge of all the Public Stores, and his Privilege to visit them as often as he pleased— and that what it is the Duty of a Paymaster to

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

Sir,

From General Abercromby advising of his having ordered a Company of Sepoys upon the Borders of Tondeiman's and Chinna Murdah's Countries in Consequence of their reciprocal Depredations

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that Since Captain Chases return from investigating the several Disputes between the Poligar Tondeiman and Chinnah murdah Shenigar, that I have received frequent Complaints from both Parties of Depredations &c. Committed on each other, and am informed by letters from Tondeiman that he can not longer submit to the insults offered by Chinnah Murdah's people to his subjects and his resolution of retaliating by force of arms the next provocation - This Measure Emaum Aly Cawn represents to me, would be highly prejudicial to the Circar, as Chinnah Murdah on the smallest commotion of the kind would immediately invade paying his Peishcush I have therefore judged it expedient to order a Company of Sepoys under a Carefull officer to proceed to the Boundaries of Tondeiman and Chinnah Murdah's Countries, with directions to use his endeavours to prevent those Poligars from coming to extremities as I am hopefull I shall shortly be honored with

Your

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acquaint me at what times and places it is wished that the Rum and arrack to be sent from Bengal should be delivered, that these may be specified in the advertizement for Proposals to contract for the Supply.

Fort William
the 17th September 1788

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) E. Hay Secy to the Government

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Secretary Hay be informed that the Rum and arrack to be contracted for by the Supreme Council for the Service of this Coast, are to be landed at Madras with as little delay as possible.

Read the following Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry.

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

From the Chief of Tellicherry Vindicating himself against the Charge of delays alledged by Tippoo in setting the accounts with the Cherika Rajah — Enclosing Copies of Sundry Letters to the above Effect and an Extract from the records which proves that the Island of Durma-patam belongs to the Company

Honble Sir,

On the 21st Instant, I was honored with your letter of the 19th Ultimo enclosing Copy of one from Tippoo Sultaun to you — altho' in his letter which was received by you so long since as the 17th August, he says, he has sent positive Orders to the Dewan & Buxey of Callicut to go to the nearest place to Tellicherry, and send for the Rajah of Cherika, in order to settle his accounts

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to our Superiors, whose Orders we must wait — Upon this Man refusing to carry my Answer back to the Rajah, and telling me that He was directed not to quit the place untill he had received the Money, and that His Master sent him on purpose to receive the Affront of being put out of our Districts by force, He was in order to avoid such a Plea being made, permitted to remain here, but at the same time informed, that as we could not consider him as having any further occasion to stay in the place, the allowances usually made to the Rajah's people who came with letters or messages, would be discontinued — He remained here accordingly and was absolutely in the Town, when the late Rajah's people took possession of the Island of Dimmapatam in the violent manner set forth in the letter from the Chief and Factors of the 7th June, at which time, as I could consider him in no other light than A Spy, I did advise him to go away, telling him that as his Master had openly declared himself our Enemy, bad consequences might ensue Should He be found in our Districts, this however happened some time before I received Intelligence of Rajah Raverenna's Death — This advice the Puttam did not chuse to follow, but remained hid within our Districts untill the new reigning Rajah sent him Orders to return to him.

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Orders received from thence Dated the 9th preceding, which will clearly point out to you how this Island was obtained by the Company.

Enclosed I have also the honor to forward Copies of sundry Letters, which have passed between the reigning Rajah of Cherika and myself, since the 7th July last, from which I flatter myself it will clearly appear to you, that he has not sent any Person here to settle accounts — but had he Sir so done, I should not have thought myself authorized to enter into any discussion considering his Brother's Conduct, in seizing the Island of Dummapalam in the manner already set forth, before I received your Letter of the 19th August, which however shall now be done, as soon as I hear from the Nabob's people.

I have the pleasure to inform you that by publick Advices received the 24th Instant, we learn Major General Medows arrived at Bombay on the 6th preceding and immediately took charge of that Government.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

&c. &c.

Signd William Lewis

Translation

Tellicherry
the 2d September 1788

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your Highness writes me; I have sent Copies of all the Letters I received from your Brother to the Governor General of Bengal, Governor of Madras and the Governor of Bombay; and am now waiting to hear therefrom, all which you will learn by the letter I wrote to your Brother under the 3d June.

With respect to permitting your people to remain at this place, it is what I cannot by any means consent to, because the late Prince thought proper to break the antient Friendship with the Honorable Company, but when your Highness shall shew me, that you are desirous of renewing that friendship, I will do every thing in my power to compass it.

Translate of the new reigning Prince of Cherickal's Letter to William Lewis Esq. Chief of Tellicherry received on the 18th August 1788

I received your Letter and am informed all what you say. —

"Here is inserted word for word the Contents of the Chief's Letter to the Prince Dated 5th July 1788"

after sending Copies of my Brothers Letters I hope you will write me their orders about the Customs and other matters — am Sending here the old Mentings

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Wednesday 26th Agreeable to our preceding Consultation, the Chief and Mr. Forbes met the Prince on Dunnapatam and after discoursing with him on the present State of the Country, he declared, that since he has been often deceived by the King of Cotate, and the other Powers in the designs he has long had for exterpating the Canarees, is now determined, either to bring them into an hearty concurrence with him, or otherwise render them Partakers of the Calamities he has long sustained, and for this end, as well as to preserve the Canarees from being overcome by Cotate and others which they seem to threaten, he will Assemble a considerable body of nairs, which may probably very speedily prove a mean of bringing those Powers into his terms, and if not he is determined to Carry the Canaree Army into Cotate's Country, and as this resolution will be attended with great Benefit to us, as it opposes the designs these people have to disturb us if possible, he is in hopes the Honorable Company, will contribute somewhat to the Expence, after having used his best endeavours in providing for it himself.

The Honorable Company, not having as yet obtained any other Grants for their Holding the Island Dunnapatam, than an Ola delivered

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deliver us by him in may last.

Translate of the abovementioned Grants is as follows Vizt.

The Royal writ of Prince Adeormen of the Palace of Paly, Heir of the King of Colastree — we of our good will and pleasure do give and Grant to the English Company, the Island of Durmapatam, with all the Lands lying thereon Surrounded by its bordering rivers, and the said Lands, with the Bars and rivers thereunto belonging, are accordingly granted by us, the Prince Odeormen of the Palace of Pally in this writ, delivered to the present English Chief Stephen Law in the month of may 909 mallabar (which answers to the Year of our Lord 1734 and be it known to our Heirs that this is in truth & reality.

NB. The above Instrument is Dated in may last at our request, the better to justifie our allegations to the French & Canaries some time since made of its being the Honble Company's Property.

Although a considerable present was expected on this occasion, the Chief &c. thought the following might be sufficient as our Honorable masters are likely to be at great Expences.

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10 Do — to his Head Braminee
2 Do — to his Chief Captain
4 Rupees to one of his Officers

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of his Kingdom having by an authentick writing under his hand Dated May 909 Malabar or 1734 our Style on his own free will, given and granted to the Honble English East India Company the Island of Durmapa:tam with the grounds Bars and rivers thereunto belonging, we their Chief and Factors of Tellicherry do in behalf of said Honorable Company engage and promise by these presents, that in time to come, the Dutys on all Goods Imported and Exported from and to the said Island by ships and vessels, shall be duely and faithfully paid to the said Prince, His Heirs & Successors according to a Stipulation made in this present month of May, with said Prince, with this Proviso that the Honorable Company their Servants or others trading under their Protection, shall be subject to no more than a single Duty on the Goods and Merchandize Imported and Exported, whether from the Island Durmapatam or Tellicherry, without meaning that the above shall be liable in any wise to the payment of any thing whatever for such Goods and Merchandize, as may be transported from one Settlement to the other

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in order to march for Masulipatam and there shall be no time lost, unnecessarily in taking the steps that remain to complete the intended arrangements.

Agreeable to your desire I have furnished Major Johnston with a Copy of your questions respecting the hill Forts, and requested he will transmit you his answers as soon as possible.

I would immediately march to Innicunda, but as I mentioned in a letter to Mr Sadleir, of which I transmitted you a copy the 4th instant, I had chosen Guntoor for a Cantonment, as much better than any other for being supplied with provisions, of which I should find the greatest scarcity in the Innicunda District from it's being in a great measure depopulated admitting that Innicunda be the fittest station for a force intended for the defence of the Guntoor, it does not appear from the intelligence I have lately received from the Countries to the Southward, that the Detachments moving there is absolutely requisite. There is no accommodation for Troops or Stores, nor can materials for constructing barracks, or Magazines of any kind be easily procured as appears by the difficulty Captain Dawes finds in erecting a Shed for his artillery and Stores, which I desired him to do. For these reasons I think Guntoor the best station for the Detachment, or at least hope you will approve of my waiting your further instructions.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun
Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar

Sir,

The Fortifications upon the hills of this place are so very extensive and irregular that it would require a great length of time to make any kind of Survey of them — the Length of the wall upon the hills according to the accounts of the Inhabitants is above five miles, and from any observations which I have been able to make I should suppose much more — every hundred yards which you proceed upon the mountain rocks are seen towering above each other and upon almost every one of these there are forts and redoubts built with stone & chunam and many of them still in good repair. — There are breaches in many parts of the wall and I am told there are paths leading to them in several places on both sides of the hill which are not difficult of access to the natives.

As the hills has from every appearance and account been long deserted — they are much overgrown with jungle and in consequence the communication to and from the different places very difficult. —

With respect to the Fortifications which surround the place where the Town formerly stood they have still a very respectable appearance, and a numerous and active enemy once in possession might in

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

Governor in Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Messrs Lind and Close, reporting of their arrival in the Calastry Country, and their Intention to move to Yerpaydoo, being the most centrical Situation for Commencing their Enquiries

We arrived here on thursday Morning, and learning from Report that Sied Mohomed Cawn, and Meer Bauker, were not likely to join us for some Days, thought proper to Halt, and address a Letter to the Rajah in the interval, requesting he would immediately dispatch some Persons properly qualified, to assist us in our investigations and have now the pleasure to acquaint you that they as well as the Persons abovementioned, arrived yesterday.

On a conference with them, it was determined, that we should proceed direct to Yerpaydoo (four Coss from Calastry) as a Central situation, most convenient for commencing our enquiries, and assembling the requisite Evidence. We shall accordingly set out this Evening.

We have the honor to be, with much respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Francis Lind

B.J. Close

Arambauca Choultry in the Ingewar Pollam 12th October 1788

Read a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Permacoil (as entered in M.B. No 71) enclosing an Indent of Stores wanted for the use of the Garrison.

From Lt Brunton

Ordered

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18 Received the following Letters from Lieut.l Colonel Geels.

His Excellency Major Gen.l Sir Archd Campbell K.B.
President Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.
Commander in Chief

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Geels - setting forth his right to Command at the Mount and enclosing an appeal to the Governor General in consequence of his appointment to Trichinopoly

I perceive in the Orders of this Day that Government have been pleased to appoint me to the Command of the Second Battalion of Artillery at Trichinopoly.

Distinct from the Consideration of my Removal from the Command of the artillery in the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Army, to make room for a Junior and Supernumerary Officer - Your Excellency must be sensible I have all along been deprived of my Right, as the Head of the Corps (by the Usage of every Service in the World) to command the 1st Battalion and Principal Station of Artillery at the Mount, Vacated by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham being declared Supernumerary, in the General Letter of the 16th October 1787 - & subsequent General Orders - to the Court of Directors, and in addition to this, what may have escaped your Excellency's Observation, I am likewise

removed

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The Right Honble Lieutenant General
Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
&c. &c. &c. Commander in Chief

My Lord,

I beg leave to enclose your Lordship the Copy of a Letter I have taken the Liberty to address to this Government, and General Orders of my Appointment to the 2d Battalion of Artillery at Trichinopoly, which, your Lordship will perceive, removes me, as Commanding Officer, from the Principal Station of the Corps, a circumstance I must think extremely hard upon me, particularly as there is no Specific Crime, or other Cause alledged to warrant it.

Your Lordship will please to observe, Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham, though a declared Supernumerary, and upon Lieutenant Colonel Tanner's Death, should only have succeeded to the Command of a Battalion, all Supernumerary Officers being ordered by the Honorable Court of Directors, to "Be allowed the "Half Pay of their respective Ranks &c." has been kept in the Constant Command of the 1st Battalion of Artillery & Mount Cantonments, on Majors Pay and allowances, Gratuity, Tascas & Reckonings, and directs the Laboratory independent of me in Fort St George while on the other

Hand,

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18th of January following, which, I hope, will satisfy your Lordship no kind of Inattention is meant on my part, whatever Reason I may have had to complain of certain parts of Government's arrangement respecting me. —

Reposing in the firmest Confidence on your Lordship's Equity and the justice of my Claim,

I have the Honor to remain,

with the most perfect Respect, &c. &c.

Fort St George
8th October 1788

Signed Thomas Geils

His Excellency Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President Governor in Council &c. &c.
Commander in Chief, Fort St George

Sir,

Being precluded from all Communication with the Records, and as little able to conjecture the Representation that may be made by the Honorable Board, in consequence of my present appeal to the Commander in Chief in India, as I have hitherto been of those made by Your Excellency to the Honorable Court of Directors, on my Business by the Dundas &c. — I think it incumbent on me to declare — for the Information of His Lordship and the Members of this administration, and to request it may be stated to the Commander in Chief in

From Lieutenant Colonel Geils, upon the same subject, as the foregoing — and pointing out, the Superior advantages of the Mount Station, to that of Trichinopoly

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18 was issued to warrant his Drawing it.

I have very little Hope of obtaining this allowance, nor would I desire it upon the Terms Colonel Tanner subscribed to — In this Instance alone, the Command of the artillery at Warriore is less than the Command of the Battalion at the Mount, by 150 Pagodas every Month.

Quarters at Warriore are an Object of Consideration Those Colonel Tanner inhabited, were his own Property; nor did he ever receive any allowance whatever, on account of them, nor have any other of the artillery Officers, who have built Quarters there, although an application has long lain before the Board, which may now be an Object worthy of Consideration, as there is an allowance for Quarters made to the first Battalion, so that the 40 Pagodas drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham may be fairly added to the Batta.

The Direction of the Laboratory in Fort St George which, for obvious Reasons, was originally given to the Officer Commanding the Battalion of Artillery Stationed at the Mount, but for after Reasons, best known to Your Excellency, assigned to Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham, by name, with an allowance of 60 Pagodas — making, together with the Batta, Share in the Division of Arrack, and House Rent, the

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18 Casually, Major Sydenham would have been promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and reappointed to the Second Battalion.

The Idea I have heard suggested of altering the Numbers of the Artillery Battalions, and the Calling the First Battalion the Second, and the Second the First, appointing me to the latter, supposing this could by any means obviate the Difficulty, in removing the Senior Officer from the Command of the principal Station, it is a thing so very unprecedented, and unwarranted, in any Service, without a Corps had misbehaved, and it became necessary to degrade it, and would carry otherwise such evident appearance of Management, that I can make no Doubt of your Excellency and the Honorable Board treating every Proposal of this Tendency, with the Contempt it would merit.

The Orders of the Company, upon which I found my Opinion of Colonel Sydenham's Promotion, are contained in the 11th Paragraph of the General Letter to Bengal the 14th April 1779, and Explanation of it in the 20th Paragraph of the General Letter to the Same Presidency the 14th March 1786, and every Subsequent Order as well to this Presidency as to Bengal.

My

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18th you will do me the Favor to state to the Honorable Members, Mr Secretary, that Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham has not yet been removed in Orders, from his Situation as a Supernumerary Officer, though I cannot persuade myself, this Omission is with any View to injure either him or me, yet I am convinced such a Situation must be extremely embarrassing to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham now that he is actually entitled to the Command of a Battalion, to be still considered, or even implied Supernumerary; and I humbly conceive, it would operate favourably on my Pretensions to the Command of the First Battalion and Principal Station of the artillery, set forth in my Several Letters, were Government pleased to issue an Order on this Subject.

I have the Honor to remain,

&c. &c.

Signed Thomas Geils

Fort St George
October 18th 1788

From Major Burrowes

Received Letter from Major Burrowes (as entered in M.B. N 72) Stating his distress for Money to enable him to fulfill his Contract for feeding the Horses of his Regiment.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (as entered in Miscellany Book Nos 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81.)

To

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To the Deputy Military Paymaster — To the Deputy Military Paymaster directing him to pay Lieutenant Bailie, the usual allowance of passage money. —

To Mr. Yeats — To the Resident at Ingeram desiring he will receive a Box of Medicines, which is to be forwarded to Mr. McMahon. —

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K. G.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal enclosing Lieutenant Colonel Geils Letters. — Lieutenant Colonel Geils having requested the enclosed Letters might be transmitted to your Lordship, we have complied with his Request, and shall only remark that as his Situation is in Reference to the Court of Directors, and an Answer daily expected by the Packet from England, we only wait the issue of their Decision. —

All matters respecting that Officer being fully recorded on the Consultations of this Government, it is unnecessary at present to trouble your Lordship with further Animadversions on his Conduct. —

We have the Honor to be, with great Respect

Fort St George
20th October 1788

Wm. Wm.

(Signed) Archd. Campbell
&c. Council

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Sirkul, of the late Rajah in the management of the Country, under a more immediate Controul and Superintendance on the part of the Company, than have hitherto been exercised — The acknowledge Talents of this Man in the Revenue Department, His Credit with people of Property, his inflexible frugality, and the intimate knowledge, which he possesses of the Revenues of the Country, recommend him at this time as the fittest person to be employed in the management of the Rajah's affairs — But the manner in which he used his power over the People when in Office, the rapacity and oppression of his administration to gratify the avarice of his master, the late Rajah, and the natural Severity of his Disposition, require a Superintendance on the part of the Company, to prevent an increase of the Revenue at the Expence of Injustice and extortion to the Inhabitants — at the same time, that this Superintendance, would be indispensably necessary, to defend and Support the Minister in his Measures of Oeconomy, & reform.

The Rajah of his own accord mentioned the necessity of retrenching his Expences, and named One Lack and twenty Thousand Pagodas ℔ Annum, as the Sum to which he proposed

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Proposal made by Amer Sing Maharaja, to Mr William Petrie 5th October 1788

1st — I write this to acquaint you with my intention and my Condition which you I hope will seriously Consider — In respect of the Arrears due to the Company by me on which account you are come hither from Madras We have had much Conversation at last I Promised to Pay two Lacks of Pagodas at the end of September — To accomplish this my Promise I have given all My Gold Silver Jewells and horses, I have likewise taken some Money from My People, and in this manner I have paid this from our resources to the Honorable Company without taxing or burthening my Country and oppressing My subjects —

2nd — I expected to have procured one Lack of Pagodas more, but I have as yet only received 60,000 Pagodas for which Sum I will give you a Bill of Exchange which you may send to Madras in order to receive that Sum there, I am still in hopes of getting the other 40,000 to complete the two Lacks of Pagodas I have Promised —

3d — you have told me to Pay the 3d Lack but that Sum I cannot get at the rate of 12 ℔ Cent — If you can be pleased to borrow that Sum for me at the rate of 12 ℔ Cent I have likewise declared that I would endeavour to Procure it, 50,000 Pagodas I will however procure and Pay to the Company If you desire me to Pay those 50,000 Pagodas to the Governor I Promise to Pay them at the end of October — or if you desire me to send them to Madras I will send them thither —

4th — Of the 3 Lack and 50,000 Pagodas being the Arrears of the last year, I am able to Pay off, 2½ Lacks, but if you desire me to Pay more I am unable just now to Procure any more — you are therefore intreated to represent our Condition to the Governor and to request of him to consent to the Payment of 2½ Lacks, the remainder of the Arrears Viz. 120,000 Pagodas you will be pleased to allow us to Pay them by installment in 3 years, and we will from this year Pay 40,000 Pagodas — If you allow this it will be a great benefit to us —

5th — If of the 370,000 Pagodas you accept of 2½ Lacks and allow us to Pay 120,000 Pagodas in 3 years — if you decide that affair quickly so as not interfere in our Government, then every one will be encouraged to support us, and our Credit will not be destroyed, and so having Paid off the 2½ Lacks, we shall be able soon to clear off the whole business —

6th — On account of our not having Paid the Stipulated Sum last year to the Honorable Company — you need not entertain a Doubt of the regular Payments for the future of this year — we came to the Government without being well informed — my Brother died in the time of harvest In the Government was a good deal of Confusion For those reasons there were Arrears of 1½ Lack We had likewise a good deal of expences occasioned by his Death, according to our Custom I was obliged to spend something on account of my

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Had even this Proposal been accompanied by any serious Proof of an Intention to remove the Cause of his Embarrasement, the Board might have listened to it with a well grounded Hope that the Rajah had at length seen his Error and yielded to the necessity of a Reform; but when the offer of an inadequate Provision for his Arrears, is weakened still further by an express Condition that the Company shall not interfere in his Government, or in other Words, that he shall still be allowed to retain without Controul those Servants, who have so egregiously mismanaged his Revenue, it loses even that Credit of Sincerity, and deserves not the smallest Regard.

The President is of Opinion, that this Conduct of the Rajah affords just Ground for a decisive Interference on the Part of Government, & submits the different Modes that occur to him in the following Propositions for their Consideration.

1st That the Penal Clause of the Treaty be enforced by which the Company are empowered to enter on the Management and receipt of the Revenue until all Arrears be paid off.

2d That the Rajah be permitted to retain his present

deemed a measure repugnant to the feeling Regard, and avowed patronage, which the Company have professed for the Family of the Rajah; if for a Default to no very large Amount, they were to resort to the strict provisions of a Treaty, which in Effect would leave that Prince at once destitute of all Consequence in his own Country — Some allowance is likewise to be made for the Rajah's professed Inexperience in the affairs of a Government, to which he has so lately succeeded, and some Indulgence to Prejudices, which have been raised by the Arts of a favorite Minister.

With regard to the 2d Proposition, the Effect of the Arrangement therein suggested depends on a Variety of Circumstances, to which it is impossible to speak with any degree of Certainty, but it seems probable that no Plan which includes the Continuance of a Minister, who has betrayed his Trust, would be effectual with all the Checks that this Government could impose to restrain his Maladministration.

With Respect to the — 3d The President thinks it preferable to the others, because it tends to remove the principal Evil without weakening the Rajah's Government by further Interference — A Simple Change in the administration is all he would propose at present, since it appears only to require a Man of

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be intimated to the Rajah at the same time, that if he refuse to make this reasonable sacrifice to the just Complaints of Government, he will certainly incur the Penalty due to the failure that has happened.—

Signed A. Campbell

The President desires that the Sense of the Board may be taken on the following Question.—

The President proposes the following Question for the decision of the Board whether the present Tanjore Sirkel, should not be dismissed

Whether it is the Opinion of the Board that the third Propasition recommended by the President should be adopted — Viz.t That the Rajah be pasitively required to dismiss from his Service and Confidence his present Sirkel, Shevarow, and appoint in his Room some other able Minister, experienced in the Manage-ment and Collections of the Tanjore Revenues.—

Mr. Maunsell's Opinion

Mr. Maunsell — I am of Opinion, from the Inform-ation upon the Records, that Shevarow is totally unqualified for his present Situation, and therefore approve the Question now before the Board.—

Mr. Casamajor's Do.

Mr. Casamajor — From the Information on Record, and from every Information I have received, there is reason to conclude that the Evils existing in the Tanjore Government, particularly in the Collection of the

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Mr Casamajor's opinion

Mr. Casamajor — In reply to the Second Question — I give it as my Opinion, that to recur to the Penalty prescribed by the Treaty, is the only Alternative left, in the Event of the Rajah's refusing to concur in the Recommendation of Government — and it ought to be observed that the Measure proposed by the first Question tends to Indulgence; and it will be the Second Instance of that nature to Specific Proposals made by the Rajah, besides Forbearance for a long period of Time to repeated Breaches on the Part of the Rajah of an existing Treaty.

Mr's Holland's Do.

Mr. Holland — I am of Opinion that in Consequence of the Rajah's Failure in the Payment of his Subsidy — he has — by the Conditions of the Treaty forfeited a Part of his Country, until such Payment is made good; — & that the Treaty should be carried into Execution unless he fulfill the Engagements he has made.

The Rajah of Tanjore to be acquainted with the Board's Determination, in the Event of his refusing to dismiss his Sirkel

Resolved, that the Rajah of Tanjore be made acquainted with the Resolution of Government in respect to his present Sirkel, and of the Board's Determination to recur to the Penalty prescribed by the Treaty, upon his refusal to dismiss the Minister.

The President submits to the Board the following Draft of a Letter to His Excellency the Rajah.

To

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By these extraordinary procedings your Government has been brought to much disgrace, & your Finances to such a distressed condition, as to render it indispensibly necessary, for the Representatives of the English East India Company, to interfere, before it is too late to prevent your affairs from falling into utter Ruin.

You must be sensible of the uncommon Indulgence that has been shewn you by this Government, in permitting so great a delay in the payment of your Arrears, you must likewise be convinced of their Lenity and Moderation in sending a Commissioner to enquire into the state of your affairs, and to assist in forming a Plan to restore the last Credit of your Excellency's administration; yet, have all these acts of attention failed of Success, because you have unwisely persevered in keeping those Men in your Service, who have led you into all your Difficulties, and Distress.

While you pursue your Resolution of keeping such men in your Confidence, you cannot expect that this Government will allow the large Sum

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persevering Oeconomy so necessary to its present Reform, I recommend it to you to call him into your Service — I have heard formerly many Complaints against this Man, but as your late Brother declared in his Letters to me, that the Crimes imputed to Bava, were committed by his Orders, I acquit Bava of these Charges, and have every Reason to believe, that under proper Orders, he will render useful Services to you, his Master, and Justice to the Inhabitants.

I must at the same time acquaint you, that if you refuse to make this reasonable sacrifice to the just complaints of Government, your Excellency will incur the Penalty due to the failure that has happened, and you will therefore give Orders that the Country may be delivered to such Persons, as Mr. Petrie shall name, to enter upon the immediate management thereof.

It will be honorable for you to terminate this Business in a friendly manner, because the most positive Instructions are sent to Mr. Petrie, to carry the Orders of Government into immediate Effect, When that is done, I shall

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Mr. Petrie to be informed of the above proceedings

Resolved – that Mr. Petrie be informed of this Day's Proceedings, so far as they relate to Tanjore.

The President moves the following Question regarding the Validity of the Nabob's Sunnuds produced by Mr. Maunsell

The President moves, that the Question submitted by him to the Board, in Consultation the 10th of October be now taken into Consideration – Viz.! – From the Evidences and Proofs that have been brought before the Board – Is it the Opinion of the Members of Council, that the Sunnuds produced by Mr. Maunsell, as the Nabob's Sunnuds, giving the District of Seeterampore and the Pollams to the Calastry Man in Jaghire, are genuine Sunnuds, or Not? –

Mr. Maunsell is of Opinion from what has passed, that the Sunnuds are genuine, and delivers in the following Minute, –

Mr. Maunsell's Minute – stating his reasons for not informing the Board, from whom he got the Sunnuds in question – Is of Opinion that the Sunnuds produced by him, are genuine

At the meeting of Council to enter on the examination of the Sunnuds, the President began by moving that I should be desired to inform the Board from whom I received the Sunnuds, and grounded his Motion on it's being usual, as he said, in producing authentic Documents, for the purpose of establishing them as Evidence – where this is a Practice he has not explained, but I am of Opinion that it might often

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solemn manner, to be true Copies from Originals, they were delivered to me — It will be necessary to mention that among the Mahomedans all Copies bearing the attestation of the Cauzee, pass as Originals, for it is his Duty, and is often done, to refuse to certify any Copy if the Original has a suspicious appearance. — but although the Cauzee had no suspicion of the Authenticity of the Summuds, yet I must acquaint the Board, that I suspect his fidelity on this occasion,

In a former Minute I stated that Copies attested by the Cauzee to be taken from Original Summuds, were in my Possession, when he sent to desire to have the Copy of Anaverdy Cawn's Sunnud to the Calistry Rajah returned to him, saying, there was a slight mistake in it, which he would correct & send it back in a few Minutes — that he kept it several Days on frivolous pretences, and at length refused returning it, saying it was not a proper Summud — and when, after such suspicious Conduct the Nabob referred to this very Person, to decide on the Authenticity of the Summuds, I could not but conclude that the Cauzee, who had not before expressed the smallest doubt of their being authentic, acted under the Influence of the Nabob, and I am

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is, that in one part, the word Peishcash in the Sanned answers exactly to the same word in the Muchulka copied on the other side, so that a needle, with which I confirmed Mr. Hamilton's declaration passed through Peishcash in the Sanned pierced the word Peishcash in the Muchulka — The Texture of the Paper on which the Sanned is written has not the substance of what is used for English Bank notes, and I am most decidedly of Opinion, that it is not in the nature of things possible to erase a word from each side corresponding to the other, without making a Hole in the Paper, or leaving evident Traces of the word originally written — I stated the foregoing Circumstance to the Persian Translator, who examined and corroborated the Information of Mr. Hamilton — Had the Board consented to the Examination of the Sanned of Anaverdy Cawn for this same District of Sitte-rampore, it would have been proved beyond dispute, whether the Scratching on the present Nabob's Sanned, deserved any attention — As a further proof that the Sanned was for Jaghire no number of years is mentioned, which is usual in an Instrument for Rent — the apparent Scratching and difference of Ink are in my Opinion among

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by their Procedings, in these words, —

"Rajah Damerla Comar Vencatput Naig Behauder,
"Zemindar of Calestry pays yearly p. Viz.

"Peishcash for the District of Sitterampore
"Rupees 15,000 a R. 4½ p Pagoda Kirk 3529. 8. —
"Peishcash for the District of — } 1720. 8. — —
"Aroonala — — — — — —

"Kirk or Madras Pag.s 5250. — —

"N.B. No Peishcash paid for the District of
"Calestry, The above zemindar likewise pays an
"annual Peishcash of 5000 Pagodas for the
"Pollams of the Hill Poligars, granted as a Jaghire
"to him by the Nabob in the year of Phazilly 1187
"Anno Domini 1777."

The Sannad for Seetarampore which I produced is certified on the back to be entered in the Register of the Canangoe, as attested by the Persian Translator, and there is a perfect Coincidence between the Sannad and the Account given in to the Committee of Assigned Revenue by the Canangoe, from his Register at the time the Sannad was granted; this single fact, independent of the strong concurring circumstances above stated, convinces me, and must I think prove to every one beyond

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him with a Force to enable him to resume the Districts of Sitterampore, and the Pollams, this intended Assumption on the part of the nabob, and his right to do so, did not in my mind admit of a doubt, particularly as the Lands in question were not the hereditary Property of the Calastry Rajah, and the Pollams I knew, had been in my Memory taken from the Polligars, for resisting the Claims and orders of the nabob, their Superior — influenced by these reflections I considered the application of the nabob as founded on the force of the late existing Treaty, and that he was only going to exercise the authority vested in him, as a Sovereign, in a matter which especially applied to his Conduct connected with the internal Government of his Country; I therefore gave my Consent that the nabob should be assisted with a Force to enable him to compel a refractory subject to Obedience, the event has proved that the nabob was not mistaken in the dispositions he attached to the Rajah of Calastry, the Troops which were sent was necessary, a contest ensued, and it was attended with Bloodshed — I have thought proper to detail the Opinions, and motives which led me to comply with the requisitions of the

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Mr Garrow gives to the Board — The Sannad and Machelka written on the back of the Sannad for the Pollams, want the usual Forms of Office, by nothing being expressed, that they have been entered in any Office, where such records are kept — to prove the want of authenticity of the Papers produced in support of the Rajahs Claims, the nabob lays before Government two Machelkas given by the Rajah of Calastry, one for Sitteramporo, and the other for the Pollams, & it is an established fact, that a Machelka ought to be the Counterpart in substance, and tenour with the Sannad; these Machelkas have every proof of Originality, they support the assertions made by the nabob, they are correct, no Erazures appear, and they expressly declare that the Lands in question were held in Rent by the Calastry Rajah, and the evidence before the Board support in my apprehension, the authority of these Machelkas, and the nabob as a further Collateral proof, produces three Original Letters, and an Agreement from the Rajah of Calastry, which support the evidence of the Machelkas, and the authenticity of these Letters and Agreement, is not doubted by the evidence given before the Board. —

I am therefore of Opinion from the

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can hardly be traced; I shall therefore confine myself to the question before the Board, as it has been stated on the Records — There can be little reason to doubt the Dependance of the Calastry Rajah, on the Carnatic, and the Rights of Sovereignty consequently vested in his Highness the Nabob, who has frequently, in other instances, exercised his authority, with the concurrence of the British Government, to subdue refractory Rajahs, and reduce them to a state of obedience on the Carnatic — By the Investigation of the Sunnuds that have been produced in favor of the Calastry Rajah, even on a supposition that they could be considered as genuine, it is sufficiently evident, that he possesses no rights independant of appointment from the Ruling Power of the Carnatic.

The Sunnuds appear to me however, in the first instance deficient, as authentic Public Papers, as they have not been delivered in by the Principal; and from the Examinations taken before the Board, the appearances of very material alterations, have been stated in the writings, for Siteramphore, both in the Mutchulka and Sunnud, in those parts of them, in both Papers, corresponding to each other, and it has been also stated, that the Papers for the Pollams, are deficient in the usual official Forms. His

Highness

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2nd Ly Because it has been proved by Mr Haliburton, that when he was a Member of the late Committee of Assigned Revenue, there were various Instances before that Board of the Nabob's Sunnuds being forged, and Mr Haliburton has declared that from the nature of the Seals, it is easy to commit such Forgeries.

3dly — Because it is proved by Mr Haliburton & Mr Garrow, that although the Sunnud for Siteramporo produced by Mr Maunsell, appeared to them to be an Original, from having the Nabob's Chop and Bayze affixed to it, and from having been entered in the two Durbar Offices, Huzar nuvis and the Canangoe, yet as these Gentlemen have also declared that the writing is not fair, that it has been defaced and scratched in various Places, and that, in the identical Words, which go to establish, whether the money to be paid to the Nabob was really Jgaiah, ie Rent, or Peishcash ie, Tribute, the word Peishcash is written upon an Erasure in every Instance where it occurs, not only in the Sunnud, but also in the Copy of the Muchilka on the Back of the Sunnud, which of itself would be sufficient to condemn this Deed before any Civil Court in the known world.

4thly Because the Original Muchilka for Siteramporo under the Seal of the Edastry Rajah, which had been laid before the Board by the Nabob of the Carnatic, when compared with the

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his Muchilka to the Presence, before he can receive a Sannud, — It is also proved, that in this Instance, like that for Seterampore the word Pushcash is introduced in the alledged Sunnud, instead of Ijarah, as written in the Original Muchilkas.

6.thly Because Mr. Haliburton has proved the Translation from the Original Muchilka to be just, and that the Seal affixed to the Muchilka for the Pollams, is the Rajah's Seal, Mr. Garrow has also proved the same Circumstances and has declared that to the best of his knowledge, both the Muchilkas are Originals — These Muchilkas are further strongly corroborated and confirmed by various Original Letters under the Seal of the Calastry Rajah, which Messrs. Haliburton and Garrow have declared to be fair without a single word being defaced or erased in any of them — and if more Proofs were necessary, it is most completely furnished by the Writing or Instrument, under the Seal of the Calastry Rajah, of so late a Date as the 6th June 1786, by which he agrees to an Encrease of Rent of 12000 Pagodas ℔ annum, and the Letter which accompanied that agreement, in which he promises to make a further Encrease of Rent when he can afford it, is an additional corroborative Evidence in its Support.

When the President reflects upon all these Facts, and upon the very unusual manner in which

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The President enters the following Opinion respecting Mr. Haliburton's amended Evidence.—

To be entered on the Consultations, after the Decision upon the Calastry Sunnuds.—

President's Minute upon Mr. Haliburton's amended Evidence

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With respect to the official Forms of Sunnuds, the President wished to call upon Mr Batley, the European who acts as Interpreter to His Highness the Nabob, a Person who is a Master of the Persian Language, and who from his being in the constant Practice of seeing such Deeds executed, is intimately acquainted with the official Forms of the Durbar.—

Batley would prove that, in Sunnuds granted for Rent to Men of Rank, and to those who are favored by the Nabob, no Term of Years is ever specified, & that to the lower Class of Renters a Term of years is uniformly expressed.—But as the Board think it unnecessary to have any other Evidence in support of their Decision upon the Calastry Sunnuds, the President declines giving them farther Trouble upon the Occasion.— Signed A. C.

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That your Lordship will never have any Reason for repeating to us the Intimation conveyed in your Letter of the 26th Ultimo.

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect, &c. &c.

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Signed Arch.d Campbell
&c. Council

Read the following Letter from the Tanjore Creditors

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

From the Tanjore Creditors - requesting that the arrangements may be completed agreable to the mutual Stipulations. -

Honble Sir,

We beg leave to bring to your notice the Situation of the Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore, whose Debts have been provided for by the Treaty concluded on the 10th April 1787.

The first Kist of the Sum Stipulated for the Creditors of the Rajah, was according to Treaty payable in November 1787 and the last in September 1788 they have not however yet received any part of the first years Interest, which became due the 12th July.

Having fully acquiesced in the Terms Stipulated by Sir Archibald Campbell for the European

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To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letters from the Comptroller General of Army accounts, and from His Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General.

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

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Capper stating that he has examined & passed all the accounts of his Majesty's Troops up to the End of June.

I have been honored with your Orders of the 14th Instant respecting the accounts of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Troops in India, for Subsistence to the 14th and 15th Hanoverian Regiments and Company's allowances to them, and to the English Troops under the Presidency of Fort St George from the 25th of April till the 24th of December 1786, amounting to Pagodas 138,558. 3. 7 and also directing me to Examine all the subsequent accounts of a similar kind that have not yet been audited.

I have the Honor to inform you that the accounts abovementioned have been long since Examined and passed, and that the accounts of all His Majesty's Troops on this Coast, are already audited to the end of the Month of June 1788.

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

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(Signed) J Capper
C. G. W. W.

To

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Cash Received from the Treasury of Fort St George on account of His Majesty's Pay office from the 21st February 1787 to the 1st September 1788.

1787 February	21st	Received from the Treasury		20,000	.. ..
	22d	Ditto	Ditto	10,000	.. ..
	23d	Ditto	Ditto	3,500	.. ..
March	3d	Ditto	Ditto	5,000	.. ..
	14th	Ditto	Ditto	5,000	.. ..
	5th	Ditto	Ditto	10,000	.. ..
	10th	Ditto	Ditto	13,268	30 19
	13th	Ditto	Ditto	10,000	.. ..
April	21st	Ditto	Ditto	30,000	.. ..
	22d	Ditto	Ditto	10,000	.. ..
	24th	Ditto	Ditto	13,859	.. ..
	27th	Ditto	Ditto	2,000	.. ..
May	29th	Ditto	Ditto	4,000	.. ..
June	22d	Ditto	Ditto	25,000	.. ..
	23d	Ditto	Ditto	10,000	.. ..
	24th	Ditto	Ditto	10,000	.. ..
	25th	Ditto	Ditto	19,900	.. ..
			Ditto	2390	25 30
July	2d	Ditto	Ditto	4500	.. ..
	16th	Ditto	Ditto	2478	.. ..
	17th	Ditto	Ditto		
			Carried forward	211,396	13 49

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Copies of the foregoing to be sent to Mr. May

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing Letters be transmitted to Mr. Secretary May, as a Reply to his Letter of the 15th Ultimo.

The President informs the Board, that agreeable to the resolution at the last meeting of Council, he ordered Lieutenant Colonel Fiding town to stop the march of the Hanoverian Regiment and the 14th Battalion of Sepoys, then under orders to proceed to Masulipatam.

The President informs the Board, of his having stopt the march to Masulipatam of the Hanoverian Regiment and 14th Battalion of Sepoys.

The President has also the honor to inform the Board, that as Innaconda is the Post in the Guntoor Circar, that stands most exposed to an attack in the Event of a Rupture with Tippoo, He considered it advisable to Instruct the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, to order a Supply of Rice to be laid in at that Garrison, sufficient to supply 2000 men for Six Months, of which measure the President hopes the Board will approve.

The President States that he has ordered a supply of Grain to be laid up in Innaconda

The Board fully approve the Steps taken by the President for the Countermarch of the Troops, and for laying in a Store of Grain at Innconda.

The above approved

The Commander in Chief begs leave to recommend to the Board that Meer Saib, Invalid Sepoy Commandant, may have the allowance for a Palanquin.

The President recommends that Meer Saib invalid Sepoy Commandant, be permitted to draw an allowance for a palanquin

Meer Saib has served the Company with great zeal and merit for forty years, and has lately been employed

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have made Botany a part of
their studies, yet, from the
shortness of their residence in
India, they cannot be expected
to be so capable of entering im-
mediately on a charge of such
importance, and which in itself
demands such an exertion as
will render it enviable the adding
to the collection by the Gentlemen
of our Garrisons, in researches as
well in Botany, as other matters of
natural History, in the assurance
their collections will not only be
preserved, but received with that
attention such collections merit.—

The Hospital Board will
cause enquiry to be made if any
Gentleman will come forward for
the purpose of attending to the
Hortus Siccus, but are apprehensive
that tho' such may offer, and which
from the nature of it must be a
voluntary one, he can only be employed
as an aid to Mr Rottler, whose studies
in the Botanical line, and collections
he has made, which is more than
probable he will add to Dr Russell's,
demand the highest encomiums
and encouragement—and are under
the necessity of assuring the Honble
Board, that they have it not in their
power, to fill up the several vacan-
cies, demanding Assistants, in

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Approved

The Hospital Board have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr Gordon of Mr Ponton's appointment.

[Signed] Pat.k Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas
C.S.
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Messrs Forin and Kindersley Attornies to Captain John Forin.

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

Honble Sir,

From Messrs Forin & Kindersley inclosing Letter and Duplicates of Captain Forin's accounts up to 31st Aug.t

Captain Forin having forwarded to us Copys of a Letter addressed by him to Government, with Duplicates of his accounts up to the 31st August last, we take the liberty to lay them before You, as we understand the Originals are not yet come to hand.

Captain Forin's Letters to us, of a Date somewhat posterior to the accompanying address to You, state some striking particulars, which a regard to his Credit, as well as a desire to afford you the satisfaction You will derive from the conviction that the confidence You were pleased to repose in his zeal, and Honour were

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and those of your Honorable Board thro' your Military Secretary, in a Letter Dated the 22d July, and beg to assure you, that having met with the approbation therein expressed, has amply repaid me for the trouble, and anxiety I have suffered in the first outset to Establish the Service I am employed on.

I shall proceed with all possible Expedition, to obey your orders in the purchase of more Horses, when every Exertion shall be made to answer your most Sanguine expectations.

In consequence of a Letter delivered me from the Commander in Chief by Lieutenant Rumley, I have detained him to assist me in the execution of the Service, as it is absolutely necessary to have an Officer at the General Rendezvous, to take charge of the Horses sent out of the Country; — particularly as I mean to penetrate much further than my time would admit of, when last to the Northward, as by that means I hope to get the best of Horses; intending in future, to send none but what may be equal to any Service required — I must request to have such People at Anjango, by the 1st of December as you may think proper to receive them — In Obedience to your orders I forward my Accounts by the same Dispatch.

I have the Honor to remain

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) John Torin

Capt. Lieut. Cavalry

Bombay
August 12th 1788

A true Copy

(Signed) Torin & Kindersley

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Read the undermentioned Letters entered in MB.

Nos. 82. 83. 84. 85.

From Pulicat — Stating that Six Men belonging to the Leviathan at Anchor at Trincomale, had run away with the Ships Boat, & requesting they may be apprehended, should they land at any of the Company's Settlements.

Ordered, that Letters be written to Cuddalore & Negapatam directing that Search be made after the Dutch Deserters.

From the Chief Engineer — with Plans & Estimates for the Quarters of a Company of Europeans on the present Establishment of the King's Troops.

Agreed, that Copy of the Chief Engineer's Letter be sent to the Committee of Works, and that they be instructed to call upon the Contractors to know at what Rate they will undertake to erect Quarters with Palmira Roofs at Tripassore for four Companies of Europeans with their Officers according to the Chief Engineer's Plans.

From the Chief Engineer — with Letters to him from the Commandant and Engineer of Condamalle respecting the Purchase of a Bungalow for the Reception of Part of the Sick of the 73d Regiment, & on the Subject of Repairs to the Officers Quarters at Condamalle.

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer do lay before the Board an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Execution of the Repairs to the Officers Quarters at Condamalle.

With Respect to the Bungalow, it is resolved, that the Purchase be not made.

From the Honorable Mr Cochrane, stating, that he is not in Possession of any Dutch Papers or Books, but such as are connected with the Agency for the Capture of Negapatam, which will be open for the Inspection of any Person deputed for that Purpose from Pulicat.

Ordered that Copy of Mr Cochrane's Letter be transmitted to the Chief and Council.

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11 Possession of that Circar.—

A Duplicate of our Address of the 21st Ultimo goes enclosed

Fort St. George
7th October 1788.—

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

(signed) A. Campbell &c. Council

Received the following Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun

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

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Eidingtoun advising of his having taken peaceable possess.n of Bellumcundah.—

Mr. Sadleir having sent a servant to Guntoor, with a Letter to Seyf Jung requiring him to deliver over the Circar, Ackram Cawn who had been left by the Jung, readily gave up that Station to him, and sent directions for those of Cundaveer, and Bellumcondah to be delivered up also, by which means, I had the Satisfaction to find the Fort in possession of a Brahamin this Morning on my Arrival who had been sent