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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M. B. No. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90.)

21st From the Apothecary Enclosing a Letter from the Surgeon of the 71st Regiment, which states, that he has received no Medicines from the Bombay Government for the Use of the Regiment on their Voyage from Bombay.

From Mr. Bulman

Ordered, that Copy of Mr. Horseman's Letter be sent to Bombay.

From the Garrison Storekeeper, on the Subject of the provisions, which he was directed to receive from the Commanders of the Dublin, Northumberland, Ranger and Tweed Recommending that some last year's paddy, which has been received from Mr. Macleod be served out in part payment to the Sepoys & Lascars & that Copies of Captain Reis & Smith's Letters be sent to Bengal.

From Mr. Davidson

Rees

From the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam Enclosing Copies of Letters from the Officers at Chicacole requesting House Rent with the paymasters Answer, also some further papers relative

From Chief & Council of Vizagapatam.

21st. To the Rajah of Travancore: Declining any interference with Tippoo in behalf of the Rajahs of Calicut, Coteyat & Calisnaud, as such interference would be a Violation of the Treaty, subsisting between the Company and Tippoo.

To the Rajah of Travancore.

22d. Sent the following Letters (as Entered in M.B. No. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102.)

To the Chief and Council at Cuddalore Enclosing a Letter from Pulicat, directing them to apprehend the Deserters therein stated if at Cuddalore.

To the Chief & Council at Cuddalore.

The same to Negapatam.

To Negapatam

To Pulicat - Desiring them in future personally to describe any deserters they may wish to be Apprehended, that they may be discovered with more facility - and Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Honble B. Cochrane.

To the Chief and Council at Pulicat.

To Mr. Secretary Hay - Transmitting Copies of Letters from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, and from His Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

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Account of Mr. Macleod, at the Market price.

To the Military ⁂ Paymaster General.

To Mr. Davidson - directing him to liquidate the Accompanying Claims for Prison Batta - and to pay to Meer Saib Sepoy ⁂ Commandant, the usual Allowance for a ⁂ Palankeen, which is to Commence from 1st August last.

To Lt. Brunton.

To the Commandant of Permacoil, ⁂ Dueline granting him permission for firing a Morning and Evening Gun.

To the Garrison ⁂ Storekeeper.

To Mr. Davidson, - Informing him that the Letters from the Commanders of the Dublin, & Northumberland, will be transmitted to ⁂ Bengal for the purpose recommended by him - and directing him to sell by public outcry the perishable provisions in Store, as stated in the List No. 3.

To the Committee of Stores.

To the Committee of Stores - enclosing a List of Stores reported by General Horne to be deficient, on the Madura returns of September last, and directing them to enquire into the Cause of this deficiency.

Garrison

To Mr. Josh. Garrow

To the Deputy Military Paymaster to ⁂ pay.

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25th Received the Undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos. 103. 104.)

From Captn. Gomond — From the Town Major Enclosing a Letter from Mr. Knightly Adams requesting the Allowance of a Rupee ⅌ Day untill his Embarkation for Europe.

From Mr. Lalor — From Mr. Lalor, late Ensign in the Company's Troops requesting to be allowed passage Money.

28th Substance of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob — Sent Letter to His Highness the Nabob (as Entered in the C. C. No. 120) with Sentiments of Condolence on the Death of His Highness's Second Son, Ameer Ul Omrah Bahauder

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 28th October 1788.

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

John Hollond, James Henry Casamaijor and Robert Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

Read the following Letters from Mr. Petrie.

in the Management and Collections of the Tanjore Revenues — and that if the Rajah refuse to make this reasonable Sacrifice to the just Complaints of Government, we have determined that he shall incur the Penalty of the Treaty due to the Failure that has happened in the Rajah's Kists.—

In your Communications with the Rajah upon the foregoing Subject, you will be guided by the Principles laid down in the President's Minute, Copy of which is herewith transmitted to you; — and you will consider the Sentiments therein contained, and the Language held out in the Governor's Letter to the Rajah, which is also enclosed as our full Instructions for your Conduct in the Management of this important Affair.—

In the Event of the Rajah's Acquiescence to the Wish of Government for the Dismission of Shevarow — We recommend that you consult &c with the Resident before you accede to the Rajah's Choice of a Successor to Shevarow, as We conceive Mr. Macleod may be able to assist you in forming a true Judgement of the Character and Capability

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his relations, when he would give him a house & a proper Salary for his Maintenance.-

I was attended to the Palace on this occasion by the President, Colonel Stuart, & the Reverend Mr. Swartz, who expressed their full approbation at the result of this Conference.-

Mr. Swartz has consented to act in the Situation in which he is now placed by your Orders, and the acquiescence of the Rajah.-

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Petrie

Tanjore
21st. October 1788.-

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you a Translation of a Letter, which I received last Night from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, and to inform your Honor in Council, that he has this day paid the Sum of twelve thousand Pagodas on Account of the Arrears, due to the Military

From Mr. Petrie Enclosing Translate of a Letter from the Rajah to him which mentions the payments he has made and the difficulties he labors under; likewise Mr. De Souza's Offer to lend him 40000 Pagodas enclosing also a Letter from Lieut. St. Leger and advising of his having received 12,000 Pagodas from the Rajah.-

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Summed up, it amounts to 1 Lack 82,098 Pagodas
In four or five Days I will pay 18,000 Pagodas
more.-. All which Amounts to 2 Lacks.-

Mr. D'Souza has a power to lend me
40,000 Pagodas at the rate of 12 ℔ Cent and
that promise, he has Made before Mr. Macleod,
Colonel Stuart, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Sorin,
saying to you and me that he would pay
that Sum to the Honble Company - You
are therefore to take from Mr. DeSouza
40,000 Pagodas and in this Manner I have
paid to the Honble Company 2 Lacks and
40,000 Pagodas.-

Before you arrived here I had paid
to the Company 2 Lacks 80,000 Pagodas.-

Summing up all that which I have
paid last year it Amounts to 5 Lack 20,000.-
Pagodas.-

Last Year the Paddy was very cheap
and therefore I suffered great loss in the
Collection, all which is well known to all.
However I have by all diligence and exertion
paid 5 Lacks 20,000. Pagodas More to pay -

I am

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Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Sentleger dated Tanjore 22d Oct. 1788

To William Petrie Esqr.

&c &c &c

Sir,

Agreeable to your instructions and the Letter received by the Major Burrowes from the Adjutant General, I have delivered Thirty two Horses to Cornet Hill of the 2nd Regiment - There remains under My Charge twenty Horses.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) A. Sentleger

Lieut 3rd Regt Cavalry -

Mr. Maunsell delivers in the following Minute -

In consequence of the last Letter & received from Mr. Petrie, sent in Circulation, & I must take the liberty of advertising to the Orders since he was some time furnished with on the Subject of Loans -

In Reply to Mr. Petrie's Letter of the 3rd September, recommendeing to this Government the Acceptance of the Terms offered by the Rajah for liquidateing his Debt to the Company,

the

Mr. Maunsell's Minute on the foregoing Letter and Enclosure, expressing his Surprize that Mr. Petrie did not object to Mr. De Lange's offers recommending a peremptory repetition of Government's former Orders respecting Loans to the Rajah and that Mr. Petrie be directed to report whether any further Negociation upon foot between him and the Danes or others -

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regard to that part of Mr. Petrie's Letter which recommended that one Lack of the Rajah's Balance should be liquidated by assigning over certain Land to the Danes. That it were impolitic and unwarrantable in this Government, to permit an European Power to possess, under any Form whatever, Territory belonging to the Carnatic or Tanjore beyond the existing Stipulations of National Treaties, is most obvious, and the Proposition was equally inconsistent with the Object of Mr. Petrie's Appointment, which had in view the taking an Assignment of the Country in Virtue of the Treaty, in case the Rajah did not satisfy the Demands of the Company agreeably to Stipulation.

After premising thus much, I am led to take Notice of the Rajah's Letter to Mr. Petrie enclosed in his last Address to the Board, in which the Rajah ventures to mention an intended Loan of 40,000 Pagodas from Mr. De Souza. I cannot refrain from expressing my Surprize that Mr. Petrie did not object both as insanctioned by Government, and I submit whether our former Orders ought not to be peremptorily repeated to

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and report if any Negociation has been or
concluded, or is on foot, for assigning directly
or indirectly any part of the Tanjore Country
to the Danes, or any other Person or Persons;
and adverting to the declaration made by the
Rajah of the impossibility of his discharging
at this time, the whole of his Debt, I beg
leave to Offer it as my Opinion that if
the Revenues of the last Year have been
expended, and the Deficiency of Payment
to the Company can only be made good
by excessive Levies on the Inhabitants, so
already oppressed and indigent, it were far
more politic and advisable either to enforce
the Treaty, or forego the temporary Advantages
of immediate Receipts, awaiting the regular
Season of Collection, than to clog the future
Prosperity of the Country, by any Anticipation
of its Revenue.

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(signed) Rt. Maunsell

Resolved, that the Orders of
Government given to Mr. Petrie on 8th Instant
on

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Contains three propositions recommended to the consideration of the Board, of which preferring the first, I have given it as my Opinion, that in Consequence of the Rajah's failure, in the payment of his Subsidy, he has by the Conditions of the Treaty, forfeited part of his Country, until such payment, is made good; and that the Treaty, should be Carried into Execution, unless he fulfill his Engagements to the Company. Having also recommended this measure on the Appointment of the Commissioner, I see no reason to change my Opinion, which appears to me, incompatible, with the present Resolutions of the Board, Viz.t "That the Rajah "be positively required to dismiss from his "Service and confidence, his present Sirkeel "Shevarow, and appoint in his Room, some "other able Minister experienced in the Manage- "ment and Collections of the Tanjore Revenues"

This proposition, appears to me, to stand unconnected with any certain, or specific System, for the Management, of the Affairs

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therefore the Company, were become entitled to better terms. The extending the delay of payment to £20,000 Pagl.- appears to me equally exceptionable, as it tends to encumber the future Resources of the Country, in a Manner, that they may be attended with inconvenience.-

Considerable payments, have lately been made by the Rajah, & it is the object of this Government, to endeavor to prevail on him, as far as possible, to liquidate all his arrears. I do not perceive the Company, are likely to derive any advantage by making the Appointment, of a new & distinct, the Condition of granting the Rajah the indulgence he requires, of delaying the payment of so very considerable part of his Balance. If the Board think proper to grant him this indulgence, he may consider it, as an act of unmerited Severity to force on him, Bava, to whom I have been informed, the Rajah is particularly averse. Bava, is a Man, whose Character has been stigmatized

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of Affairs is the first proposition, Recommended by the President, that the Commissioner should be directed to insist on the Liquidation of Arrears, or to enforce the terms of the Treaty, in case of Failure; and that the Letter to the Rajah, should be expressed to that Effect

October 28th. 1788.- (signed) John Holland

The President desires it may be recorded.

The President will reply to the above.-

That he shall hereafter reply to Mr. Holland's Minute.-

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Poona.-

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

Sr Honble Sir,

From Mr. Malet, Enclosing a Copies of Letters from the Mysore Country, advising of the disposition of the Poona Court to take part with the English in the Event of a War with Tippoo.

I had the Honor to address you last the 16th Instant, and have now the Pleasure to acquaint You that on the 24th. Instant, the Minister communicated to Me the Substance of Captain Kennaway's Conference with Nizam Ally Khan of the 14th. as it had been transmitted to

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My last Letter from the Government of Bombay mentions that no further Encroachments had been made at Tellicherry.—

I doubt not you will ere this have received a full Conformation of the Intelligence I had some Time since the Honour to communicate, relative to the Revolutions at Dehly.—

I purpose Setting out from hence the 1st. of Next Month on a Visit to General Medows agreeable to the Instructions of his Lordship the Governor General.—

It is with Pleasure I can acquaint you that I continue to receive the most amicable Professions from this Court, with Assurances of the best Disposition to take part with the English Company in Case of a breach with Tippoo.—

I have desired my Assistant Mr. Ushthoff, to open any Letters from you during my Absence, and to make the requisite Use of their Contents; as also to transmit You Such

Intelligence

called Tannah Golah, about eighteen Cos from Joodpoor, negociating with the Rajpoots: Hears that Orders have been sent to them from hence to proceed to join Sindia.

On the 5th. Instant Received a Letter dated Hubelli 7th. Zehedge, or 9th September from . A Chance of whose Dispatch You were informed by Mr. Malet under date the 9th of June last, advising of his being on his Journey to Tripetty with the pilgrims, that He had been prevented going Himself to Seringapatam, but that He had sent his Brother in Law thither for Intelligence, who would join him at Tripetty, whence they would both proceed to Madras. He mentions that Tippoo had given Orders to Kutt ud Deen Khan, in Command of his Troops at Cuspa, to attack Curnool; that Coimatoor had been taken by Tippoo, after a Siege of two Months, and that all the Prisoners had been made Mahomedans; that it is expected the English and Mannattas will attack Tippoo after the Dusserah; that Directions have been

issued

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Tippoo Arrived at his Capital about two
Months ago, and has the greatest Part of his
Army there with him, a Body of 20,000 Men
at Bengalore, and a Party towards Calliacut.
A Report of his Death prevailed some
Time Since, which proves to be untrue.

A Letter to Tippoo was dispatched
from hence a few Days ago in Answer to one
received lately from him, the Contents of which,
I have not been able to learn.-

The Governor General's Instructions
to Mr. Malet, relative to the Establishment
of a Dawk between Bombay and Masulipatam;
through Poona, are received, but will not
be acted upon till the Assent of Nizam &
Ally Khan is obtained.-

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

(signed) J Whitehill
Agt at Poona.

Poona
11th October 1788.-

P. S. Mr. Malet writes me that He expects
to leave Bombay on his Return hither about
the 15th Instant.

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Indostan; and it is very little in my power to assist your conjectures, as they will arise from the State of Facts and your Knowledge of the Parties of the probable result, I will only & observe to you, that the Negociation which has been for some time kept up between the Patel & Ishmael Beg, has been insincere on both sides, and with the same design in each, & to alarm Golam Cauder; the first, for the purpose of creating a Distrust of his Colleague, & the latter, to obtain Money. The seperation of Ismael Beg at this juncture would be certain Ruin to Golam Cauder, whilst & the former has the Resort of the Rajpoot Service. Thence I conclude that G. Cauder must comply with the demands of I. Beg, and the consequence of their Agreement & will be the immediate attack of Sindia's Troops at Ferreedabad: I am however doubtful whether their Success would be decisive of the Contest, as Sindia has Birtpore to retreat to, where he might remain in &

security

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Preparations for War—of his collecting a Force at Bangalore—and of his Intention to move to the Northward after the Mohurrum Feast

Read the following Letters from Captain Hennaway.—

The Hon.ble Sir Archibald Campbell K.t B.
&c. &c. &c.

Hon.ble Sir,

I am this instant favored with your Letter of the 1st. Instant no number, covering a Letter for Mr. Malet which shall be immediately forwarded.—

From Captain Hennaway advising that a Kelaat will be despatched from the Nizam to Sippoo in a few Days.—

You will observe that your Letter has been seventeen days on the road; which is usually the case with those sent by Mahomed Alee's Tappal.

The day before yesterday a Kelaat was taken out of his Highness' toshuk Kauna; & is to be despatched to Sippoo in the Course of a few days. This Intiar a dowlah by the same people who carried the last, about nine Months ago

Seyf Jung paid his Respects to the Minister Yesterday; but has not yet been admitted to the

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sent to Gooty and Behauree to lay up a Stock of provisions which is accordingly collecting and bringing from Adonie. Mohaubut Jung is engaged in # making hostile preparations and levying troops.

Nizam's Durbar.

It is said that his Highness the Nizam # has appointed Seaudut Allikhawn and Hafiz Fereed ie deen to proceed to Tippoo - letters are accordingly prepared for them # # # on the # subject of Strengthening former treaties and whereas he Tippoo has made a Demand of the arrears of the yearly tribute of two lacks due from Kaunool now amounting to thirteen lacks and confined Manawar Khan's Dewan. His Highness has therefore written to him at this Nabob's request promising payment of the # Sum due if he will refrain from disturbing the country of Kaunool and other territories # dependant on his Highness by deducting the amount from the yearly peshcush of Six # lacks due by Tippoo to the Peshwa, whose # receipt his Highness promises to transmit - # Many people say his Highness intends taking the field and going towards Bidr - He has given #

orders

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Rajah's Vakeels informed Us, would have been at hand for examination, had not His Highness's authority lately established in the Districts prevented their taking measures to assemble them: thus # situated, We made the requisite application to Seed Mahomed Cawn, who gave us to understand, that they should be sent for without delay.— An interval however apparently sufficient to convene them, having elapsed, We sent this # Morning, to enquire whether they had arrived, # and were told, that the greater part of them were still in the Villages, but would be with us # tomorrow.— Anxious to prosecute our enquiries with the least possible interruption, We at an early period intimated to Seed Mahomed Cawn, the probability of his being shortly called upon to reply to the Representations of the opposite Party, and therefore trusted, that he would be prepared; he, in consequence dispatched Letters to Trippetty requiring his Evidence to repair hither as soon as possible, but We are sorry to observe that none are yet come owing as he says to the unexpected continuance of the Festival, and indeed he is apprehensive, that as they #

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the Grain, and other Articles of Provision deposited and Captured in the different Villages in dispute, requested of Us, to use such measures, as We might deem effectual to secure, and preserve them, from Loss and Damage, as he conceives, that even in the most unfavorable event, the Grain &c. so found, must be considered by all, as his rightful property. We Accordingly communicated the substance of this request to Seid Mahomed Cawn, who has assured Us that no more of those Articles shall be expended, than may be wanted to subsist His Highness's Sepoys, Sebbendy's and other Servants of the Circar, and for such consumption he will be accountable.–

We have the honor to be with much Respect

&c. &c.

(signed) Jr. Lind

B. F. Close

Yerpadoo
19th October 1788.–

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

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

Jr. Conble Sir, Fort St. George

My last Report on the Audit of Army Accounts

From Colonel Capper Requests to be informed, how far Charges made by Orders of the Chiefs and Councils of Subordinates are to be admitted – when not provided for in the Regulations. Enclosing Copy of Bill drawn by the Fort Adjutant of Masulipatam – & Recommending in Consequence of the heavy Charges for Hours

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and Barracks at their different Stations will afford, and the Number wanted to compleat according to the general Strength of their Garrisons and the numbers of Troops under their respective Commands.—

In the Accounts of Mr. Hawkins Paymaster at Poonamalee for February 1787, is a charge of Pagodas 372..26.. for 626 Rope Cotts at 25 fanames, As this was a considerable time subsequent to the order to the Barracks Master to Supply the Troops with Plank Cotts, I conceive it to be altogether irregular but as he pleads that the Troops were in immediate want and the new Cotts were not finished, I wish to submit this Charge to your consideration, as also a charge in the Poonamallee Accounts of May 1787 of 38 Pagodas for cleaning the Necessaries of the Garrison and another in November following for the same purpose.—

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

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the Admission of any Charges in their future Accounts, which are not inserted in the Regulations without the previous Sanction of Government. Agreed also that a General Order be issued respecting the Quarters and Barracks at the different Stations, agreeable to Colonel Capper's Recommendation.

Minute thereon.

Resolved, that for the present no greater Sum than five Pagodas pr. Mensem be allowed at the Outstations to each Officer unprovided with Quarters.

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Charges in Mr. Hawkin's Accounts, as reported on by Colonel Capper, be admitted.

The President proposes the following Letter.

The President lays before the board the following proposed Draft of a Letter which he recommends should be written to the Hospital Board, on the Subject of the Medicines lately delivered by the Native Doctor at Tanjore as an Antidote for the Bite of Mad Dogs and Serpents.

To Doctor James Anderson
Physician General
&c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen.

To the Hospital Board acquainting them with Govt. resolution to publish in the Courrier the Ingredient which compose the Antidote for the Bite of Mad dogs & Serpents, which they are directed to draw up in the most accurate and intelligeable stile — likewise to Circulate the Medicines to all out Stations — from whence they are to receive

In consequence of your Letter of the

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cannot be rendered too Public, for the Attainment of all Descriptions of People, and as there are Numbers whose Rank in Life and great Distance from the Opportunity of obtaining Medical Assistance, to whom the Knowledge and use of those Pills may be of infinite Importance, the Board direct that you will without loss of Time draw up an accurate Account of the Names and Proportion of Articles composing these Pills, specifying in a particular Manner the Malabar and English Names of each Article, as well as the botanical Names of such Plants or Roots as are used in the Composition of those Pills, and the Manner of using the Pills in either Case for the Bite of Serpents or mad Dogs. The Board at the Same Time direct, that you will publish the Same without Delay in the Madras Courier, and that a Quantity of those Pills may be immediately made up and sent to every Station under this Presidency. — Where Surgeons are placed those Pills will be sent to the Surgeon who is charged with the Medical Store, and where there are no Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants, the Pills will be addressed to the commanding Officer of the

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Approved.-

Acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Acting Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 17th. Instant inclosing an Indent for Stores wanted at Permacoil, which we have agree shall be complied with after the Commissary General of Stores has made such Alterations in it as may be deemed necessary.-

Approved

The Commissary General of Stores laid before us the enclosed Estimates of the Prices of the Military Stores taken at Pulicat & Jaggarnaïkporam; The first Column of each Paper contains the Prime Cost of the Articles supposing them in a Serviceable State, the second Column the Value of them from the State in which they were found according to the best Information that could be procured.-

Approved.-

We examined the Books of the Director of the Laboratory, & the Conductors Books all of which we found regularly & brought up to the End of last Month.-

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22d October 1788.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
J. Casper
"
" J. Moorhouse.-

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Quality

		Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total	Brought Over	Prime Cost	Price adequate to the State of the Articles.
						3047.21.39.	1345.30.45.
Cartridges Bags Empty	80	200		200		3.17	31.20
Handspikes purchasing		75		75		19.31.40	4.34.70
Leap Aprons for Guns		25		25		2.3	2.3
Priming Horns		24		24		20	20
Brass Priming covers		34		34		2.4.40	2.4.40
Priming Bitts		20		20		1.9	1.9
Iron Covers		3		3		1.4.40	1.4.40
Gun Block Mounting Guns		1		1		21.15	21.15
Small Twine Bundles		6		6		17.20	17.20
Country Match Do		8		8		10.32	10.32
Europe Match Skins		2		2		11.20	11.20
Copper Cylinders		7		7		31.40	31.40
Horn Lanthorns		4		4		2	2
Country Rope 2 Inch Coils		1/2		1/2		1	1
Time Glasses		2		2		18	18
Collapse Compass	P	1		1		1	1
Wooden Horses		3		3		12	12
Bengal Canvas	Y	1		1		2	2
Musquet with Bayonets		59		59		223.10.60	29.18
Do without Do		97		97		291	48.18
Old Bayonets			40	40		2.8	2.8
Sword Do		104	19	123		68.6	68.6
Do Belts Buff		100		100		50	12.18
Buff Carriage for Couches		140		140		52.18	13.4.40
Halberts		4		4		6	6
Dawn Complete		2		2		14	7
					Pagodas	3846.21.11.1607	5.47

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

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Read the following Letter from the Medical Board.

To The Tt. Comble. Major General
Sir. Arichibald Campbell K. B.
President & Governor &c. Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Mr. Bulman — In Answer to Mr. Duffins — Observation upon various Charges in his Accounts —

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt, of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter; of the 16th instant; enclosing an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Duffin, to the Hospital Board; and requiring satisfactory answers to the particular points therein set forth.

Mr. Duffin's Statement, of the Amount of Charges for Country Medicines &c. Issued, by order of the Hospital Board, for Six Months, commencing last February; is perfectly correct, and corresponds with my Accompts delivered in to the Hospital Board, as doth the amount of Commission and Sum Total.

I fully concur with Him, that the great quantity of Liquors &c. furnished to

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the People of whom they were brought to wince that no more has been charged than what they cost, and to Account, for those things being so highly rated; it may be observed, that they were very Scarce, and difficult to get, at the time they were wanted, and the Merchants finding the Service required them, availed themselves of the Scarcity, and of the opportunity that offered, of a good Market; and demanded a price &c accordingly — If any other Article bears a charge of 25 ℔ Cent above the market price of the day; I presume it will come within the above &c description. —

The Honble Board I trust, will not deem my charges high; when they are informed, that there are not any Servants allowed, to &c carry on, the very extensive business of providing and issuing Country Med^l. Stores — That I am in constant advance, of my own Money, from Six to Seven Thousand Pagodas — That, I pay Monthly heavy Godown rent — That, I stand to all damage, risque, and decay; occasioned by &c Vermin, breakage, ullage, deficiencies; and every

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Madras to prove that wastage, breakage, and leakage on Merchandize never can be estimated [illegible] a lower rate than ..... ℘ Ct. ℘ Annum

Godown Rent Servant Wages and incidents will in One Year Amount to ..... 10 ℘ Ct. ℘ Do.—

23 ℘ Ct. ℘ Annum.—

This is exclusive of Interest of Money, from the periods, when the Articles are purchased, and laid in Store, by me, to be in readiness for the emergencies of the Service (to the Service) to the time of their being issued; which, is never less than two Months.—

If Government were to adopt any other mode, The Honble Company, would probably find, the expences incurred by leakage, waste, Servants Wages, &ca. greatly to exceed the Sum, I have stated. These Expences are now at the risque and cost of the Medical Storekeeper, by which it will appear that the Honble Company have been supplied rather at a Moderate than at a high retail rate, and, will I hope, Sufficiently plead the reasonableness of my Charges.—

I shall be willing on all occasions, to furnish the Hospital Board, with Copies of my disbursements, & whenever they shall think proper to call for them

Having honestly and I hope satisfactorily replied, to such parts of the Letter, as relate to my Office.

I remain with great respect

&ca. &ca.

(signed) Job. Bulman.—

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Read the following Letter and Enclosures, from Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtown.

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

Honble Sir,

I came yesterday to Guntoor and have the Satisfaction of finding it better calculated in every respect for a Cantonment than I expected. It is extensive, much more populous than any other place I have seen in the Circar, and situated in the middle of an extensive and fruitful plain, that is well cultivated. It is plentyfully supplied with good water, and Bazar Articles, and there cannot be any doubt of its being healthy. The Fort is in the middle of the Pettah, built interely of Mud, in ruins, and not to be accounted of any strength whatever. You may judge of the accommodation it will afford for the troops by the accompanying return of public buildings in it, Many of them will stand in need of some repairs, and additions, to make them healthy and commodious, but I imagine that may be done at no great expence, and that the number of quarters, it will require besides those contained in the report, to accommodate the Corps to be cantoned in the

From Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtown advising of his Arrival at Guntoor, His account of that Garrison enclosing a return of the public buildings in it & Copy of a Letter from Captn Dawes which discribes the Fort of Innicunda

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Return of Guns and Military Stores found in the Garrison of Guntoor the 11 October 1788.

| Quality of Stores | 24 Pounders | 16 Pounders | 12 Pounders | Ditto Short | 6 Ditto | 3 Ditto | 24 Pr. Short | Short Lockers | Wadhooks | Boxes of Stores | Tumbrils Complete | Round Shot Fixed | Cartridge Boxes Complete | Tumbrils Complete | Cartridge Boxes | Grape Unfixed | Port fires | Ball Cartridge | Rockets | Haversacks | Round Shot Fixed Serviceable | Bags of Grape | Ditto of Ball | Flints Serviceable | Bags of Slugs | Ditto Ball of Powder | Handsacks of Ditto | Bags of Composition | Leather Rides | Ladles of Pigs Serviceable | Sabres Unserviceable | Leather Buckets | Elevating Screws | Cartridge Paper Boxes Serviceable | Linstocks Unserviceable | Dabbers of Powder | Tubes Fixed | Ditto Unfixed | Portfires | Cartridge Bags | Ditto of Ball | Ditto of Grape | Ditto of Case | Ditto of Port fires | Ditto of Rockets | Ditto of Flints | Ditto of Slugs | Ditto of Powder | Ditto of Musquet Balls | Ditto of Musquet Cartridges | Ditto of Musquet Flints | Ditto of Musquet Powder | Ditto of Musquet Slugs | Ditto of Musquet Tubes | Ditto of Musquet Wadhooks | Ditto of Musquet Worms | Ditto of Musquet Ramrods | Ditto of Musquet Screws | Ditto of Musquet Springs | Ditto of Musquet Stocks | Ditto of Musquet Triggers | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Guards | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Plates | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Screws | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Springs | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Stocks | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Guards | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Plates | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Screws | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Springs | Ditto of Musquet Trigger Stocks |
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is not sufficient to admit a Sea Pounder, without taking it off the Carriage; The large Gateway South of the Sally Port, has been so totally distroyed that it would be attended with a great expence, to put it in a proper state, how far it may be expedient to open it in case of this place being made a Magazine for grain &c: you'll best judge.

As I find the old Magazine below a very indifferent place for lodging Grain; and, as, in case of the place being invested, it would be attended with infinite inconvenience having our provisions in the Lower Fort, I have thoughts of carrying all the Ammunition up on the hill, it can easily be taken down when wanted, and taking it up on an emergency, might be attended with great difficulty; The Magazine in the Middle Fort I shall Convert into a Granary, there I think the Grain and ammunition will be best disposed of; and in case of necessity the grain can be taken up better and safer than the ammunition could. I think good Granary on the Hill much wanted, I see no place fit to convert into one.

I shall be much Obliged to you if you can send me a few hundred Rice bags, for the purpose

&c

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Read the undermentioned Letters (entered in M. B. N° 106.—107.—108.—)

From Colonel De Waugenheim Commanding his Majestys 14th & 15th Hanoverian Regiments, enclosing Letter from Lieutenant Landen stating his ill Health, and Requesting a free Passage to Europe, and to be recommended for the Enjoyment of Lord Clive's Bounty.

From Colonel De Waugenheim—

Agreed that Colonel De Waugenheim be informed, that before the Board can comply with the Requisition of Lieutenant Landen, it will be necessary that he should produce a Certificate upon Oath from some of the Faculty stating the Necessity of His retiring from the Service on Account of a broken Constitution.—

Minute thereon

From Lieutenant Colonel Congreham—stating that the 25th Battalion of Sepoys never received any Cloathing for the Year 1782, and Soliciting in their behalf, for a Reimbursement

From Lieutenant Colonel Congreham

Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military Board.—

Minute thereon—

From Lieutenant James Forbes—Requesting that the Arrears of full Batta due to him whilst in Command of Baramporc, may be discharged—

From Lieut Forbes—

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Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122.

2d To the Commandant of Tiagar – directing him

To Capt.n Flint to deliver over the Grain and Stores in that Garrison to Mr. Robert Andrews.

To the three northern Chiefships – noticing

To Masulipatam Vizagapatam & Ganjam the frequent Charges for House Rent for Officers in their accounts, and desiring it may be reduced from 10 Pag.s to 5 Pag.s – and that no Charge may in future be admitted which is not inserted in the Standing Regulations, unless sanctioned by Government.

To the Deputy Military Paymaster – ordering

To the Deputy Military Paymaster him to pay a Rupee ℔ Diem each to Messrs.s Adams and Salor – from the time of their Dismission from the Service, to that of their Embarkation.

To Mr. Richard Guy – his Claims for

To Mr. Rich.d Guy arrears of pay as Master to the Kings Troops – totally inadmissible.

To the Town Major – desiring he will

To Capt.n Edmond inform Messrs.s Adams and Salor, of their being permitted to draw each a Rupee ℔ Diem, untill their Embarkation – and that he will be careful, not only to Send home the abovementioned persons as

Charles

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28th Lieutenants Chevalier and Laudais, that to entitle them to Lord Clive's Bounty, it is necessary for them to Swear on the most Solemn Oath that neither of them are possessed of 1000 £.

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Bullman on the Subject of His Accounts - Observing that the demands of Many Articles appear Enormous and directing that before any Indent is passed in future it be properly Examined and Checked.

To the Chief & Council of Ganjam

To Ganjam - directing them to discharge the Arrears of full Batta - to Lieutenant Forbes, whilst he Commanded Barampore.

To Lieut. Forbes -

To Lieutenant Forbes - acquainting him of the above.

To Lieutenants Clerk, Dyce, and Capper

To the Barrack Masters of the Northern & Southern, and Centre Divisions - ordering them to make an immediate and particular report, to the Commander in Chief of the State &c. of the Quarters and Barracks in their Several Divisions.

Dispatched the following Letters, -

To the Honble Major Genl. William Medows
President in Council at Bombay.

To Bombay - Enclosing the reply of the Surgeon of the 71st Regiment to the Apothecary's application to him, for the unexpended Medicines, during the voyage from Bombay.

Honble Sir,

Upon the Receipt of your Letter under

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31 any thing of that nature would have again been brought forward for our consideration, and we deem it necessary to recall your attention to what we have already written on that Subject, in order that you may again make it clearly understood by the Rajah, that the Sanction of the Company is no way pledged to support any Transactions entered into, or that may be entered into with the Danes or others, of assignments of the Country which can interfere with the Company's Security, in the event of their being obliged to enforce the Treaty for the recovering of the money that may be due to them.

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

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31st October 1788

Archd Campbell
Ky Council

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell K.B.
President

John Hollond — James Henry Casamaijor Esq

&

Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Friday
31st October 1788.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Presidents

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weak and profligate Minister, for some able Person experienced in the Collection of his Revenues, will rest upon the Decision of our Superiors. The President is however of Opinion, that the general Run of Mankind will consider that Measure the least severe which was calculated to leave to the Rajah the Direction of his own affairs without the Introduction of the Company's Management under the authority of the Treaty.

The Resolution of the Board for removing the present Minister of the Rajah has been objected to for another Reason, that it stands unconnected with any certain or specific System for the management of the affairs of the Tanjore Country: at the time Amer Sing was put upon the Musnud uncommon pains were taken to recommend the most salutary System for his Conduct in the Government of his Country. His present Sirkul, Shevarow, having in every Instance disregarded the Rules established on that Occasion, the Board have thought him unfit to be any longer entrusted with that important Charge. It does not however follow that his Dismission is connected with the Introduction of any other than the original System, because the Error was in the Conduct of the Minister; not in the principles of the Original System established for the management of the Tanjore Country.

Signed Arch.d Campbell

Read

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totally inadmissible.

The Conciliatory intention of His Majesty's forbearance in withdrawing rank which had been regularly given to some of his Officers already in India, and in withholding advanced rank from others who have lately arrived, and who from their high standing in his army, and their long and eminent Services, have great pretensions to honorable distinctions, appeared to us to demand the application of similar principles from the Company's Governments abroad; and a respectful acquiescence from the Company's Military Officers to their determinations.

We must therefore acknowledge that the remonstrance of Brigadier General Horne would render Circumstances very different from those of his Case, have appeared to us unreasonable and ill timed; and we cannot avoid seeing it in a more disadvantageous point of view as upon an Inspection of the Public Records, we are led to consider his Claim to retain the exercise of the rank of Brigadier General as Standing upon foundations particularly weak and exceptionable.

We form this Judgment from observing that the Court of Directors not only gave no previous Sanction for the Commission of Brigadier being granted

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many Persons continue to frequent the nabob's Durbar, as well as that of his Eldest Son, Amdat ul Umrah Bahauder, and recommends in consequence that the orders be repeated.

Resolved, that the following notification be published in the Madras Courier

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Publication in the Courier Prohibiting Europeans from visiting the Durbar under penalty of being sent to England

The Honorable the President in Council having been informed, that Company's Servants & others living under the Protection of the Company, have of late frequented His Highness the nabob's Durbar, and that of his Eldest Son, Amdit ul Umrah Bahauder, in direct Breach of the General Orders of the 15th June and 8th September 1785, takes this occasion to repeat the Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, contained in the following Paragraph of their General Letter Dated 9th of December 1784:

Para 104 — "In order to put an end to those "Intrigues which have been too Successfully carried "on at the nabob's Durbar, We repeat our Prohibition "in the strongest terms, respecting any intercourse "between British Subjects and the Nabob and his Family, "as we are convinced that such an intercourse has "been carried on greatly to the Detriment and Expence

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Translate of Intelligence from Raychore

Dated 9th October 1788

Intelligence was received on the 30th Ultimo that Tippoo was arrived at Bengalore, and that Bubr Jung was stationed at anagoondee with a Detachment of 7000 Infantry and 2000 Horse, and a man of the name of Meer ahmud was arrived at Kutching'hurra with 1000 horse, he had raised and 4000 Infantry, 5000 Infantry & 1500 horse are assembled at the Fort of Gooty; Mahabut Jung has recalld his Troops from Kerkrota, & has put the fort of Raychore in a complete state of defence; he has levelled a rising ground whence the City lay exposed to annoyance, and is now engaged in refetting the Armoury, and collecting a Store of powder and ball — There is every appearance of approaching troubles.

Nizams Durbar

They say that Seandat allik hawn and Hafiz Fereed u deen who were appointed embassadors to Tippoo, Object to going.

Intelligence from Poonah Dated the 7th October 1788.

On the first of the month Hurree Pundit, Purkea returned from a pilgrimage to Cokeen and on the 5th Ruggonaut Pundit set out towards Naghore with

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during the Monsoon — As the present seems unfavourable to my leaving the Detachment, to make a tour of the Circar for the purpose I mentioned in former Letters, I have deliberated, together with Mr. Sadleir, on fixing a Cantonment, and forming other arrangements for the Security of this Circar, and the Company's other possessions, in this quarter, which will very shortly be submitted to your consideration.

In the mean time I beg leave to observe, that should you have the same reason to think Tippoo has a design of disputing with us the possession of the Guntoor, the junction of the Europeans from Ellore and the rest of the force, which by your letter of the 4th Instant you proposed, in that event, to draw from the Northern Circars, ought not for a small consideration of expence, to be delayed, for fatal experience, during the late War with Tippoo, has shewn, that every Detachment acting offensively ought to be able to oppose a considerable division of his Army — I may also mention that this Detachment including the Hanoverian Regiment and 14th Battalion only Amounts to men might not be capable of affording sufficient protection to these Countries but that by the addition of the Troops to the Northward for which there will be no demand in that quarter while the Nizam is peaceably disposed it Would become formidable enough to enter the Cuddapah

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think it ought to be destroyed.

I have the same opinion regarding Condavere for it is very important in point of situation, so extensive that we never can afford it a Garrison necessary to it's defence, and it's walls are yet, in such repair, that an enemy's occupying it would be dangerous.

Being on this Subject, you will excuse my putting you in mind of what I said in my Letter to you of the 4th Instant, respecting Chintapilly that being the only post in this country commanding a ford over the Kistna which in case of a rupture with the Nizam, renders it a post of great consequence, and points out the propriety of it's being Garrisoned by Company's Troops.

I transmit Copies of Captain Kennaway's last Letter to me and my answer as containing my latest Intelligence.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Camps at Guntoor
25th October 1788

/Signed/ James Eidingtoun

To Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun
Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar

Sir,

In consequence of your desire I proceeded with Captain Boisdauine to examine the different houses reported to be the property of the Circar - and we are

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determined to move towards the Kisna on the expira-
tion of the Mohurrum — and as the acquisition of the
Guntoor Circar, is known to have been for some time
the favourite object of his ambition, I thought it but
necessary that we should be upon our guard.

This intelligence has lately been strengthened
by accounts of a more recent date, that some flying
Detachments of his Troops are arrived at Cummum.

I have the Honor to be,
Wm. Wm.
(Signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
14th October 1788

True Copy
(Signed) Alexr. Read
Secy. Wm. to Lieut. Col. Eidingtoun

Captain Kennaway
at Hydrabad,

Sir,

I am duly favored with yours of the 14th
Instant and in consequence of your Letter to Sir
Archibald Campbell, have since received instructions
to order back the Hanoverian Regiment and 14th
Battalion Native Infantry from Masulipatam
to Guntoor — Mr. Willis the Commissary has also
been directed to lay in Grain for 2000 Natives
for 6 Months at Innacondah.

Your information of Tippoo's intention
to move

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I should be happy to have your Opinion concerning them and if you would oblige me, by communicating such occurrences as are likely to affect the Company's interest.

As you do not acknowledge the receipt of my Letter of the 3d Instant I fear it has miscarried — I had the pleasure of acquainting you in it, that Seif Sung had fully complied with my requisition by giving up the Guntoor inhabitants — their Cattle and effects.

I have the Honorable
&c &c
Signd James Edingtown

Camp at Guntoor
22d October 1788

True Copy
Signd Alex.r Read
Secy to Lieut.t Col.o Edingtown

President's information on the above.

The President states to the Board that in reply to the above Letter, he informed Lieutenant Colonel Edingtown, that it was not the Intention of Government to form any Established Cantonment in the Guntoor Circar — but merely to keep together the present Force under the best shelter and at the least possible Expence, until the Opening of the Season shall disclose the real Intentions of Tippoo.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works.

To

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for the officers and privates &c of each Company — We can not yet judge how far these Works at such a distance from Madras can be done at the low rates of our Contract, especially when the expence of carriage for the materials, the greatest part of which must be sent from hence, and the batta to the Maistrys and Workmen, is taken into consideration.

We will however undertake the business at P. 940 for the privates Pag.s 960 — for the officers and 450 Pag.s for the Offices, Book room and necessary; making in the whole Pag.s 2350 — for each Company of officers and Privates, agreeably to the Plans of the Engineer — Trusting to the Honorable Board that in case we shall find our expences heavier than we can now foresee, our present rates will not establish a precedent for calculating the rates of Work for any future building they may think proper to order us to undertake.

One third of the Amount to be paid on the commencement of the Work, one third when it shall be reported half finished, and the remainder when compleated; the Brick and Chunam to be furnished by us, and we hope to have reasonable assistance in procuring Artificers.

The Honorable Board may depend on every exertion being made by us, to have the Barracks ready, by the end of January, and as much sooner as possible but at this season of the year when so much bad weather may be expected, we cannot take upon ourselves absolutely to engage for their being done by that time, provided the weather is good, we think to be able to accomplish it having in about 4 Months time half compleated the extensive works at Poonamalee.

We have the honor to be with respect &c.

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Signed Robert Woolf
Joseph Shawe

agreed

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From Ensign Foote

From Ensign George Foote, stating that the Paymaster at Aska has refused to pay him his temporary allowance as a Supernumerary Officer of the 18th Battalion, and requesting an Order from the Board for its being discharged.

Minute thereon

Ordered, that a Copy of Ensign Foote's Letter be sent to the Military Board.

Exd.
A.G.M.

Arch. Campbell
John Holland
Ja. H. Casamajor
R. Maunsell

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1st people, who were removed from Hog Hill — In lieu of that which he has pointed out as the properest place, to Erect Barracks for the Troops intended for the Defence of the Black Town; —

To Lieut.t Col.l Conyngham

To Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham — Informing him that his arrears of Gratuity and Affreckoninges will be discharged in Common with the rest of the Army. —

3d To Lieut.t Wales & Mr Young

To the Commanding Officer at Nellore — and to the Paymaster at Angole Ordering the former to Send 10 Lascars to Angole, and informing the latter, that such Order has been Issued. —

To Captain Nobel

To the Commandant at Tripassore — directing him to afford every possible assistance to the Contractors, in the Execution of their work in the Fort of Tripassore. —

At a Consultation Present

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

John Holland — James Henry Casamajor
&
Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Tuesday 4th November 1788.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Mr Holland recommends that the following

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him, that Government far from giving any Sanction, will on no account whatever allow of any Assignment being made by the Rajah of any Part of the Tanjore Country, to the Danes, or others, directly or indirectly — and I beg leave again to propose, that Mr Petrie be directed to ascertain and Report if any Negotiation has been concluded, or is on foot, between the Rajah and the Danes, or others, for assigning over any Part of his Country —

Agreed, in Consequence of Mr Maunsell's Recommendations that the following Letter be written to Mr Petrie —

Minute thereon

To William Petrie Esqr

Commissioner for the Affairs of the Tanjore Country

Sir,

To Mr Petrie desiring he will inform the Rajah that Government cannot allow of any Assignments whatever being made on the Tanjore Country — & directing him to report immediately, whether or not any Money Transactions are on foot between his Excellency & the Danes or other Persons —

As we are of Opinion that we cannot be too explicit on the Subject of Loans to which we have called your Attention in our Several Letters of the 8th Sept.r and 31st October last, and as it is possible that the smallest Ambiguity of Expression may be construed hereafter into a tacit Acknowledgement of our Concurrence to Assignments of the Tanjore Country being given, provided they do not at any Time interfere with the Rajah's Engagements to the Company — We think it necessary in

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The Honble Major Genl Sir Archd Campbell K.B.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Captain Kennaway — discouraging the report of Tippoo's preparations being against the English and accounting for them — likewise for those making by the Nizam — the Vackeel's departure for Tippoo's Camp delayed.

Mr Uhtoff who acts as resident at Poonah during Mr Malet's absence, having mentioned in his Letter to me, as he has no doubt in his dispatch to You, which accompanied it, the general belief which prevailed at Poonah that a rupture would shortly happen between the English and Tippoo and that the Chief himself actually expects it. I think it necessary to inform you that nothing has fallen under my observation at this Court to Countenance such an idea — Tippoo may be alarmed at the reinforcements, which have lately arrived at Madras and Bombay; and I have some reason to believe that the Minister here, after his suspicions concerning the real object of my mission had some-what subsided, was induced for the advancement of his master's views, to insinuate to Tippoo that the object of my embassy was hostile to him.

In answer to the question put to me by the Minister concerning the reason of these reinforcements, I replied that Lord Cornwallis's first wish was the preservation of peace; which he deemed nothing so likely to effect as being always in a condition to prosecute, if necessary, a vigorous war.

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

Governor in Council

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Honble Sir, & Sirs,

From Mr Sadlers respecting the Canton:ment of Troops in the Guntoor - Enclosing the Minutes of a Meeting which he assembled to Consult on the above Subject, Stating his rea:sons for Preferring the Banks of the Kistnah Opposite to Begoara as the most proper spot, for such purpose, - with Intelligence of Tippoo's having collected his Cavalry - and trans:mitting a Representation from the Inhabitants of the Villages in Vinna:condah.

As my present situation, afforded me an opportunity, of collecting the best information respecting a proper Arrangement of the Troops in this District, I thought it my Duty to embrace it, from a conviction that temporary Plans or Expedients, that are obliged afterwards to be changed or materially altered, become generally more expensive than the executing of a per:manent Plan in the first instance - as the Opinions of Professional Men must always have due weight in a matter of this kind, I thought it in every respect the best made, that the Heads of the different Departments should meet for the purpose of consulting and com:municating their Sentiments to one another, in which Colonel Eidingtown concurred, signifying at the same time, that he thought Major Johnston's station as the Senior Officer of Engineers in Camp, particularly intitled him to give an opinion on such a subject - We met accordingly and Minutes having been drawn out of what occurred to us, I have herewith the honor of forwarding the same under our respective Signatures.

Your

without the smallest delay, as whatever expence may be incurred in buildings or Repairs at this place, to afford present convenience, will probably be lost to the Company in the end. The Principal expence would I conceive be in erecting Granaries and Storehouses, and I do not think it need be very great, for as the Cantonment would be little more than a first Camp, Mud walls, such as have been erected at Angole, where the soil is similar, might be deemed sufficient for the Barracks and other buildings, and the Officers might perhaps be able to build Bungalows for themselves, if they were to receive a moderate allowance for that purpose.

Whatever other Posts it may be judged necessary to occupy either in this Circar or the Palanaud District, might be considered as depending upon the general Cantonment, from whence they might be reinforced, or to which their Garrisons might be withdrawn, as circumstances required, and for my own part I have always considered the division of the Force of any District, or the occupying more small Military Posts, than are necessary for preserving internal tranquility in time of Peace, as affording an advantage to an Enemy in time of War, and that the former purpose is often better effected by small Detachments sent out occasionally, than by taking up fixt Stations. The laying up Magazines of Grain &c. at Vinnacondah, might of course be useful to an Army in time of War, but its distance from any Country where Paddy or Rice can be procured, must render the Provision very expensive in the first instance, as well as every time it becomes necessary to replace it, and the distance

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heard of a considerable force assembling on the borders of this Circar, and of their proceeding towards Addunky, he sent orders to Noor Mahomed Phougdar of Cummum, to collect the Cavalry in that Country to the number of 5000 or 6000 Horse, upon the frontiers of his territories, and to watch the motions of our army; but that there seems to be no preparations at present for any offensive purpose.

I think it necessary to enclose a Representation from the Inhabitants of one of the Villages belonging to the Zemindary of Vinnacondah, complaining of encroachments made by the Inhabitants of certain Villages therein named, belonging to the Angole Circar, who are assisted by the Nabob's Manager with Sepoys sent for that purpose — as the encroachments made by the Managers of the Angole Country on the Nizampatam District, have often been complained of, without any redress being given, it is possible that the present Managers may be induced to take advantage of the change that has taken place in the Government of this Circar — I have therefore recommend to Captain Montgomery not to allow Sepoys to be employed on such Service, as complaints ought to be enquired into, and differences settled between the Inhabitants of the two Countries, which may now be considered under one authority, in a different manner than by having recourse to force; and I request that you will obtain an Order from the Nabob to his Managers for having differences of this kind settled by Arbitration, which he generally declines, under pretence

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River Kistnah, nearly opposite to Bezoara, would have certain advantages, in respect to situation over any other fixt station, at a greater distance from the River, this becomes the first matter of consideration, when the Gentlemen present concur in thinking that a Cantonment situated as abovementioned would have the advantage of securing a passage over the River by means of Boats, that might be constructed and kept always in readiness for the purpose, and afford the means of an easy junction whenever it might be necessary, either with the Troops stationed at Masulipatam or Ellore, from which it would be nearly equally distant — The River Kistnah admitting the Passage of Boats upon it for a considerable part of the year, would also be an advantage to the Cantonment, in the conveying of Stores and other Articles to it either from Masulipatam or Pitteepolly Bay on the southward of Deree point — It being a constant practice to float Teak wood and Bamboos from the neighbourhood of Condapillee to Masulipatam, for the purposes of building, by means of the Kistnah, and also stone Chunam from Bezoara by the same water conveyance, it follows as matter of course, that the River would afford consider:rable advantage in collecting materials for the new Can:tonment, and consequently render the expence less than it would be at an inland Situation — It would also afford the means of more easily collecting a quantity of Grain & other Articles of Provision if at any time it should become necessary for the use of an Army, all of which recited circumstances ap:pear to the Gentlemen present worthy of Consideration.

The only objections that occur are the following which

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affords present shelter and covering for a considerable part of the Detachment, it is better that it should remain here until the monsoon is understood to be entirely over, when if not required for service, the native Corps may be encamped on the Spot, in order to assist in constructing the Cantonments, and in the mean time that Major Johnstone may examine the Banks of the River in order to fix upon the best natural situation for a Cantonment, in case Government should hereafter think proper to adopt it, as the principal Station for the Troops in this District. It is also agreed, that the Buildings here can only be considered as affording a temporary convenience, being in general constructed of Mud and Bamboos, with Tyled or thatched roofs which would require frequent repair, and being also scattered in different parts of an Inhabited Village, they have not that connection which is necessary in a regular Cantonment from which Circumstances it would probably happen, that the Company would in the course of a short time be put to as great an expence in Buildings & repairs, if this were to be fixed upon as the station of the Troops as they would be by erecting new Buildings at once, in the situation pointed out, which besides has the natural advantages so evidently in favor of the Station now recommended.

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Kistna, whose incursions have reduced the produce of that Country to nigh one half of what it was formerly. By the information of Lieutenant Stuart who commands there their visits have been so frequent these last five months, and their number so considerable, that it was found necessary to send a company from Ongole to reinforce him. Colonel Eidingtoun thinks Condaveer of no consequence in point of Situation, too extensive to be Garrisoned, and its works in such repair that it might nevertheless be dangerous to suffer it's falling into the hands of a Country power, for which reasons it ought to be demolished.

The Fort of Chintapille, being situated on the point of the Guntoor Circar, that advances farthest towards the Nizam's Territories, and being near to that part of the River where Troops would most probably, and have most frequently passed from his Dominions on the other side of the River into this Circar, Colonel Eidingtoun thinks it might be proper to occupy it as a frontier station, and Mr. Sadlier is also of opinion that it might be of Service as a check upon Vaseereddy Venkatadry Naidoo, who is the most powerful Zemindar belonging to the Guntoor Circar, and who has on some occasions resisted the authority of the Company in the Nundigamah District opposite to Chintapille, as well as the authority of the Soubah in the Guntoor Circar, from a consideration of which circumstances, it is thought expedient that an Engineer should be sent to the Fort of Chintapille for the purpose of examining the state of it's Fortifications, and it's situation as a Military Post, whose report may hereafter be transmitted to Government.

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side of the Kistnah, as may be found most eligible; conceiving the present Situation of the Company's forces in these Circars, to be such, as would give an Enemy every advantage — also that as Mr. Mackenzie has now nearly finished a Plan of Bellum:condah, he will in the course of a few days be able to furnish the Honble the Governor with a Survey of the Hill and it's For:tifications by which he will be better able to judge of it's strength than by any thing he could now offer with certainty.

(Signed) Anth. Sadleir
James Eidingtoun
Jas. Johnstone

Letter from the Inhabitants of Tummavaram Village to Vencatah Goondarow.

Received 24th October 88

After the Death of your Father the Vaulaujahvor or Mahomed ally Cawn took possession of the Engole Circar, since when the Inhabitants of the villages of Annamau:nahmooroo, Coresapaudoo, Tuckellapaudoo, Annunghy & Loomavarapoopaudoo have to this time taken possession of 100 Cutis of Ground of Toomavaram, likewise now the People of Tuckellapaudoo Village raised a dispute about part of a Field of Tummavaram brought some Sepoys from Raughelaul Royapah (the naib of Engole) and intended to forcibly plough the said Field, wherefore we (about 40 or 50) went there to prevent such proceedings, but the said People still intends to bring some Sepoys to act with violence wherefore we hope you will represent the above to the Company who have the

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Having perused Captain Read's Dispatch to you of last night, containing a selection of the most interesting points of his late intelligence, shewing the present disposition of the Country Powers, I cannot but think there is a great probability of their intending to dispute our possession of this country — It may be supposed that only the Nizam and Tippoo will attempt it, and it is possible they may hope, by a sudden junction of their forces, and making the conquest of the Carnatic the main object of their first campaign, to effect it with facility, and afterwards prosecute an offensive war, or in failure of success, to maintain their own possessions — It does not appear the Nizam has yet begun to make warlike preparations, but the report gains of his intending to augment his force, and taking the field, and accounts from Bangalore, Canoul, Cuddapa, Cummum, and Hydrabad, agree, that Tippoo's destination is Northward, and at the three last places, that his present object is the Carnatic Ceded — The information you have, being multiplied by so many additional channels, to those, from which I derive my knowledge of affairs, you are able to form a maturer judgement — I only hope that, should it correspond with mine, you will take into your serious consideration the reinforcing this Detachment, as you proposed — I took upon me to urge it in my Letter of the 25th Instant, and now, the

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Since you have resolved to make Innicondah a post of consequence, what you have approved of, concerning that place shall be done, — as the plat forms &c. &c. apes brought by sea from Madras, for the use of this Detachment, may be serviceable in that Garrison, they shall be sent there, and Captain Dawes, directed to make up a sufficient number of fascines and gabions, which may be done at little or no expence; — Pursuant to your opinion that Innicondah should be Garrisoned by a whole Battalion, the two Grenadier Companies of Captain Dawes's Corps shall be sent to join him, after being relieved by a company from the 2d Battalion, which I think sufficient for Bellanconda: till your pleasure respecting that place be known; —

Ensign M'Kenzie there at present, on a survey nearly finished, shall be sent to examine the fort of Chintapilly, and afterwards to do what may be necessary in his line at Innicondah.

The accompanying is a Copy of papers of intelligence transmitted me by Captain Kennaway

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed James Eidingtoun

Camp at Gantoor
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I never thought of recommending an Established Cantonment at Guntoor, Indeed I disapprove entirely the Idea of Established Cantonments in the Carnatic, because they are open and insecure against the sudden incursions of Horse, whereby the Expence laid out upon them may be lost in a few hours after the Troops have marched against the Enemy; and to secure our Cantonments with Works is an additional heavy Charge upon the Company; nothing but necessity will therefore induce me to recommend the erecting of any new ones, my present object is to obtain the best shelter possible for the Troops in the Guntoor Circar until we see clearly what line may be taken by Tippoo, and how this Kingdom the ensuing will act - The Disposition of both will be clearly discovered in the course of two or three Months, and if our present apprehensions are removed - I do not see occasion for having more than one Battalion of regular Sipoys and one Battalion of Silledies stationed in the Guntoor Circar - I am glad to observe by your last Letter that you think the Rains are mostly over, and that you propose continuing in your Tents - This fixes my opinion that we ought not to take any Step at present to provide quarters for the Troops, such as cannot be conveniently accommodated at Guntoor, much remain in Tents - My

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I can only recommend to you and Colonel Eiding town to study oeconomy and retrenchment as much as a reasonable State of Preparation will warrant — The same view to Preparation has occasioned the Orders for a Store of Grain to supply our Troops in case of an emergency, and Innacondah appears to be the best place of any for laying it up, because this Station is upon the Frontiers & so much in advance that it will prove of infinite advantage to us in case of an attack; a Temporary covering for the Provisions can be easily obtained without any very heavy Expence.

I am decididly of Opinion that all articles of Expence attending the Troops in Guntoor ought to come under your review, and I shall be much indebted to you for your remarks upon such articles as may appear to admit of Reduction, and I think you ought likewise to have a controul over the Provisions and the other Departments, that occasion extraordinary expence — It will however be proper that any material alterations should be reported upon by you, and the Orders of Government received upon them before they are carried into Execution.

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when we will have it in our power to judge by Tippoo's Motions whether he has any view of disturbing us or not. If the Peace is preserved we shall find no Difficulty in quartering the Troops that will be allotted for the Circar, at the Stations already in existence.

Approved and Letters in Consequence to be written to Mr. Sadleir and Lt. Colo. Edingtoun

The Board approve the above Extracts, laid before them by the Commander in Chief, and it is Resolved that Letters be written to Mr. Sadleir and to Lieutenant Colonel Edingtoun agreeable thereto.

The President reads to the Board some Intelligence from Captain Read, which states, that Tippoo's Intention in moving to the northward after the Mohurrum Feast, is to possess himself of the several Principalities dependent on the Soubah of the Decan, &c that it is not supposed, he will involve himself in a Quarrel with the English, by any attack on the Guntoor Circar.

The Presidents Intelligence regarding Tippoo

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble Sir Arch.d Campbell Kt. B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From Bengal requiring a Note of the annual Totals of the Returns made by his Majesty's Troops at Madras and of the Sums paid for Subsistence to them.

Honble Sir,

Our Officers, in preparing a Statement of the Debt owing to the Crown by the Company on account

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Extracts from the foregoing Letter be Sent to His Majesty's Deputy adjutant General, and to the Committee for investigating the accounts of the Kings Troops serving in India, and that they be directed to comply with the Orders therein contained.

Read the following Letter from Bengal

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

Honble Sir,

From Bengal — in answer to the reference made to them on the subject of Gratuity to the adjutant General Quarter Master General & Commissary General

We have been favored with your Letter of the 16th ultimo, in which you desire our opinion whether, under the Circumstances stated, the Adjutant General, and Quarter Master General, are to be considered as entitled to Lieutenant Colonel's Gratuity between the 25th September 1783 and the month April 1786, and whether the Commissary General is entitled to it from the 16th July 1784.

We think it proper to inform you, upon the point which you have been pleased to refer to us, that we have the greatest respect for the personal merit of the Gentlemen who are interested in the decision; but are clearly of opinion that neither the adjutant General nor the Quarter Master General has any right to a share of the Gratuity money before the month of April 1786,

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with the Resident, Colonel Stuart, and Mr. Swartz and delivered the President's Letter to the Rajah — at my desire it was read before his Excellency in the presence of these Gentlemen the Sirkel and his Brother. The other attendants upon the Rajah having been desired to withdraw — I took the opportunity which this afforded me, of explaining to his Excellency the necessity which had compelled Government to require the dismission of his present Minister and the expediency of calling Bava to the administration of his affairs agreeable to the recommendation of your Honor in Council — His Excellency said, that he would never consent to take Bava again into the Service, but that he was disposed to pay the utmost attention to the admonitions of the Company's Government — he requested two Days to consider of the Subject, and named yesterday Evening for giving his final Answer — In the course of the Day I was informed by the Reverend Mr. Swartz, that the Rajah had sent to let him know that he was so much indisposed as to prevent his seeing me in the Evening but that he would make his answer to Government this afternoon, I am concerned however to add that I have received another Excuse on account of some religious Ceremonies which his Excellency says must be performed this Evening — but this delay is accompanied

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directing me to consult with Mr. Macleod in forming a Judgement of the man, the Rajah may nominate to succeed Shevarow, shall be duly attended to.

I have the Honor to remain with great respect,

&c. &c.

Signed Wm Petrie

Tanjore
30th October 1788

Read the following Letter, with its Enclosures from Messrs. Lind and Close,

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

Honble Sir,

In our address of the 19th ultimo, we gave you to understand, that we had commenced our enquiries with Veerotamala, and its dependent villages. Having now fully examined the Evidences, papers, &c. produced by each Party, relating to this article, We do ourselves the honor to transmit their examinations, together with sundry Documents, for your inspection.

From Messrs. Lind and Close, have Commenced their Enquiries with Veerotamala and Enclosing papers relative to that Country. Observations on the Evidences which they have Examined, which proves that Veerotamala and its villages have been peopled by the Rajah's family, from the beginning of the present Century.

Although we have spared no pains, in investigating the Subject, and taken every step likely to furnish us with complete and authentic information, yet from the antiquity of the transactions, and the want of satisfactory Records, we find it difficult to speak with

affirmed, that the cash rendered yearly, was 10,000 Rupees, assessed in his entire Jaghire, part as a Phousdary and the remainder as a Nuzzer, both which were remitted by Anwaroodeen Cawn, His Highness the Nabob's Father, Chenevasserow the then Renter of Tripetty, having tendered a Sunnud on the occasion, which we are told is mentioned in some Documents that were forwarded by the Rajah a short time ago for the inspection of Government.

Conformably to our Instructions we also transmit a Statement for these last five years of the Revenues of Veerotamala, and its villages, which will probably encrease, as the Country has hardly reached the state of cultivation it had arrived at previous to the late war.

We shall next proceed to investigate the subject of the Nurrawarum Pollum (including according to the Circar Accounts 65 villages) which in likemanner with Veerotamala is mentioned in the List of Pollums & Villages delivered to Captain Dunwoody and claimed by the Rajah as making a part of his Jaghire.

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We have the Honor to be with respect,

&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho. Lind
B. J. Close

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Ordered that the Examinations &c. alluded to in the foregoing Letter, be lodged in the Office.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores.

To

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single drop or being the least damp;—The complete success of these Experiments, induces Us to submit to the Consideration of the Honorable Board, the Expediency of ordering such a Number of Barrels to be lined with Tin Foil as may be sufficient for the Powder to be kept in Store, and likewise for the Quantity that will probably be required for the field, where the Advantage of the Barrels of this kind will be particularly felt, both in preserving the Powder in bad Weather, and also in Passing Rivers, where the greatest Care has been always found insufficient to prevent its sustaining damage in the common Barrels.—

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We conceive that Powder wanted for field Days, Salutes &c. may still be kept in the Barrels hitherto in use, the Number immediately necessary to be lined with Tin Foil to complete the three Principal Cantonments for Field Service, will not exceed 1200 the Cost of which will only

amount

Report of Proof of Powder made at Fort St George, with a 10 Inch Mortar, Mount 25th October 1788

Nature of Powder	No. of Proof	Weight of Shell lb	Weight of Powder lb	Weight of Powder Oz	Weight of Powder D	Elevation Deg	Flight Distance Real Yards	Flight Distance Medium Yards	No. of Barrels of each kind for which the Proof is made	Remarks
Madras Medium	1	96	2	"	"	45	13 75	1005	1038 2/3	
"	2	"	"	"	"	"	14 "	1057		
"	3	"	"	"	"	"	14 "	1054		
Madras Medium	1	96	2	"	"	45	13 "	996	1036 2/3	
"	2	"	"	"	"	"	14 "	1065		
"	3	"	"	"	"	"	14 "	1049		
Madras fine	1	96	2	"	"	45	14 25	1063	1057 1/3	
"	2	"	"	"	"	"	14 "	1000		
"	3	"	"	"	"	"	14 75	1109		
Madras fine	1	96	2	"	"	45	15 "	1260	1113	
"	2	"	"	"	"	"	14 50	1113		
"	3	"	"	"	"	"	13 "	963		

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Total 500 Barrel

It is necessary to observe that the Powder when fired left the Mortar dry and Clean

Signed F. Obrien
Captn

Signed Wm Sydenham
Lieut Col. Artillery

A true Copy

Signed T Chase

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To Robert Maunsell Esqr
&c. Members of the Committee of Works

Gentlemen,

On Examining the Statement of the Nawab's Company's Ground in the Black Town, intended to be given in Compensation to the People who were removed from Hog Hill I observe the first Lot to be the Ground situated at Pednaicks Pettah on the north side of the Black Town Between the Gardens of Mr. Drake and Cja. Gregorie, which Spot has always been considered the properest place for erecting Barracks to Quarter the Troops intended for the Defence of the Black Town, it being open Central on the North Face, and adjoining to the Fortifications.

I have therefore thought it a Duty incumbent on me to recommend to Government its being reserved for that purpose, and hope you will not Assign it otherwise until I can receive the Board's Instruction thereon.

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20th October 1788

I am &c &c
Signed Patrick Ross

agreed that an answer to the above be deferred until the Chief Engineer has made his Report on the Subject.

Minute Thereon

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shall be eligible to be restored to their Rank and Duty on the Effective Establishment at any period before the 1st September 1790 under the following Regulations to ascertain the propriety and Justice of their respective pretensions.

1st — That the Invalid Officers of the above Description shall report in writing to the Commander in Chief that they are fit for the Duty of a marching Regiment in India in War as well as peace.

2d — That the Concurrence of the Commander in Chief having been obtained in writing, the Invalid Officer so reporting himself shall be eligible to be restored to his Rank and Duty on the Effective Establishment, under a Certificate upon Oath, and not otherways of the Physician General or of a Surgeon.

3d — That the Pretensions to the Effective List of the Invalid Officers stationed at the Presidency shall be expressed in writing and be certified upon Oath by the Physician General or in his absence by the Presiding Member of the Medical Board before the Governor, the member of Council officiating as Justice of the Peace — and at all other Stations by the Senior Surgeon upon Oath, in the same manner in presence of the Chief, Resident, or Officer Commanding & Two Witnesses.

4th — That the Documents so granted, shall express that the Officer who has applied to be restored to the Effective List is Fit for the Duty of a marching Regiment in India in War as well as peace & to the best

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Promotions in the Infantry

Ensign Lilly Watson to be a Lieutenant, vice Bailie permitted to go home, Date of rank 20th October 1788.

The following Ensigns to be Lieutenants from the 1st November 1788.

Samuel Crane
Alexander Orr
Samuel Briggs
William Youngstone
Allan Grant
Thomas Wilson
John Malcolm
William Cunningham } To act, vice 3 Lieutenants
Henry Robotier } on half Pay.

The following Gentlemen appointed Ensigns until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known.

Volunteer James Farquhar	71st Regiment	1st Novr 1788
" Oliver St John	36th "	2d " "
" Donald McKenzie	71st "	3d " "
" Robert Moodie	72d "	4th " "
" Spencer Huey	36th "	5th " "
" Robert Macally	71st "	6th " "
" Whitney Macally	71st "	7th " "
" Francis Stuart	72d "	8th " "
" Griffith Williams	19th Dragoons	9th " "
" Benjamin Manoury	52d Regt	10th " "
" Thomas Whittle	72 Do	11th " "
" Joseph William Hazard	52d "	12th " "
Thomas Samuel Gibson Gent		13th " "
Charles William Gibson Gent		14th " "

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Read the following Letter from the Military
— Board —

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

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive Mr. Acting Secretary Jackson's Letters under Date the 17th and 28th Ultimo with their several Enclosures.

From the military Board submitting the Claims of Ensigns Mac Rae, Wright and Bryce and requesting to be informed whether it is necessary to establish a retrospect into such Claims for Rank — Recommend that the List of Claimants for Clothing in the 25 Battalions be delivered in — referring Colonel Capper's regulations for the Office of Commissary General of Grain & Provisions —

Agreeably to your Honors Commands, conveyed to us thro' Colonel Capper, Lieutenant Colonel Frent will be duly summoned, on his arrival, to attend our Meetings.

Sensible how unavailing our Endeavors must be, towards rendering our Opinions on Claims for Rank wholly free from Exception, while unpossessed of some fixed Principle for our Guidance, We find it necessary, on perusal of the representation of Ensigns Mac Rae, Wright & Bryce, to submit to your Honorable Board, whether it is expedient to establish a Retrospect into Claims for Rank, similar to those abovementioned, of Officers on this Establishment, Namely, of those appointed Cadets at home, & such as have been nominated in this Country and in the Event of your Honors deeming a Retrospect necessary, We take the Liberty to request your Commands regarding the Period, at which it should commence — But We are more particularly induced to offer the above matter to your Consideration, from foreseeing that the admission of an alteration in one instance, to serve as a Precedent, cannot fail to occasion a very material Derangement in the Rank of the Officers serving on this Establishment.

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Read Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore,
as entered in M. B. N° 11 / stating that Lieutenant
Colonel Patterson has applied for the Payment of full
Batta, as Commanding the Garison of Vellore, for the whole
Time of the Court-Martial, of which Colonel Nixon is
President / including the adjournment.

From Mr Tomiano

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be
informed, that Lieutenant Colonel Patterson can
only draw full Batta, as Commanding the Garison
of Vellore, nineteen Days — being the Period of
Colonel Nixon's absence.

Minute to thereon

A Fortnight being the Time allowed
by His Majesty's Charter to the Honorable
Company for appealing to the King in Council
from the Decrees of the Court of Appeals of this
Settlement, and the Board as Judges of the Court
of Appeals, on hearing the Cause of the Honorable
Company against Mr George Proctor the 24th
Ultimo, in Appeal before them, having Affirmed
the Decree of the Mayor's Court in the Cause, it
becomes necessary for the Board now to
determine if their said Judgment affirming
the Decree of the Mayor's Court should be
appealed

Minute of the Board
re Mr Proctor's Case.

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Orders from the Court of Directors would alone justify our appealing the present Cause to the King in Council — Cotton referring to their General Letter of the 16th February 1787, on the Subject of the Prosecution they neither directly Order nor appear to wish that any Appeal should be made from the Decree that might be passed in India, but by their said General Letter direct only that the Cause should be prosecuted to an Issue with all convenient Speed, and the result communicated to them by the first Opportunity.

Being satisfied on the foregoing public Points We cannot avoid having some consideration for the Sufferings of Mr Proctor, through a long & expensive Prosecution, during which he has not held any Appointment in the Service, and Humanity seems to require it should be put an End to, rather than prolong it by an Appeal to the King in Council, the Issue of which We are clearly of Opinion from the Evidence in the Cause would be against the Company — No Servant stood higher than Mr Proctor in the Opinion of Government for a faithful and diligent Discharge of various offices he had held, particularly that of Auditor of the accounts of this Settlement, until his Conduct came into Question in the late Proceedings against him, and it evidently appears throughout the Examination of the Witnesses in the Cause, that the Rents and different Individuals who had dealings

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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

at Guntoor

Sir,

To Mr Sadleir On the Subject of Cantoning the Troops in the Guntoor &c &c.

We have received your Letter of the 28th Ultimo giving Cover to the Deliberations of the Heads of the different Departments at Guntoor respecting the best Arrangement of the Troops in that District, and having taken the Same into Consideration, we now proceed to give you our Sentiments thereon. —

We concur in Opinion with the Commander in Chief as stated in his Letter to you of the 30th Ultimo, that the Idea of establishing a fixed Cantonment in the Northern Circars is fraught with many Evils — Our present Object is to obtain the best Shelter possible for the Troops in the Guntoor Circar, until we see clearly what Line May be taken by Tippoo, and how his Highness the Nizam will act. The Disposition of both will be clearly discovered in the Course of two or three Months, and if our present apprehensions are removed, we do not see Occasion for having more than One Battalion of Regular Sepoys, and one Battalion of Sibbendies, stationed in the Guntoor

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5th and We desire you will communicate to us your Remarks upon such Articles as may appear to admit of Reduction — You are likewise to have a Controul over the Provisions and the other Departments that Occasion extraordinary Expence.—

We have requested Sir Archibald Campbell to confer with His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of the Disputes between the Inhabitants of one of the Villages belonging to the Zemendary of Vennacondah and those of certain Villages in the Ongole Circar, and to obtain from His Highness an Order to his Manager to settle the Differences by Arbitration

We are &c. &c.

(signed) Archd. Campbell
Jr. Council.—

Fort St. George
5th November 1788.—

At a Consultation Present
The Honble. Major General
Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.
President
John Hollond — James Henry Casamaijor
and
Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.—

Friday
7th November 1788

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

Read

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The Propositions from his Excellency were delivered to me on the 31st Ulto. but from an unconquerable disposition in this Durbar to every species of Procrastination and delay, joined to the timidity, dissidence and incapacity of the Rajah's Ministers, it was not until this Morning that I could Obtain His Excellency's Proposal in such a Form as I could with Propriety submit to the Consideration of Government. The Letter from His Excellency to me with the Agreement entered into by his three Managers, which are now enclosed, will sufficiently explain to Government the Advantages held forth in the present Settlement to the Honble Company, as well as the nature of the Security offered for the Performance of the engagement, and will Consequently enable Your Honor in Council to determine whether this Plan of an Arrangement is more or less beneficial than the measures recommended in Your Orders of the 22d Ultimo.

I have already Communicated My Ideas so fully to Government on the different Subjects comprehended in the proposed Arrangement that it would be an unnecessary intrusion upon

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the Administration of Justice which is not so full as I wished, but Mr Swartz informs me he is satisfied with the Rajahs Verbal Assurances upon this Subject, which are to this Effect that Mr Swartz shall be allowed a Superintendance over the Proceedings of the Court of Justice at Tanjore, that he shall be made acquainted with the Causes that come under the Cognizance of this Court and that a monthly report of their proceedings shall be delivered to him, which he will Communicate to the Company's Resident

I will Probably occur to your Honor in Council that the Appointment of Shevarow to a share in the Management of the Country is an objection of no small Magnitude to this Arrangement - I sincerely wish in order to have obviated every Ground of objection that it had been in My Power to have prevailed upon the Rajah to remove his Minister entirely from his Presence and Service, and to have appointed the other Two to the Management of his affairs, but this I could not accomplish, without relinquishing other objects of perhaps greater importance - The Rajah positively refused to take

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proper to extend the Powers of the Resident for the Purpose of watching over the performance of those engagements, which the Rajah and his Managers have voluntarily come under, and if it shall make a part of his instructions to attend to the State of Cultivation in the Country as well as the appropriation of the Publick Revenues, and to report regularly upon these important Subjects to Government, I still flatter myself that the present plan of Administration may be productive of the most solid and lasting advantages to the Honble Company, to the Rajah, and to his People. For under a well regulated Administration it cannot be doubted but that the Revenues of this Country are Adequate to its burthens. and that with due attention to Cultivation & and Improvement the embarrassments of the Rajah may be extinguished in the Course of every few Years.-

I have now little more to add than that His Excellency's Proposals were delivered to me in the Presence of the Resident, Colonel Stuart, and the Revd. Mr. Swartz, and that agreable to Your orders, I took the opinion of Mr. Macleod upon the Rajah's choice of Managers,

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payable to Government, in Performance of his present engagements, which I have now the honor to inclose.— He requested that the Bill might be returned in Case your Honor in Council should determine to reject his Proposals, and as this request appeared strictly reasonable, I have Promised that it should be punctually Complied with.—

It is necessary to inform your Honor in Council that the Two Managers of Bhaspanah, and Gunnipetty Soubiah, are Men of good Character with respect to abilities and Integrity.—especially the former, who has the reputation of being one of the ablest and best Men in the Country.— They were both employed under the Sirdar Bava, and are said to be thoroughly well acquainted with the business of Cultivation and Revenue.—

I beg Your Honor in Council will be pleased to order an Official Account to be sent home of the Rajah of Tanjore's payments for the Years 1787/8 as you will perceive there is a small difference in stating the Balance.—

I have the honor to remain with great respect &c. &c.

(signed) Wm Petrie

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it - the first payment of this Sum in this Year will be 23,333 Star Pagodas 14 Fanams, and the present Year's payment according to the Treaty will be 6 Lack 70,000 Star Pagodas, the whole Sum will be 6 Lack 93,333 Star Pagodas 14 Fanams - In order to pay off that Sum at the Stipulated Periods I will give by three # People Vizt Sheverow, Bawpana, and Ganapah Subeia a written agreement and promise, and by these three persons I will order a written engagement to be given to the Honble Company - These three Persons shall pay at the Stated Periods, the Money to the Honble Company, and that without failure - You will then I hope be so kind as to represent it in a proper Manner to the Governor and Council so as to conciliate their Kindness to me. -

1788 Nover 2d. - What have I more to write to a friend. -

Translated by the Revd. Mr Swartz.

A true Copy of the Translation. -

To William Petrie Esqr. who is here on Account of the Honble Governor & Council. -

We three Persons, Sheverow, Bhapana & Ganapattee Soubeia have given in writing the following Agreement or Engagement. -

As Ameer Sing Maha Rajah of Tanjore has ordered Us to Manage the Country and to pay the

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will notify to you.-

This is written by order of Maha Rajah.-

Translated by Mr. Swartz

A true Copy of the Translation

(signed) Wm. Petrie.-

As the foregoing Letter involves a Matter of much Consequence, and requires delibrate Consideration, it is resolved, that it be not decided on till the next Meeting of Council.-

Minute thereon.-

Read the following Letter from Mr. Petrie

To The Honble. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor in Council.-

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Petrie - Vindicating his Conduct for having transmitted the Rajah's letters on the Subject of Loans.-

I have this Morning been honored by Receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ulto - in which you are pleased to inform me, "that after what "your Honor in Council wrote to me upon the "Subject of Such Loans on the 8th Ultimo, you "did not expect any thing of that nature would "have been brought forward for your consideration."

In reply to this, I have the honor to observe to your Honor in Council, that I have

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any Loans that either has been made, or were proposed to be effected, by his Excellency – Nor does it follow from the translation of the Paper of which I had the honor to transmit, that the sanction of the Honble Company was required.

Upon this occasion I was merely the medium of Communication between his Excellency and your Government –

I am conscious that no part of my Conduct since my Arrival at Tanjore can have given any one Reason to expect the Sanction of the Company, or the concurrence of Government to transactions, which were prohibited by your Orders, that could commit my Public Situation, or could interfere with the Company's Security upon the Country –

altho' I ventured once to give my Ideas to your Honor in Council upon the Subject of Loans, and the benefit which I thought might result to His Excellency's Affair, from a different Construction of the Company's Order operating to the reduction of Usurious Interest; Yet, I beg to Assure your Honor in Council that, I have never permitted my Opinions to interfere or

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Minute thereon

The Board are satisfied with the Reasons given by Mr. Petrie, for transmitting to Government the Rajahs Letters to him on the Subject of Loans - as he informs the Board that he had refused the publick Sanction of such Loans. -

Mr. Maunsell is by no means satisfied with Reasons given by Mr Petrie for transmitting to Government the Rajah's letters to him on the Subject of Loans, as he shall more particularly explain at the next Meeting of Council. -

Mr Maunsells observations thereon. -

Read the following Letter from the

Masulipatam

To the Honble. Major General

Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to transmit you extract of a Address'd to us by the Garrison Storekeeper on the 19th May last, on which Occasion it was determined, in Council at the motion of our Chief, to recommend the subject of it to your favorable attention, as our Consultations of

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From Masulipatam 7th Enclosing Copies of two Letters from the Garrison Storekeeper, on the Subject of Loans. - & Recommending the matters to the attention of Government

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at the same time, they order the Garrison Store of Grain to be laid in, are pleased to add as follows Viz.t —

"As the Board consider the Business "of much consequence, they direct me to desire your "particular attention to it, and to Notify to you that "any remissness on the part of those entrusted either "with the general Management, or with the detail of "the above Service will infallibly excite their severe "displeasure". —

"But although the Board Command me "to express the displeasure which will await any "Negligence in the execution of the above Service, they "direct me also to signify, that a zealous Attention "to the interests of the Company in this essential "Department will be the means of entitling the Servant "employed to an adequate Compensation for his care "and trouble and cannot fail to promote his future "advancement". —

I have extracted and here inserted for Gentlemen, the above Paragraph from the Honble Board's Letter, as the trouble, responsibility, and anxiety I have had since I took Charge of this Employ, has exceeded any thing of the Kind before experienced in the same department, and I have therefore no doubt, but you will be the means of procuring me the promised adequate Compensation either

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with whatever the Board may be pleased to favor me with on the subject

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I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(signed) James Hodges
Garrison Storekeeper.

A true Copy
(signed) Wm Brown
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Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Old Grain and Rice now in Store at Masulipatam, be sent to the Presidency by the first Opportunity.

Minute thereon

Agreed also, that the Chief & Council be informed, that as they have omitted to forward an Account of the Sales of Grain mentioned in their Letter, the Board cannot from any # Judgement of the adequate Compensation to be made to the Storekeeper for his Trouble — # Resolved, however that the compensation to be made to the Storekeepers shall be defrayed out of the Profits derived by the Company, from the Sales of the Old Grain.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Eedingtown

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

Honble Sir,

I was honored with your letter of the 24th Instant, wherein you are pleased to leave in

From Lieutenant Colonel Eedingtown Communicating the intention of detaining the 14th Battalion of Native Infantry at Guntoor and the return of the [illegible] & 15th Hanoverian Regt of the Artillery Officers having Quarters in the Fort and desiring Tappal Peons may be Returned between Ongole and Guntoor.

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

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

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Capper advising of His having written to the Paymaster at Ganjam on the Subject of Major Mackenzies having drawn "Garrison Charges" recommends that a G. O. be issued to abolish such Charges and that the Northern Pay Master do not refund the difference between full Pay and Neat Pay, which they have by Mistake paid to Soubahdars and Jemadars.

Having addressed Mr. Munro the Paymaster at Ganjam on the subject of a Monthly expence of Pagodas 22..21 drawn by Major Mackenzie, the Commanding Officer at that place under the head of "Garrisons Charges" which is not allowed of in the Regulations or authorised by any particular Order of Government, Major Mackenzie has represented that the Charge is by no means an Innovation since he commended there, but has been drawn by his Predecessors in the command for many years past.

This circumstance may in some respect afford Major Mackenzie reason to hope for Indulgence, but "Garrison Charges" being totally irregular, I beg leave to recommend to Your Honor to abolish them by General Orders at Ganjam and every place in future, and should you conceive that

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Minute thereon — Agreed, that the Comptroller General be desired to obtain from the Paymaster at Ganjam an Account of the different Articles for which the Commandant of that Garrison draws Monthly P. T. 22.21 under the Head of "Garrison Charges" also the Date from which such Charges originated.—

Minute thereon — Resolved at the Recommendation of the Comptroller General that the Refund by the Paymasters on Account of the Difference of Pay to the Soubadars and Jemindars of the Native Corps be dispensed with.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores — Inclosing a proof of Powder made at Vellore and reporting the Stores lately received from the Contractor's yard which they have approved — also Mention of the List of Stores laid before them by the Commissary General.—

We have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Report of a Proof of 320 Barrels of Gun Powder lately made at Vellore in Consequence of your having granted

Approved

Report of Proof of 320 Barrels of Vellore Gun Powder with a 10 Inch Brass Mortar at the Tank Ground Under the Command of Lieutenant David Wilson Vellore 1st November 1788 By Order of Committee

No. of Firings	Nature of Mortar	Weight Shell	Weight of Powder	Nature of Powder	Elevation	Time of Flight	Right		Left		Real distance		Remarks.
	Inch	lb.	Oz.		D. M.	Second	Y.	F.	Y.	F.	Y.	F.	
1	10	96	2	Vellore	45	15	28				1083		Medium 1111.
2	"	"	"	"	"	16	93				1150		
3	"	"	"	"	"	15			21		1100		
4	"	"	"	"	"	15	28				1115		Ditto 1082
5	"	"	"	"	"	14½			15		1053		
6	"	"	"	"	"	15					1078		
7	"	"	"	"	"	15			37		1050		Ditto 1048.
8	"	"	"	"	"	15½			61		1110		
9	"	"	"	"	"	15			57		1033		
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320 Barrels.

N.B. The Shells by which this Powder has been proved were not taken promiscuously but chosen by the Gage, and half a pound taken out of each Barrel and mixed, and the proof made from the Mixture

(signed) D. Willison
Lt. Inspector of Stores.

A true Copy
(signed) T. Chase Clk.

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Wood Oil	Measures	72.
Charcoal	Soops	943.
Paddy Husk	do.	41.
Planes		7.
Bratters		39,600.
Crock Screw		1.
Teak Timbers 6 Inch Square	Feet	50.
Shell Chunam	Pairs	5.
Writing Desk		1.
Potts & Pans		88.
Chair		1.
Matts		100.
Emmery	H.	37½
Broom	Bundles	12.
Wood Screws		1000.
Coconut Brushes		16.
Carpenters Adzes Iron		6.
Firewood	Billets	6100.
Center Bit		1.
Trincanamolly Joyests		5.
Laboratory Table Large		1.
Spike Nails No. 2000	H.	556.
Flour	Mas.	54.
Grease Barrels 2	duppers	6.
Europe Junk	Ott.	22.1.8
Chests for packing		50.
Cases Large do.		10.

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From Colonel De Wangenhem

From Colonel De Wangenhem - enclosing a Certificate upon Oath from the Surgeon of the Hanoverian Corps, setting forth the Necessity of Lieutenant Laudan's returning to Europe, and retiring from the Service on Account of a Broken Constitution

Lieutenant Laudan, to be recommended for a pension -

Upon Reference to the General Articles of Agreemet relative to his Majesty's Electoral Troops Serving in India, it appears, that Lieutenant Laudan is only entitled to a Passage at the Company's Expence, and one Year's Pay Gratification on his Arrival in Europe - But, as the Surgeon's Certificate sets forth that Lieutenant Laudan's Constitution is ruined, and that he is unfit for any further Military Duty - It is resolved, to recommend his Case to the benevolent Consideration of the Honble Court of Directors for a Pension for Life. -

Lieutenant Laudan to attend the next Meeting to take the prescribed Oath. -

Ordered, that Lieutenant Laudan do attend at the Next Meeting to take the Oath prescribed by the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive. -

From Captain Brown of 19th Light Dragoons. -

From Captain Brown, of His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, on the Subject of Prison Batta due to Captain Flood, late a Lieutenant in the 102d Regiment

Minute thereon. -

Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to the Military Paymaster General with Instructions to

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Sent the Undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 23.. 24.. 25.. 26.. 27.. 28.. 29.. 30.—

To Colonel Capper

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — directing him to obtain from the Paymaster at Ganjam, An Account of the different Articles, for which Major Mr. Kenzie draws Monthly 22.. 21; "for Garrison Charges" — also the date when it was first drawn by the Commanding Officer of Ganjam — and to lay the Paymasters reply, before the Board — Approving of the Orders given by him to the Northern paymasters on the Subject of pay to Jemidars and Soubadars — and in Consequence of His recommendation, the Refund by the Paymaster to be dispensed with.— Pags.

To the Chief and Council of Masulepatam.—

To Masulepatam — The Old Grain in Store to be sent to the Presidency — The Storekeeper's advantages, to be in proportion to the profits arising on the Sale of the Old Grain.—

To the Reverend Mr. Mackay.—

To the Reverend Mr. Mackay — decline discharging his Arrears of Gratuity as Chaplain to the 72 Regiment untill his Bills are Countersigned by the Commanding Officers of that Regiment.

To Mr. Joseph Garrow

To the Deputy Military Paymaster — Enclosing a Letter from Captain Brown of the 19th Dragoons, & directing him to discharge in the usual Manner, the Claim for Prison Batta therein Set forth.—

To Mr. Rt. Andrews.—

To Mr. Robert Andrews — directing him to pay to Lieutenant Mr. Kerras 47.. 23.. being for repairs & executed to the Barracks, at Revet Nellore.— Pags.

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President's Minute

11th November, 1788.

The President's Minute, on the above mentioned Letter, & recommending that the Rajah's Proposals be accepted and that the Board express to Mr. Petrie their Approbation of his Conduct.

The President has maturely considered the important Dispatch from the Commissioner at Tanjore, laid before the Board at the last Consultation, and takes this Opportunity of declaring, that the Proposals therein contained meet his entire Approbation; because they approach nearer than any others, to the Object which Government have along had in View, of preserving the Rajah in the Government of his own Country, without Prejudice to his Affairs, or material Injury to the Interests of the Honble Company.

In the Rajah's Proposals of the 3rd of September, His Excellency offered to settle all his Arrears but 70,000 Pagodas; which at his Request, the Board consented to receive in this and the two succeeding Years. From the distressed State of the Rajah's Affairs, his Excellency was under the Necessity of offering fresh Proposals for the discharge of his Arrears; by requesting that for the above Period, he should be indulged to the Extent of 1,20,000 Pagodas. To this the Board consented upon Condition that the Rajah would

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Receipt of 50,000 Pagodas more than was expected will be immediately accounted into the Company's Treasury.

Shiveroe is also to be removed from the Office of Sirkeel, which gave him almost an uncontroulled Authority over the Tanjore Country, and two Men of excellent Character and possessing Experience and Abilities, that qualify them for these important Stations, are to be joined in the Management of the Rajah's Affairs, and bound to see the Amars as well as the future Kists regularly paid at the stipulated Periods.

By the same Arrangement the Rajah has proposed to limit his Expences to the Sum recommended by Government, which will enable his Servants to render Justice to the Company without oppressing the Inhabitants, and those Servants are also bound, to see ample Justice done to the Ryots with respect to their proper Share of the Crop.

The Rajah has also proposed that the Revd. M. Swartz should be permitted to superintend the Administration of Justice, by whose vertuous Superintendance the Poor and unprotected Part of the People will henceforth be relieved

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There is a Kist payable every Month in the Year but one, so that if the Resident is vigilant in keeping the Managers close to their Engagements, no large Arrear can hencefoth accumulate.—

If the Proposals are accepted as the President hopes they will, he thinks the Board should express to their Commissioner their warm and hearty Approbation of his Conduct, to which he appears justly entitled when it is considered, that through his Exertions, the Government have recovered no less a Sum than 3 Lacks of Pagodas of Arrear; and have obtained a Change in the Administration, that furnishes a well founded prospect of the Tanjore Affairs being conducted with Oeconomy & and Judgement in future.—

(signed) A. Campbell.

W. Holland delivers in the following Minute.—

Since the Commencement of the Negotiation with his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, for liquidating His Arrears of Kists to the Honble Company, the Propositions, for accomplishing this important object, having been various, the Board have in Consequence been led to form different Resolutions on

Mr Holland's Minute with his Opinion on the Rajah's Proposals.

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to the Resident; but whether they are to commence immediately, or from the time Patteepahs Bill becomes due, is not specify'd. There will therefore remain the Sum of Twenty Thousand Star Pagodas to be paid by Instalments in the three years, together with the growing Kists. Exclusive therefore of the present remission of Twenty Thousand Pagodas, to be paid in three years. the term for paying One Lack and Twenty Nine Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty two pagodas, becomes extended to the month of December next, and part of it to the Month of January, before which Periods three Kists of the new year become due, that for november in Thirty Thousand Pagodas, that for December in Sixty Thousand Pagodas, and that for January in Sixty Thousand Pagodas, making in all One Lack and Fifty Thousand Star Pagodas.-

This Arrangement may perhaps be considered as preferable to what was transmitted the 15th. Ult. proposing to delay the payment of one Lack and Twenty Thousand Pagodas for three years, which his Lordship the Rajah in his Letter to Mr. Petrie of 21st. October desired to be extended to the

Thousand Pagodas to be delayed for three years, which, as the proposetions now brought forward, do not offer any fresh Security, may eventually embarrass the payments of the growing Rents. It is worthy also of remark that the Bill now remitted in favor of the Company, is on Patchepah Moodily, who the Board were informed was one of the Persons to have paid the Money, according to the propositions delivered by the Vackeel, on the 9th. of August.-

Government having been advised to the necessity of virtually suspending the Office of the Resident, and ordering a Commissioner to Tanjore, at some Expence, for the express purpose of liquidating the Arrears of Rents, due from the Rajah, it is to be regretted His Excellency, has not fulfilled the intention of the Board, in agreeing to an earlier discharge of his Balance. The tendency to procrastination and dilatory measures in the Durbar of this Country, is an obstinate Evil, to which it is to be feared no adequate Remedy can be suggested. It would be a singular Satisfaction if, by any Arrangements with the Rajah, a punctuality could be established on his part,

meant in any degree to supersede the Security of the Treaty; but a little precaution may be necessary to prevent hereafter, the possibility of so exceptionable a construction to which, as a new engagement, it might otherwise be liable; as the Company in all probability, will receive very little satisfaction from the Guarantees proposed, if the Rajah should fail in his stipulated Payments.—

In a Political view it will perhaps be found rather discreditable to the Rajah's Authority, and an unwritten obligation from his Servants, given by his orders, is in my conception of too little importance to Render it an object of the smallest attention. As it rather reflects discredit on the measures of Government to voluntarily to Receive a writing from those Servants, whom the Board very recently required the Rajah to dismiss from his Service, I cannot think it an expedient measure in the present instance considering the observations recorded in the late Resolutions of the Board.—

Bhapana and Gonnapetty do not appear to be men newly retained in Service, and evidently

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meant in any degree to Supersede the Security of the Treaty; but a little precaution may be necessary to prevent hereafter, the possibility of so exceptionable a construction to which, as a new engagement, it might otherwise be liable; as the Company in all probability, will receive very little satisfaction from the Guarantees proposed, if the Rajah & should fail in his stipulated Payments.—

In a Political view it will perhaps be found rather discreditable to the Rajah's & Authority, and a written obligation from his & Servants, given by his orders, is in my conception of too little importance to render it an object of the smallest attention. As it rather reflects & discredit on the measures of Government & Avowedly to receive a writing from those & Servants, whom the Board very recently & required the Rajah to dismess from his Service, I cannot think it an expedient measure in the present instance considering the observations, recorded in the late Resolutions of the Board.—

Bhapana and Gonnapetty do not appear to be men newly retained in Service, and

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but, to make it a public Act of Government it may create confusion and be attended with inconvenience.

Under all Circumstances I incur to the measures I originally recommended, being of Opinion, that in the Event of the Rajah paying his Arrears, with such indulgence of delay as the Board think proper to allow, it will be most expedient to rest the Company's Security entirely on the Treaty, and the Control of this Government as heretofore; leaving the Rajah in the full possession of his Authority unmolested by extraneous interference, or by countenancing and supporting his Servants, in removing from them an obligation, the Effect of which, as it tends to give an unusual influence, may eventually prove prejudicial and may also encourage a disrespectful demeanor incompatible with the Rules of order and Subordination in a well Regulated Government.

November 10th 1788. (signed) John Holland

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though Nothing could be more repugnant, than their Contents, to the Spirit of our Instructions. —

Mr. Petrie observes that he has not made use of any Terms in his Communications to Government from whence it can be inferred that he had by any mode whatever encouraged the Rajah to expect the Company's Sanction to any Loans — so much the more inconsistent was it in Mr. Petrie to receive and forward the Papers from the Rajah, as it should seem, without objection, for had he pointed out to the Rajah the Impropriety of Loans after the determination of the Board, not to give their Concurrence to them, Mr. Petrie would no doubt have conceived it his Duty to state it, and at the same time to inform Government of the Rajah's disregard of his Remonstrances. —

It may be said that the Rajah of Tanjore and the Nabob are known frequently to have borrowed Money, and that Government have not thought fit to interfere to prevent it; while they continued punctual in performing public Engagements, the Company have been unwilling to interfere with their internal Management — but

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yet it was hoped, and thought not improbable, that although the Rajah had been lavish and improvident in his Expences, he might be in possession of Funds sufficient to clear off a considerable Part, if not the whole of his Balance, but it never could come within the Contemplation of Government to add to his Distresses by making it necessary to borrow Money at Interest.— the common Interest of Money in the Tanjore Country, is ruinously high, and I am confident no Person would advance any considerable Sum to the Rajah in the present Situation of the Country: without an adequate Security of Land in the way of Rent or Assignment.— this alternative is still more pernicious than a simple Loan at Interest, for when Possession is obtained, Means are seldom wanting to extend its Terms either on the Pretext of unsatisfied Claims, or from the Temptation of another Loan— this so truly discribes the present State of the Carnatic, whose Anticipations of Resource are swelled to an enormous Amount, that I can venture to pronounce

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As an explicit declaration concerning Loans and Assignments must shortly be made by Mr. Petrie in Answer to the Boards letter to him of the 4th. Instant I could wish to defer till then saying more on the Subject, but I am unavoidably led to observe in Respect to the Bill for One Lack of Pagodas drawn upon Tatchepah who is at this time at Tanjore, that the Rajahs Request that the Bill may be returned in case the Arrangement is not Approved, plainly shews that this Advance could not have been made from the Rajahs own Fund but arose from Some loan upon Condition of the proposed Change in the Administration; it gives Strong Colour to an Apprehension that the greatest part of the Money lately paid on Account of the Rajahs Balance has been raised by Loans and Offers; a Conclusion unfavorable to the Principal of the proposed Management.

I do not know of any fixed principle or established Constitution of Government among the Natives of India — in Moorish Courts it has been usual to vest the administration of all matters of Revenue and Finance in a Dewan

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I shall, from necessity, acquiesce in its being
adopted, provided certain Checks are established,
rather than enforce, under all present Circumstan-
ces, the Penalty of the Treaty, — for it is evident
that the Demands upon Tanjore were too heavy
for the first Year, considering how much the
Country had suffered from the Ravages of the
late War, and that it has since been oppressed
and ill managed — at the same time I think it
highly necessary that the Persons proposed for
the Management, should be joined in one Commission
and on no Account possess separate Authority —

The Powers of the Resident should
be extended and it should be an essential Point
of Duty in him to Notice and report the State
of the Country, as also the Appropriation of the
Revenue, in order that timely measures may
be taken by Government for the Correction of
Abuses of any Kind — and for this purpose
the Accounts should be open to his Inspection,
— every possible Check should also be established
which may tend to give Protection to the
Inhabitants, who have long been exposed to
Oppression and Insecurity of Property —

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System can be devised, and as they have agreed to the Check proposed in his Said Minute — He acquiesces in the Adoption of the proposed Management, as an alternative, preferable under all the present Circumstances, to the enforcing the Penalties of the Treaty.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Petrie.—

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Petrie requesting permission to return to the Presidency.—

I. My health has been much upon the decline since My Arrival at Tanjore, and as I am strongly advised by the Physical Gentlemen to return as Speedily as possible to the Sea Coast; I take the Liberty of requesting Permission of Your Honorable Council to proceed to the Presidency, as I flatter Myself the Arrangements which I have lately transmitted from his Excellency will render the Presence of a Commissioner no longer Necessary at Tanjore.—

I have the honor to remain with the

Perfect respect.— &c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Petrie.

Tanjore
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which in our Opinion can be viewed in the Light of an Objection, and, that is, the Appointment of Shevarow to a Share in the Management of the Country; there are Circumstances however in the Arrangement that greatly Counterbalance this Objection, and we have therefore resolved to acquiesce in the Measure of Shevarow's being joined in the Commission as one of the Agents for Securing the future good Management of the Country, and the punctual Discharge of the Rajah's Engagements to the Company.

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open to the Resident's Inspection; and We shall be glad to hear from You what further Powers and Instructions appear necessary to be vested in the Resident for enabling him to carry the Resolutions of Government into Execution - on which Subject, You will be so good as to consult with Mr. Macleod, and report to us thereon. -

Before we conclude We think it but Justice to declare, that Your Conduct has met with our Warm and hearty Approbation - that by your Exertions we have recovered no less a Sum than three Lacks of Pagodas of Arrear, and have obtained a Change in the Tanjore Administration, that furnishes a well-founded Prospect of the Affairs of that Country, being Conducted in future with Judgement, and Oeconomy.

As soon as You have carried into Execution the Arrangement Agreed to, You have our Permission to return to the Presidency, agreable to the Request Contained in Your Letter of the 8th Instt.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Archd. Campbell

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&c. Council

Mr. Maunsell's observations thereon. -

Mr. Maunsell, The Board having approved of the Checks # # # # # # proposed in my Minute, I cannot consent to

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Mr. Macinsell — I still adhere to my Opinion that the Rajah ought in Justice and Humanity to provide a Subsistence for Tuljajee's Women and the adopted Boy, and that the Resident should have the Inspection of the Accounts, or how is he to ascertain the Approbation of the Revenues, or to be enabled to report the necessary Communications to this Government? Such a Check or Control under the present Arrangement and the Rajah's well Known Extravagance and Inattention to Business, appears to be indespensibly requisite, and the only means left to secure future Punctuality, and to guard against Abuses.

The Draft Approved

The President approves the Draft — Resolved therefore, agreeable to the Opinion of the Majority, that it be copied far and dispatched.

The President, lays before the Board Translation of a Letter —

The President lays before the Board the following Translation of a Letter from the Soubahdar of the Decan to the Right Honorable the Governor General (which is also entered in C.C. No. 121)

Translation of Copy of a Letter from the Nabob Nizam ul Dowla to the Governor General —

From the Nizam Mentioning his having sent a trust worthy person to the Presidency of Bengal for the purpose of finally adjusting matters relative to the Guntoor —

I have had the pleasure to receive your Agreeable Letter by Mr. Kennaway in which you engage to make good what is justly due to my Cerear, and

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on the Company to do; so far from this as he has even expressed the limitation of his powers, which causes a Delay, - I have considered that the Adjustment of these matters was not to be carried into effect by a written Correspondence, and have therefore determined in Sending to you, a person in every respect worthy, and fit to undertake such a journey, as also, celebrated for his Abilities and Wisdom, and who is employed near my own person - By this Measure the foundation of the friendship which has so long subsisted between the Company and myself will be strengthened and there will be no room for doubts in its existence -

Read the following Letter from Bengal -

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

Honble Sir,

From Bengal in answer to a Reference made to them respecting Colonel Gills Brevet Rank. L

I have been honored with your Letter dated the 20th. Ultimo, desiring my Opinion on the Claim of Rank which has been made by Lieut Colonel Gills, with the Letter and enclosures that you transmitted from Lieutenant Colonel Gills to me upon the same Subject. -

After reading all those Papers with

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fall in the Branch of the Military Service to which they Regularly belonged.-

Upon these Principles Lieutenant Colonel Guils might still have Remained a Brevet Major on the Madras Establishment if he had not become intitled to Promotion by Vacancies in the Corps of Artillery, to which he belongs.-

His Commission of Lieutenant Colonel is therefore properly Dated on the Day on which it would have come Regularly to his Turn, if he had been present, to be Promoted in the Corps of Artillery,- And the Brevet Commission of Rank from his Majesty must of course be Conformable to the Commission which He holds in the Service of the Honble Company.-

It may also on this Occasion be proper to Remind Lieutenant Colonel Guils that, as he belongs to the Corps of Artillery, in which the highest Rank is now Restricted to that of a Lieutenant Colonel; He can never be promoted to the Rank of Colonel, whilst the present standing Regulations for the Company's Military Establishments in India remain in force.-

Fort William
18th October 1788.-

I have the Honor to be
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(signed) Cornwallis.-

Agreed

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of such Artificers as he required, We have now to request that we may be Speedily favored with your further Orders on this Subject.—

A Similar Occasion obliges Us also to intrude upon your Notice the Enclosures Nos. 3 to 9, which were induced by a Caution, which in reference to the Excess of Expenditure upon the Magazine built at Aska by Orders conveyed to Us in # your Secretary's Letter of the 2d May 1787, We # thought it highly necessary to give previous to the Execution of the repairs in present Contemplation at that place.-

To the Estimate approved by your # Secretary's letter of the 15th of July last, our Engineer has Ultimately proposed to add No. 10 of this Packet, which in respect to the United Testemony of it's Expediency by the Commanding Officer, # Paymaster, and Subalterns at Aska, We do not hesitate to recommend strongly to your # Adoption.-

Number Eleven though entitled an Estimate for New, being in many respects # Calculated but for a restitution of the old Buildings that have fallen to decay, can in so far require no Comment from Us to establish it's propriety, and

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Private Business.-

We have the honour to be with the greatest Respect.-

Ganjam
23. October 1788.-

&c: &c:
W.m Williams
R.t D.n Munro
George Wynch

Minute thereon

Agreed that the additional Repairs wanting to the South Saloon & the East Bed Room of the Factory House, and to the Appartments over the South Gate at Ganjam, be executed agreably to the Engineer's Estimate, Amounting in the whole to Pagodas 388. 3.-

Minute thereon

Agreed also that the Charge for building a Wall Round the Magazine at Aska, be not Admitted, but that the Chief and Council at Ganjam be desired to inform the Engineer that he will in future be held Accountable for any Excess of Expenditure over and above the Estimate given in by him, as it is his Duty to Superintend the Repairs of the Publick Works, and see that they are Compleated Conformably to the Estimate.-

Minute thereon

With respect to the Repairs wanting to the Officer's Quarters at Aska it is Agreed that the Consideration thereof be deferred.-

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Minute thereon.

Agreed, that the President be requested to confer with His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of the foregoing Letter.

Lieutenant J. Laudan takes the Oath prescribed by the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive.

Lieutenant John Laudan of the Hanoverians, attends the Board, and takes the Oath, prescribed by the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive.

Read the following Letter from William Petrie Esqr.

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

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Petrie Enclosing a Bill for 8000 Pagodas which he has received from the Rajah On Account of his Arrears to the Company.

Enclosed, I have the honor to transmit to your Honor in Council a Bill of Exchange on Messrs. Amos & Bowden, at Eight days sight, for Eight thousand Star Pagodas which I received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, on Account of his Arrears to the Honble Company.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

&c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Petrie

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21st relative to the above Subject — with their Opinion upon the Officers Claim —

From Mr. Guy — requesting Arrears of Pay as Muster Master to His Majesty's 72d Regiment, and Solicits for Mr. Welch's Appointment upon his Vacating it —

From Mr. Oakes

From the Paymaster of Palamcottah, Submitting to Government, Lieutenant Gibbing's Representation, of no provision having been made, in the Engineer's Estimate, for Quarters for the Brigade Staff Stationed at Palamcottah, and desiring to Know, whether he is to be allowed House Rent —

From the Rajah of Travancore —

Received Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, stating the Cruelties Exercised by Tippoo, against the Rajahs and Bramins of Calicut, Coteyat, and Calisnaud, and pointing out the advantages that would accrue to the Company, by taking possession of these Countries, and restoring the Rajahs — To which the following Answer was ordered to be dispatched (both entered in C. C. Nos 116 & 117)

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Gils - Informing him, that his Address to Lord Cornwallis, has been forwarded agreably to his Request. -

To Lieut Col. Gils

To the Chief Engineer - Desiring him to send in an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Repair of the Officer's Quarters at Pondamalee - and informing him that the Board decline purchasing Mr Turner's Bungaloe. -

To Colonel Ross

To the Chief and Council at Ganjam, directing the usual allowance of House Rent to be paid Mr Fleming, Assistant Surgeon at Asika. -

To Chief and Council at Ganjam -

To the Committee of Works - Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Chief Engineer, & directing them to call upon the Contractors to know at what rate they will erect Quarters at Tripassore, according to the Chief Engineer's Plans, and in what time the whole will be Completed; to acquaint the Contractors, that the Barracks must be ready by the end of Next January. -

To the Committee of Works -

To the Garrison Storekeeper - ordering him to receive the Paddy tendered by Mr Tulloh on Account.

To Mr Davidson

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Pay to Colonel Conyngham the usual Allowance of Passage Money. -

Sent the following Letter. -

To William Petrie Esqr.
Commissioner for the Affairs of the
Tanjore Country

Sir,

We observe with great Concern by the Contents of your Letter of the 15 Instant. that his Excellency the Rajah has announced his Inability to perform the Engagements contained in his own voluntary Proposals, by which he Agreed to pay three Lacks of Pagodas towards the discharge of his Arrears to the Company. -

We are of Opinion that the Conduct of the Rajah affords just Ground for a decisive Interference on the Part of Government, and we have in Consequence come to the Resolution of positively requiring of the Rajah to dismiss from his Service and Confidence, the present Sirkel, Sheravoy, and to appoint in his Room, Bava, or some other able Person experienced in

To Mr. Petrie advising him of the Resolution Government have taken to insist upon the Rajah's changing his present Sirkel, and that otherwise he is to incur the penalty of the Treaty - Inclosing Copy of the President's Minute which is to be his guide, in his Communications with the Rajah - also Copy of the Governor's Letter to the Rajah. -

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of the Person to be entrusted with so important and responsible an Office.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Archd. Campbell
&c. Council

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To Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will call upon the Officers Commanding the Company's Ships Northumberland and Dublin, for the unexpended Provisions remaining of the Articles Shipped at Bombay for the Use of his Majesty's 71st Regiment, during their voyage to Madras.

To Bengal desiring them to call upon the commanders of the Dublin and Northumberland for the unexpended provisions shipped at Bombay for the 71st Regiment, and enclosing papers relating thereto.

I enclose Copies of the Letters received by the Garrison Storekeeper at this Presidency from Captains Rees and Smith - Also a List of the Provisions at Bombay.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) W. C. Jackson
Actg Secry

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

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr Petrie advising of his having explained to the Rajah, the Orders of Government respecting the adopted Son of the late Rajah - and of His Excellency's intentions in Consequence -

I have the honor to inform you that I yesterday waited upon his Excellency the Rajah, and explained to him the Resolution of your Honor in Council, signified to me in your Orders of the 6th August, respecting Shastogee, the adopted Son of the late Rajah -

His Excellency after declaring that the interference of Government upon this occasion was unnecessary, as the treatment of the Boy, who had been in every respect suitable to his Years & Station, informed me that he acquiesced in the Resolution of your Honor in Council, & that the Revend. Mr Swartz should have admittance to the young Man whenever he thought proper, for the purpose of seeing that his Health & Education were properly attended to -

His Excellency added that in Six Months he intended the Boy should be married, & restored to his

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Military of the Garrison, & Civil Establishment of the Residency.-

I likewise beg leave to transmit to your Honorable Council Copy of a Letter which I have received from Lieutenant Lyon of the Cavalry.-

I have the honor to remain with great respect &c. &c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Petrie.-

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Translation of the Letter sent by Amar Sing Maha Rajah.-
To William Petrie Esqr.

Amer Sing Maha Rajah writes to Mr. William Petrie as follows.-

From the Day of your arrival to this Day I have by all possible means exerted myself, and so have paid to the Honble Company 1 Lack 7,0098 Pagodas. Moreover I will pay to day or tomorrow to the Military Gentlemen and Civilians 12,000 Pagodas.

When that which I formerly have paid, and that which I now pay, is summed

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I am notable – Therefore the Arrears of the last Year amount to 1 Lack 59,000 Pagodas which I will pay to the Company in three Years by Instalment

I request therefore that you will be so kind as to represent to the Governor and Council my Condition in such a manner, that they may shew Kindness to me, and treat me honorably.

October 27th 1788.

Arms Translation
(signed) C. F. Swartz.

Sums paid by the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Company since the Arrival of Wm Petrie

August	30th	Paid to the President on Account of the Garrison	Pagodas 10,000	
September	9th	Paid Do. Do.	10,000	
	15th	Paid in Bills on the Presidency	60,000	
	16th	Paid in Ditto on Ditto	10,000	
	20th	Paid in Ditto on Ditto	5000	
October	4th	Paid in Ditto on Ditto	20,000	
	5th	Paid in Jewels Valued at	5180	
	8th	Paid in Bills on the Presidency	16,969	22 24
	17th	Paid in Ditto Ditto	33,129	13
	22d	Paid to the President on accounts of the Military & the Garrison & Presidency	12,000	
			Pago. 1,82,278	35 24

E. E. Wm Petrie
Commiss. &c.

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the Board decidedly rejected such part of the
Conditions as respected Loans, and Mr. Petrie
was told that the Board would give no Sanction
to any Loans from any Person or Persons of
whatever Discription or Subject to whatever
Conditions they might be - that to give a Sanction to such
Engagements could not but be disapproved by the Court of
Directors, who have upon Several Occasions strongly
marked their displeasure, and disavowal of Similar
Proceedings, and Engagements, and might eventually
deprived this Government to a certain degree, of the
Means of resorting to the Tanjore Country itself,
if such a Step should at any future Period be
necessary for the Purpose of securing, what might
be due to the Company. -

As the Board had been so explicit in
disavowing all Sanction to Loans of whatever
Kind, and had urged such forcible Reasons in
Support of it, I did not apprehend that any
mention of raising Money by Loan, would in future
be made by the Rajah, or if made, that Mr. Petrie
would have failed to demonstrate with the Rajah
on its Improopriety, and therefore I did not record
the Sentiments, I expressed at the Board in
regard

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to him reflecting upon this Circumstance of the
Rajah's Intention to borrow the above Sum from
Mr. De Souza, and knowing [illegible] that [illegible] Sanes &
have of late drawn largely [illegible] give upon Merchants
at Madras, and considering [illegible] moreover that as
they have no Territorial [illegible] to [illegible] Possessions, far from
being able in common course, [illegible] Sancte[illegible] to supply others
with Specie, they are constant[illegible] by the[illegible] in want of
Money for their Investment, [illegible] which is always
provided on the credit of their [illegible] of [illegible] Bills on Europe,
I am led to fear that their late [illegible] Drafts on
Madras may have been granted in [illegible] of consequence
of some Negociations entered into [illegible] with the
Rajah, concerning the Villages, as [illegible] before &
stated by Mr. Petrie, and that [illegible] it may &
have been done under the Reserva[illegible]tion that
although this Government would not &
authorize Loans, it might nevertheless &
permit them — the slightest Idea of such
Transactions appears to me sufficient to &
warrant the Suggestion and to engage the &
most watchful Attention of Government —
I beg leave therefore to Submit to the Board
the Propriety of directing Mr. Petrie to ascertain
and

on the Subject of Loans, be again repeated; and that he be further informed that it is the final Determination of the Board to disavow all Sanction to Loans of what ever kind.—

Minute thereon

Agreed also that Mr. Petrie &c should make it Clearly understood by the Rajah, that the Sanction of the Company is no ways pledged to support any transactions entered into, or that may be entered into with the Danes or others of Assignments of the Country which can interfere with the Company's &c Security in the event of their being obliged to enfore the Treaty, for the recovering of the money, that may be due to them.—

Mr. Hollond begs leave to enter the following Minute, agreeable to the &c Intimation given by him in Consultation 21st Ultimo

Mr. Hollond's Minute; thinks the Recommendation of another Serkeel to the Rajah of Tanjore (and Moreover specially Bava) is impolitic and Proposes that Mr. Petrie be directed to Insist upon the Rajahs liquidating his Arrears, or that the Treaty be enforced.—

Much has been said on the Subject of the Arrears due from the Rajah of Tanjore and the measures most expedient to Secure and Recover the Amount.—

The Presidents Minute of 21st Instant, contains

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of the Tanjore Country; and having objected to the proposition, I cannot consistently with approve of the Letter, drafted to the Rajah, on the same principles.—

The Rajah's Vakeel, informed the Board, before his departure from Madras, of his Master's intention, of liquidating his Arrears, to the Company, hoping for their Indulgence, in extending the time for the payment of 106000 Pag.s to three Years, by Instalment. The Board did not, however, think proper to grant the Indulgence, and the mode of taking up Money at Interest, with the Sanction of the Board, has uniformly, and unanimously been disapproved.

At the time, the Board Consented to a delay, in the payment of 70,000 Pagodas, I thought it necessary, to object to the Measure, as a new Commission, had been instituted, for the purposes of Coercion, & of collecting the whole of the Arrears due; & I conceived; therefore

stigmatized on the Records in a Manner
greatly to his discredit. He was not only,
in disgrace with the former Rajah, but, I have
reason to believe, is equally, & even more, obnoxious to
the displeasure, of the reigning Prince. This Man
being particularly named to the Rajah, must
greatly embarrass him, Considering the Reverence
& respect due from him, & which he would
probably, wish to preserve, towards this
Government — The Measure, proposing the
Appointment of a Resident, as it stands
Recommended in the Presidents Minute,
Appears to me nearly equivalent, to dispossessing
the Rajah of his Authority, & Government, in
favor of Bava, without any adequate advantage,
to Result from it, to the Honble Company,
or providing, with any Certainty, for a more
speedy liquidation of the Arrears due to them

I am Concerned, to be under the
Necessity, of differing in Sentiments, with
the other Members of the Board; but considering
all Circumstances, I am persuaded that the
measure, most expedient in the present exigency

of

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to the Peshwa by that Prince, amounting to an Acquiescence in his Lordship the Governor Generals demand agreable to the Stipulations of Subsisting Treaties. The Minister at the same Time acquaints me that, in Reply to this Communication from Nizam Ally Khan, the Peshwa had written that Prince that a mutual Adherence to subsisting Treaties, was incumbent on both Parties.—

On the 26th Instant the amicable Issue of the delicate Negociation, He was intrusted with was signified to Me by Captain Kennaway, of which I took Advantage to make such an Explanation on the Subject to this Court as appeared to Me requisite, and I think I may now congratulate You on the happy Conclusion of that Affair.

I have the honor to enclose Copies of Letters lately received from him, and as You are certainly the best Judge of what Degree of Merit He has, or to what probable Use his Services may be converted, I shall in my Answer take the Liberty of referring Him to you.

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Intelligence as may to Him appear worthy Notice.—

I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect,—

&c. &c.

(signed) C. W. Malet

Poona
30th September 1788.—

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose Duplicate of Mr. Malet's last Address of the 30th Ultimo, and to Acquaint You that he proceeded on his Visit to General Medows the 1st Instant.

I have since received a Letter from Major Palmer dated 7th September, Extract of which I have the Honor to enclose. The Cruelties and Oppressions of Gholam Kader Khan at Delhi formed the Chief Part of the Country Intelligence, an Account of which it seems unnecessary at this distant Period to trouble You with, since You must have heard of them through other Channels. Ally Bahauder and Holcar were by the last Accounts at a Place called

From Poona - with intelligence respecting Golam Kader & Tippoo - of the latter having sent a force of 6 or 8000 Men, either against Goa or Kettoor - that He Expects a War with the English and in consequence fourting the friendship of the Marattas - The Governor General's Instructions about establishing a Dawk cannot be put in Execution, untill the Nizam's Assent is Obtained. —

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is said to destroy the Fort of Darwar; that some of Tippoo's Cannon have been ordered from Dindigul to Bengalore; and that no one is suffered to travel in Tippoo's Country without a Passport

I have also the honor to acquaint you that I have lately received Intelligence from the Southern Frontier of this State, through another Channel, to the following Purport. A Body of Cor 8000 Men was dispatched some Time since by Tippoo, supposed to be intended against Goa, but its Destination is now said to be Hittoor, and that the Commander of the Party is appointed to the Management of that District. It is generally believed in that Quarter, and said to be asserted by Tippoo Himself, that a War will shortly take Place between Him and the English, and that He is in consequence courting the Friendship of the Mahrattas, and the Rajah of Travancore. Great part of the Troops stationed at Darwar, and Budder al Zeman Khan's Party have marched to Seringpatam.

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident with Sindia to the Resident at Poona, dated Agra 7th September 1788.

The Revolution at Delhi has made no alteration in the Neutrality adopted by the Government of Bengal in the Commotions of these Provinces. Sindia has called upon the Vejeer for Assistance to restore Shah Allum, which I believe His Excellency is very willing to contribute, both from Attachment to the deposed King, and his Sense of the Dignity and importance which he derives from holding the Vejarut. He has recalled Sindia's Requisition to Calcutta, but the State of Finances, the condition of his Army, and the light in which our Administration appears to view the Object itself, leave little reason to expect his compliance will be encouraged from thence. It follows that Sindia has no other reliance than upon his own Strength and Resources, or the disunion of these two great opponents, for the recovery of his power in Indostan,

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Security, & contrive Means to check their
progress & protract the War. But should
Victory declare for the Mahrattas, the conse-
quence would, I think, be different: Golam
Cauder and Ismael Beg have no place of
retreat from whence they could annoy
Sindia, nor any resources to keep their
Troops together. — What effect either Event
may produce on Sindia's Influence in
the Mahratta State, I cannot pretend
to judge; but am apprehensive he is too far
involved in the pursuit of his present Object,
to be of any material Service to our Govern-
ment in its views of closer connection
with that of Poona.

A true Extract
(signed) J Uhthoff
Agt at Poona

The President reads to the Board further Intelligence respecting Tippoo's preparations for War.

The President reads to the Board some Intelligence from the Mysore Country, which confirms the Accounts of Tippoo's
Preparations

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the presence. —

I have the honor to be, with great respect

&c. &c.

Hydrabad
17th October 1788.

(signed) John Kennaway.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Honble. Sir,

From Captain Kennaway — Enclosing Translate of two News papers from Raychore, and the Nizams Durbar — both of which notice the preparations for War, by Tippoo & the Nizam. —

I have the Pleasure to forward translates of a News paper just received from Raychore, & of one written at this Durbar; & have the honor to be. —

&c. &c.

Hydrabad
18th October 1788.

(signed) John Kennaway. —

Translate of Intelligence from Raychore dated October 1788. —

Intelligence has been received that the Wife of Tippoo has died at Bangalore to which place there is a report he has an intention of proceeding. The Marriage of his Son which had been appointed to take place is put off. It is said that his Army which is in, and about Chytul Darck & Hurnpilly is to move towards Raychore and Cannoul. Orders have been sent

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orders to the Ministers to entertain two Thousand Horse. Orders have also been issued summoning the different Jummadars and Military Commanders to attend the presence.

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Lind & Close.—

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

Honble Sir,

From Messrs. Lind & Close stating the delays they suffer in Executing their Commission; and that the Rajah has been dispossessed of 8 more Villages than are mentioned in Papers N. 4. The Rajah's Solicitude about the Captured Grain & the Measures taking by them in Consequence.

Immediately on our arrival at this Place the 15th. Instant, We at the particular request of the Zemindar's Vackeels proceeded to examine the Papers and Witnesses they had in readiness, connected with the fourteen Villages, under the Cusbah of Veerootamala which are amongst the first of the assumed Villages, specified in the List No 4, which accompanied our Instructions.

— After making some progress on this Article of Enquiry, We found it necessary to require the attendance of certain Evidences residing in the different Villages under consideration, on the

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in general belong to the Pagoda, We shall in the end, be obliged to examine them at Trepitty, & which will unavoidably create delay — On this Ground he has proposed to Us to drop the present Article of enquiry, and to take up another, an overture which We have thought fit to decline, as having already entered largely on the & subject, We commenced with. — Our intention is to conduct the investigation by Districts seperately, since they Appear to Us to have been assumed on different Pleas, mean & while it is a part of our duty to Acquaint You, that Seid Mahomed Cawn acknowledges, that since the March of Captain Dunwoody's & Detachment, the Rajah has been dispossessed by His Highnesses People, not only of all the Villages mentioned in Paper No 4 of Our Instructions but also of 8 others (in one of which we now reside) since the above paper was presented to Government — The Rajah having through his Vakeels Manifested much solicitude regarding & the

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House Rent, that a G.O. be published, directing an immediate Report of the Quarters and Barracks at Outstations Observations on Mr. Hawkins Accounts.

Accounts was dated on the 6th Ultimo, since which I have been employed in examining the Accounts of the Northern Subordenacies, and as I find there many Charges made by Order of the Chiefs and Councils which are not inserted in the Regulations as appears by the enclosed Copy of a Bill drawn by the Fort Adjutant at Masulipatam I request to be informed to what extent such Charges are to be admitted, and what degree of Authority is to be considered, conveyed by the order of a Chief and Council for Charges not allowed of in the Regulations.—

Frequent Charges having appeared in the Accounts of the Subordinacies, and in those of different Garrisons for House Rent to Officers and Serjeants, which occasion a heavy Monthly expence, I beg leave humbly to propose as a preparatory Step towards ascertaining the # Necessity of these Charges, and towards considering of a Mode to reduce them, that a General Order be issued, directing all Commanding Officers of # Garrisons and Cantonments, where such Charges are made, to report without loss of time to the Governor in Council or to the Commander in Chief the Accommodation that the Quarters #

and

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 1st June 1786.—

Mr. Wescott lays before the Board the under mentioned Bills drawn by Mr. Fenn, being usual Allowances to a Fort Adjutant and requests the Board will be pleased to order payment thereof.

Ordered Accordingly

The Amount of Mr. Fenn's Bills

To 1 Interpreter's Allowances from the Month of August 1785 to 31st Janry 86 being 6 Months @ 5 Pags per Month is	30.—
To an Horse Allowance from D° to D° being 6 Months at 6 Pags p Month	36.—
To Office Rent from D° to D° being 6 Months at 5 Pags p D°	30.—
To Stationary from D° to D° being 6 Months @ 5 Pags p D°	30.—
Pagodas	126.—

A true Extract
(signed) Roger Darwall
Asstg. Secy.—

A true Copy
(signed) R. Malcolm
Dep.y Paym.r

A true Copy
J. Landon
Dep.y to the Cont. Gen.l

Minute thereon— Agreed, that a Circular Letter be written to the Northern Subordinate Settlements prohibiting the

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Receive Report of their Effect — and to publish in the Courier, that the Pills will be administered gratis, to all who require them. —

26th, September, I am commanded by the Honorable Governor in Council to Acquaint you that the Board have come to the Resolution of publishing in the Madras Courier, the Names and Compositions of the Medicines lately disclosed to the Medical Board by the Native Doctor from Tanjore as an Antidote for the Bite of Mad Dogs and Serpents, as well as the manner of using and applying the same in Cases where Persons have had the Misfortune of Meeting with those Accidents. —

They are the more encouraged to make these Antidotes Known to the public from the # perusal of your Letter abovementiond in which you Observe, That Mr. Duffin one of your Members had Assured you that he has repeatedly exhibitted the Snake Pills as an Antidote in Cases where Persons had been bit by Serpents supposed to be venomous as well as in Cases where Persons were bit by Dogs, of which there were very satisfactory Proofs of Madness without perceiving any # deleterious effect from the use of the Medicines" and the Board have farther learnt, that in no Instance in which those Pills have been applied, has the # patient lost his Life which is a strong additional presumtive Proof of the happy Effects of this # Medicine — As the use of so valuable a Remedy

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the Station.—

Those Pills are to be administered gratis to all such Persons as may require them, and you are to request of those who are charged with the Distribution of the Pills to report to your Board the Cases for which the Pills are delivered, and the Effects produced in Consequence of their Application.

Government at the same time direct, that you publish in the Madras Courier for three or four Weeks successively, that the Pills are to be had of the Medical Storekeeper at all Stations & where there are Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants, and of the commanding Officer of Stations where no Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants are appointed.—

Jam, &c. &c.

(signed) Wm. C. Jackson
Actg Secy.—

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Minute thereon.—

Approved, and Ordered Accordingly.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Committee of Stores.—

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

Honble Sir, & Sirs.—

From the Committee of Stores—
The Indent for Stores wanted at Permacoil will be complied with, when the Commissary General of Stores has made the necessary Alteration and enclosing Estimates of the military Stores taken at Pulicate and Jaggernaist Sporam

We have the honor to acknowledge

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Return of Common and Military Stores in the Fort of Pulicat 3d July 1781

Quality		Sound	Unsound	Total		Prime Cost Pags.	Prime Cost Fan. C.	Price adequate to the State of the Articles Pags.	Price adequate to the State of the Articles Fan. C.
Brass Guns Mounted	4 Pr.	2		2		102	" "	80	23 3
Iron Guns Mounted	18 do	2		2					
	12 do	1		1	23	822	" "	154	4 40
	8 do	9		9					
	6 do	11		11					
Field Carriage	6 do	8		8		584	" "	292	" "
Truck Carriages	18 do	2		2		100	" "	25	" "
	12 do	1		1		45	" "	11	9 "
	8 do	9		9		360	" "	90	" "
	6 do	5		5		175	" "	43	27 "
Iron Round Shott	18 do	147		147					
	12 do	120		120					
	8 do	80		80	867	68	9 50	68	9 50
	6 do	420		420					
	4 do	100		100					
Grape Shot Quelted	18 do	62		62		54	9 "	27	4 40
	12 do	107		107		73	20 20	36	28 10
	8 do	161	20	181		60	12 "	30	6 "
	6 do	77		77		25	24 "	12	30 "
	4 do	80		80		15	" "	7	18 "
Brass Cohoms	4 Inch	4		4		34	" "	26	31 55
Shells for Do	4 Inch	158		158		13	27 13	13	27 13
Hand grenades		320		320		20	" "	20	" "
Gun Powder in 5 Chests	℔	3700		3700		281	7 16	281	7 16
Musquet Ball Cartridges		1000	1000	2000		15	" "	4	24 67
Spungs with Rammer heads	18 Pds	2		2		1	13 40	"	12 30
	12 do	1		1		"	22 40	"	5 50
	8 do	7		7		3	33 60	"	35 35
	6 do	8		8		4	" "	1	" "
	4 do	2		2		"	32 "	"	8 "
Copper Ladles with worms	18 do	3		3		7	18 "	6	" "
	12 do	3		3		6	" "	4	18 "
	8 do	13		13		19	18 "	16	9 "
	6 do	11		11		16	18 "	11	" "
	4 do	5		5		4	13 40	3	4 40
Cartridges Filled	18 Pds	66		66		33	" "	22	20 47
	12 do	12		12		4	" "	2	26 40
	8 do	113		113		28	9 "	17	6 2
	6 do	230		230		57	18 "	26	7 74
	4 do	100		100		11	4 "	7	21 48
					Carried Over Pags.	3047	21 39	1345	30 45

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List of Sundries delivered to Mr. David Graham Storekeeper, or his order at Jaggernaickpuram.

			Prime Cost			Price adequate to the State of the Articles		
			Pags.	Fans.	C.	Pags.	Fans.	C.
12 Pounders Iron gun		8						
4 do. do.		1						
6 do. do.		13	22	858	.. ..	160	31	40
6 do. Brass do.		2						
1 ½ do. do. do.		1	3	195	18 ..	154	28	13
Mortars		4		34	.. ..	26	31	54
Limber Box		9		45	.. ..	11	9	..
Shott Round	22/7			122	.. ..	122	..	..
D° Double Leaded	86			12	3 30	12	3	30
D° Grape	145			45	11 20	22	23	50
Shell Hand grenades Chest	1			6	9 ..	6	9	..
Spuntoons	2			3	.. ..	3	..	..
Halberts	7			10	18 ..	10	18	..
Musquets	200			700	.. ..	100	..	..
Sword Brass Hilts	230			143	27 ..	143	27	..
D° Iron D°	157			75	18 ..	75	18	..
D° D° Old	7			1	27 ..			15 60
Musket Ball	½ Bag			7	.. ..	5	34	16
Drums	7			49	.. ..	24	18	..
Flints	½ Box			2	3 ..	1	1	40
Pouches	154			111	23 32	27	32	68
Sword Scabbards	50			10	27 40	2	24	27
Bayonets	110			20	22 40	5	5	50
Sword Belts	50			10	.. ..	2	18	..
Powder in Chest lb	3000			228	.. ..	228	..	..
			Pagodas	2691	28 2	1147	17	48

Belts

(signed) J. Moorhouse
Dy Gr. of Stores

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to the Service, during that period, has caused my Accompts to swell, to a very considerable &c height. Yet, no blame can be imputed to me, as no Article whatever, was issued, but by the express permission of the Hospital Board, and to &c obviate the imputation that those Articles &c have been charged at a high rate, it is incumbent on me, to assign a reason why they may seem to be so, by informing the Honourable Board that the Liquors, were pure and unadulterated and indeed every Article was of the very best that could be purchased; most of them chosen, and Picked; and perhaps ten p.Cent better than those on retail in the Shops & Bazars; consequently they bore an adequate price, and although high in the purchase, are superior in quality. I append my charges in the proportion, of about to Ten to fifteen p.Cr. below the selling price of the day.

The other Articles so particularly &c noticed in the Letter are certainly valued at a very extravagant rate; but, that it may &c appear, that I have had no unfair advantage thereon, I can obtain vouchers from most of &c

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species of accident, that is destructive, of such
property, as the Country & Med.l Stores consist of —
That I have to make good all deficiencies of
Indents on delivery; that happen by neglect of
Servants, theft, or unlucky incidents on the road
That, I am occasionally, at extraordinary expence
in procuring additional Means, of speedy dispatch;
whenever there is an accumulation of Indents to
be complied with, and the Necessities of the Service,
will not admit of delay — and that no Article is
admitted into my Accompts, that has not, bonafide
been supplied to the Service, which, was the grand
Object aimed at, by Lord Macartney, and the
Select Committee, at the time of my appointment
to my present Office — Indeed if the Honble Comp.y
were to advance the necessary Cash, for purchasing
of Stock, bear all charges, and stand to every loss;
it would be dishonest in me, to add a single Fanam,
to the first Cost; and my Commission of 15 ₰ Cent
on the Money expended, would be an ample
compensation, for my time and attention in
purchasing and distributing the Medical Stores —
Should occasion require I can produce
the testimony of a most respectable Merchant in
Madras

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Copy of the above to be sent to the Hospital Board:—

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Hospital Board; and that it be notified to them at the same Time, that the Demands of Many Articles in the Indents for the Medicines from Out Garrisons appear enormous, and that they be instructed in future not to pass any Indent, until it has been fully examined and properly checked by them.—

The Commander in Chief recommends, that Messrs. Adams and Lalor be permitted to draw a Rupee ℔ Diem untill their Embarkation.—

The Commander in Chief recommends that Messrs. Adams and Lalor lately dismissed the Service be permitted to draw each One Rupee ℔ diem from the Time of their Dismission to that of their Embarkation for Europe.—

Minute thereon.—

The Board approve the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief—and it is resolved, that not only Messrs. Adams and Lalor be sent home as Charter Party Passengers by the first Ship that Sails from hence, but all others in a Similar Situation.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Bill presented to him by Major Tonyn, amounting to Pagodas 470, for building Stables for 470 Horses of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

The Secretary lays before the Board Major Tonyn's Bill—for building Stables.—

Minute thereon.—

Agreed, that the Chief Engineer be directed to order an Engineer to Survey the Stables, and report whether or not they are covered in.

Read

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the Circar, may either be purchased, or rented of the Inhabitants many of whom were in Seyd Jungs Service, and are now without Support

Since the Hanoverian Regiment and the 14th. Battalion were in order to March for Masulipatam, it has been found that to settle Accounts with the Paymaster, they must be delayed till the day after tomorrow. I hope Major Johnstone's dispatch by this opportunity, and the accompanying Copy of a letter from Captain Dawes, will afford you the necessary information respecting Innicundah. I cannot but differ with him in thinking it much stronger than Bellumcundah in their present state, and that it may be rendered a post of great importance at a small expence. - I find that in my letter to Captain Kennaway, of which I transmitted you a copy the 7th. Instant I made a mistake, in observing that the lower Fort should be converted into a Magazine, for I meant the Middle Fort, which is well calculated for one. -

Camp at Guntoor
12th. October 1788. -

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

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To Colonel Edingtoun

Commanding the Troops

Guntoor Circar.

Sir.

Captain Read having expressed to me the wish that I should address you, in the first instance in all Matters of Representation of such things as I stand in need of, or may be necessary for the defence of this Fort; I do myself the honor of submitting the following to your Consideration.

Major Johnston's report and your own Observations of the Fortifications, make it unnecessary for me to attempt a discription of them. But as there are two considerable breaches in the Hill Fort, and is assailable in several places; I think the necessary repairs cannot be made too soon particularly as I observed, it looked as if some part of the Wall had lately fallen down; and the Monsoon if violent, may do material injury to the works. - The frame of the N.E. Gateway in the lower Fort is so very rotten and loose, that it might be forced in without much exertion. - I conceive it should be repaired without delay, This the only Gate (at present open) is

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of carrying the rice in up the Hill, without them it will be attended with waste and defficulty.

In case of any likelyhood of an enemy entering the Cercar, Permit me to hope I may have my whole Battalion here; If I had 2 Large Guns they might serve to cover the Pettah, and give confidence to the inhabitants, In the event of a War, If to be made a post of consequence more Stores will be necessary, but having a Return you are best Judge.

The Parade begins to bear a good appearance, and will have a tolerable free Calculation of Air which was much wanted. I hope soon to have it a compleat one.

The two Artillery men I was afraid of loosing are doing well, one is for duty and the other near fit.

I request to Know if I am to be allowed to charge for Intelligence or If you wish me to send people out.

Innicundah
10 October 1788.

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

(signed) Nath Dawes.

True Copy
(signed) Alexr. Read
Secry &c. to Lt. Col. Eedingtoun.

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The President lays before the Board Extract of a Letter to him from the Chief of Ganjam on the above Subject, in which it is recommended, that Lieutenant Forbes be allowed to draw for the Amount of his Arrears of Batta

The President lays before the board a Letter from the Chief of Ganjam relative to Lieutenant Forbes's Claim

Minute thereon.

Ordered Accordingly

Exd

A.G.M.

Arch. Campbell

John Hollond

Ja. H. Casamayor

R. Maunsell

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Charter party passengers, by the first opportunity, but likewise all others, in similar situations.

To the Comptroller General of Army accounts

To Colonel Capper — Informing him that a Circular Letter will be sent to the Subordinate Settlements, prohibiting any Charges in their accounts, which are not inserted in the regulations, unless sanctioned by Government — that a General Order will be issued directing all Commanding Officers to send in a Report of the Barracks of Officers Quarters — and directing him in the Interim, not to admit a higher Charge than 5 Pagodas ℔ mensem on account of House Rent for Officers at Out Garrisons & the Charges in Mr. Hawkins accounts upon which he remarked to be admitted.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — Enclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Cuyngham, upon which they are desired to report.

To Colonel Ross

To the Chief Engineer — desiring he will direct a Survey of the Stables of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry and report whether or not they are Covered in

To Colonel de Wangenheim

To Colonel de Wangenheim — Informing him, that previous to a Compliance with Lieutenant Landar's request, it will be necessary, for that Officer to produce a Certificate of ill Health from some of the Faculty — and desiring him to acquaint

Lieutenants

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28th under Date the 14th ultimo, enclosing an account of Medicines and Surgical Instruments shipped by your Order for the use of His Majesty's 71st Regiment on their Voyage to Madras, we directed our apothecary to call upon the proper Officer to deliver over the unexpended articles Copy of the Reply from the latter is herewith enclosed.

We have the Honor to be,

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28th October 1788

Your &c.
Signed Arch.d Campbell
&c. Council

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To William Petrie Esq.r

Commissioner for the affairs of the

Tanjore Country

To Mr. Petrie - Expressive of Surprize at his having brought forward any further proposals for Loans to the Rajah and directing him to explain to his Court: Leney - that the sanction of the Company is not by any means pledged to support any Money Transactions which he may enter into with the Danes or others

Sir,

We have received your Letters Dated the 15th and 22d Instant the former we have already acknowledged covering Translations of Papers addressed to you by the Rajah of Tanjore, in which we observe that the Rajah makes mention of Loans that he expects to receive from the Danes and Mr. De Souza, to enable him to fulfill his Engagements to the Company.

After what we wrote you on the subject of such Loans on the 8th Instant, we did not expect any

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Presidents Minute

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The Presidents Minute in Answer to Mr Hollands respecting the removal of the Tanjore Sirkel

Mr Hollands Minute having contained Expressions tending to imply, that Bava was forced by this Government upon the Rajah of Tanjore to fill the Office of Sirkel; the President thinks it his duty to remove any Impressions which may arise in Consequence

The Commissioner and Resident at Tanjore, as well as Colonel Stuart and Mr Swartz, having all concurred in Opinion, that Bava possessed very superior abilities to any other person in that Country for the Management of the Tanjore Revenues, the President thought it reasonable on such authority to recommend him to the Rajah, but as an Option was at the same time left to the Rajah to appoint him, or any other able person experienced in the Management and Collection of the Tanjore Revenues, it is difficult to conceive, how an Option of that Nature can be construed into an act of unmerited Severity, or of forcing Bava upon his Excellency.

Whether the measure of enforcing the Treaty agreable to the Recommendation of Mr Holland is replete with more Lenity than the Regret which the Board has made to the Rajah of removing his present

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Read the following Letter from Bengal —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

We have received your Letter Dated the 9th Ultimo enclosing a Letter addressed to us by Brigadier General Horne on the Subject of our Resolution Dated 4th August recommending it to you to give directions that he should waive the exercise of the rank of Brigadier General from the Day on which the Brevet local rank of H.M. is Majesty's Officers in India is to cease to operate.

From Bengal refusing to Comply with General Horne's Request of retaining his Rank of Brigadier General stating their reasons for this refusal —

From the Character that we have heard of Brigadier General Horne, we are inclined to pay the utmost attention to any of his Representations; But after the most mature Deliberation upon the subject of his present Letter we are clearly of opinion that Consonant with the principles which have induced his Majesty to withdraw the advanced Brevet rank from his own Officers, and with these, which we are persuaded will upon the same point uniformly influence the determinations of the Honorable Company, the Claim of Brigadier General Horne to retain the exercise of the Rank of Brigadier after the period that has been Specified is totally

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to him but that they explicitly disapproved of the Appointment and our Opinion is the more decided that this rank ought to be recalled as no such rank is known or authorized by the Honorable Company's Military Establishment in India.

We trust that our reasoning upon this point will prove Satisfactory to your Honorable Board, and we think it our duty to repeat our recommendation that you may issue directions that after the 29th of September 1789, Brigadier General Horne shall waive the exercise of his rank of Brigadier, and become only Colonel upon the Madras Establishment.

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Sign'd Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
J Shore

Fort William
8th October 1788

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Brigadier General Horne.

Copy of the above to be sent to General Horne.

The President represents to the Board, that notwithstanding the positive Orders which were issued on the 15th of June and 8th September 1785, prohibiting visits at the Durbar, he has been informed that many

The President represents that in violation of the Orders before issued, many persons continue to frequent the Durbar.

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"of the Nabob, and merely to the advantage of Individuals,—
"We therefore direct, that all persons who shall offend
"against the letter or Spirit of this necessary Order, whether
"in the Company's Service, or under their protection, be
"forthwith Sent to England."—

The Honble the President in Council in the most pointed and positive manner, repeats the Prohibition contained in the above Orders, and gives Public notice, that any Person or Persons directly or indirectly acting in Opposition to them, will incur the Penalty thereby directed.—

By Order of the Honorable President in Council.— (Signed) W. O. Jackson
Actg Secy

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.—

The Honble Major Genl. Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
&c. &c. &c.

From Captain Kennaway— Enclosing translate of News Papers from Raychore & Poonah, relating to the Warlike preparations making by the Nizam & Tippoo.—

Honble Sir,

I have the pleasure to forward translates of intelligence just received from Poonah and Raychore— likewise of a Paper written at this Durbar.— I have the Honor to be, with great Respect,
&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
21st October 1788

Translate

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with a Kelaat for Raggoje Boosla and the 6th Pundit Purdhaun went to Tripetty to a Review and on his return paid a visit to the Nana where after Staying two Ghurries he returned to his house by torch light — It is reported that his intended march is put off and that he means first to send Govind Row Son of Kishen Row to Hydrabad when he will take the field The ministers here are at variance.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Eidington;

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you I have received a Letter from Major Affany, Dated yesterday, acknowledging the receipt of one from me, accompanied by your Orders to march back to Guntoor.

Four Companies of the Hanoverian Regiment and four of the Battalion of native Infantry had crossed the Kistna, and be expected to be here by the 30th Instant.

Agreeably to your Instructions of the 17th the Troops shall be cantoned here — The enclosed Copy of a Letter from Major Johnston will inform you, what accommodations this place can afford them during

From Colonel Eidington enclosing Copies of Letters from Majors Affany, and Johnstone — recommends a reinforcement of Troops to his Detachment, in the event of Tippoo disputing the Guntoor — likewise some improvements in the Garrisons of that Province inclosing Copies of Captain Kennaway's Letters.

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Country when the disaffected Zemindars would favour an invasion and enable it to bear a considerable part in the war — In case you should resolve on granting any reinforcement, I wish the 1st Battalion native Infantry may be a part of it, on account, that consisting chiefly of Carnatic men, desertion from it is less to be apprehended, or being removed from its present Station.

Likewise think there should be no delay in providing Innicondah with the best means of defence, and to that end have written Captain Davies to examine its works, particularly, with an eye to its defence, and to determine how many pieces of Ordnance can, in his Judgement, be disposed of upon them, to advantage — also to inform me what repairs they stand immediately in need of, and to enquire what materials can be got in that neighbourhood for the building such Magazines and Store houses as may be wanted — I would direct him to make up fascines and Gabions, but am averse to do whatever would incur the smallest expence, till circumstances warrant it, or your instructions to that effect be received.

Bellamcondah would require a much more numerous Garrison in time of war, than is now at present — but being too high for a magazine — affording little protection to the Pettah — which of itself is inconsiderable — and none to the Country round —

think

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of opinion that they will answer for the present accom:
:modation of the Artillery and Quarter Masters Stores
for the men of the Artillery, and for the Officers and men
of His Majesty's 15th Hanoverian Regiments,

Some trifling repairs will be required which
I think may be made by the Pioneers and Lascars &
attached to the Camp, without incurring any additional
expence.

I have the Honor to be, with respect,

&c. &c.

Camp at Guntoor
25 October 1788

(Signed) Jas. Johnston
Dir. of Engineers

True Copy
(Signed) Alexr. Read
Secretary to Lieut. Col. Eidingtoun

Colonel Eidingtoun
Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 7th Instant,
my reason for submitting to your consideration to
make the best disposition of your force, to cover the country
and be prepared to resist any attempts which might be
made by Tippoo or others, to disturb us in the possession
of it, which about the same period I likewise laid before
Sir Archibald Campbell, whose instructions in conse:
:quence, you will no doubt receive originated in what
appeared to me certain intelligence, that this Chief has
determined

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to move northward corresponds with mine from Cuddapah, where the expectation of him is pretty general, and provisions are in consequence collecting — A report at Bengalore that he purposes after the Mohurrum to march against Canoul and Godwall, is also corresponding, but our intelligence differs in regard to the Troops at Cummum, for I have repeated accounts that all that could be spared from the Garrisons in that and the Cudapah countries, have lately marched by the way of Gurrumcondah to Banga:lore, excepting a Detachment of 2000 Horse and 3000 foot, under Cootuh ul Din Cawn at Gazulapilly, 20 Coses south West of Cummum where it has been, these two or three months past, without receiving any reinforcement — I learn that Tippoo has a pretty considerable force both at Seringapa:tam and Bangalore, and that bodies of Troops from Dharwar, Annagoonda, and other places near his northern frontier are on the march to the Southward. — The most prevailing opinion in Mysore is that they are only collecting for the purposes of mustering, and reviewing, but that is to be doubted, while other circum:stances indicate a hostile intention — I am informed the Nizam is secretly dissatisfied at having given up the Guntoor to the English, and is seeking Tippoo's alliance, with the view of depriving them of that country & the other northern Circars, while he is sending a Wakil to Calcutta, but probably these are only ill founded reports. —

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

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Committee of Works - Enclosing Messrs. Woolf and Shaws proposal for executing the Barracks at Tripassore

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Woolf and Shawe, Contractors for Repairs, containing the Terms on which they will execute the proposed Barracks at Tripassore.

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) R. Maunsell

J. Capper

Patrick Ross

Fort St George
28th October 1788

To Robert Maunsell Esqr.

President &c. Committee of Works

Gentlemen,

We have had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter of 24th Instant, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Deputy Secretary Jackson with the plans of the Engineer for Barracks with Palmeira Roofs for four Companies of Europeans at Tripassore, we understand it to be the wish of Government, that we mention the specific sum at which we will engage to execute the buildings for

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Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Committee of Works be informed, that the Board approve the Terms on which the Contractors will execute the proposed Barracks at Tripassore.

Read the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. No 123. 124. 125.)

From Colonel Ross

From the Chief Engineer — stating that a Part of the Company's Ground in the Black Town intended to be given in Compensation to the People, who were removed from Hog Hill, is the properest Place for erecting Barracks to quarter the Troops meant for the defence of the Black Town, and recommending that the Superintendant of the Company's Lands, be directed to place Piers on its Limits to prevent Encroachments.

Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Chief Engineer be desired to report, whether or not there is any other Spot of Ground in the Black Town, that can be given to the People removed from Hog Hill, in Lieu of that which he has recommended to be set apart for building Barracks.

From Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham

From Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham, requesting that previous to his Departure for Europe, the arrears of Gratuity & Off Reckonings due to him, may be discharged.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Conyngham be informed, that the mode of Payment for the arrears of Gratuity has not been determined on — but, that as soon as it takes place, his arrears will be discharged in common with the rest.

Do —

Resolved, that Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham's arrears of Off reckonings due to him while in Command of a Battalion of Sepoys, be discharged as such Indulgence has been generally granted to Officers returning to Europe.

From

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Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in NB Nos. 2.3.)

From Chief of Cuddalore

From the Chief of Cuddalore — Enclosing the Returns of that Factory and reporting the Death of Mr. J. Cameron Assistant Surgeon.

From W. S. Johnston

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly — requesting permission to visit the Presidency.

From Mr. Young

From the Paymaster at Angole — desiring an addition of 10 Pascars may be made to the establishment at Angole, from that at Vellore.

Sent the following Letters (as Entered in NB: Nos. 4.5.6.7.8.9.10.)

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — Enclosing Copy of Ensign Foote's Claim — upon which they are desired to report.

To the Committee of Works.

To the Committee of Works — approving of the Contractors proposals to execute the Barracks at Tripassore, provided they compleat the whole by the End of January, and that the Roof is covered with round and flat Tiles.

To General Horne.

To General Horne — transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Supreme Government, on the Subject of his Rank as Brigadier.

To Col. Ross

To the Chief Engineer — desiring him to report whether or not, there is any other Spot of Ground in the Black Town, which can be given in Compensation, to the

people

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Mr Holland recommends an Emission in the Board's Minute in Consultation 28th ultimo respecting Tanjore.

following Words, which at present form a Part of the Board's Minute in Consultation the 28th ultimo, on the affairs of Tanjore, be omitted Viz.t — "Which can "interfere with the Company's Security in the Event of "their being obliged to enforce the Treaty, for the Recovering "of the Money that may be due to them."

The President objects to any alteration in that Minute

The President — as a Letter has been written to Mr Petrie expressing the above Words — they cannot now be omitted in the Procedings.

Mr Maunsell thinks the words pointed out by Mr Holland in the Minute, as Exceptionable states his reasons for thinking so.

Mr. Maunsell — My attention being particularly drawn by the Remark of Mr. Holland, to the Turn of Phrase of the Resolution of the 28th on the Subject of Tanjore, I think the concluding words pointed out by him are exceptionable — because, this Inference might be drawn from them, that no objection could be made to assignments being given, provided they did not interfere at any Time with the Claims of the Company upon the Tanjore County — at the same time I agree with the President that as the Expressions have been used in the Letter to Mr. Petrie, they cannot now be omitted in the Procedings — that Letter was addressed to him in Consequence of my Minute of the 28th of last Month, and I beg leave to propose that a Second Letter be written to Mr. Petrie in the direct Spirit of that Minute, informing him

in the most unequivocal manner to declare, that we will not on any account whatever allow of Assignments being made by the Rajah of any Part of the Tanjore Country to the Danes or others, directly or indirectly, and we request you will be pleased to communicate to his Excellency this our final Determination.

We request also that you will ascertain and report to us, if any Negotiation has been concluded, or is on foot, for Assigning directly or indirectly any Part of the Tanjore Country to the Danes, or any other Person or Persons.

Our Sentiments so decidedly given on the foregoing Subject, do not proceed from the smallest want of Confidence on our Part in your zeal and abilities — We are well assured that every Part of your Conduct will meet with our warmest approbation, and we desire you will pursue the Objects of your Mission with a firm Reliance on our Countenance and Support.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
4th November 1788

&c. &c.
/Signed/ Arch.d Campbell
&c. Council

Read the following Letter from Captain

Kennaway. —

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The Durbar Vakeel has officially informed me that his Master's sole object in sending an agent to Bengal, was to effect the settlement of the disputed account, had no other view than to convince the world by this act, which had never occurd before, of the strict friendship and good understanding which subsisted between him and the Honorable Company.

The report of his Highness's intention to take the field is still current, but I think it very doubtful if he will move from the palace; and am apt to believe the preparations he is making have no other view than to give effect to some pecuniary demand he has made on the Rajah of Berar, and perhaps encourage the Nabob of Kurnoul and Mahabut jung under their apprehensions of Tippoo, and that they will end, where they began.

The Departure of the Vakeel, who are appointed to procede to Tippoo's Camp is, I understand, delayed.

I have the Honor to be, with great respect,

Hydrabad
24th October 1788

&c. &c.

Signed John Kennaway

Read the following Letters from Mr. Sadler, and from Lieutenant Colonel Edington.

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Your Honor &c. will observe that the principal object in the opinion of all of us, was the choice of a situation best calculated for a general Cantonment of the Troops in this Circar, and in this we entirely agreed, that the Bank of the River Kistnah opposite to Bezoara, united all the advantages that can be expected for such a Military Station, as it will render it easy at any time to assemble the principal force in the Circars, if it should so happen that we were to be at War either with Tippoo Sultaun or the Soubah, and would also be sufficiently near to afford succour to Masulipatam, in case an European Enemy were inclined to attack it by means of an Army coming by Sea — If you should think proper to adopt what has been recommended in this respect, it might be proper to lose no time in collecting the Materials, that would be required, for erecting Buildings — The Teakwood that is floated down the Kistnah by way of Condapillee, is not produced in the Company's territories, tho' very near the Borders, Bamboos are plenty in the neighbourhood of Condapillee, from whence they are constantly brought to Masulipatam, and Stone Chunam might be procured almost on the Spot — I am persuaded therefore that all the necessary materials for building might soon be collected at as moderate an expence as it is possible to procure them in this part of the Country, and I think that it ought to be done

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of Vinnacondah from any Sea Port, must always make it expensive also to Supply it with Stores of any kind, while a Garrison will always be requisite to defend them in time of a War with Tippoo Sultaun, to prevent their falling into the hands of the Enemy — These Circumstances appear to me worthy of attention, before any considerable expence is incurred in building Storehouses &c. at Vinnacondah; more particularly, as there are few places I believe in the Circars, where Grain or other Provisions would be collected with more facility than on the Banks of the Kistnah, which Troops assembled there, might carry with them to whatever Quarter their Services might be required in.

As your Orders communicated to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam in your letter of the 1st Ultimo, do not express that I am to be furnished with any accounts of expenditure, or to have any Controul over the Military & Department in matters that constitute extraordinary expence, similar to that authority which the Chiefs and Councils of Subordinate Settlements are entrusted with, I think it necessary to mention this Circumstance, and to request you will be pleased to inform me how far I am authorized to interfere in matters of this kind; The Sooner your Honor &c. come to a determination in regard to a fixt Station for the Troops, the sooner may every extraordinary expence of Bullocks, Doolies &c. be discontinued.

By the latest and most authentic Intelligence from Cummum it is said that Tippoo Sultaun having

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pretence of not having authority to proceed in that manner.

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully

&c. &c.

Signed Anth: Sadleir

Guntoor
28 October 1788

Guntoor 24th October 1788

The Chief having thought it for the good of the Service that the Heads of the different Departments at this place, should meet together, for the purpose of mutually communicating their Sentiments to each other, respecting the best arrangement of the Troops in this District, for its Defence, connected with the other Possessions of the Company, and such other matters as might occur, in order that the results of such opinion might be submitted to Government for their consideration, and having communicated his Sentiments to the Officer Commanding the Troops in the District, the following Gentlemen now met accordingly for the purpose abovementioned.

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Chief

Lieutenant Colonel James Eidingtoun

Commanding the Troops in the District

Major James Johnstone of Engineers.

The Chief having read a Copy of a letter addressed by him to the Honble the Governor on the 20th Instant, offering it as his opinion, that a Cantonment on the Banks of the River

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which it is thought proper to state, as well as the advantages There being no village on the Bank of the Kistnah opposite to Bezoara, the whole Cantonment consisting of Barracks for Officers and Men, with Storehouses &c. must be entirely new-built; whereas the houses in the village of Guntoor, that are the property of the Circar will afford present covering for the Artillery and D.r M.rs Stores, for the men of the artillery, and Officers and men of the Hanoverian Regiment; besides which, it is probable Houses may be rented of the Inhabitants for the accommodation of the Officers of artillery, and native Corps and at a very small expence in repairs, which may be a temporary consideration with Government. If this were however to be adopted as a Cantonment, a thorough repair would of course become necessary to all the Circar Houses, and Quarters to be built or rented for the remainder of the Officers and Men as well as Storehouses to be built, at least Sufficient for securing Powder, which cannot be safely trusted under a Tyled or thatched roof, and the Situation does not afford the means of collecting Materials at so cheap a rate, or with the same facility, as it could be done on the Banks of the Kistnah.

The Gentlemen present having weighed all circumstances that occur, agree in opinion that the Bank of the Kistnah opposite to Bezoara is upon the whole the best Situation for a Cantonment, but that as Guntoor affords

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might be a place of great consequence during a War, as a Magazine for Provisions and Stores, which it is always convenient to have as far advanced as possible towards the frontiers, in order to facilitate the march of an Army, either for the purpose of attacking the Enemy in their Territories, or defending our own limits. In case Government should think proper to make use of Innacondah for the purpose abovementioned, it ought of course to be Garrisoned, with such a number of Troops, and its Fortifications put in such a state as would secure it against any sudden assault, or coup de main of the Enemy, and to enable it to hold out until it could receive succour from the army.

Bellumcondah on the Borders of the Palnaud District, is also a Post strong by nature, but as it is further distant from the frontier of Tippoo Sultaun's Country, Is too high for a granary, affords but little Protection to the Petta (which is too inconsiderable to be regarded) and none whatever to the Country round, it is Colonel Eidingtoun's Opinion that it ought to be distroyed. — An additional objection with him to the making that, a station for Troops, is the advanced situation of Temery Cotah, which is in a state to resist any force that is likely to be sent against it, and where there appears an absolute necessity for the having two or three Companies of native Infantry, from its vicinity to the Passes over the Kistna, & even in time of Peace to protect the Palnaud against the thieves from Looriapet and other places South of the

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The Gentlemen present collectively agree in Opinion, that the Troops should upon the whole be kept as much collected together as circumstances will admit of, and that the more certain and easy a junction could be formed with the Troops stationed to the Northward of the Kistnah, they would be likely to act with the more effect against an Enemy, in whatever part of the Circar the attack might be made. The unhealthyness of the Condapillee after the Rains, renders it in general necessary to remove the Troops to Bezoara during a part of the year, and as its Fortifications are at present in a ruinous state, it might not be necessary to keep Troops stationed there if a new Cantonment were established opposite to Bezoara, more particularly if the Fort of Chintapillee which is situated higher up the River were to be occupied with Company's Troops, with respect to Ongole which the Chief has also mentioned, It is known to be a place incapable of much resistance, and therefore ought to be reduced to a post Garrisoned by a Company of native Infantry for the protection of the Inhabitants against incursions of horse, and the keeping up, with ease, a Communication between the Presidency and the Northern Circars, Innicondah being too far to the westward to answer that purpose. Major Johnston only observes in addition to what has been said, that if there is the smallest probability of an Enemy entering the Circars, on either side of the Kistnah, he thinks measures cannot be too soon adopted to secure a junction of the Troops in the Masulipatam and Guntoor Circars, on either

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the Government of this place, solicit them to issue an order to the said Naib of Angole to prohibit it such unlawful proceedings.

A true Copy of the translation

(Signed) Aw Scott Secy

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

Governor and Commander in Chief &c.

Honble Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your letter of the 22d Instant, and every Step shall be immediately taken, for the forming this place into a Cantonment, in doing which, the greatest attention shall be paid to oeconomy.

But I judge it unadviseable to discharge the artificers, Lascars, and Coolies of the Detachment, while there is any appearance of approaching troubles; shall therefore have them continued, until I receive your orders to the contrary, or till your answer be received to the Paymaster's letter of the 12th Instant on that subject — as the Officers will be at the same expence, as when in the field, they will expect their full batta till then, and the granting it will only be conforming to the rule of the service, always observed, while the army quarter'd during the monsoons last war, and I believe on every similar occasion.

From Colonel Eidingtown recommends retaining the Lascars, artificers &c. and granting full Batta to the Officers during the Monsoon — stating his Suspicions of the Nizam's and Tippoo's Conduct — & urging in Consequence a reinforcement to his Detachment — also his intentions respecting the Garrisons in the Guntoor.

Having

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necessity of it appears, stronger than it did, at that time. Many delays are always found in the preparing Troops for the field — Tippoo's Army is by this, I imagine assembled in force, & has motions have been so rapid, as warrant precautions, that in opposing a less active enemy, might seem useless. to illustrate which, I need only advert to the fate of Colonel Baillie's and Colonel Brathwaite's Detachments, the former of which, was out of almost sight of our main army. This Detachment when joined by the Hanoverian Regiment and 1½ Battalion of native Infantry will not exceed 2300 men, a force too small to protect this, or any of the Company's possessions South of the Kistna, against only one division of Tippoo's Army, but when it joined by such a force, as could with safety be spared from the Northern Circars, while the Nizam is unprepared to act, it would not only bear a considerable part in the war, but might deter his Highness from engaging in it, and thereby answer a purpose, greatly exceeding the consideration of expence, that would be incurred by what is here proposed — I have thought it my duty, to say so much, on a subject, I conceive to be of such importance.

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Mr. Sadleir having addressed the President in his Character as Commander in Chief, on the subject of his Letter to Government Dated 28th October — The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter, which he wrote to Mr. Sadleir the 30th of October, and if the Sentiments therein expressed agree with those of the Board, they may form the substance of an answer to Mr. Sadleir's present address, —

The President lays before the Board Extracts of Letters which he has written to Mr. Sadleir, on the subject of Cantoning and arranging the Troops in the Guntoor and to Colonel Eidingtoun approving of his having retained the Coolies artificers &c. but declines his Sanction to the recommendation of full Batta to the Officers, —

The President also lays before the Board, Extract of a Letter which he wrote to Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun of the same Date, —

Extract of a Letter from the Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

30th October 1788

Sir,

I have received your Letters Dated 16th 21st 22d and 24th October — I am much obliged to you for your remarks and observations on the different Posts in the Guntoor Circar, to which I shall pay particular attention before any decision is come to, concerning the Military Stations that are to be occupied, & the expediency of demolishing the Fortifications at Candaver, shall be attended to at the same time, —

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Intelligence is such that I cannot come into your Idea of allowing the Hanoverian Regiment to be at Masulipatam, but I have informed Colonel Edingston that I have no objection to Captain Wahab's Battalion returning there, if he found difficulty, as I understand he has in quartering them at Guntoor or in its neighbourhood.

I observe by your Returns of Provisions that you have no Store of any Consequence but what you ordered to be laid up at Bauputlah. I think you judged very wisely in sending for the perishable Articles at that place, and if you consider it expedient, I have no objection to your sending the Camp Bullocks, for the Rice at Bauputlah, on that and every occasion when Bullocks are required. I take for granted those provided by the Contractors are to be constantly employed, as being the only means by which the Expence of keeping them up can be mitigated.

I am extremely desirous to strike off all the extraordinary Expence possible, but in our present situation it will not be prudent to dismiss the Bullocks, Artificers or Lascars, as it may be impossible to collect them again on any sudden emergency — If Peace is preserved the whole will be instantly struck off, but while it is necessary for us to keep prepared against Hostilities, I

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Extract of a Letter from the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell KB.
To Lieutenant Colonel Kidingtown
30th October 1788

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 21st Instant.
I approve of your having delayed publishing the Order
for the Discharge of the Artificers and Pascars, as it may
be very difficult to collect them if they should be soon
wanted, as to all other Followers, Coolies &c. I recommend
that Mr Sadleir and you, should consider how many
are really necessary and that they should be kept in
pay, but no more.

It certainly was not the intention of
Government to allow the Officers to draw full Batta
after they were settled at Guntoor, and I cannot
sanction what you recommend on that head.

I have written pretty fully to Mr
Sadleir on the Subject of an Established Cantonment,
and I am clearly of opinion, nothing of the kind
should be thought of — The only object, at present,
being to have our Troops collected under the best
possible shelter until the opening of the Season,
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account of His Majesty's Forces in India, have had occasion to apply for Muster Returns made at your Presidency from time to time by the Commanding Officers of the King's Troops which have served therefrom the 25th of June 1781 to the 1st of August 1786, from which period they can be furnished by the Commander in Chief. But, as the making a full Copy of these Returns will take up a considerable time, we think it necessary to require only a Note of the several Totals of the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the respective Regiments, included in every Return, with the Dates of Musters, and the names of the Officers, who Subscribed to the Returns.

Considerable Progress has been made in preparing a State of the Debits of the Company to the Crown upon the principle prescribed by the Court of Directors, but it will not be possible to State the Credit Side of the account until we shall be furnished with accounts of the Sums paid for Subsistence to His Majesty's Forces at Fort St George and Bombay, and, if these accounts should not be received very soon, we apprehend that it will not be practicable to transmit by the Ships of this Season the Statements which are required by the Company. we are therefore to request that you will furnish us as early as possible with the accounts in Question as far as they respect your Presidency. We have the Honor to be &c &c

Fort William
8 October 1788

(Signed) Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
J Shore

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when the nominal Rank of Lieutenant Colonel was annexed to their Offices by order of the Court of Directors - with respect to the Commissary General, we do not think that he is entitled to any share whatever.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William the 13th October 1788

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart

Agreed, that Copies of the above Letter be sent to the Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, and Commissary General of Stores.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr Petrie,

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

From Mr Petrie - Communicating the substance of a Conference which he has had with the Rajah respecting the proposed Change of his Sirkeel and of the General Opinion in the event of enforcing the Treaty.

Honble Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Orders of the 22d Instant, with a Copy of the President's minute, & a translation of the Letter of your Honor in Council to his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore.

His Excellency appointed the Evening of the 27th - the day after I had received the Orders of Government, for seeing me, and I accordingly went to the Durbar with

with an Assurance which I apprehend will not be disregarded, that he would certainly see me tomorrow forenoon.

Although these delays may have appeared to me as merely expedients to gain a little time, yet I would not have been justified, in denying his Excellency a reasonable time for Consideration, or in breaking in upon the Ceremonies of his Religion.

I have been too often disappointed in my Expectations on publick Business at this Durbar to hazard an Opinion on the result of tomorrow's conference, as I have no good grounds on which I can presume to form a Judgement.

I must therefore only beg that your Honor in Council will believe that I shall upon this and every other occasion endeavour to execute your Orders to the best of my abilities.

I sincerely hope that his Excellency will not lay your Honor in Council under the necessity of enforcing the Final Clauses of the Treaty, as that measure in the Opinion of every man here, whose Judgement is entitled to respect, from experience, reputation, or official consequence, would be productive of disappointment to the Honorable Company, & numerous disturbance in the Country.

The Orders of your Honor in Council,

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with confidence regarding those facts, which are more immediately our object to ascertain.

One of the few points which appear entirely free from doubt is, that Veratamala and it's villages, have been possessed by the present Rajah, and his Ancestors from nearly the beginning of this century, when the Carnatic was under the Government of Golcundah, the evidence on the side of the Zemindar going to prove, that those villages make a part of the Calastry Saghire; whereas the Records of Tripetty examined by us clearly state, that towards the close of the last century they were included in the District of Tripetty, and that the Calastry Family originally got possession of them in different proportions, at three distinct periods, Viz. in the years 1704, 1709. and 1714, when Lingaraz, Venkata, Tripetty Eyer, and Comara Vencana, were severally Renters, but whether the Rajah got them from these Renters, with or without the consent of the Government of Golcundah, does not appear, - but perhaps this and other doubts might be cleared up by referring to the Head Cutcherry at Madras.

That the Renters of Tripetty received a sum annually from the Zemindars of Calastry, has been proved, and acknowledged according to the Tripetty Records it amounted to 2000 Pagodas, and was paid as a Rent for five of the villages in question, though no Muchulka or written Instrument of any sort under the Rajah's signature, binding him to the above payment, has been produced - whilst on his behalf it is

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

President and Governor &c in Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Committee of Stores Enclosing Lieutenant Colonel Sydenhams report of Gunpowder - viewing the Gunpowder Barrels being Lined with Tin and that Mr Brett cannot be employed in Lining them

approved

We have the Honor to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a report delivered by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham at our last meeting of a Proof of 500 Barrels of Gun Powder lately made at Madras, which being about one hundred yards beyond the distance established for Contract Proof, clearly evinces the Goodness of the Materials of which the Powder is made, as well as the care that has been taken in the Manufacturing of it.

The Commissary General of Stores at the same time communicated to us the result of Experiments which he had made, in Consequence of our desire at a former meeting with Powder Barrels, Lined with Tin Foil, one of which remained Six hours, and another a week immersed in Water without admitting a single

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amount to C36 Pagodas, and that 50 Barrels at the rate of 26½ Pagodas ℔ Month afterwards will be as many as will be required to keep the Proper number always complete. We are sensible that it is customary, when any new Work of Importance is to be executed, to Publish an advertisement for its being done by Contract and the preference given to those whose proposals are the most reasonable, but as this business requires particular Skill and Experience to carry it into Effect and the Expence is but Trifling, we beg leave, with due deference & respect to submit to the Honble Board, whether Mr Brett, thought, who has been at great trouble & some Expence to bring it to perfection, might not with propriety be employed in laying the Barrels immediately necessary & to continue in this Employment during the pleasure of Government.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Approved

Fort St George
29th October 1788

Signed J Capper
Patrick Ross
Wm Lydenham
J Moorhouse

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Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works.

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Committee of Works are prevented from appropriating the Ground along the Sea Beach to the Claimants on account of Hog Hill by a Letter from the Chief Engineer which they enclose.

Having been furnished by the Superintendant of Grounds with a Statement of Ground in the Black Town belonging to the Company with the reservation of that lying along the Sea Beach as directed by your we should have appropriated it as far as it could go to the Satisfaction of the Claimants on account of Hog Hill agreeably to your orders; but the Chief Engineer having by Letter of which we enclose a Copy suggested the expediency of reserving a part of this Ground for the purpose of Building on it Barracks for the Troops intended for the Defence of the Black Town and having requested a suspension of our determination until we could be furnished with your instructions on this Subject, we beg to be favored with a communication of them. The Ground mentioned by Colonel Ross is nearly 135 Lots, and about a half of the whole quantity belonging to the Company.

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed R.t Maunsell
J Capper
Patrick Ross

Fort St George
31st October 1788

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following General Orders, which he recommends should be published to the Army.

The Commander in Chief proposes the following G.O.s

General Orders

General Order containing Regulations for Invalids

As it appears that the Indulgence granted in the General Orders of the 11th September 1787, to Invalid Officers is abused by Claims being made on the Effective List which are contrary to the Spirit & intention of the Regulations then framed for the benefit of the Service in general, as well as for the convenience of particular Officers, who had suffered in the execution of their Duty so as to be no longer fit to undergo the fatigues of a Field Life in this Climate, and as the Establishment of Effective Officers may be greatly burthened by such Claims to the prejudice of the Service at large; if they are admitted whenever it may suit the private purposes of Individuals to bring them forward, Government are therefore pleased to order that the part of the Regulations 11th September 1787 relative to the terms on which Invalided Officers are eligible to be restored to their Rank and Duty on the Effective Establishment, shall cease to be a Rule of the Service from this Date; - except only that the Officers who have been transferred to the Invalid List under the 2d article of the Regulations 11th September 1787 - and those who have been Invalided between that Date and the present

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best Judgement and Belief of the Physician General or of the Surgeon upon Oath.

5th That Officers who shall be restored to the Effective Establishment from the Invalid List shall be received as Supernumeraries until vacancies shall fall to bring them within the fixed Establishment,

The vacancies for Officers in the Revenue Corps will in future be supplied from the Invalid List,

Government are further pleased to resolve that in every Rank that has Officers at present, above the Number required to compleat the Establishment of the several Corps, those who have been, or shall in future be, permitted to return from Europe under Dispatches Dated after the 21st September 1785 (with the exception only of half Pay Officers for whom vacancies are preserved) shall be considered as Supernumeraries until vacancies shall fall to bring them within the fixed Establishment - and that in every Rank, & having Supernumeraries, an equal number of the same Rank shall be intitled to go home on half Pay with a preference to the Officers who are considered as Supernumeraries.

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G.O. with promotion & appointments

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The following Promotions & appointments to take place.

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Lieutenant Henry Webber having applied to resign the adjutancy of the 13th Battalion, Ensign John Brookbank is appointed Adjutant to that Battalion.

Lieutenant Daniel Fitzgerald Griffin not having joined the Establishment conformably to the leave of absence granted to him "for three years on half pay from the 13th October 1785" is to be struck off the List of half pay Officers until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known.

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G. O. respecting arms & accoutrements.

The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct that, when Detachments are made from Corps to any Distance above Twenty Miles from the Head Quarters of the Corps, the arms and accoutrements of such Detachments shall be repaired by the Storekeeper of the Station where the Detachment is employed, and by the Commissary of Stores where there is no Storekeeper, But in all other Situations the Officer Commanding a Corps is to be responsible for the good condition of the arms and accoutrements with Detachments as well as for those at his Head Quarters.

Approved

The Board approve the foregoing G. O. & direct that they be published to the army.

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The Claims preferred by Colonel Cunningham, being of very long Standing, and similar to those, on which we have already passed our Opinion in our Proceedings of the 9th September 1786, We beg leave to recommend that your Honor will order Colonel Cunningham to deliver in the Names of the several Claimants in the 25th Battalion, for Cloathing lost in the year 1782, with directions to the Sepoys to apply individually, to the agent for Cloathing, who will, when all the Claims are collected, and properly certified, lay them before our Board for Investigation.

Colonel Capper having prepared Regulations for the Department of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, We have perused them attentively, and now beg leave to refer them to your Honor's Consideration.

Fort St George
3d November 1788

We are, very respectfully,
&c. &c.

(Signed) J Capper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
Wm Sydenham
J Moorhouse

Minute thereon

Resolved that no Retrospect on the Subject of Rank be made beyond 12 Months from the Date of the application.

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Agreed, to confirm the Recommendation of the Military Board, in Respect to Lieutenant Colonel Cunnyngham's application.

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appealed from to the King in Council.

The Members of the Board having with the greatest Attention read and considered the whole of the Procedings previous to and at their sitting in Judgment on the Cause in Appeal, were fully impressed with a belief that the Charges against Mr Proctor were not supported with Proof.— And that no just Ground or cause whatever appears to arise from the Procedings in the Cause to shew that the Company were aggrieved by the Decree of the Mayors Court, and the affirmation thereof in the Court of Appeals to warrant an Appeal from the said Judgment to the King in Council.— Had there been any difference of Opinion among the Judges of the Court of Appeals in the Decree passed in the Cause there might have been some Appearance of Propriety in an Appeal from it to the King in Council, but the Court of Appeals being unanimous in affirming the Decree of the Mayors Court, any Appeal from us, as Prosecutors for the Company from the Judgment We passed as a Court of Appeals, would in our Opinion be inconsistent as respects Ourselves personally and inadviseable from the great additional Expence, that must be incurred in consequence.

It appears to us therefore that Specific

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in the Tinnevelly Country previous to his arrival, which proved greatly to the detriment and Loss of the Company throw obstacles in his way, and induced Complaints against him, which principally occasioned the subse:quent Embarrassment, he has so long labored under.

For the reasons hereinbefore given, We are of Opinion that our Decree, as Judges of the Court of Appeals, affirming the Decree of the Mayor's Court, should be final in the Cause, and all further Proceedings cease in consequence.

Exd
A.G.M.

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

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5. the Supreme Government, to which they are directed to pay particular Attention.—

To Lieutenants — Mr. Rae, Wright, & Bryce — Informing them that no Claims for Rank, which has a Retrospect beyond 12 Months, will be Admitted.—

To Lieut. Mr. Rae, Wright, & Bryce.—

Dispatched the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun

Commanding the Troops in the

Guntoor Circar,

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun Enclosing Copy of the following Letter to Mr. Sadlier, to which he is directed to pay the same Attention as if addressed to himself — declining Sanctioning his Recommendation for full Batta to the Officers at Guntoor.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Government to Mr. Sadlier, and to desire you will consider the several Subjects therein Contained, in the same Light as if they were immediately addressed to yourself.—

The Board observe by your Letter to the Commander in Chief under date the 27th Ultimo, that the Officers of your Detachment expect full Batta, but as it was not the Intention of Government to make such an Allowance after the Officers were settled at Guntoor, I am commanded to inform you, that the Board cannot Sanction, what you recommended on that head.—

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I am &c. &c.
(signed) Wm. C. Jackson
Actg. Secy.—

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We approve and confirm the Instructions which you have received from the Commander in Chief respecting the perishable Provisions at Bangalore. And as we have much at heart, the Reduction of all extraordinary Expence, we trust you will have this important Object Always in View — We Recommend to you and to Colonel Pringtoun to study Economy and Retrenchment as much as a reasonable State of Preparation will warrant, but in our present Situation, we think it will not be prudent to dismiss the Bullocks, Artificers or Lascars, as it may be impossible to collect them again on any Sudden Emergency — The Same View to Preparation has occasioned the Order for a Store of Grain, — and Insconda appears to be the best Place for laying it up for the reasons assigned by the Commander in Chief — A temporary Covering for the Provisions at that Station can be easily obtained without any very heavy Expence. —

We are decidedly of Opinion that all Articles of Expence attending the Troops in Guntoor ought to come under your Review,

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Petrie

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

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Honble Sir,

Since the date of my last Letter to your Honor in Council, I have been unremittingly engaged in endeavouring to prevail upon his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to make such an Arrangement in the Administration of his Affairs in Consequence of your Orders of the 22 Ulto. as might not only accord with the resolutions of Government, but might likewise give a reasonable hope of future advantage to the Rajah, and to his Subjects. — Whether your Honor in Council may be of opinion that these important objects are likely to be obtained by the Arrangement, which is now submitted to the Judgement of Government, I will not presume to say, but this much I will venture to affirm, that in the present situation of Affairs at Tanjore it was impossible to obtain more favorable terms for the Honble Company. —

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from Mr. Petrie Enclosing translate of the Rajah's Proposals, and of the Agreement of Shevarow, Baupuna and Ganapatta Soubeca to Manage the Tanjore Country with observations on the above Arrangements and recommending that the Residents Powers be extended — Enclosing a bill for a lack of Pagos which is to be returned if the Rajah's Proposals are rejected — and requesting an Official Account of His Excellency's payments for 87/8

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upon Your time were I again to resume the dis-
-cussion of these Topicks in this Address. –

Your Honor in Council will perceive &
that his Excellency recurs to his former Proposition
of the 3rd September, respecting the Payment of
his Arrears with some difference in point of
time – That one Lack is now to be remitted by
Bills upon the Presidency in favor of Government
Payable in forty days: – that the remaining
Sum of Twenty Nine thousand Seven hundred
and Twenty two Star Pagodas to make up &
the Six Lacks, is to be Paid in the three ensuing
Months to the Resident, for the Garrison, &
without any other deduction on that Account
from the Current Kists, and that the Rajah
engages to limit his Expences to the Sum of
Ten Thousand Pagodas Monthly. – That the
Three Managers bind themselves to pay the
Honble Company's Kists as they become due,
also the Rajah's monthly Allowance, and to
give to the Inhabitants of the Country their
just Proportion of the produce. –

Your Honor in Council will observe
an Article in the Agreement with respect to
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take Bava into his Service and having declared that he himself, was alone responsible for the misconduct of the Serkeel's administration, he seemed to Consider it as a point of Honor to give him a share, for the Present, in the Management of his Country.

Unfavorably as I have always thought of the Disposition and Capacity of the Serkeel, I am not prepared to admit, that on Account of one obnoxious name being joined in the Commission it would have been expedient for me to reject without reference to Government, the important advantages which under a Competent Superintendance may certainly be derived from the Present Arrangement.

Sheverow without Capacity or Consequence at this Durbar except what he derives from the Personal Attachment of the Rajah, formed on mistaken Ideas of his influence and Ability will Probably cease to be an object of Apprehension or Consequence the Moment he is removed from the Office of Serkeel and reduced to an equality of Power with two Men of fairer Characters and much superior Talents.

If Government should think proper

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Managers, as well as upon the other parts of the proposed Arrangements, which received his full approbation. I desired likewise the Opinions of Colonel Stuart, and Mr. Swartz who had been Members of the Committee of Inspection at this Place, and I have the Pleasure to inform You, that they concurred with the Resident and me, in thinking that the terms Proposed were beneficial to the Company, and such as Ought to be Accepted. We were therefore Unanimous in Opinion, that I would be warranted in suspending any further requisitions under Your Orders of the 22d Ultimo, untill I could lay the whole Proceedings on this Subject, before Your Honor in Council.

I therefore informed his Excellency that although I was not Authorized to bind your Honor in Council to an Acquiescence in the Arrangement, I should however for the present take upon myself to Suspend the execution of your orders 'till I could lay this Propositions before Government.

His Excellency has sent me a Bill upon the Presidency for one Lack of Pagodas

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Translation of His Excellency the Rajah's Letter to
William Petrie Esqr.

Amor Singe Maha Rajah presents
his Salam to William Petrie Esqr. and acquaints
him, that of the Money which we had agreed
to pay to the Honble Company last Year, we
have before you arrived here, paid 2 Lack and
80,000 Star Pagodas, and from the day of your
arrival to this day, we have by your Mediation
paid 1 Lack 90,278 Star Pagodas, Remains
therefore after the deduction of that which has
been paid 1 Lack 29,722 Star Pagodas to be
paid, to day I have sent you a Bill on Patchiyah
Moodely upon 1 Lack which being deducted
29,722 Star Pagodas Remains to be paid, of
which I will pay 10,000 Star Pagodas P Month,
and consequently 20,000 Star Pagodas in two
Months, the third Month 9,722 Star Pagodas
shall be paid, all which I will pay to the
President, Mr. Alexander Macleod, for the
payment of the Garrison - And in this manner
I have paid last Year 6 Lack Pagodas the
Remaining 70,000 Star Pagodas, I will pay
by Instalment in three Years, as the Governor
and Council Kindly have consented to take

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The Collected Money to the Honble Company at the stipulated Periods We declare to you the following Engagements. –

1st ..... That We will manage the Country, & attend to the Cultivation, and give to the Inhabitants their due, According to the stipulated Custom, & pay the Cæsar's Share at the stated Periods of the Company without any Fault; Viz.t Six Lacks & Seventy thousand Pagodas, and likewise the Arrears of the last Year, which being 70,000 Star Pagodas. We will pay this Year 23,333 Pagodas and 14 Fanams, Consequently the whole Sum of 6,93,333.. Pag.s 14 fan.s

2.dly ..... In order to pay off the Arrears of the last Year – Viz.t 70,000 Star Pagodas, Maha Rajah has agreed to retrench his Expenses, and to take for his Expenses Monthly 10,000 Pag.s Therefore we shall Monthly Pay to him 10,000 Star Pagodas, and the Remainder to the Honble Company. –

This is the Engagement which we have given you in writing, In the Year of Christ 1788. November 2. –

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(signed) by Bhajana

Ganapatte Soubua

We have appointed a Method to administer Justice and Equity in our Country which M.r Swartz will

no reason to suppose myself authorized to suppress receiving whatever Letter or Paper the Rajah of Tanjore might think proper to present to me, as your Commissioner, on the Subject of my Negociations at this Durbar, and farther to suppress such Letters & Representations from the Knowledge of Government when I was particularly required to transmit them to the Presidency — If at any time his Excellency had communicated Propositions to me, which I thought inadmissable or repugnant to the Spirit of your resolutions, I could only advise and represent, but if he persisted in bringing them forward to Public Discussion, it was not in my Power to prevent it. —

That I acted upon this principle # when the Paper alluded to was tendered, will # I flatter myself appear from my Letter to Government of the 15th Ulto, Upon a reference to that Letter I hope your Honor in Council will have the # goodness to allow, that I have not made use of any terms or expressions in my Communications to Government from whence it can be inferred, that I had by any mode whatever encouraged # the Rajah to expect the Company's Sanction to

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with the obedience which I owe to your Orders.—

It is perfectly well understood by the Rajah and his Ministers that the Sanction of the Company is no way pledged to support any transactions that is or may be entered into with the Danes or others for Assignments upon the Country in consequence of Loans to his Excellency

It has been repeatedly declared by me, and in proof that the Rajah & his Ministers are sensible that this is the case, they have both recently complained to me, of the difficulties which have been thrown in their way in raising Money; & from these frequent declarations on the part of Government.—

My Reply to the Letter which Colonel Antier did me the honor to write, and which met with the Approbation of your Honorable Council, must have convinced the Danish Government that I had no Authority to Sanction their Loans to the Rajah of Tanjore

I have the honor to remain with much respect

&c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Petrie

Tanjore
3d. November 1788.—

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of that date will have made known to you. & Enclosed you will now be pleased to receive Copy of another letter from the Garrison Storekeeper; whose exertions having been devoted without remission to the duties of his Employ, and his attention & particularly applied to every essential requisite in the Grain Department, We hesitate not to recommend his Services on this Occasion to the marks of approbation which you were pleased in Such case to hold forth. –

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Masulipatam
1st November 1788. –

&c &c
(signed) " James Hodges
" W. Dobbyn
" Saml. Statham.

Extract of a Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper &
Dated the 19th. May 1788. –

I have the honor to deliver in a Report of an account Sales of the Garrison Store of Grain delivered one by Mr. Westcott's people accompanied with the particulars of the Expences incurred in receiving and disposing of the Same, and the different prices it sold at.

The Honble the President & Council in a letter to this Board Dated 4th May 1786 – &

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from a per Centage on what comes under my Charge or any other mode thought most proper; more especially do I ask this Gentlemen, as I shall not enjoy the usual advantages of Office from the mode adopted for laying in this Year's Stock of Grain—

A true Extract
(signed) Wm. Brown
Actg Secry

To James Hodges Esqr
&c. Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

The Season being arrived for selling off the Company's Old Grain & taking the necessary Steps to lay in a new Stock, I have to request that Application may be made to Government for their Orders on the Subject—

On the 19th May I had the honor to address the Board a letter respecting my Employ as Garrison Storekeeper which it was Minuted on Consultation of the Same date "at the Motion of "the Chief that in sending the Letter to the Secretary "any Application should be recommended to the "favorable attention of Government" and I have now to request Copy of that letter may be forwarded with

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that an adequate compensation to him be necessary that it be granted under some other denomination so as to place him and the Commanding Officers of all Garrisons on an equal footing in point of Allowances; For I humbly conceive that Uniformity in this respect paying due Attention to the importance of the Command, will tend greatly to prevent future Innovations & the Arbitrary introduction of improper Charges. –

In the examination of the Accounts particularly of the Garrisons in the Northern # Circars, I have also observed that many of the Paymasters have paid the Subadars & Jemidars of the Sepoy Corps their Full Pay instead of the Neat pay, exclusive of the Stoppages for Cloathing. I have already put a stop to its continuance and likewise demanded the Refund. But as upon Enquiry I find this Error is of long standing & therefore not imputable to the Paymasters now in Office, who in general were led into it by # following the Steps of their Predecessors in Office, – I beg leave to suggest that the Refund may be dispensed with, more especially as the Persons who have received the Money are unable to repay it

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

(signed) J. Capper C.G. &c.

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granted the Store Keeper of that Garrison Permission to work up the Sulphur &c that remained in Store.—

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We received Lately from the Contractors Yard two 18 Pdr field Carriages with Limbers and Boxes complete, six 8 Inch Mortar Beds, & three of 5½ Inch, and ten 4½ Inch, as likewise 30 Iron Chain Traces for &c Tumbrils which we examined and finding them made of good Materials and &c well finished, we ordered to be received on the Company's Books.—

Approved

The Commissary General of Stores at our last Meeting laid before us a List of Stores, Copy of which we enclosed received last Month from the Military & Store Keeper Musters of which we examined and Approved.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
J Capper
(signed) Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
J. Moorhouse.—

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List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of October 1788.

Empty Barrels for Powder & Ammunition		300.
Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder		200.
Linstocks		50.
Brass Fife Cases		10.
Fifes		100.
Drum Cords		100.
Sticks	Pairs	50.
Heads		41.
Snares		278.
Sling for Fife Cases		50.
Brass Guards for Lascar Swords		150.
Brass Nobs for Do		150.
Wooden Handles for Do		150.
Hammers		1000
Pickers		5000
Screw Worms		1000.
Officers Tents Complete		20.
Camp Colour Staves Iron shod		11.
Bamboos of Sorts		5.
Iron Hooks for Hanging Swords		1000.
Copper Rivets for drums		100.
Mamoties		750.
Hand Hatchets Large		600.
Hand Bills		600.
Wax Candles N. 4000	Candys	2.
Coconut Oil	Measr	256

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From the Civil Storekeeper

Pump Nails	H.	206
Whip Saw		1.
Grinding Stone		1.
Plane		1.
10 Nails	H.	10.
Europe Rope 2 Inch Coil 1	C.	1.1.16
Iron Bars 300	C	123.7.
Brass Compass	Pairs	13.
Rasps		168.
Carpenter Tools	Cask	1.

From the Gun Carriage Contractor

Field Carriages with Limber & Boxes Complt 18 Pour		2.
Mortar Beds 8 Inch		6.
5½ Inch		3.
4⅕ Inch		10.
Iron Chain Traces for Limbers		30.

From the Gun Powder Contractor

Madras Powder 60 H. Barrels		500.

From the Import Warehousekeeper

Lead — Pigs 92	Candys	29.192

(signed) J. Moorhouse
Comy Genl Stores

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7th November 1788.

A true Copy
J. Chace
Clk

Read the undermentioned Letters (entered in
Mn. B. Nos. 19. 20. 21. 22.)

From

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to liquidate the Claim.-

From Lieut. Mc Kerras

From the Commandant at Ravet-Nellore stating that he was obliged to repair the Barracks previous to the Setting in of the Monsoon, and that he has expended 47P. 23F. for which he requests a Reimbursement

Minute thereon.-

Ordered Accordingly

From Reverend Mr. Mackay

From the Reverend Mr. Mackay - Deputy Chaplain of the 72d. Regement, requesting that the Arrears due to him may be discharged.-

Minute thereon.-

Agreed to inform Mr. Mackay, that before his Arrears can be paid, he must get his Bills Countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the 72d. Regiment

Exd.

Arch: Campbell

John Holland

Ja. H. Casamayor

R. Maunsell

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To Lieut. Mr. Kerras.

8th. To the Commandant of Ravet Nellore - Informing him, that the above Instructions have been issued. -

To Mr. Sadlier

9th. To Mr. Sadlier - Enclosing a Letter and Translate from His Highness the Nabob to his Naib at Ongole - relative to the dispute between the Inhabitants of Tummaveram, and those of some Villages in the District of Ongole, which is to be Settled by Arbitration. -

To the Military Board.

10th. To the Military Board - Returning the Regulations for the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions which having been Approved - are to be inserted in the New Book of Regulations. -

At a Consultation Present

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

Tuesday
11th November 1788. -

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved. -

Mr. Petrie's Letter of the 3rd November read a Second Time. -

Read a Second Time the Letter from Mr. Petrie, entered in the Minutes of Consultation the 7th Instant

The President delivers in the following Minute. -

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remove Shivarow from the Office of Sirkiel, and appoint some Person in his room; qualified to collect the Revenues, and manage the Affairs of his Country.—

Since that Period the Commissioner has been indefatigable in his Exertions to carry the Instructions of Government completely into Execution; but has found it impracticable to prevail on the Rajah to remove his Favourite Sheveroo, entirely from his Service. The Rajah however has so far acceded to the Wishes of Government, as to abolish for the present the Office of Sirkiel, and has resolved to put the Management of his Affairs into the Hands of three Persons, of whom Sheveroo is one. That Circumstance is the only part of the Arrangement, which in the Opinion of the President can be considered in the Light of an Objection; But it is for the Council to consider whether the Arrangement now before the Board, has not points to recommend it, that greatly counterbalance this Objection.—

By this Arrangement the Rajah has offered to compleat his Payment to Six Lacks of Pagodas for the last year, having only an Arrear of 70,000 Pagodas instead of 120,000 which the Board had agreed to delay for 3 Years. Thus an immediate

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from the Oppressions of the Rich, over whom to the Disgrace of the Rajah's Government, no Kind of Controul had been regularly established.

Such are the Proposals sent us from the Rajah of Tanjore, through the Medium of our Commissioner. As they appear to include many essential Objects equally for the benefit of the Rajah, and the Honourable Company, the President does not hesitate to recommend in the strongest Terms that the Proposals should be immediately accepted.-

If the Rajah should hereafter swerve from his Engagements, or his Managers fail in the punctual Payment of the Peiscas, there will then be strong and irresistible Arguments for our entering upon the Management of the Country; and if the Power of Superintendance recommended by Mr Petrie should be given to the President, to which there does not appear an Objection, the President will judge from Day to Day if the Managers are going on properly, and will of course apprize Government of the Errors that may take place in their Conduct.-

Their

on this Subject. His Excellency having at length proposed a New Arrangement, the Commissioner has transmitted it, in his Letter of 3rd Instant, which he recommends to the consideration of Government, informing them "that in the present "situation of Affairs at Tanjore it was impossible "to obtain more favorable Terms for the Company."

By this Arrangement it appears the Rajah, recurs to his Proposals of 3rd September, claiming the Indulgence, the Board, then consented to allow him, of delaying the payment of Seventy thousand Pagodas, and he has accordingly remitted a Bill on Patcheapah Moodely, for one lack of Pagodas, Payable in forty days. The Rajah states in his Representation to Mr. Petrie, that after deducting the Monies that have been paid into the Company's Treasury, there remains a Balance of One Lack & and Ninety thousand two hundred and Seventy & Eight Star Pagodas, from which deducting the Amount of the Bill on Patchepah Moodely, there will then remain a Balance of Ninety nine Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty two Star Pagodas, of which Twenty nine Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty two Pagodas, is to be paid in three Months, by Monthly instalments

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the Sum of One Lack and fifty thousand Pagodas
It may not however be inapplicable, to compare
the Rajahs proposals now brought forward,
with the Propositions, tendered by the Sanjou
Vackeel, Immenbeck Lombajee on the 9th August,
by which he engaged to liquidate the whole of
Balance in forty days from that date, with
the exception of One Lack and five thousand
Pagodas which he offered to pay in three
years by equal Instalments; but although it
is possible he might have been brought to
more favourable terms, the offer was im-
mediately rejected, the Board declaring,
they had no right to give up any claims
to Arrears. If he could have been prevailed
on to have fulfilled the stipulations at
that time tendered to the Board, and to
have advanced the Sum to be delayed to what
the Board have since thought proper to
allow, the Arrears might have been liquidated
during the course of the Month of September
last, by which the inconvenience would have
been obviated of receiving so considerable
a Balance as one Lack and Twenty Nine
Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty two
Pagodas into the new year, exclusive of Seventy
Thousand

in the execution of his Engagements, and fulfilling the payments of future stipulated Visits, in a manner the least oppressive to the Subjects of Tanjore.-

When the Board came to a Resolution that the Rajah should be positively required to dismiss his Sirkil, and wrote to the Rajah in consequence, recommending it to him to call Bawo into his Service knowing he was in disgrace with the Rajah, who had recently released him from emprisonment, I could not then join in the recommendation of a measure, which it now appears the Commissioner, does not think it advisable to insist on, no Security that there is a probability of obtaining from the Rajah for the performance of his Engagements to the Honble Company, can be in any degree equal to the security of the Treaty, by which the whole Country is assigned on Certain Conditions. The Security Bond therefore executed by Sheevoy, Bhapaw, and Gannapetty, appears to me Nugatory, as it cannot probably be meant

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evidently act under Sheverow. A Committee of # Three natives named to the Joint Administration of affairs, is I have reason to think, quite a Novel Institution; perhaps from the prejudices and habits of the People of this Country impracticable, and not being consonant to the usual Forms of business with Country Powers, it may at least be suspected, that it is not seriously intended; but however that may be, I cannot think it an eligible Plan, or concur in recommending it on the Records.-

It has not I believe been usual for the Company to interfere in the Administration of Justice, in the Countries of Native # Princes and Rajahs, nor even of the Zemindars under their own immediate authority, and I am not convinced any great benefit would result from it- The Reverend M. Swartz is a Foreigner, and being a Clergyman not in the Company's Service, it appears to me, rather irregular, to appoint him to interfere in Judicial Cases. # There can be no objection however to his assisting the Rajah with Advice, if He thinks proper,

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Mr Casamaijor's Opinion of the Rajah of Tanjore Proposals.-

Mr Casamaijor — I have attentively considered the Subject before the Board, and am of Opinion with the President, that the Propositions & Submitted to the Consideration of Government by the Commissioners, ought at this Period to be & adopted - I am also of Opinion that the Interference of the Resident in the Administration of the Revenues, should, as recommended by Mr. Petrie, form a Part of the Board's future & Instructions to Mr. Macleod.

Mr. Maxwell delivers in the following Minute.-

Minute of Mr. Maxwell with his Opinion on the Tanjore Proposals.-

It will readily be confessed that & Mr. Petrie was not Authorized, as he says, to refuse receiving or to suppress any Letter or & Paper which the Rajah of Tanjore might & think proper to present to him, but he ought to have remonstrated with the Rajah & (which he does not appear to have done) & against the Loans mentioned in the two Papers he transmitted to Government - He is also entirely silent on this Point in his Letters enclosing the Papers abovementioned

though

but when, in the present Instance, the Rajah had fallen into such Arrears as to incur the Penalties of the Treaty, and Mr. Petrie was deputed to Tanjore to inforce them unless the Rajah cleared off his Balance, or a considerable part of it, nothing could be more inconsistent than to allow him to accomplish it through the wretched Expedient to fresh Loans, in order to put off the evil day of losing all Influence in the Management of his Country, which such a System must inevitably make necessary within a short Period and under accumul[illegible]rassment.

Influenced by these Ideas the Board peremptorily rejected the Proposition for Loans mentioned by Mr. Petrie, declaring that Government would [illegible] sanction or concur in them, and being declared unauthorized, they were virtually forbidden, and most particularly so as related to the Principle of Mr. Petrie's Mission to Tanjore, which was for the express purpose of taking an Assignment of the Country, in Virtue of the Treaty, in case the Rajah did not make Payments in liquidation of Arrears due to the Company,

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pronounce the Nabob will not, on the Terms of the present Treaty, be able much longer to pay his stipulated Rents.-

I shall now proceed to offer a few Observations on the Arrangement proposed by Mr Petrie for the future Management of the Tanjore Country.-

There can be no doubt of the Incapacity as well as dishonesty of the present Servant and that a Change is necessary in order to secure the future good Management of the Country, and payments to the Company, a little Difference of time in the Payment of part of the Arrears is of trifling Consideration, compared with these Points, and it is much to be wished that some defined Regulations could be established to secure to the Inhabitants their just Proportion of the Produce of the Country, as well as in respect to the Superintendance over the Proceedings of the Courts for the Administration of Justice - Mr Swartz from his Character and Knowledge of the Languages is well qualified and should he agree to such a Superintendance his Powers ought to be ascertained and acknowledged. -

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which corresponds with the Office of Serkeel at Tanjore — were the Rajah prevaild on, as I think he might be, to employ an able and a just Man, and one who was well qualified to act as Sirkeel, I am of Opinion it would be more effectual, as well as more conformable to the Ideas and habits of the Natives and the practice of the Country Governments. — By employing three Persons to execute such an Office there is a great chance of Collusion or, what perhaps may be equally pernic[illegible] Confusion, of opposite views and [illegible] — it is rendered particularly objecti[illegible] on the present occasion, by including a Pers[illegible] of known bad Character — and it is to be feared that the Rajah's avowed attachment to him may give him an improper Influence over his Colleagues — I hope these Reasons will have Weight with the Board and that the orders of the 22d Ultimo, requiring the removal of the present Serkeel from Office may be repeated, but should the Board differ from this Opinion, and think no better System of Management than the One recommended by Mr. Petrie, can be devised,

I shall

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The joint Agreement of Sheverow & Bhapana and Ganapittee soubeia stipulates the Annual Payment of 6,70,000 Pagodas, the Items of which must be understood to be.—

Subsidy	4,00,000.—
In lieu of Subsidy to the Nabob	2,20,000.—
Private Creditors	50,000.—

I conceive it is meant by the Rajah, or otherwise, to prevent any misunderstanding it should be explained to him, that he must afford a suitable Subsistence, from the allotted Monthly Sum of Pagodas 10,000.. to the Women of the late Rajah, as also to the adopted Boy.—

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(signed) Robt. Maunsell

The Rajah's proposals to be accepted—Subject to the Checks recommended by Mr. Maunsell.—

It being the Sense of the Majority that the Arrangement proposed by the Rajah and recommended by the Commissioner should be adopted.—

Resolved in Consequence, that the Rajah's Proposals be accepted, subject, however to the Checks recommended by Mr. Maunsell.

Mr. Maunsell disapproves of the Rajah's proposals but acquiesces in their Adoption as the best alternative, under the present Circumstances.—

Mr. Maunsell desires it may be recorded, that He, (for the Reasons assigned in his Minute) disapproves the Mode of Management recommended by Mr. Petrie—but as the Board think no better

System

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Resolved, that Mr. Petrie be permitted to return to the Presidency as soon as he has carried into Execution the Arrangement agreed to.—

The following Letter to Mr. Petrie being drafted by the Secretary, is laid before the Board for their approbation.—

To William Petrie Esqr.

Commissioner for the Affairs of the Tanjore Country.

Sir,

We have received your Letter Dated the 3rd Instant giving Cover to the Translation of a Letter to you from the Rajah, with the proposed Agreement of Shevarow, Baupanah, and Gunnapatty Subiah; and having taken the same into our Serious Consideration, we have resolved to adopt the Arrangement proposed by the Rajah, and recommended by You.— We have adopted it, because it approaches nearer than any other to the Object we have uniformly had in view, of preserving the Rajah in the Government of his own Country, without Prejudice to his Affairs, or material Injury to the Interest of the Honorable Company.—

To Mr. Petrie, adopting the proposed Arrangement of the Rajahs with the Board's Observations on it.— The 3 Managers to be joined in one Commission, and not to injoy Separate Authority — directing him to request the Rajah's permission, for the Resident to inspect the public Accounts and to Report what further Authority should be vested in Mr. McLeod — Approving of his (Mr. Petrie's) Conduct and permitting him to return, when the above Arrangements are Executed.—

There is but one Part of the Arrangemt. which

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to render Justice
to the Company without oppressing the Inhabitants,
and ample Right will be done to the Rajah; as
with Respect to the proper Share of the Crop. - as
Mr. Swartz is to be permitted by the Rajah to
Superintend the Administration of Justice, by
which means the poor and unprotected Part of the
People, will henceforth be relieved from the Oppression
of the Rich, over whom, no Kind of Control had
been regularly established. -

These are the Heads of the Arrangement
to which we have given our Acquiescence - But,
in addition thereto, we think it necessary to direct
that the three Persons proposed for the Manage-
ment of the Tanjore Country, shall be joined in
one Commission, and on no Account possess Separate
Authority. -

We shall extend the Powers of the
Resident, for the Purpose of his watching over
the Performance of those Engagements, which the
Rajah and his Managers have voluntarily come
under; and we shall direct him to attend to the
state of
Cultivation in the Country, as well as the
Revenue
Appropriation of the Public, and to report to us
regularly upon these important Subjects. -

We request you will apply to the Rajah
for his Consent that the Public Accounts shall be
open

to the expunging from the above Letter that essential one of allowing the Resident to have Access to the Account of Management - I am equally averse to the expunging that Part of the Letter, which conformably to my Minute requires it should be understood [illegible] by the Rajah that he is to provide a suitable Maintenance for the Women and adopted Son of the late Rajah - My Minutes shew I am not prepared to acknowledge that Mr. Petrie's Conduct is deserving of Approbation -

Mr. Casamajor's opinion. Mr. Casamajor - The Rajah of Tanjore Must know from what has passed, that this Government is not inattentive to the Situation of the adopted Son of the late Rajah - adverting again at this time to the Subject appears unnecessary - Also, requiring to What Stipulations should be proposed, or (which is the Same Thing) the Rajah to be told he is to provide a Maintenance for the Women of the late Rajah, is an Interference in my Opinion in family Arrangements, with which we have no Concern - especially as when no Reference or Complaint is made to us from the Parties - When Complaints are made Government can then interpose by Offering Advice - I approve therefore of the Draft of the Letter to Mr. Petrie -

Mr. Holland's opinion. Mr. - Holland - I adhere to the Opinion I expressed in my Minute, which does not accord with the Draft of the Letter to Mr. Petrie -

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containing also a demand of the district of Guntoor
— All the other particulars verbally entrusted to
that Gentleman are moreover clearly understood. —

As a strict Adherence to my engagement
is constantly in my view and that it is ever
my wish to preserve my Friendship with the
Company, the abovementioned district of Guntoor
was relenquished solely on the faith of your letter,
without waiting for the discharge of the dues to
my Circar, or a favorable Arrangement of the Affair
between us, which it is proper and incumbent on
the Company to effect — an Enayet nameh directed
to Nujem ut Mulk Bahauder the Aumil of the
aforementioned district, purporting that he
was to deliver that district into the Charge of
the Company's People, was given to Mr. Hennaway
in order that there should not exist an appearance
of duration on my part from the Treaty & that the steady adherence
to my faith, and engagements might be manifest
to the world. —

Now that the Company can have no Claim
on me, or any doubts regarding the observance of this
Treaty, Mr Hennaway not having fully explained
his powers to discharge my just demands, or make
such favorable Arrangement, as it is incumbent
on

with due Attention to the Established Rules & and uniform Practice of the Company's Service, my Opinion is that neither Lieutenant Colonel Gib or any other Officer has, consistently with the Principles which Regulate the Promotions in the Military Service of the Honble Company, any Colour of right to Claim Promotion from a Brevet Commission

Those Commissions are only to be Considered as temporary Supercessions of Senior Officers, as I find that, in the Numberless Instances in which they have granted for the purpose of Rewarding Supposed Merit, or for other Reasons by putting the Officers who Obtained them into the Profession of higher & Military Distinction, and Emoluments, than they were entitled to by Regular Succession, it has in every Instance been expressed, or understood that the Officer holding and enjoying the Advantages of those Commissions, were to be passed over as Vacancies occurred by the Officers of their own Corps, who had formerly been their Seniors; and that they could Receive no Advanced Rank until it should come to their turn to be promoted according to the above Rule to Vacancies that might fall

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Agreed, that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Giels. —

Minute thereon. —

Read the following Letter from Ganjam (with Enclosures entered in M. B. No. 31)

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

Honble Sir,

With our Address of the 7th of August 1787, We had the honor to transmit an Estimate of the Expence of Repairing Several Company's Buildings at this Factory, which We then recommended should be Carried into early Execution, which was accordingly directed by your Secretary's Letter of the 28th of the same Month, our Engineer however having been employed upon other Matters, protracted that Service until last August, when upon opening the Buildings, he thought it necessary through the Channel of the Committee of Works to communicate to Papers No. 1 & 2 Representing the insufficiency of his former Estimate, Inclosed for our own Vindication We acquaint you, he had the Assistance of

From Ganjam. Outlines & Papers and Estimates relative to the Engineer's Department of the Engineer having at Length his Estimate without Orders. Stating a Variety of Repairs wanted, requesting Leave for Mr Ainslie to visit the Presidency. —

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it is for your Consideration to determine upon the
Latitude in which the local Experience of the Residents
at Aska should be received in Recommendation of the
Remaining part of it

For our future Guidance, and as the
Means of deprecating your Eventual Censure on the
Subject, We have to request that you will entrust
us upon the proposed Extent of your Orders of September
1786, which We have hitherto conceived comprised
not only regulations for the better conducting of the
publick Works, but also a System of Economy
for the Expenditure upon them, whereas in the
case above referred to, of the Aska Magazine,
which was Estimated at Pags. 129.. 12.. the
Engineer's Batta alone amounts to Pags. 123.. 8.. 32.
and Joined to the disbursements upon the Works
Pags. 169.. 10.. 15, made its execution stand in
Pags. 292.. 18.. 47 which Considerably more than
double the Sum at which Government had been
led to expect the Magazine would be completed, it
is therefore that We apprehend some definition is
required of the Allowances, that the Engineer should
receive for such Services.-

At the Instance of Mr. Ainslie, our
Assistant Surgeon, We have to request permission
for him to visit the Presidency upon his

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Read the following Letter from Mess.rs Lind and Close.-

To the Hon.ble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council.-

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Honorable Sir,

The Rajah conceiving it to be the intention of Government, that no measures should be taken to deprive him of any part of his Districts pending the present Investigation, has requested of us, this Day, through the medium of his Vackeels to Acquaint You, that His Highness the Nabob's Servants have within these three days, dispossessed him of two Villages, and is apprehensive that they intend taking more.-

From Mess.rs Lind and Close The Nabob's People still Continue to possess themselves of Villages Bellonging to the Rajah of Calestry.-

The fact of this assumption is not denied by Seid Mahomed Cawn, who informs us, that the Villages were taken possession of under the presumption of their making a part of the Narwar Pollam.

We have the honor to be with much respect

&c.a &c.a
Wm. Lind
B.J. Close.-

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Ordered that the Bill be sent for ~~w~~

Minute thereon. — Acceptance. —

Ex.d

A.G.M.

Arch.d Campbell

John Holland

Ja.s W. Casamajor

R. Maunsell