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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as Entered in M. B, Nos 32, 33.

14th From Lieutenant Young of the 72 Regiment — Enclosing a Bill for 432 Rupees, on account of Table allowance whilst on Board the Manilla on his Voyage to India, which he Requests may be discharged.

From Lieutenant Young

From Lieutenant Colonel Brathwaite — reporting the Death of Captain Peclat.

From Colonel Brathwaite

Despatched the following Letters as Entered in M. B, Nos 34. 35. 36.

11th To Ganjam — approving of the Repairs to several Buildings in that Factory — directing them to inform the Engineer that he in future will be answerable for any Excess of Expenditure over and above the Estimate — admitting of the Charge on account of the Magazine at Aska — and observing that as the Regulations of September 86 — are in force, no further orders are necessary — Mr Ainslie has permission to visit the Presidency.

To Ganjam

12th To Lieutenant Colonel Pitts — transmitting to him Copy of a Letter from the Governor General, on the Subject of his Brevet Rank.

To Lieutenant Colonel Pitts

To the Hospital Board — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Ganjam, & informing them that Government have no Objection to Mr Ainslies visiting the Presidency.

To the Hospital Board

Received the undermentioned Letter as entered in M. B. No 37 —

From

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12th From the Deputy accountant — Enclosing a
d From Mr. Wolf. account of the Rajah of Tanjore's payments for 1787/8
as far as November.
Sent the following Letters entered in No. B. Nos 38.39.
To Mr. Petrie — transmitting the above mentioned
To Mr Petrie account of the Rajah of Tanjore's payments for 1787/8
14th To Mr. Petrie — with an account Current between
To Mr. Petrie the Rajah of Tanjore & the Honorable Company.

At a Consultation

Present

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

James Henry Casamajor Esqr
&
Robert Maunsell Esqr

Tuesday 18th November 1788 — John Holland Esqr indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President delivers in the following Minute

President's Minute
18th November 1788

President's Minute on the Subject of Tanjore — In Reply to Messrs Holland & Maunsell's Minutes entered in Consult. 15th Instant

The Commissioner deputed from this Government to the Rajah of Tanjore having met with unmerited Censure on the Subject of Loans, and on the late Proposals offered by His Excellency the President

thinks it a Justice due to that Gentleman to notice those Parts of the Minutes laid before Council the 11th Instant, which appear to reflect upon his Conduct.

It has been said, "that the Board peremptorily "rejected the Propositions for Loans mentioned by Mr. "Petrie"; by which it might be inferred by those who are not acquainted with the Correspondence of this Govern: ment, that the Propositions on the Subject of Loans, came from the Commissioner, whereas he had only at the Rajah's Request conveyed to the Board Information on that Head which it was his Duty to do, and the more so, as it afforded Government an Opportunity of being acquainted with the Credit in which the Resources of the Tanjore Country then stood; as well as the ability of the Rajah to pay off a large Part of his arrears to the Honorable Company.

In Consequence of this Information, the Board in their Letter of the 8th September, acquainted Mr. Petrie, That "they could give no Sanction to any Loans from any Person "or Persons of whatever Description or Subject to whatever "Conditions they might be; as a Sanction to such Engage: "ments would be disapproved by the Court of Directors."

From this Declaration, it is evident, that the Board's Injunction went no further than to refuse the Sanction of Government to any Loans made to the Rajah, yet a very different Construction has been put upon this Letter when it is said, That the Loans being "declared unauthorized, they were virtually forbidden." The President denies that the Loans were ever virtually

forbidden

and have immediate recourse to the Treaty, by which their superior Rights to the whole Revenues of the Tanjore Country are ascertained beyond the Power of being controverted.

Had the Orders of Government gone to the Extent pointed to, in one of the Minute, the Rajah of Tanjore would have been debarred from borrowing even at a moderate Interest, part of the Money wanted for the Discharge of his arrears to the Honorable Company, although the whole arrears did not amount to much more than one Third of the annual Revenues of the Country, and as such a Prohibition would have the immediate Effect of wresting from His Excellency the Possessions of his Ancestors, upon Principles more rigid and severe than any petty Zemindar under our Protection has ever yet experienced, it could not fail to be attended with more Injury to the Intersts of the Company, and to the national Character of this Government, than any solid advantage that could possibly arise by the adoption of a measure so unjust and impolitick.

It has likewise been suggested in one of the Minutes of the 11th Instant, "that it may not be inapplicable "to compare the Rajah's last Proposal with the Propositions "tendered by the Tanjore Vackeel, Treumbuck Sombagee, on "the 9th of August, by which he engaged to liquidate the whole "Balance in forty Days from that Date, with the Exception "of one Lack and Six Thousand Pagodas, which he offered "to pay in three years by equal Instalments.

As this Suggestion could only be meant to lessen the value of the Agreement now entered into with the Rajah of Tanjore, and as a Judgment on the Merits

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or Demerits of each, could only be formed on a fair Com-
parison of the articles contained in both, it would have
been consonant with the Principles of Candour and Equity
to have added along with the first Part of the Vackeel's
Propositions of the 9th of August, the subsequent Propositions
which the Vackeel laid before the Board the same Day.
Namely — That he had required the Payments of three
Lacks and eighteen Thousand Pagodas on account of the
Nabob's Peishcush to be delayed till the fourth year, & that
he would then pay it along with the other Sums stipulated
by the Treaty in seven years after, That he had also required
the Assurances of Government in writing to the Soucars, that
the Tanjore Country, should not be taken from the Rajah,
and that a Soubah of the Rajah's Country, should be mort-
gaged for two years to secure the Money Lenders. — It
would have been also consonant to Justice to have added
what the President publickly declared in Council on the
9th of August, that the Vackeel Trumbeck Sombagee had
so repeatedly disappointed him in his Assurances respecting
the punctual Payment of the Soucar Bills laying over due
in the hands of Government, that no Faith or Confidence
could be reposed in him; and that the Vackeels Declara-
tion before the Board as to the Rate at which he could
borrow Money for his Master at Madras was known to be
very different from the Truth, which appears to have been
completely established since that Period by the Commissioner's
Letter Dated the 13th of September 1788, of which the following is
an Extract. —

"Having received from Mr. Secretary

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"Chanrier your Procedings in Council on the Examina-
"tion of the Tanjore Vackeel, I hope it will not be deemed
"Foreign to my Duty to inform you, that I have learnt
"since my arrival here, from the Parties concerned, that he
"had no authority for the Proposal which he made to the
"Honorable Board, that he was only negotiating for a
"Loan of two Lacks, that 4 per Cent per Month had been
"demanded & that he was at that Time eventually promised
"a Loan of one Lack at 24 per Cent per annum upon Conditions
"which were not settled when he was called before your
"Council."

Had all those Circumstances been stated, which the President in fairness expected, the Honorable Court of Directors would readily discover, that the Board had acted wisely in rejecting Proposals so unreasonable, and would have been able to judge upon a comparative View of the Proposals alluded to, which of them was most for the advantage of the Honorable Company.

The President concurs in considering the Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore, as the best of all Securities to the Company, and it is prudent to protect it from every species of Incumbrance, We cannot however admit, that the obligation signed by the Rajah's Managers, can in any Degree be construed into a Supercession of the Treaty — Three Private Persons who are appointed by the Rajah to collect his Revenues, have bound themselves to pay regularly all their Collections to the Company, until the Rajah's Arrears are discharged; except the Sum of 1,000 Pagodas per Annum to which the Rajah has spontaniously limited

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his own Expences — This Obligation gives Government a hold upon those three men, on whom they can inflict Punishment, if they fail in the faithful Performance of their Engagement.

If the Rajah or those Men fail in the regular Payment of the Kists or in the Performance of Stipulations specified, it is in the Power of Government to resort to the Treaty, and it must be admitted even if the Obligation alluded to does not improve the Security, it does not, nor cannot in any Shape, impair it.

It is with great Concern the President observes, that the Steps taken to secure some Portion of Justice to the Inhabitants of Tanjore, who have hitherto been Strangers to an upright Tribunal, and most cruelly exposed to the Iron Hands of their opulent Oppressors, seems likewise to be objected to.

Although Mr. Swartz is a Foreigner, and not a Clergyman in the Company's Service, The Rajah has nevertheless so high an Opinion of his Virtue and Integrity, of his faithful attachment to his Family and the Welfare of his Subjects, that he judged him most fit of all others to have an Eye to the Conduct of his Servants in the administration of Justice, By this means the Poor and oppressed have a Door opened for their Complaints that can never be shut against them — They will experience a Degree of Relief they have never yet been able to accomplish, and which under the auspices of Mr. Swartz, cannot fail to prosper.

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Having gone through the principal Reflections suggested in the Minutes of the 11th Instant, the President is of Opinion, that Mr. Petrie is far from being entitled to Censure either on the Subject of Loans, or the Arrangement lately settled with the Rajah of Tanjore, had a just Claim to the applause of Government; and takes upon him to say, that his Conduct has been distinguished with as much Integrity and zeal for the Interests of the Honorable Company and with as much attention to the Honour & Character of the English nation, as could be exercised by any Servant under this Government.

Signed A. Campbell

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief, enters the following Minute on the Subject of Affreckonings,

The Commander in Chief's Minute
on the Subject of Affreckonings

The President's Minute on the subject of Affreckonings

The Commander in Chief represents to the Board that he directed a Committee on Affreckonings to assemble, agreeable to the Custom of the Service, for the purpose of settling the Distribution of that Fund for the years 1783. 1784, 1785 & 1786, as no adjustment of the accounts for those years had taken place, owing to the particular Circumstances of the Service, which had prevented the Agent from making them up sufficiently correct to warrant a Distribution being made to the Officers.

The Committee was at the same time instructed

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to report particularly on the System under which the Off reckoning Fund was distributed, and to suggest any alteration that might be judged advisable to be adopted in consequence of the Change, which took place in the Establishment and appointments of the Army, on the 16th April 1786.

On the Proceedings of this Board of Off reckonings there appears a very essential Difference of Opinion between the Officers of Artillery and Infantry in regard to the System of Distribution that is warranted by the Custom of the Service, the former claiming either a Selection of a particular number of Shares, or a Share for each 100 Men of the Artillery for time past and to come, or that in future the Cloathing of the two Corps, and the advantages to be derived therefrom, shall be managed and distributed Separately.

The Officers of Infantry, on the other Hand, deny the Justice of granting to the Corps of artillery either a certain Number of Shares, or a Share for each 100 Men out of the Fund established jointly between the two Corps; as they conceive the only fair Distribution of a Fund so constituted, is by seniority; because, were the Selection admitted, it would be fixing invariably the allowance of Off Reckonings to a certain number of the Corps of artillery, while the Officers of Infantry of superior Rank, might be shared out, as has already happened to the great Prejudice of the Interests of the latter Corps, and because the Surplus of the Artillery Stoppages from 100 Men of the Corps after providing the Cloathing, amounts to no more than 383 Pagodas, whereas a Share of Off reckonings is Pagodas 600.

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It is likewise advanced by the Officers of Infantry, that the Off reckonings between the two Corps, since the Period that a joint Fund was established, has invariably been distributed according to Seniority, until the Government Orders of 1778 directed, that one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, and the four Senior Captains of Artillery should share, which was followed in 1785, by orders from the Commander in Chief, expressing, that in consequence of the augmentation in the Strength of the Artillery Corps, the Field Officers & Captains are entitled to eight Shares, but that in the Event of a Reduction in that Corps, the Artillery Shares should be diminished to their former number.

Various authorities and arguments are brought forward by both Parties in support of their respective Claims, from the whole of which it appears, that the Distribution System has been varied at different Times, and that by the Selection of a certain number of Shares for the Artillery since 1778, whatever might be the amount of the Fund, many Officers of Infantry have not received Off reckonings while their Juniors in the Artillery enjoyed that allowance of the Service for years; It does not appear that the Infantry Officers make any objection to the Cloathing of the two Corps and the advantages arising therefrom being managed and distributed separately.

The Committee of Off-reckonings having fully investigated the Subject did not think itself authorised either to alter the System of Distribution ordered in 1778 and 1785, although it was conceived to be contrary to the usage of the Service before those Periods, and certainly operated very injuriously in regard

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regard to the Officers of Infantry; or to suggest any alteration until april 1786, at which time the Establishment and Appointments of the Army, were new modelled and a considerable augmentation of Field Officers was appointed — The Committee has accordingly made out the Distribution untill the 16th April 1786, agreeably to the System of 1778 & 1785.

The number of Field Officers by which the Establishment was augmented in 1786, becomes a new Class of Officers to be considered of, in regard to the allowance of Affreckonings since that Period — according to the General System of the Company's Service, it would appear, that Field Officers attached to Native Brigades ought to draw their Affreckonings from the Savings on making up the Cloathing of the Troops to which they are attached.

The objections to adopting this Plan are, that it would either encrease the Expences of the Company, or take from a certain Proportion of the Captains commanding the Native Battalions, the allowance now paid to them by Government in lieu of Affreckonings; as the Cloathing for those Corps is made up under an Agency appointed by the Board. On the other hand, if the number of Field Officers by which the Establishment was augmented in 1786, are paid this allowance from the European Fund at the same time that a Selection of Shares is made for the Artillery, it will be equally evident, that the Officers of the European Infantry must suffer a considerable Diminution of their usual allowances; and if no Selection is made in favour of the Artillery, the Officers of both the European Infantry & Artillery

Artillery would suffer jointly by a Participation of their Fund being given to officers attached to those Corps.

Such being the Situation of what is called the European Off reckonings, and of the Field officers in regard to a Participation of that Allowance of the Service, and as the Captains in the Command of the Battalions of native Infantry are also in arrear of the Sum allotted to them by Government in lieu of Off reckonings, it becomes expedient for the Board to direct Payment of the Arrears on Principles suited to the Situation of the Service.

The Establishment and appointments of the army appears to be the Ground on which the Regulation for the Purpose is to be formed, and as the Alteration which took Place in 1786 is in a great measure, although not entirely, the Cause of the present Discussion, that Period may be judged the most proper from whence to regulate the Distribution of Off reckonings under a new arrangement.

After this has been accomplished so as to include the present year, I am of Opinion, that the various agencies and modes by which the Troops on this Establishment are cloathed, and by which Off reckonings are distributed will be Subjects worthy the Consideration of Government, & to which I mean to call the attention of the Board; in order therefore that they may be cleared of every matter which might embarrass or retard the Regulations that Government may think expedient to make as the future System of the Service, it will be necessary to direct that the Stoppages to be made on account of Cloathing from the 1st of January 1789 shall

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shall not be issued to any Cloathing Agent or others so employed until the Board shall have established the System under which they are to be disposed of.

To effect the Purposes proposed in this Minute, it will be adviseable to direct a Distribution of Offreckonings to be made immediately up to the 30th of April 1786, inclusive, to pass Regulations for the Distribution and Payment that is to take place between that Period and the 1st of January 1789, and then to establish a comprehensive System for cloathing the Troops and allotting Offreckonings from the 1st of January 1789.

Signed A. Campbell

The Commander in Chief recommends the following G.O. respecting Offreckonings & Cloathing

The Commander in Chief recommends, that, if the Board approve the Opinion given by him on the Subject of Off Reckonings, the following General Order be published to the army.

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Government having under consideration the System by which the Company's Troops on this Establishment are Cloathed, the mode followed in the Distribution of Offreckonings; the present situation of that fund; and the alteration affecting it, which took place by the Establishment and appointments of the army, ordered in 1786, are pleased to pass the following resolutions.

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1st That the arrears of Off reckonings due up to the 30th of april 1786 inclusive - shall be discharged immediately.

2d That the amount estimated as Off reckonings for the Battalions of native Infantry and for the Gun Lascars between the 30th of april 1786, and the 1st January 1789 together with the Surplus of the stoppages from the European Troops, for the same period, after the expence of their Cloathing for 1789 is defrayed, shall be thrown into one fund and be distributed under regulations, adapted to the change of the Military Establishment that took place in 1786.

3d That the stoppages to be made for Cloathing from every Class of the Company's Troops out of the pay to be issued for January 1789 and for every month after that period shall remain with the Military Paymaster General, to be disposed of, as will be directed hereafter, in a new arrangement for Cloathing the Troops and paying Off reckonings.

Ordered accordingly, that the Off reckonings due up to the 30th april 1786 inclusive, shall be discharged immediately, that all accounts for Cloathing the Company's native Troops of every description for 1788 inclusive, and for Cloathing their European Troops for 1789 inclusive shall be adjusted as expeditiously as possible after the 31st of December of the present year, and that all Stoppages to be made on account of Cloathing out of the pay to be issued for 1st January 1789 and for every month after that period shall remain with the Military Paymaster General until the further resolutions of Government on the subject are signified.

When the above arrangements are completed

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the Off reckoning Funds will be settled to the end of the present year after defraying the Expence of the European Cloathing for 1789 in advance conformably to the custom of the Service; so that the stoppages of the year 1789 will constitute the funds for furnishing the Cloathing of the European Troops for 1790 and of native Troops for 1789.

The Corps of Supernumerary Commissioned and non Commissioned native officers stationed at the Presidency, having received Cloathing for the present year, none is to be drawn for them with the Corps to which they have been transfered, and their stoppages for November & December, are to be applied to compleat the amount of the Coats they have already received.

The Sepoy Agent is to provide Cloathing for 1788 for the 29th and 30th Battalions in the proportion of the Draught they have received from Old Corps Vizt 272 Coats each total 544 Coats for privates to be furnished by the Sepoy Agent for 1788, in addition to the Quantity required for Twenty Eight Battalions.

The Stoppages for November and December of the present year of the men recruited in the 29th and 30th Battalions during those Months, are to be paid to the Captains Commanding them, to be disposed of as the Commander in Chief may direct in providing half mounting for the Recruits. But from the 1st January 1789 the Stoppages from the new Battalions are to be accounted for in the same manner as directed for the rest of the Establishment.

Further orders will be signified relative to

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the Cloathing of the 29th & 30th Battalions for 1789 - In the mean time it is expected by Government that the Cloathing now in hand for the rest of the army will be compleated and delivered with the utmost expedition.

By Order.

Approved

The Board approve the opinion given by the Commander in Chief, and agree to the Publication of the General Order.

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway

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

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Captain Kennaway enclosing translated paper of Intelligence from the Nizam's Durbar with his Remarks

I had yesterday the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favour N.o 15 & 16 & forwarded a Duplicate of my missing Letter of the 15th Ultimo.

I have now the Honor to forward translated of a paper of intelligence of an important nature, on which supposing it to be literally true, tho' I should not lay much stress, yet I think it helps to establish that for the present at least we should keep a steady Eye on the Protection and Defence of the Circar, so recently come into our possession.

While there is so strong a Party in opposition to the Minister, the Levity not to say weakness of the Nizam's Character, thro' the Indolence of Dissipation, in which he is absorbed ought to prevent our placing too much Dependance on the Stability of his resolutions - The Minister is certainly powerful and I do not think we have any

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thing to apprehend on the score of Gundoor while his influence lasts, and that influence was lately strengthened by a triumph he obtained over the malice of his enemies who had insinuated to the Nizam that the bags & chests of treasure amounting it is said to about thirty Lacks of Rupees his own property, on which he desired his Highness to put his seal in the visit he lately made to the Ministers house, were not real, which the latter disproved by having them opened before him – but the adverse Party is also of respectable consideration and the whole of it consisting of the two Begums Imtiaz ud Dowlah his Highness's favorite nephew, Shums ul Amrah the Chief Military Officer and Zeroowar Jung were united in their opposition to Surrender of the Circar – His Highness wisely answered to remonstrances by demanding how he could in justice withhold from the Company, what he was bound by treaty to Surrender.

I have the Honor to be, with great

Respect, &c. &c.

Hydrabad
5th November
1788

Signed John Kennaway

The day before yesterday, His Highness was going from the Palace to his tents, on viewing the Russala of Sumsulomrah, the men and horses of which were gallantly accoutred, and drawn up to receive him: the ma bestowed many appellations of praise upon Sumsul Amrah adding, – By the blessing of God your Russala well disciplined, and in excellent order – The General replied that

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that it was in the confidence of these Troops, that he was desirous of chastising his formidable Enemies, but that the Ministers in a Cowardly manner had given away Guntoor for a Song, the Ministers replied, that what he had done, policy, and the exigency of the time required, the General replied, your policy and loyalty are evident. The Nizam turning to the General said, you are right, the Sircar is gone, and I have been betrayed - The Ministers became extremely provoked at this, and has been denied to every person, who attended his Durbar to day.

Read the following Letters from Captain Bannerman and from the Rajah of Travancore / the latter entered also in C.C. N. 122 /

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

From Captain Bannerman transmitting the following Letter from the Rajah of Travancore requesting / by desire of the Rajah / that the President will solicit the Nabob to permit the Travancore Battalion to return from Trinmelly - & to inform the Rajah what Exchange the Money is to be received and where the Battalions are to be stationed.

Sir,

The delay in answering your letter of the 8th Ult.o has entirely proceeded from the many objections, started by the Rajah, with regard to the great expence attending the maintenance of two Battalions, to obviate these objections, I have been forced to use every argument, which you have suggested to me, & I am now happy to have the honor of enclosing the Rajah's answer, in which he requests to have two Battalions of the Honorable Company's Sepoys stationed on his Frontier, at his Expence.

In explaining the Estimate of Pay & Batta to the Rajah, it occurred to me, that, in making it out M.r

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From the Rajah of Travancore to the Governor

Dated 6th Tuffeersee 5th November 1788

Recd 12th Do.

From the Rajah of Travancore requesting two Battalions for the Defence of his Country

I have been honored with the receipt of your Excellency's gracious letter in which you recommend "that two Battalions "of the Company's Sepoys should be stationed on the Frontiers "of my country in time of peace — the amount of their pay to be "provided for by me, in Cash or pepper, as may suit my convenience "That whenever an additional force is required by me as a defense "against the designs of an enemy, you will send a body of "Europeans, and Sepoys which will be maintained at the "Company's expence, and that I am to supply them with provisions "and the necessary articles for erecting buildings on their paying "for the same, at the usual rates of my country — you moreover "say that the confidence I repose in the friendship of the Company "will not be lost, and that they regard me, as their faithfull ally, "and consider my interest, the same as their own — you have also "transmitted to me, an Estimate account of the monthly "Expence of a Company's Battalion of Sepoys in time of peace "and war, for my information" — all which I understand —

The measure, which has occurred to your Excellency's enlightened mind, for stationing Two Battalions of Sepoys, for the defense of my country, is highly proper and I consider my Government and territories perfectly safe and secured against the machinations of my enemies — The almighty God knows the sincerity of my long friendship with the English, whose power I consider as the means of my preservation. May He, of his infinite goodness, grant the continuance of their prosperity & Success. —

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your Excellency will be pleased, in consequence of what you have written, to send me two Battalions of Sepoys for the defence of my country for which favor, I shall be highly gratifull to your Excellency:—

The account sent me, states as the monthly expence of one Battalion of Sepoys the Sum of one Thousand Seven hundred and fifty five Star Pagodas forty fanams and forty Cash, and the additional charge to be twenty Six Pagodas, Seven fanams - I therefore inform you that I shall pay in ready money into the hands of whatever person, you are pleased to order, the annual amount of two Battalions of Sepoys agreable to the abovementioned Statement - and in the event of a war I shall pay the Batta to them, agreeably to what is stated in the said account, being for one Battalion Nine hundred and ninety eight Star Pagodas, Six Fanams & twelve Cash.—

From the long and sincere friendship - I have ever entertained with the Company, it has always been my [illegible] that the English would give me their assistance when necessary, by sending me a body of Europeans and Sepoys and now since your Excellency has been pleased to mention it yourself, my mind is set fully at ease in that point— Whenever, I shall require an additional number of Troops for the defence of my Country; Viz Europeans and Sepoys - I shall supply them with provisions and the necessary Articles they may want - May it please your Excellency — Some Battalions of Sepays belonging to me have for a length of time been employed in the Tinnevelly country - I therefore request your Excellency will send positive injunctions to the Officer in that District to send me the above Battalions, that I may employ them, with the two

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two Battalions, you are to send me, in the defence of my Country — which will remove all my anxieties regarding the designs of such, who intend giving me trouble.

Be pleased to consider me at all times, your devoted well wishes, and honor me frequently with your Commands. What shall I say more?

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Reports from the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
16th November 1788

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson under Date the 28th ultimo respecting the Antidotes for the bites of Serpents & mad dogs.

The Physician General enters the following Minute on the above Subject.

"Samoovel of Tanjore "says, the receipts of his Bills are "taken from the Chittera Rudrum "Shastes of the Pandarums; & that "the Bills for the bite of a mad "Dog consists of the following "Articles.

"Madamatte, Odagar Saley, "and Sadachi, the first of which "Madamatte, is the wormato of "the Tamuls, Nunnatu of the Arabs

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Physician General's
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ject of the Snake
Bills requesting
leave for Messrs
Binny, Ferguson &
Briggs & Roxburgh,
to visit the Presidency -
reporting - Mr Ameron's
Death - recommending - Mr Steele to be
appointed to the Artillery
at Vellauje abad ——
forwarding Letters from
Messrs Thompson,
Harris & Nathway -
Mr Duffin's proposed
mode of Cloathing
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Hortus Malabaricus Datura
Metel, of Linnaeus or Thorn
Apple.

"It is powerfully narcotic,
"the green leaves of the Plant
"are commonly rubbed on the
"inside of the Still & Pots for
"Toddy, to render those Spirituous
"Liquors more intoxicating &
"the Seeds of one apple are suffi-
"cient for those who perpetrate
"Self murder thro' frequently
"the consequences of Family
"dissentions here - to induce
"immediate Apoplexy and
"in five and Six hours."

"Edaga - Saley, of the
"receipt is likewise Edaga
"Saley of the Tamuls and is of the
"Class Diandria Monogynia
"of Linnaeus and appears to be
"a new Species of Justicia.

"The third and last Ingre-
"dient of these Pills he calls
"Sadachè, which is said to be the
"Nerri Tali Poonoo, or Kiri
"Kadè Marindoo of the Tamuls
"which they understand to be the
"Medicine of the Mungoose,
"but the Specimen furnished
"me being withered and dry
"I have been unable to
"Compare it with the
description

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"description of the Aphyrniza by
"Linnaeus but the Codaga Paley &
"Sadachi being merely esculent
"Plants, leaves the Medical Quali-
"ties of the Pills to the Virtues of
"Datura.

"I come now to consider the
"receipt of his Pills for the bite of
"Serpents consisting of Six Articles
"Viz^t Velley Pashanum, Velley
"Navi Navi Visham, Melagu
"Mel valum and Rasam.

"The velley Pashanum is a
"ponderous, glossy and white, and
"exposed on live Coals, or Red-hot
"Iron is entirely dissipated in
"white Fumes of a Gastic smell,
"from which Characters no doubt
"can exist that it is Sublimated
"Arsenic. The noxious qualities
"of which Substance, being fully
"known by many fatal accounts,
"it is needless for me to say more
"than merely to observe the use
"of it is restrained by Law in great
"Britain and the sale limited in a
"similar manner by the different
"Governments in this Peninsula.

"I understand it is brought
"to this Country from Pegue, and
"think it probably a produce of
"the Silver mines of Ava.

"The Velley Navi and
"Navi Visham are exotic
dry

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"dry roots, of which Lamos-
"vel can give no accounts.

"Milagu, is Malago
"Code of the Hortus Malabaricus
"of Class Diandria Trigynia
"of Linnaeus or Black Pepper

"The Nux Vulum is the
"kernell of an exotic Fruit.

"The Rasam is Quicksilver.

"I must here beg leave to
"observe the small Quantity of
"Vegetable matter contained
"in these Bills can have little
"effect on the arsenic, and the
"Quicksilver none at all in the
"way of humid degestion that
"may exist in the Stomach
"a sublimining heat in close
"Vessells being necessary for
"their union.

"Two thirds of our Snakes
"are not venemous and if these
"Bills are administered to all
"that are bit, three persons
"must run the risque of their
"lives, under the Idea of saving
"one by a Dose of Arsenic.

"If the part is cut out
"within a quarter of an hour
"after the bite of our most
"Venemous Snakes, no ill
"consequence ensues, and where
"that has been neglected and
"giddiness the first Morbid
"Symptom

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"Symptom occurred, the life of
"the Patient has been saved
"by supporting the vis vitæ
"with wine and Opium.

"It has been alledged that
"these Pills have been given with
"great Success in the bite of Mad
"Dogs, and that those who took
"the Pills escaped while those,
"who did not, died raving but
"such arguments are not conclu-
"sive for it is well known a
"disposition must exist in the
"Body to receive an Infection &
"otherwise none could escape the
"Plague, or small Pox, when the
"Miasma of these Diseases pre-
"vail, and likewise the bite of the
"same Dog may not instil an
"equal Quantity of Venom into
"all whom he wounds.

"When I declare as I
"hereby do, that I have been
"26 years in the Constant and
"very extensive Practice of Physic
"in India, without ever having
"it in my power to see a person
"affected with Canine Madness,
"and am Credibly informed the
"exhibition of the Snake Pill
"as it is called, has been attended
"with such burning pain of the
"Stomach and bowels violent
"Vomiting, purging & death

in

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thorn

"in some cases as might be
"expected from the arsenic it
"contains.

"I hope it will appear I have
said enough to limit the in-
ternal use of thorn apple and
"arsenic to the Brute Creation
"for the destruction of Dogs that
"are Mad, wishing as I do to
"expell for the sake of Humanity
"such noxious Drugs from
"our Materia Medica."

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General

Approved

Read a Letter from
Bunny requesting leave for
Messrs Fergusson, Briggs
and Roxburgh to visit the
Presidency - The two former
for two Months, the latter for
three - Which the Hospital
Board recommend may be
granted them, as they under-
stand from Mr. Bunny
the Head Surgeon of that
District, that the Service will
not suffer any inconvenience
from their absence.

Received a Letter from
Mr. Gahagan announcing
the Death of Mr. Cameron
Assistant Surgeon 1st Battalion
Sepoys.

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The Battalion to which Mr Stede is appointed to, being ordered to the Presidency — The Hospital Board recommend him to do duty with the Detachment of Artillery at Walajabad, where his Services will be more wanted — They likewise recommend Mr Pollard to be appointed to the 1st Battalion Sepoys vice Cameron deceased —

approved

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward a Memorial from Mr Thompson agreeable to his request —

They have also the Honor of forwarding a letter from Messrs Harris and Hathway for Batta-pain allowance, which they hope Government will think worthy of their Consideration —

The Hospital Board ought to give an opinion whether or not Mr Thompson's Claim is well founded —

To lie on the Table

The valuation of the Cloathing as well as the particular kind laid before the Hospital Board by Mr Duffin is approved of, and Mr Garrow having agreed to supply the Cloathing at the rates given in, this is recommended to be continued in that Office —

approved

(Signed) Ja.s Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas
William Duffin
Acting Surgeon

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From the Hospital Board - approving of an enclosed Letter & Table of Rates from Mr Duffin — transmitting a Letter from Mr Binny requesting Leave for Mr Lind to visit the Presidency - & Mr Duffin's Minute on the Snake Bills - Observations of Government thereon —

Approved

The Board approve the Table of Rates, and desire that the necessary Instructions may be given to the Apothecary

The Hospital Board are to give an Opinion upon every Letter transmitted by them to Government - they have not done so in the present Instance

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson, enclosing an extract from the Chief and Council at Ganjam, requesting permission for Mr Scrislie to visit the Presidency, to which the Hospital Board have no objection, as he has obtained the regular permission.

Read a Letter from Mr Duffin containing remarks on the Apothecary's Letter, which is so much consistent with their own Ideas, that they beg leave to forward it to Government, with the table of rates for the prices of Country Medicines, the adoption of which Table of rates will serve to arrange that Department.

Read a Letter from Mr Binny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam, which the Hospital Board have the honor to enclose for the perusal of Government.

The Hospital Board have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr Binny that the Assistant Surgeons with

with native Battalions are to draw the Pay and allowances of Ensigns of European Infantry and ten Pagodas pr Month for Servants, agreeable to the Orders of Government.

Read a letter from Mr Nein requesting permission for Mr Lord to visit the Presidency which the Hospital Board recommend may be granted him.

Approved

Mr Duffin enters the following Minute,—

"The Physician General having entered a Minute on the 15th Instant, relative to the Pills for Poisonous Bites—Stating his reasons why they should not be administered, on account of the deleterious Quality of some of the Ingredients, and that more Mischief was likely to accrue to the Patient by the use of them, than from effects of the Bite.

I think it incumbent on me as a Member of the Hospital Board, to state my Opinion in order to afford Government every information towards elucidating a Subject, which they have so liberally brought

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brought forward, with a view of making it public for the benefit of Mankind. I have been in possession of the Formula made use of against poisonous bites usually called the Snake Pill, for many years, and being aware of the General received Opinion, respecting the deleterious Quality of Arsenic, in the human Stomach, my Scruples were as Strong as Doctor Anderson's, and had not a desperate case occurred by the bite of a Cobra de Capelle, where the patient had lost, to all appearance every Sensation, it might still have remained untried by me, but as the administration of it was not attended with any deleterious effect, and the Patient I am persuaded was Snatched from the Jaws of Death by it's operation, I was prompted to go on with further experiments, and since that period have given the Pills to upwards of 50 persons of every description of age and Sex in this Country, without ever finding any untoward

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Symptoms to forbid it's further use — The Cases I have drawn up and transmitted to Doctor Russel ten Months ago, who has thought them deserving a communication to the Royal Society, and He is now also making experiments with the Pills to corroborate and exemplify the Subject.

Tho' no assimilation can be expected between Arsenic and Quicksilver by trituration, yet as we are still ignorant of the analysis of the exotic Plants & other Vegetable Matter which are compounded with those minerals and how far they may counteract the virulence of the Arsenic, We should not hastily condemn a Remedy, where experience & Ocular demonstration have in so many cases proved it may be given with safety, — besides the internal use of Arsenic is by no means prohibited; it is given in cancerous cases and intermitting fevers by established practitioners in Europe —

My Opinion is therefore that the Formula should be published in the Couriers, & every practitioner be left at liberty to use it or not —

hastily

The Orders of Government contained in their Secretary's Letter of the 28th Ultimo, to be put in Force

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The Bills for the Bite of the Mad Dog, the Receipt for which, I have only sum lately, and never had an Opportunity of trying, being composed entirely of vegetable matter, is still less liable to Objection; for tho' one of the Ingredients be of a poisonous quality, yet we ought not for that reason reject it,— Hemlock by the same analogy of reasoning should be excluded the Materia Medica— I therefore think both remedies worthy the attention of Men of research, and in order thereto, encouragement should be given to induce communications from every Quarter, that certain conclusions may be drawn, respecting their efficacy.

Signed W. Duffin
M.D.

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General

Perfectly of opinion with Mr Duffin } Colley L. Lucas Esq.
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

James

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James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General and Members of the Hospital Board.

Gentlemen,

The Honble Board having ordered the Apothecary's Letter of the 28th ultimo to be laid before us, in reply to the remarks made on his accounts, and assigning reasons for the high Prices charged in them I think it necessary to observe, that his arguments are neither Satisfactory nor conclusive, and in order to obviate such exorbitant charges in future, or advantage being taken of the fluctuating rates of the market, which has been too glaring to pass over, I have taken some pains to lay before you a Table of Rates, of the different articles that come under the denomination of Country Medicines; they have been ascertained with particular attention to their Qualities, the best of their kind, and with a view of doing Justice to the purchaser and Vender, should it meet your approbation and the Sanction of Government for its becoming a Standard, it is obvious the considerable Savings, which will thereby accrue in the Apothecary's Department in future, and the large Sums that might have been saved had such a Plan been adopted three years ago.

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

Signed William Duffin

Madras
November 10th
1788

A true Copy

Signed Edwd Atkinson
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Rates of Country Medicines &c.

		Pr	of	C.
Aloes	℔ lb	"	5	"
Alum	℔ D°	"	1	40
Asafœtida	℔ D°	1	"	"
Almonds	℔ D°	"	3	"
Bees wax yellow	℔ D°	"	8	"
Bees wax White	℔ D°	"	9	"
Crude Antimony	℔ D°	"	29	"
China Root	℔ D°	"	2	40
Columbo Root	℔ D°	"	16	"
Cardamom Seeds	℔ D°	"	7	"
Coriando Seeds	℔ D°	"	1	"
Cinnamon	℔ D°	"	24	"
Cloves	℔ D°	1	10	40
Camphor	℔ D°	"	24	"
Cummin Seeds	℔ D°	"	4	"
Castor Oil	℔ D°	"	6	"
Coconut Oil	℔ Measure	"	6	"
Calam Aromat	℔ lb	"	2	"
Candles	℔ a Maund	5	"	"
Dragons Blood	℔ lb	3	"	"
Dammer	℔ D°	"	1	40
Fennel Seed	℔ D°	"	2	"
Gum Armoniac	℔ D°	1	21	"
Gum Mastick	℔ D°	"	28	"
Gumboge	℔ D°	1	"	"
Gum Arabic	℔ D°	"	4	"
Ginger	℔ D°	"	2	40
Gintian	℔ D°	1	21	"
Cloth	℔ Piece	3	"	"
Cojna	℔ lb	"	1	"
Benjamin	℔ lb	"	5	"

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Gingelie oil ℔ Measure	"	6	40	
Honey ℔ D°	"	1	60	
Hogs lard ℔ D°	"	7	"	
Ink powder ℔ Paper	"	4	"	
Jaggery ℔ lb	"	1	"	
Liquorice Root ℔ lb	"	3	"	
Long Pepper ℔ D°	"	13	"	
Lamp Oil ℔ Measure	"	5	40	
Lint ℔ lb	"	10	40	
Musk ℔ ℥	5	"	"	
Mace ℔ lb	4	26	"	
Mustard ℔ lb	"	3	"	
Nutmegs ℔ D°	2	26	"	
Opium ℔ D°	2	21	"	
Oil of Annamon ℔ ℥	3	21	"	
Oil of Cloves ℔ ℥	"	36	"	
Pepper ℔ lb	"	5	40	
Quills ℔ 100	1	"	"	
Quicksilver ℔ lb	"	22	"	
Rhubarb ℔ D°	"	21	"	
Salep ℔ D°	1	21	"	
Sago ℔ D°	"	1	40	
Spruce Seeds ℔ D°	"	2	40	
Salt petre purified ℔ D°	"	6	"	
Sassafras ℔ D°	1	"	"	
Sasaparilla ℔ D°	1	"	"	
Galangal ℔ D°	"	1	"	
Senna ℔ D°	"	10	40	
Squills ℔ D°	"	1	"	
Sal Armoniac ℔ D°	"	6	"	

		Pr	of	C.
Soft Sugar ℔ Maund	1	"	"	
Sugar Candy ℔ lb				
Sulphur ℔ lb	"	4	"	
Sealing wax ℔ D°	"	"	"	
Sastreand ℔ D°	"	"	40	
Twine ℔ D°	"	4	"	
Writing paper ℔ Ream	5	"	"	
Wrapping D° ℔ D°	1	8	"	
Wafers ℔ Box	"	20	"	

Liquors of the Best Sort

Madeira ℔ Dozen	3	"	"	
Port Wine ℔ D°	4	"	"	
Brandy ℔ D°	2	21	"	
Arrack ℔ D°	1	21	"	
Vinegar ℔ D°	2	"	"	

A true Copy

Signed Edwd Atkinson Secy

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Read the following Letter from the Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the King's Troops —

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

Governor in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mssrs Roebuck and Kindersley Enclosing the Accounts required by the Governor General in their Letter of the 9th July stating the inaccuracy of the two accounts between his Majesty and the Company Enclosing also Statements and Accounts of King's Subsistence and remarks thereon

We have now the honor to furnish you the accounts required by the Governor General of Bengal in their Letter of the 9th July, enclosed to us by your Secretary under Date the 1st August.

We have carefully inspected the two accounts between his Majesty and the Honorable Company, as stated by Mr Burke, and transmitted by the Government General of Bengal for our examination; and the result of a very tedious and attentive investigation, has been a conviction that they are both, in several instances, incorrect.

No 1 is an abstract Statement, taken from the Books of this Establishment, of Issues of Subsistence to his Majesty's Troops from the 25th June 1781 to the 24th October 83 (from which last period all payments of Subsistence passed thro' the hands of Mr Burke) and from that Date to the 24th April 1786; when all advances on account of His Majesty's Forces were indiscriminately made thro' the King's Paymaster General.

The Statement No 2. describes in abstract (conformably to the wishes of the Governor General) how far Mr Burke's accounts correspond with the actual advances

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advances on this Coast, and in what respects they differ.

In conformity to the requisition of the Supreme Government, We also have the honor to enclose (No 3 & 4) Accounts particular of all Issues of King's Subsistence during the above periods, Specifying to whom the Payments were made, and the nature of the vouchers for their Support, We have been thus particular with respect to the Issues subsequent to Mr Burke's appointment, as well as with regard to the Disbursements previous to it, as our Statements so materially from those of Mr Burke. These will enable the Government General regularly to State the Charge against His Majesty's Paymaster General in Bengal Supported as they are in general by the most authentic Vouchers.

It is remarkable that the Statements we have now enclosed, not only differ from those of Mr Burke, but that while the Charges brought by us against some of the Regiments, exceed the Credit given by Mr Burke, they fall short, in some instances, of the Sums acknowledged to have been received on account of others. Tho' indeed the Total of our Charges against the Crown, exceed the Amount credited by Mr Burke.

The Vouchers in Support of the exceeding Charges We have brought against some of the Regiments are generally of so perfect and explicit a nature, that We doubt not they will be quite adequate to establish to the Credit of the Company

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Company the whole amount / being £ 24356. 8. 4 3/4 /; and with respect to those cases in which Mr Burke has Credited for larger Sums than we, from the Face of the Company's Books, can State against the Crown, he will of course be ready to explain the Grounds on which he has proceeded.

Carefull and repeated Reviews of the Company's Books enable us with Confidence to declare our Conviction that the differencies, where they apparently exist, in our Statements, arise not from any oversight on our part; — but it is very possible some Sums may have been issued to His Majesty's Troops, that may not, with due regularity and under proper Heads, have been carried to the Debit of the Company in their accounts, in the Confusion that sometimes unavoidably prevailed during the late War. — a Supposition which receives much confirmation from the Circumstance of the difficiency in the Charges produced by us, regarding almost entirely the 98th & 101st Regiments both which were in the Southern Provinces, between which and this Presidency, there were considerable periods, when every the smallest Communication, was cut off. — It is therefore highly reasonable to suppose that the Sum of £ 15,312. 12. 4½ which appears in your Military Paymasters accounts as advanced at Tanjore to the Paymaster General of the King's Troops, / without discriminating on account of what particular Corps / and not apparently credited by Mr Burke / includes as well as excuds, the Extra Debit given by him on account of those very Regiments. —

It is also very probable that Mr Burke's —

accounts

accounts / the inaccuracy of which with respect to some
of the Regiments, the Statements now sent and Vouchers
therein referred to, we conceive will fully establish / may
incorrect in some of those Cases also, in which he has given
larger Credit to this Presidency, than from the face of the
before us, we can claim - In particular, We suppose
may perhaps have credited this Presidency for Sums
Bombay to the 36th, 52d and 102d Regiments, each of which
had been / at least in part / on the Malabar Coast, tho' it is
remarked he does not name them among the Corps, whose
receipts of Subsistence at Bombay still remain / as
notes at the foot of his first account Current / to be adjusted

The Supreme Government are pleased to desire
explanation of the Circumstance of no Subsistence appear-
ing to have been paid to the 73d and 78th Regiments later
than april & June 1783, tho' those Regiments were sent, as they
justly observe, on this Establishment in 1781, before that Act
passed, or had effect.

The Cause we find to have been that the
Commanding Officers of those Regiments, foreseeing the
inability of this Government at that time, to furnish
regular supplies of Cash, drew on their agents in Europe for
the amount up to the Months abovementioned.

We have within these few days been honored,
thro' your Secretary, with Extract of Letter from the Supreme
Government, expressing their anxiety for the speedy

Receipt

receipt of the present accounts. The numerous instances in which the Books of the Company disagree from the Statements presented them by Mr. Burke, rendind very careful and Repeated Reviews of the Company's Books peculiarly necessary, before we could venture to pronounce Mr. Burke's accounts incorrect; — and we have been further impeded from finding that the Military Paymaster General's Books at the Presidency, to which alone we had hitherto thought it necessary to refer, did not, owing to the Method of keeping the accounts of this Establishment, contain all the Charges to be produced in favor of the Honorable Company — These Circumstances will, we hope, be admitted as sufficient Apology for any apparent remissness on our part.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
12th November 1788

W. B.

Sign'd Benj.n Roebuck

" Nath.l E. Kindersley

As the accounts enclosed in the foregoing Letter do not agree with the official Statements received some time ago from the Military Paymaster General, Copies of which were forwarded to England and to Bengal. It is resolved, that the accounts now sent in by Messrs. Roebuck and Kindersley be returned to them, and that they be directed to furnish his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General with Copies thereof, and assist him in making a complete and satisfactory adjustment of the accounts,

Minute thereon

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so as to satisfy the Bengal Government, and enable the Pay Office in England to adjust it's accounts with the Company, which cannot be done unless all Particulars are fully explained.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board,

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board on the Claim of Ensign G. Foote to Temporary allowance —

Having considered the Pretensions of Ensign George Foote to Temporary allowance, referred to us through Mr. Acting Secretary Jacksons on the 1st Instant, We beg leave to offer it as our Opinion that he is entitled thereto from the 15th June 1786, to the 26th of August 1788 — the former being the Date of his appointment to do Duty with the 17th — the latter that of his Removal to the 24th Battalion — and therefore, take the liberty to recommend that he be paid Temporary allowance in the same manner, and at the same time as the Officers attached to the 18th Battalion at that period — likewise that he shall receive from the Paymaster a Certificate for his Arrears of Temporary allowance from the 1st January 1787 since which, no such Payments have been made.

We take this Occasion to acknowledge the Receipt of your Commands, respecting Claims for Rank

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Rank and shall duly observe them on any future application.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully

Fort St George
18 November 1788

Yr. Hble
Signd J Capper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
Ja. Campbell
J Moorhouse

Minute thereon

The Board approve the opinion of the Military Board upon the Claim of Ensign Foote to temporary allowance.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Russell

To Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Commander in Chief of the Forces &c &c &c

Sir

Lieut Colonel Russell requesting to be reinstated on the effective list. His Health being perfectly Established of which he enclosses a Certificate —

I have the happiness to acquaint you that I now find my health such as I think would enable me to do the duty of a marching Regiment in India either in peace or War — this being my Situation, Sir, I therefore have most earnestly to request that you will be pleased to grant me your concurrence to make application to the Physician General for a Certificate, agreeable to the last General Order

I have the Honor to be, with the highest respect

Madras
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Yr. Hble
W Russell Lieut Col.

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I do hereby certify upon Oath, that I think Lieutenant Colonel Russells health is such as will enable him to do the duty of a marching Regiment, in India, either in peace or War.

Signed Ja.s Anderson
Physician General

Sworn before me the 17th day of November in the year of our Lord 1788

Signed Arch.d Campbell

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Russell be readmitted on the Effective List of the army.

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

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr Ecklon requesting to be informed at what price the Sepoys with the Northern Detachment are to be charged for Rice served to them from the Stores.—

The Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Northern Detachment having applied to me to know at what price the Seapoys are to be charged for the Rice Served to them from the Company's Stores,—I beg to be honored with your Orders on that Subject.— The Grain laid in at Angole from which they were Served in September, Stands the Company, upon an average

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1st and 2d Sort including charges 1 Star Pagodas 86-38-38 ℔ Garce — and the price is liable to vary according to the Situation of the Detachment — During the War and until the 31st May 1784, Rice which cost the Company from 150 to 200 Pagodas ℔ Garce, was served to the Lightening Sircar and publick followers at Pagodas 97-35 fanams ℔ Garce and from 1st June 1784 at 70 Pagodas ℔ Garce.

At 87 Pagodas ℔ Garce it will cost the Seapoys for 1 Seer his daily allowance	Fy.	5	Cash 68¼
At 97-35 ℔ Garce — Do. Do. — Do	"	"	73 4/12
At 70 Pagodas ℔ Garce — Do Do — Do	"	"	52½

NB Calculating 45 fanams ℔ Pagoda the Exchange settled for Rice Accounts by a general Order during the War — a Sepoy's Batta is 1 fanam 30 Cash ℔ Day

It remains with you, Honorable Sir, to adopt which of the prices you think best suited to the Circumstances of the Seapoys — the Highest will not indemnify the Company if charges, carriage & Wastage are included — and the difference must therefore be considered as one of the unavoidable Contingent charges, attending a War Establishment in this Country.

I have the Honor to be, &c &c

Madras
14th November 1788

Signed Tho.s Eckburn
Commissary General of Grain
& Provisions

agoud.

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Agreed that Mr Cockburn be informed that the Rice is to be issued to the Sepoys on Batta, at the rate of Pagodas 9/1.35 ₱ Garce, and to those not on Batta, at the rate of Pagodas 7/4 ₱ Garce.

The President's Memorandum respecting the Articles brought to the Triplicane Bazar, paying Custom

The President informs the Board that His Highness the Nabob Walajah has complained to him that the Articles coming through the Company's Saghire to supply his Bazar at Triplicane, have been stopped by the Company's Renters at Conjeveram, and other places, to pay duties, contrary to old Custom.

The President has made enquiry of the Resident in the Saghire, as to the usage, and he informs him that the Renters by their Cowles are bound to pass all Articles going to Madras duty free, but no mention is made of Articles going to Triplicane — Heretofore the Renters, as the President is informed, never attempted to make any distinction between the Articles coming to Madras, and Triplicane, but they have now taken the matter up, and wish to act agreeable to the strict letter of their Cowle — But the President is of opinion, that it must have been the intention of Government to exempt Madras and its environs from the Duties in question, and particularly the Nabob, and his Family.

Such

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Such being the case, the President recommends that the Board of Revenue should be instructed to give orders that such Articles as are coming to the Nabob's Bagar at Triplicane, shall pass duty free as usual, and to prevent mistakes the following List of Artieles which are required for the monthly supply of the Bagar, and which have been sent by His Highness to the President, may serve to regulate the quantum, so as to prevent abuse.

Grain 2,200 Gonies p Month
Tirraina 550 Gonies p D°
Cloth &c. 125 Bullocks or 250 Bales

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Resolved that the Board of Revenue be instructed to issue Orders to the several Renters that such Articles as are intended for the Nabob's Durbar at Triplicane, be permitted to pass Duty free.

Minute thereon

Memorandum

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President's Memoran: dum respecting the Calastry business—

The President informs the Board, that he has made the Nabob acquainted with the contents of the letter received from Messrs Lind and Close Dated the 7th Instant — His Highness assured the President that his Servants had his most positive orders not to assume any villages excepting those of the Pollams &c. which belong to the Circar, and are in the Calastry mans hands, and the two villages said

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said to have been lately taken by His Highness's people must certainly belong to Seriwa Pollam, which is one of those Pollams of the Circar, that the Calastry man, has in his profession — However, His Highness has written Syed Mahomed Cawn, to let the villages remain in the same Situation as they were during the Investigation of Mr. Lind and Major Close.

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Agreed that Messrs. Lind and Close be informed of the above.

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board the Death of Captain Piclat, and the consequent Promotion of Captain Lieutenant Johnson Kennedy to be Captain of a Company.

The Commander in Chief reports Captain Piclat's Death and the promotion of Captain Kennedy.

Read the undermentioned Letters sent in the P.C. (Nos. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46.)

From Major Banks

From Major Banks, requesting to be allowed full Batta, as Senior Engineer in the District of Masulipatam.

Agreed that Major Banks be informed, that he can

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only be allowed full Batta while absent on Duty in the District.

From Colonel Ross

From the Chief Engineer — reporting that there are but 28 Horses of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry now under Cover

Agreed that Major Fonyn be directed to discontinue

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erecting more Stables at Arcot, as his Regiment will shortly be quartered elsewhere.

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Ordered, that Major Fonyn's Bill for building 28 Stables at one Pagoda p. Stable be discharged.

From

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From Major Young — requesting an Order to the Bay: Masters to discharge his Bill for 137 Pagodas — being for 137 Stables built by him for the 4th Regiment of Cavalry.

From Major Young

Ordered accordingly

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From the Commanding Officer as mellow — stating — that the Company's Buildings as mellow have suffered considerable Damage by the late Storm, and requesting that they may be immediately repaired.

From Lieutenant Hetherington

Agreed that the Commanding Officer be authorized to repair the Buildings in the most Economical manner.

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From the Chief Engineer — with Sundry Estimates of Repairs wanted to the Public Buildings at Pondamallee

From Colonel Ross

Agreed that the Committee of Works be desired to give the necessary Instructions to the Contractors to execute the temporary Repairs wanting to the Hospital at Pondamallee, amounting to Pagodas 57,,20..12, and that the other Repairs do remain for future Consideration.

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From Brigadier General Horne — inclosing Letter to him from Major Clark, Commanding at Madura, preferring a Complaint against Mr. Vaughan the Storekeeper for refusing to issue Grain from the Company's Stores to the Troops in Garrison.

From General Horne

From Mr. Vaughan — in Explanation of the above — States that he did not conceive himself authorized by an Order from the Commandant to issue Grain from the Company's Stores, without the Sanction of Government.

From the Storekeeper at Madura

Agreed that Major Clark be informed, that the Board are decidedly of Opinion that Mr. Vaughan acted consistently with his Duty in withholding his Consent to the

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the Issue of Grain from the Company's Stores without the previous Sanction of Government, as such Grain had been laid up for other Purposes, than to be issued at the mills of the Commandant, unless in cases of absolute necessity.

If there were forcible Reasons arising from necessity for issuing to the Troops the Company's Grain the Commandant ought to have apprized the Storekeeper thereof. But as it does not appear there was any necessity, which might not have been easily foreseen, it was the duty of the Commandant to have applied for the Board's permission, previous to the Order he gave to the Storekeeper.

Ed
AGM

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

Jn. W. Kaye major

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Diary.—

Received the following Letters (as entered in M. B. Nos. 47. 48. 49. 50.)

From Lieutenant James Forbes (Marked A) preferring a Claim on Account of Temporary Allowance & Enclosing sundry Papers on the Subject

From Mr. J. T. Stone, Soliciting the Appointment of Muster Master to the Troops in the Southern Division, vice Mr. Guy deceased.—

From Mr. Stone.—

From Major Yonge, Reporting his having delivered over Arcot to His Highness the Nabobs Manager

From Major Agnew.—

From the Paymaster at Poonamalee — Requesting to be informed whether he is to Continue to furnish Water to the Troops of that Garrison.

From Mr. Hunthins

From Mr. Gordon — Surgeon in the Guntoor, Enclosing a Return of Sick Troops in that Circar, and Reporting the improved State of Colonel Pidengtoun's and Captain Carlisles health.—

From Mr. Gordon.—

Received Letter from His Highness the Nabob (as entered in C. B. No. 123) Expressing his Acknowledgiments to Government, for the Letter of Condolence, which he received upon the Death of the Amar.—

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (as Entered in M. B. Nos. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64.)

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To the Deputy Paymaster to His
Majesty's Troops Informing him, that the
Committee for the Investigating the Accounts of
the King's Troops, have been Instructed to
furnish him with Copies of Statements, and
Vouchers of Charges against the King's Paymaster
General, and to Communicate with him upon
the Subject. Enclosing Copy of the Board's
Instructions to Messrs. Henderley and Stag

To the Committee of Works - Enclosing
Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Hospital
at Condamalee, Amounting to 57.20 Pags for the
executing of which, they are to give the
Necessary Orders to the Contractors. -

To the Military Board - Approving
their Opinion respecting Ensign Foote's pr
to Temporary Allowance, and enclosing a
on the same Subject, From Lieutenant
upon whose Claim, they are directed to repo

To Mr. Cockburn - informing him th
the Commissary of Grain and Provisions
Northern Division, is to issue Rice to the
on Batta at the rate of 97.35 Pagodas
and to those not on Batta, at 70 Pagodas

To Mr. R. Mitford

To the Committee of Works

To the Military Board

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

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To the Commandant of Madura - approving Mr. Vaughan's Conduct in not issuing the Grain from the Company's Stores, without the previous Sanction of Government - and in some Measure Censuring him; Repeating their Expectations of a more Conciliatory line of Conduct in future between him, and Mr. Vaughan. -

To Major Clark -

To General Home, enclosing the foregoing Letter under a flying Seal. -

To General Home

To the Storekeeper of Madura - On the Subject of the Commandants Complaints against him, for not issuing Grain to the Troops. -

To Mr. Vaughan -

To the Commandant at Nellore - Directing him to repair the Damages occasioned by the late Storm to the Company's buildings in that Garrison; an Estimate of which, upon the most Oeconomical plan, is to be transmitted to Government

East Helaf. -

To Major Banks - Informing him, that his Request for full Batta, is inadmissible, except when absent from his Station, on Duty. -

To Major Banks

To Mr. Welsh; Directing them to discharge Major Tonyn's Bill for 28, and Major Younges for 137 Pagodas on Account of Stables built by them. - To Major Younge - Acquainting him of the above Instructions. -

To Mr. Welsh

To Major Younge

To Major Tonyn with the same Information, and Ordering him to discontinue erecting more stables. -

To Major Tonyn -

To

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19 To the Board of Revenue desiring them

to the Board of Revenue to issue Orders for Articles Coming to Triplicane Bazar, to pass free of Duties; and transmitting a List of those Articles.-

To Lieutenant Younger of the 7th Regement

to Lieut Younge.- Declineing Complying with the Requeest stated in his Memorial.-

21. Received the following Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry.-

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

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to address to your Excellency Copy of a Letter to me from M. de Marquenot, Commanding at Karrical and one which he wrote to Mr. Macleod, Resident at Tanjore.-

From General Conway complaining of the Tanjorines having damm'd up the River which passes thro' Karical and inclosing a Correspondence between the Commandant of that place and the Resident of Tanjore on the subject.-

If Mr. Macleod had received the last definetive treaty concluded and ratified by our respective Sovereigns, he would have seen that it is not only the Rajah of Tanjore, it is his Britannic Majesty that cedes to his Most Christian Majesty Karical and its four Magans, it is therefore to the Representative of his Britannic Majesty that we should address ourselves in the present

Case

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Con. To dam up the Rivers, which ouen into the district of Karical is to expose the Inhabitant to the horrors of inevitable famine, the danger was too urgent not to immediately oppose the destruction of the Tanjorines. Never the less your Excellency will perceive by the last Para of M.r Marquenat's Letter to M.r Macleod, that the same Tanjorines have renewed their Banks I am persuaded that the positive Orders of your Excellency will convey a quick Remedy for these evils.

It is unjust that in Opposition to the Rights of the People, the Tanjorines in stoping and turning the Rivers, should starve the Inhabitants of Karical, it would be very easy to punish the Tanjorines, but as the Rajah of Tanjore is under the Protection of his Britannic Majesty, and there is a Corps of English Troops in his Country, it is my duty to avoid the smallest Occurrence, that can disturb the existing harmony, and which I hope will long Continue between our Nations: Therefore, I have desired M.r Marquenat to let the Matter rest as it is, & I wait with confidence your Excellency's decision.

I am &c. &c.

(signed) Conway.

Pondicherry
16.th October 1788.

A true Translation
(signed) T. Chace. French Translator

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Copy of a Letter from Mr. Marquenot Commanding at Karical to Mr. Macleod Resident at Tanjore.-

Karical 13th October 1788.

Sir,

By the last letter I have had the honor to receive from you, you tell me, you will speak to the Rajah of Tanjore to issue orders to prevent the rivers being stopped, agreeable to the establishes Custom on all the Coast. But Sir, till now I do not see that any such order is given.-

Obliged by the Circumstances, I have sent to Tanjour a Detachment of Sepoys & Accompanyed by anenter to engage the Inhabs to abide by the usual form, and in every instance when they refuse this demand made of them, to open the Banks of the rivers, which prevent the waters Coming into our territories,- The Inhabitants to the Number of 600 opposed themselves to the cutting of the Banks and wounded with Sticks and Stones about Sexty of our people- as I had given orders not to attack but only to act on the defensive, the french detachment opposed force to force &

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and have at last opened the Banks: this Cyot accomplished, the detachment retired. But, I am given to understand as soon as it retreated, the Inhabitants of Tanjore have again stopped up the rivers - you should be sensible, Sir, that this is not a matter of indifference. I have the honor to inform you I am going to distribute Cartridges to the detachment, I propose sending for, in fine, as the Rajah will not do Justice, ye I must myself -

I shall send an Account of this ye Business to the General and a Copy of my letter that I may not be responsible for the bad ye Consequences that may happen. -

Pondicherry
16th. October 1788. -

A true translation
(signed) Thr. Chase
French translator. -

Copy of a Letter from Mons. de Marquenat Colonel of Infantry Commanding at Karical to General Conway. -

Sir,

It is an established Custom on the Coast that no Inhabitant can turn the Course of a River, to prevent its Waters - preserve

The Waters which come to this Place from Tanjore, have been stopped by the ye Inhabitants, & I found myself obliged for the ye

Preservation

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Preservation of the harvest belonging to our ye establishment, to march a Detachment of Sepoys with a Renter to cut the Banks. -

I had previously advised M. Macleod Resident for the English Nation of Tanjore ye and he in answer said he would go & Speak to the Rajah for him to issue orders to prevent the Rivers being stopped. -

Notwithstanding that promise, the Inhabitants had every where made Banks ye and as I had no time to lose, I have sent a detachment of 100 Sipoys to open them. As the Inhabitants waited there to the Number of 600, they attacked with Stones & Sticks the Coolies, which accompanyed the Renter, & our Seapoys were at last obliged to defend themselves opposed force to force, & were obliged at last to cut the Banks, but they had hardly retired, when they again stopped the Waters. I wrote to M. Macleod a Letter, copy of which is annexed, & I wait ye your Instructions; there are about Sixty of our Coolies wounded, & One tenth of our Sepoys. ye I cannot tell you how Many of the Tanjorines

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are wounded, because our People had neither Stones, nor Sticks, our Sepoys make Use of their Bayonets, which soon put an end to the Contest.

I assure you, Sir, that all these discussions are very disagreeable, & that the English Government ought to pursue, and prevent similar events.—

I am &c.

A true Translation
Tho.s Chase
French Translator.—

Ordered, that the following Letters be dispatched

His Excellency General Conway.—

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I am honoured with your Excellency's Letter of the 16th. Instant, the Contents of which, I have given me very great Concern.—

To General Conway & informing him of Mr. Mc Leod having been written to on the above Subject—who is desired to state the whole business. Orders have been issued to keep the Dams open.—

I have not heard from the Resident of Tanjore on the Subject of Mr. Margenot's Address to him, which I am unable to Account for, on any other Grounds than supposing, that he conceived the Matter in Dispute might be settled in an amicable Manner without a Reference to his Superiors.—

I have directed Mr. Macleod to report the State of the whole Business, in order that every thing

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Alex.r Macleod Esq.r

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr. Macleod on the above Subject and expressing Surprize at his never having reported such Disputes to Government - desiring the Dams to be kept open until every thing is amicably settled between the French and Tanjorines,

I send you enclosed Copies of a Dispatch which I have received from General Conway, complaining that the Inhabitants of Tanjore had stopped the Rivers, by which the District of Karical is watered, contrary to the ancient Usage of the Country.-

I am sorry to learn that the Inhabitants of the French District - in consequence of their Despairing of Redress from the Rajah, through Mr. Magenot's Representations to you, had proceeded by Force to break down the Banks, that dammed up the Water, that many of the People were wounded during the Controversy, and that although the Commandant of Karical's Letter to you is dated the 13th Instant, I should at this Hour only receive Intelligence of these Events, through the Governor of Pondicherry.-

I lament also that Measures had not been early adopted to prevent the very disagreable

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Financial.-

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21st November 1788.-

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

Dispatched the following Letter to the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops.-

To. Messrs. Roebuck & Kinderzley
Committee for investigating the Accounts
of the King's Troops
Saving in India.-

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to return you the Statements enclosed in your a letter of the 12th Instant, and to desire you will furnish Mr. Mitford, Deputy Pay=master to the Kings Troops, with Copies thereof, and communicate with him on the Subject of them.-

To Messrs. Roebuck and Kinderzley desiring them to furnish Mr. Mitford with Certain Statements and Vouchers, and to Communicate with him Concerning them - also to apply to Mr. Garrow for any Information they may want Regarding the Accounts of the King's Troops -

You are also to produce to Mr. Mitford Copies of all such Charges as appear in the Company's Books, differing from the Accounts of the King's Paymaster, and furnish him with Copies of the Vouchers in support of those Charges, authenticated by You.- I am further directed to desire that

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At a Consultation Present

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

Friday
21st. November 1788.

John Hollond - James Henry Casamajor
and
Robert. Maunsell Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.

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

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

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Messrs. Lind and Clove stating the Result of their enquiries concerning the Narwar Pollam and enclosing a variety of Papers on that Subject, Mentioning the Refusal of Calastry & Sellistah to deliver the Grain found in the deserted Villages.

Our Proceedings respecting the Cutcherie of Vurroolamala &c. accompanied our Address of the 2d. Instant.

We have now to lay before you the Result of our enquiries on the subject of the Narwar Pollam.

In entering upon this Article, we found it necessary not only to investigate the

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That at a subsequent period, when Golcondah was subject to the Moguel Aurung-zebe, his General Zul Fuckar Chan commanding in the Carnatic wrested from the Rajah, the whole of his possessions, but afterwards reinstated him in Calastry as a Jaghire, owing probably to the high favor in which the Rajah stood with the above Monarch, as is testified by the different Phermaans he addressed to him. Translations whereof marked No 6. p. 08 We have the honor to enclose

This historical events are however in many instances contradicted by other witnesses, who also differ materially from each other - Suffice it to say, that when the House of Damerlah was ultimately established in Calastry, the Naiwar Pollam was possessed in a limited extent, by a Polligar of some note, from whom the Naiwar family derive their descent, and who afterwards assisted the Calastry Rajah, in recovering a part of his Jaghire from Morad Chan, a Moguel General, an Reasion by which the Pollem seems to have

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upon Some of the Family, who have since revived at Calastry —

This transaction, though not concluded without hostileties, does not seem to have been canvassed by the Circar, and the Rajah, we find, continued to enjoy the Pollam upwards of 20 Years, when Rajah Bumraauze laying claim to it, as well as other Frontier Pollams, under the Authority of Calastry, & the dispute according to the evidence of Coney Row, which has not been contradicted, was & referred to Rajah Burber, the then Manager of Arcot, who, on Report of the Coningoes, & decided in favor of the Calastry Rajah, & upon which he was confirmed in possession of the Narvar Pollam &c. by virtue of a Sunnud granted him by the Nabob: His Highness having at the Same time, addressed a Letter to Bumraauze, making them & acquainted with the circumstance, and directing him to withdraw his Troops, & obey the decision —

The Original Sunnud and Letter & having been produced by the Rajah, as appears

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of acquiring the fullest local information it might have been expected that his evidence would have been competent to clear up the Subject. Yet out of Twenty five Villages in dispute, he has Reported only eighteen to belong to Calastry, having no Knowledge whatever of the Remainder.-

In Support of this Evidence, the Calastry Vackeels have produced Enámdars with their Sunnuds, and also Cadjan Account collection of the Revenues to prove that twelve Villages of the abovementioned, Actually appertain to that Zemindary: but as many of the Government Revenue Accounts were destroyed, when the Town of Calastry was pillaged.- And the Rajah's Palace burned by Hyder's Troops, he has not been able, as he informs us, to produce any Vouchers to ascertain the distinct property of the remaining 13. And notwithstanding several Circumstances, and Some of the oldest Inhabitants of the Pollium that could be procured, were brought forward on His Highness's part; and examined, no satisfactory information of any sort was obtained from them. Which May seem the less surprizing, from the long period that has elapsed, since the Pollegars were dispossessed, and the confusion and depopulation consequent

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to Government be alone entered upon the Minutes of Consultation - and that their Proceedings in full be entered in a separate Book, under the Head of Deputation to Calastry, Copy of which is to be transmitted to the Honourable the Court of Directors -

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob, (which is also entered in P. C. C. N° 124.)

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder of Arcot and The Carnatick &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

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

Fort St. George

My Freind -

From the Nabob laying Claim to the Narwar Pollam and protesting against the improper intervention of Mr. Lind and Major Kennedy in

I think it proper to inform you that by every Right, and by all the Firmaans of the Emperor, all the Lands, which appertain to the Carnatic do independantly belong to me - The Appointment of Mr. Lind and Major Close, to investigate my Rights was not only dishonorable to me in the Eyes of my Subjects, as placing me on an equality with one of them, but totally unnecessary, because, as I have said above, all the Lands are my Right.

However, as my Freind represents that the Company's Troops (whose Pay is in great part defrayed by

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my right to take away Calastry from him is incontrovertable and equally well founded with my right to resume Walwar Pollam &c. but as the Villages of this Pollam are quite distinct from those, which depend upon Calastry, and can require no investigation, I am persuaded that my Friend will see that it is unnecessary for him to give himself that trouble, and that it can only serve to lessen me in the Eyes of my Subjects.

And if the Calastry Man my Servant persevere in Acts of disrespect and disregard of my Authority, I shall call on your Government by Virtue of the subsisting Treaty, to put a Garrison into his Fort, and to reduce him to a proper state of obedience, that I may not be under the necessity of exerting against him the ultimate power that I possess of expelling him the Country, which is a measure that my Love of Justice will prevent my ever resorting to, but in Instances when it is unavoidable.

I hope I shall not be put to any further trouble regarding this business, for in such case it will be necessary to address my Protector The King of Great Britain and my Friends the Company on the Subject, - and inform them from what individual

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my dignity, allow of this Investigation being
extended to points, which invade my undoubted,
acknowledged Rights, as Sovereign of the Carnatic.—

Chepauk House
21st. Saffer 1203 Heg.r or
20 November 1788—

May Your days be long & happy.—
What can I say more?—

The President delivers in the following
Memorandum.—

Memorandum from the President
21st. November 1788.—

The President's Memorandum setting out the immediate Objects of the Mission to Palastry & how unnecessarily it has been enlarged by Mess.rs Lind & Dawes

It appears by the Report from Mess.rs
Lind and Close dated 13th. November that they have been
drawn into an Enquiry on the Subject of the Pollams
extending many Years beyond the Period, that
the Investigation ought to commence.—

They have been tracing back the
History of the Polygars of Palastry, and Nanwar
to the Days of Jana Shah and Aurenzebe, &
which their Instructions have in no Degree authorized
and they have been incumbering their Proceedings
with a great deal of Matter extraneous to the
Object of their Mission, which can only create &
endless Delays, and Difficulties, in ascertaining
the essential Points recommended to their Attention.

It has been incontrovertibly proved to the
Board

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Minute thereon — The Board are of Opinion with the President, that Messrs. Lind and Close have extended their Enquiry beyond what their Instructions required — Agreed therefore, that the following Letter, drafted by the Secretary, be copied fair, and dispatched —

To. Messrs. Lind & Close
at Nerpadoo

Gentlemen,

To Messrs. Lind & Close directing that they have extended the Scope of their Mission in the Objects of which are again particularly explained

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 7th and 13th Instant, and to inform you, that the Nabob having been made acquainted with the Contents of the former, his Highness has assured the Board, that his Servants had his most positive Orders, not to assume any of Villages excepting those of the Pollams &c. which belong to the Circar, and that the two Villages said to have been lately taken by his Highness's People from the Rajah of Calastry, Must certainly belong to Naroar Pollam — but that His Highness had written to Said Mahomed Cawn, directing him to permit the Villages to remain in their former Situation, during Your Investigation. —

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That His Highness is of Course entitled to take possession of all the Villages, belonging to the said District and Pollams.-

The only Objects of your Enquiry are, first, whether the Nabobi People have taken Possession of any, and what Villages, since the March of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment, that do not belong to any of the aforementioned Districts particularly, the List No 4. enclosed in your Instructions, containing 122 Villages said to belong to the Calastry Zemindary.-

and secondly - whether any, and what Quantity and to what Value of Grain, or other Effects, has been taken from the Rajah by any Person, or Persons in any Village, or Villages, belonging to the Calastry Zemindary

To ascertain these Points, the Board do not see any Necessity of having a Retrospect beyond the Dates of the Muchulkas for Sutteyampore and the Pollams, the former in the Year 1764 and the latter in 1777.- You will be pleased therefore to Confine your Enquiries agreeably thereto, and report the Result to Government with as little Delay as possible.-

Fort St. George
21st. November 1788.-

Sam. Y.e. Y.e.

(signed) Wm. C. Jackson
Actg Secry.-

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Same claim to a proportion of the Gratuity Fund, or to an equivalent, as the Quarter Master General, and Deputy Adjutant General of the Company's Troops &c belonging to your Presidency.—

We have the Honor to be &c &c

Fort William
The 29th October 1788.—

(signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore.—

Copy to be sent to the Accountant General and Captain Dixon.—

Agreed that Copies of the above Letter, be sent to the Accountant General, and to Captain Dixon

Read the following Letters from Poona.

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

Honble Sir,

On the 21st Instant, I had the Honour to forward Duplicate of my Address of the 11th.—

From Mr. Ulliff with Intelligence respecting Sindia and Tippoo.—

I have not since heard from Major Palmer, but private Intelligence from Muttra, &c dated twenty five Days ago, mentions Sindia's being still there, but that He had sent the greatest Part of his Army to Ferrudabad, and that Gholam Hader Khan's Forces were encamped without the City &c

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Bhonsla is to set out from Nagpoor on a Visit to
the Peshwah after the Dually; and

I have the Honour to be very respectfully,
&c. &c.

Poona
25 October 1788.

P.S. I expect Mr. Malet here
from Bombay in a very few Days.

(signed) J. Uhthoff
Assistant at Poona

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Uhthoff Communicating Gholam Kadir Khan's Flight from Delhi, and of the alliance entered into between Sindia and Ismael Beg - Enclosing Extract of a Letter from Major Palmer, respecting the former, and Reporting Some Intelligence regarding Jeypore

I had the Honour to address you the
25 Instant, Duplicate of which is enclosed.

Yesterday I had the Pleasure to
receive a Letter from Major Palmer, addressed to
Mr Malet, and have now the Honor to transmit You
an Extract of it. The Country Intelligence accompanying
this Letter was to the following Purport. Gholam
Kadir Khan's Barbarity had impressed with Disgust
all Ranks of People, except his own immediate
Dependants, the Rohillas, whom he had conciliated
by a Distribution of a Part of the Plunder, He had
taken. Delhi was in the utmost Confusion; the
Rohillas hourly disputing with the Town's People
and Mirza Ismael Beg's Troops; and the Mahrattas
plundering up to the Walls of the City. Ismael Beg,

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after Gholam Kader's Departure, He conducted Secretly to his Brother, with the Insignia of Royalty, returning Himself to the Fort, & whence, the next Day, He dismissed every one except the Royal Family, and the fighting & Men with their necessary Dependants. It is said, He has received Orders from his Brother to secure all the Valuables He can; to put to Death the whole of the Royal Family in the Fort; and then make his Escape. Gholam Kader, with the King, was by the last & Accounts at a Place called Long; Six Cos from Delhi. Previous to his quitting Delhi, some Maratta Troops had been introduced into the old Fort, through Ismael Beg, and & immediately after his Departure, Several of the Marratta Sirdars came into Town to confer with Ismael Beg; the chief of whom were Ranna Khan, Rooje Sindea, and & Himmet Bahauder, who assured Him of Mahjee Sindia's Respect and Friendship. & Ismael Beg has been paid 5000 Rupees, and 15,000 more were promised in a Day or two. & The Engagement made by Sindea with & Ismael Beg is to give Him as Jaidaad Nujuf & Kooly

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who professed an Inclination to abide by the Conditions of the late Treaty, and actually gave them Bills for the Amount of his Debt to the Peshwa: That it is now near two Months since they were dispatched by Tippoo, whose Army was then encamped in the Environs of Seringapattam, and its Destination generally reported to be against the Solapoor Country.-

There is a Surmise here that the Peshwa is to have a Meeting with Nizam Ally Khan at Pundenpoor.

M. Malet is still at Bombay, but I expect that He will set off on his Return hither in every few Days.-

I have the Honour to be with the highest Respect,

Yr. Yr.

(signed) Ruthhoff

Asst. at Poona

Poona
30th. October 1788.-

P. S. I have just received a Letter from M. Malet, acquainting me that He expects to be detained at Bombay about ten Days longer.-

Extract of a Letter from the Resident with Sindia to the Resident at Poona, date 9th. October 1788.-

I think that the immediate ascertainment of Sindia's Authority in the Empire is certain.

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Myanza Hadjy, under the notion of his having the ℔
Sanction, & Support of our Government, and that of the
Vizier. I hope in a few days to write to you upon
this Subject with some certainty, as I purpose ℔
going to Camp immediately after the Dussarah. —

I believe that Golam Cauder would gladly
compound to relinquish the Mooktiaary of Indostan
for an unmolested retreat to, & continuance at, Ghouse
Ghan; but his Plunder, & Pretensions are objects that
Scindia will never lose sight of, nor rest satisfied without
the Acquisition of the first, & entire removal of the last,
by the destruction of his opponent; And he will effect
both these points, if he secures the Neutrality of
Ismael Beg, which I think he may do, by any tolerable
observance of their late Engagement: But I am ℔
apprehensive that his Distrust & his Parsimony
will prove too strong for his good faith. He will, ℔
I think, consult his Interest as little as his Reputation
in breaking his faith, since the Country, which he
has assigned in Jaidaad to Ismael Beg lays ℔
conveniently for a junction with the Rajpoots, and
other discontented Tributaries. —

A true Extract
(signed) J. Uhthoff
af. Secy.

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Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (which is also entered in C. C. N.º 125)

From The Rajah of Travancore to the Governor

Dated 14th Sutter or 13th November 1788

From the Rajah of Travancore, soliciting the Command of the Troops to be stationed in His Country, for a Captain Bannerman.

I had the honor to address Your Excellency lately on the subject of employing some battalions of Sepoys for the defence of my Country, which I doubt not you will have the goodness to send me shortly.

It is my wish, that Your Excellency will be pleased to Appoint Major Bannerman to the command of these Troops. He has been with me for some time, and is not only well acquainted with my disposition, but knows every transaction, that has passed between the Company's Government and myself, and a sincere friendship subsists between us.

All the correspondence, that has taken place, on the subject of these troops, has been carried on through him, and, I wish to continue it in future. On that Account, Your Excellency will oblige me very much, if you will be pleased to Appoint Major Bannerman to the Command of the Troops, you are to send here. Your Excellency I am convinced is disposed to manifest your friendship to me, and

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Honor to hold with you, after your Naming me to Command the Troops intended to take possession of the Guntoor Circar; I informed you, that I had arranged my Affairs with a view to return to England in the course of the ensuing Season; but that, untill that time, I was ready to perform whatever Duty might come in my way. — There is now little time to spare, which, together with ill health, obliges me to request your immediate Permission to return to the Presidency

Captain Read desires me to apply for leave for him to accompany me.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) James Eidingtoun

Guntoor
14th November 1788.

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun and Captain Read be permitted to return to the Presidency.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To The Hble Sir. Archd. Campbell Kt.
Governor in Council.
at Fort St. George

Hble Sir

The Governor General has laid before us an Extract of a letter dated the 6th Instant which the

From Bengal with Permission to draw upon that Presidency for the Charges incurred on account of the Expedition to Guntoor.

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The President recommends W.H. Taylor being appointed Muster Master to the Southern Division.—

The President recommends that Mr. Harry Taylor be appointed Muster Master to the Southern Division - vice Mr Guy.—

Approved.—

Ordered accordingly.—

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief, recommends that Lieutenant Darrel Carey be appointed Quarter Master to the 4th Battalion European Infantry - vice Mc Gie - dismissed the Service

The President Recommends that Lieut Carey be appointed Quarter Master to the 4th Battalion—

Approved.—

Ordered accordingly.—

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter from General Horne—

Extract of a Letter from General Horne, dated Trichinopoly 16th Novr 1788—

"Two men in my employ arrived here yesterday

Extract of a Letter from General Horne with Intelligence from Seringapatam.—

"from Seringapatam, which they left twenty days ago: they
"bring no material News except that the Nairs and other
"Inhabitants on the Malabar Side, dependent on Tippoo
"Government, continue very refractory and troublesome,
"and that in Consequence of this conduct; Mahomed
"Cawn had been dispatched from Seringapatam with one
"Royalah consisting of 5 Battalions, 7 Guns, and
"a small party of horse; this party Marched by the
"same Route, Tippoo himself took, when he went
"to Calicut - The Men add, that Tippoo himself resides
"at one of his Gardens, a small distance from the Fort,"

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The President states to the Board that he has examined the Ground in Question, and has found it well Calculated for building Quarters for the Troops, intended for the Defence of the Black Town.

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Resolved therefore, that it be set a part for this Purpose, and that the Committee of Works be directed to appropriate the Remainder of the Ground as far as it will go, to the Satisfaction of the Claimants, on Account of Hog Hill.-

The President delivers in the following Memorandum of Papers to be recorded relative to the Guntoor Circar.

Memorandum.

The President thinks it expedient to recommend that the following essential parts of his Correspondence with Earl Cornwallis, relative to the Surrender of the Guntoor Circar, should be entered upon the Records, as there may be occasion hereafter to refer to some of these Documents.-

The President's Memorandum recommending that the following Papers regarding the Guntoor be entered upon the Records

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Ordered that the Papers laid before the Board by the President, be entered hereunder

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I last Year proposed employing a Servant of your Presidency on the Embassy to Hyderabad, but having had an Opportunity since that time of knowing the Abilities of my Aid de Camp, Captain Kennaway, who is perfectly Master of the Languages, and who has already some Knowledge of the Courts of Hindostan, I have determined to entrust this Business, to his Management

I propose that Captain Kennaway should set out early in the Next Month, when I shall probably notify to the Nizam that, I shall depute a Person much in my Confidence, to confer with him on our mutual Interests; and I request that in the mean time you will with as much Caution and Secrecy as possible, prepare a Body of Troops in a proper Situation, to take possession of the Circars.—

Governor General

I feel a very sincere Satisfaction in Congratulating the Board on the Subject of the late—

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the Guntoor Circar, and to obtain possession of that District according to former Orders of the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, confirmed by their Letter, received lately by the Ranger.-

The Various Considerations, which I weighed with me, when I proposed to the Board to postpone the execution of this Measure must no doubt be recollected by the Members as they are recorded in my Minute dated 23d March and 16 July 1787. But the late happy turn in the Political Affairs of Europe, furnishes in my Opinion, a favorable Opportunity to adopt a different Conduct, and to enact from the Nizam, the full execution of the Treaty of 1768, with Vigour and Despatch.-

We have no reason to suppose that the Nizam would at any time be inclined to relinquish that Circar, without a considerable degree of reluctance; but, I conceive that a great number of Circumstances happily concur at this juncture, to render it extremely improbable

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settled between the two Governments, or to begin with taking possession of the Circar with our Troops, and follow that Step with an Offer ~~of with an offer~~ to make an immediate Settlement of the Public Account, and to pay whatever balance of Peshcush may appear to be due to him after his accounting for the Revenues of the Circar since the period at which according to Treaty it ought to have been put into the possession of the Company.—

The first mode would undoubtedly have the plausible Appearance with the World of the greatest Moderation; but in my Opinion, the Nizam has no Claim upon us for any forbearance, and besides many difficulties, which might arise in time from several Contingencies, the known Character of the Nizam for a Spirit of Duplicity, and Intrigue, and his late Communications with Sippoo, would render it extremely unwise, and dangerous to encourage him to form any Schemes to embarrass us, by the least Appearance on our side of indecision or Procrastination.—

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Extract Letter from Earl Cornwallis K.G. to the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. &c. &c. &c.

Calcutta 16th. April 1788.

Dear Sir,

I transmit a Duplicate of my Cypher'd Letter together with a Copy of a Minute on the Subject of the Guntoor Circar

Since I sent the Letter to you, & I have received a Message from the Nizam through our Resident, Meer Hussein, complaining that English Gentlemen had been sent by me to all the principal Chiefs of the Mahrattas, but that no Notice had been taken of him, who & was the Chief of the Deccan.-

Nothing could be more convenient to me than the Receipt of this Message.-

It affords a very good pretext for my sending Captain Kennaway to Hydrabad without creating any Suspicion of the real Object of the Measure.-

Extract Letter from Earl Cornwallis K.G. to Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. &c. &c. &c. Calcutta 20th June 1788.-

Dear Sir,

The enclosed Instructions will & I hope

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impressions of Anger or resentment, that he may have felt at our determination to exact the full accomplishment of the Treaty from him. —

We have reason to believe that it would be possible by persuasion alone to induce the Nizam to relenquish the Ceded in question, & and from his known Character for duplicity and intrigue, I have considered it the duty of this Government, to take such Steps, as will leave him the least possible time, and temptation to Concert Measures with Tippoo or the Marattas to retard or embarrass the execution of our design. —

It has therefore been resolved to take possession of the Ceded with a Body of Troops from the Carnatic, after giving the Nizam a Short previous notice of our intention, and making a formal demand of the Surrender of it; but, as I wish to possess the advantages of Sir A. Campbell's Opinion upon this point, I shall delay coming to a decision on the precise mode of executing our purpose, until I receive his Answer to a letter, I wrote to him about a fortnight ago, and which may be expected to

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of Guntoor, and there appears ground to suppose the materials upon which both are founded, are either incorrect or misrepresented. I have been so little satisfied with the result of My own investigation, that I will not venture to say further, than that it seems probable to me that the Estimate of the Annual Revenue of the Guntoor, ought to be somewhere between eight and Nine Lacks of Rupees but, You will be furnished with all the papers in our possession, which relate to that Subject. We shall trust to your discernment and Application to ascertain by every Means in Your power, the true Amount with as much exactness, as may be practicable

The Nizam could furnish the means, if he thought proper, of adjusting this Account in the most satisfactory Manner, by giving you access to Authentic documents of the Actual Receipt of Revenue from the Circar for the last three or four years; but, I cannot flatter myself with the hopes of Your finding him so candid and accomodating.—

It will however be desirable, and you will endeavour to obtain such an Account if possible

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Communicated to the Nizam by Mr. Johnson.

We suggest these Accounts only as a ground of discussion, trusting to your abilities that every attention compatible without Serious intention of a liberal and fair adjustment, shall be given to the Interests of the English Company.

You will correspond regularly with Sir Archd. Campbell, to whose information and Opinions upon this point, you will pay the greatest attention, and you will particularly concert the most convenient periods, when you & arrange the mode with the Nizam for the future payment of the Peishcush by the Madras Government

I am aware that the Nizam in his Conferences with you, will not confine himself to mere pecuniary arrangements, he will touch upon the subject of his former Negotiations & with Mr. Johnson, and he will perhaps expatiate with some Warmth on the Nature of the Obligations that We Contracted on our part by the same Treaty, upon which we found our pretensions to Guntoor. As you are acquainted with the &

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I wrote a letter to his Highness soon after my arrival in this country, in which, tho' I was desirous to avoid all disagreeable expressions, I conceive that I gave him clearly to understand, that the Treaty could not take effect.—

Our engagement in the Treaty of One Thousand seven hundred and Six† eight to Support the Nizam when at War with two Battalions of Sepoys and Six field pieces* with Europeans is in so discretionary a state, & so small a force would not only be incapable of giving useful aid, but its own situation in the midst of one of the great Native Armies, would be so dangerous that There is little appearance that those who made that Treaty, had any intention of it performing that Stipulation.—

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It would be however highly inexpedient and unjustifiable to make such an avowal, and it will require some delicacy, on your part to Account for our having hitherto declined to furnish the aforementioned aid, and to avoid making an explicit declaration of our future intentions.—

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as far as he has just Claim from Treaty; and It may be consistent with our own political safety in India, and as a proof of our attention to his Honor and real interests, as well as of our Moderation in asserting our well founded Claims, you will Call to his recollection the forbearance we used in not demanding the Peiar, when he was engaged in the War with Tippoo, and you may assure him that it proceeded from an unwillingness to contribute by any act of ours, to give his enemy an advantage over him in the War.—

Besides giving your attention to the immediate objects of your deputation, which I have described, it will be desirable and of great importance to this Government, that you should obtain as much authentic information as possible, concerning the Nizam's personal Character, and Conduct, the Character and abilities of his Sons, and principal Ministers; the State of his Finances, and internal Government, and the nature of his Negotiations, and political Connections with the neighbouring powers.

You are not ignorant that his general and intimate political Connection, has for some time past been with the Poonah Government but

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since that time, I have not received any of your Letters.—

Lord Cornwallis has sent me a Copy of his Letter to you of the 4th Instant. Since the date of my Letter to his Lordship, which produced those Instructions to you, I have not heard from Tellicherry, but there is no Reason to entertain a doubt of the Cherika Rajah being still in possession of the Island of Darmapatam.

I have received from Tippoo, a Reply to my Letter on this Subject. I am sorry to say, it is not satisfactory. He appears to justify the Conduct of the Cherika Zemindar, and to place the Company as the Aggressors, from whom he demands, what he calls a just Settlement with that Zemindar, and recommends that this may be done without using Violence.—

He does not even offer an Apology for the Cherieka Man's having forcibly seized the Island of Darmapatam,—and the whole Strain of his Letter convinces me that these proceedings were either instigated by Tippoo, or had his Sanction.

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give of it to the Nizam, as soon as a day for re
admitting me to a second Audience is fixed, I shall
send you instant information of it.

I submit to your wisdom the propriety
of the Officer who is to be invested with the important
Command of this detachment, being furnished with
such instructions as may be necessary for the guidance
of his Conduct, as far as his Situation has any reference
to my public Capacity at this Court. as well as for his
regularly corresponding with me and whether I ought
not to be furnished with a Copy of his instructions,
at large.-

As far as my enquiries have been able to
ascertain the fact, there has not existed any real
cause for your Surpicion of any Serious Negotiation
being on the Tapis between Tippoo, and the
Nizam, the Vakeels from the latter, I understand
were sent at the instigation of Jontiaz u' Dowla;
moved thereto by the Consideration of his Jageer
which he wanted to be protected, being situated
near the borders Adjoining to Tippoo's Country;
Three Vakeels have been returned some time, but
were not Accompanied by any person of Consequence
on the part of Tippoo.- This Said the Minister &
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them in contemplation, more than perhaps, what a Jealousy of our Superior Power might lead them to entertain, which originating from the Same Source would, I should suppose, operate with them in the Same manner, with regard to Tippoo, of whose Powers, & their own weakness, they received such convincing proofs in the late War, which they waged against him, and to join whom, to disthess the English, might be, in the end, to accomplish their own destruction, which I think must be the light in which they view it.-

Hydrabad 3d August 1788.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) John Kennaway

P. S. I have just heard that the Guntoor has been taken from Seyf Jung, a dependant of Seyf Jung's who is at Mortal enmity with the Minister, and given to a dependent of the latter's, whose Name I do not immediately recollect.-

(signed) J. K.

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

Honble Sir,

I am this instant honored with your

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your intended Communication.—

You shall certainly be furnished agreeable to your Request with Copies of the Instructions to the Officer, who is to Command the Troops, who will be directed to correspond regularly with you,—

I am glad to see that you are convenced & there is no cause to Suppose that any Confederacy of the Native Princes is forming, hostile to us, such as I had suspected.—

I have now the Satisfaction to acquaint you that, I have received an Answer to the second Letter written by me to Tippoo, concerning the Cherikal Rajah. He is very moderate in his Language, and Says, he will order the Rajah to appoint proper Persons, who must accompany his own Dewan to the Neighbourhood of Tellicherry, there, to settle the Accounts between the Rajah, and the Company, in a just manner.—

The Receipt of this Letter inclines me to believe that, Tippoo is not disposed to quarrel with us at this time, and I think there is very little Cause to suppose that the execution of your Secret Orders need be longer suspended. I expect Tippoo's Answer to

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the smallest chance of recovering.—

Tippoo, by the latest accounts I have seen, was still at Calicut, where it was reported his next movement would be towards Bangalore, but this is news paper intelligence, and I do not mention it as worthy of being entirely depended on.—

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

(signed) John Kennaway.

Hydrabad
13. August 1788.

Copy, Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell Kt. &c.

To Captain Kennaway - Hydrabad.—

Sir,

Since writing to you on the 18th. Instant I have been in daily expectation of receiving Tippoo's Answer to the Letter written to him by Earl Cornwallis. I now despair of his making a Reply, and as his Letter to me as well as his general Conduct for these last fifteen or Sixteen Weeks, is free from any Hostile appearance, I cannot reconcile it to myself, to hold you longer under restraint in the Prosecution of the important Object of your Mission to Hydrabad.

I therefore recommend that as soon as possible after receipt of this Letter, you should obtain an

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extension of time appears to me unnecessary; because, every part of the Plan for executing the Service, is completely arranged, and you may rest assured, that three Days after you receive this Letter, the Troops will be in readiness to march from Ongole, which is only distant 15 Miles from the Guntoor Circar. Indeed, I would rather recommend, if it could be done with decency, that you should only allow the Nizam eight Days to give his Answer; he can decide in that time as well as in a longer Period; and if he has written to Tippoo for support, which he may have done from the Report, or Apprehension of your Intention to make the Demand; the longer the time given him for his Answer, the greater will be the danger of his receiving encouragement from the Sultaun to resist our Demands. Unless therefore you see an absolute Necessity for Adhering to the letter of Lord Cornwallis's Instructions on this Head, I could wish to abridge, rather than prolong the time allowed for the Answer.

As the Movement of Lieutenant-Colonel Edingtown's Detachment to take Possession of

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Copy. Letter from The Honble Sir. Archibald Campbell KB.
To Captain John Kennaway Hydaabad.—

Sir,

Enclosed is a Triplicate of my Letter of this Date.—

In your Dispatches both to me and to Ongole, you may at times find it prudent to send Duplicates of your Letters by way of Timericottah, where Lieutenant Hope Stuart, an intelligent Officer is Stationed. The Nabob of Arcot has a regular Tappy between Hydrabad and Timericotta, of which I apprehend you can avail yourself when necessary; for this purpose, I send you an Order from the Nabob to Jack Jewan Doss, his Vackeel at Hydrabad, directing him to receive and Dispatch all Letters which you may have occasion to forward by his means. When you write by the Nabob's Tappy, which comes & direct to Timericottah, I would recommend your & enclosing your Letter to Lieut Stuart, who will forward them instantly agreable to their Address.

If you should become apprehensive as to the Safety of your Letters by the Nabob's Tappy or by the Tappy which I hear you have established from Condapilly, I think you may convey them securely & and

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Captain Read is anxious that Bahargees waiting upon you should be kept as quiet as possible, because he has been employed in various enquiries, & which makes him desirous to keep his Connexion with us concealed.—

Captain Read will write you a few lines by Seyd Dolowi Cawn, who may prove useful to you in the way of procuring Intelligence.—

I think it necessary to recommend that you should be on your Guard as to Mr. Biddle, of whose Character I am rather doubtful. I have directed Captain Read who accompanies Colonel Cadingtown as Secretary and Persian Interpreter to Correspond with you. he has long been very confidently and very successfully employed by me in procuring and Arranging of Intelligence all over Hindoostan; is well acquainted with the Politics of Hydrabad, where he has been several times, and I know the present Service will benefit much from his being employed upon it.

Mr. Sadlier Chief of Masulipatam, is appointed on the part of this Government to take Charge of the Guntoor Circar. You will therefore be so good as correspond with him on all such Subjects, as relate to the Civil or

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peaceably, according to the Treaty of 1768, the Govern-
ment of this Presidency are instructed to take
possession of it by Force of Arms.-

For the purpose of executing the Orders
of Government in this Respect, a Detachment,
consisting of Troops, Artillery and Ordnance Stores,
specified in the accompanying Returns, No 182 are
to rendezvous at Ongole, to the Command of which
you are appointed; in the fullest Confidence, that
the Public Service will be conducted, under your
immediate Orders, with Ability, Zeal, and
promptness.-

On the Receipt of these Instructions
you will proceed by Sea, with that Division
of the Detachment which is to sail from hence
to Cottapatam, a Sea port lying about eighth
Miles East of Ongole, belonging to His Highness
the Nabob Walajah.-

On your Arrival at Cottapatam, the
utmost Expedition is to be used in disembarking
the Troops, Artillery and Ordnance Stores; and
in moving them from thence to the Rendezvous at
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obtain effectual Possession of it.

As the Movement of your Detachment to the Guntoor Circar will be regulated in either Instance by the Information you will receive from Captain Kennaway; you will pay particular Attention to his Communications on that Head; and consider them as sufficient Authority for the Commencement, and prosecution of the Duties entrusted to your Care, Subject however at all times to such Orders and Instructions as you may receive from me, or the Governor for the time being of Fort St. George.-

At a Distance from the Scene of Military Transactions, when a Variety of Circumstances not immediately known, may have just Weight in adopting a particular Plan for the Execution of the Service to be performed by the Detachment under your Command; any Mode of Operations specifically ordered from hence might be found objectionable; I shall therefore only suggest general Ideas, leaving it entirely to your good Sense to determine on the Spot, any other Mode

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the Terms offered; you are to declare him responsible for the Calamities that may ensue, and instantly attack his Troops, and rout them: Half an hour should only be given to Seyd Jeung to return an Answer to your Request.-

If the Nizam's Forces in the Field are not so formidable, either in Number or Discipline as to draw your particular Attention, it may not be necessary to bring them to Action. #

In such Case the immediate Object of your # Operations may probably be most judiciously directed to the Places of greatest Strength in the Circar, of which Innaconda, Bellumconda and Condaver, are reckoned of the first Importance.

I again repeat, that I only throw out those Suggestions as general Ideas, because it would be highly improper to tie you down to any particular Line of Conduct, when # perhaps from unforseen Events the same Objects may be accomplished with less Difficulty, and more fortunate Success. The executive part # must always rest upon your own Judgement, of the Disposition and Strength of the Enemy and their

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Zemindars of the above Discription, or others who may be disaffected to the Nizam, as a probable & Means of procuring their Influence and Assistance in the Course of your Operations. The Zemindars are to be protected in their Rights and privileges, so long as they conduct themselves with propriety and Fidelity towards the Honble Company.

In the Paper, № 4 you will find such Information as I have received concerning the usual Force maintained by the Nizam in the Guntoor Circar. On this point however you are likely to acquire more specific Intelligence, after your Arrival at Ongole; from which you may be able to form some Judgement of the Intentions of the Nizam, in Case he shall have Come to a Knowledge of the Object of Captain Kennaway's Negotiation, previous to his public Avowal of it.

Exclusive of the 15th Regiment of Hanoverians, Major Johnston of the Honble Company's Engineer Corps, Major Wynch of the Native Infantry, Captain Carlisle of the Artillery, and Brigade Quarter Master Boisdaune are ordered to proceed under your Command to be employed in their

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and Artillery Lascars of your Detachment. Any Surplus that may arise after your Arrival at Cottapatam, will be delivered over to the Paymaster of your Detachment.

At Ongole you will find 3½ Months Arrack and 1 Months Salt for 896 Europeans, and 4 Months Rice and 2 Months Paddy for 896 Europeans and 3000 Natives; exclusive of 7 Days Beef and Biscuit for your Europeans on their March.

At Timericottah, One Months Rice for your Detachment.—

At Condapille, half a Months Rice for your Detachment.—

At Banpettla, a considerable Quantity of Paddy.

I acquaint you of these Circumstances that in case your Detachment is in the Neighbourhood of these Stations, you may know where to look for a Supply.—

As a Civil Servant will be appointed for the Management of all Matters in the # Civil Line of the Service; you will of Course # confine yourself to Military Operations only,— and the promise of the Company's # # # # # protection

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later than your accounts describe him, as being on his return to Seringapatam, and adds the general opinion is, that he means to weather out the monsoon on the Malabar Coast, which his attempting in spight of the scarcity of fodder, which prevails there, and other inconveniences argues, I think, his having some design to execute after the rains break up, which it may be Material, you should be acquainted with; mine however is Native intelligence for the incorrectness of which, great Allowances must be made; The Situation of Affairs at this Court appears to be such as could be wished for. & I do not think a More favourable Juncture likely to occur, viewed either with respect to the internal states of its Government, or its connections so far as I have been able to ascertain them with the Neighbouring powers of Seppoy and the Mahratta's the present affords for the execution of your design on Guntoor.-

I had the pleasure to address you the 13th Instant with the papers you requested to be furnished with & have the Honor to be with great Respect

Hyderabad
25. August 1788.-

&c. &c.

(signed) John Kennaway

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Acts of Violence in consequence of our demanding and enforcing our just right to the Surrender of Guntoor. In which opinion I am confirmed by the idea I have formed of the personal Character of the Nizam and his Minister, the latter of whom by the severest exactions on the Jaghirdars of the Soubah, and undue Retrenchment of Military expences, has hardly yet restored the Treasury from the low State to which it was reduced, by the late war against Tippoo: besides, I do not think the English Name and power was ever held in such awe, and estimation by the different powers of Hindostan, as at this period or so well calculated to give weight to any negociation it might happen to be engaged in.

The Answer you have received from Tippoo appears in itself so conclusive that without waiting for his further reply to Lord Cornwallis's letter, I shall as soon as the Nizam has returned from an entertainment he is celebrating at the Ministers house which will be in the Course of three or four days, Solicit another Audience, which your unexpected advices not preventing, I shall proceed to disclose the real business of my Commission so soon

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Your address, from M. Mallet.

The Nizam having unexpectedly postponed his visit to the Minister's house, which had been fixed for the morning of the 28th. did not quit the palace till the 1st. Instant; and as he expects to be wholly taken up, from the time of his return, to the commencement of the Eid Holy days; in celebrating various Marriages which are to take place in his family, & other preparations between the above periods; I do not see much likelihood of my obtaining an audience, till after the expiration of this festival, which ends the 16th of the Month.

By intelligence, just arrived from Raychore, dated the 26th ultimo, it appears that Tippoo was then at a place called Runjunghur, & it was generally believed had detached a considerable detachment, under the conduct of a Son of Mir Saheb, to proceed against Manawar Khan the Nabob of Kanoul, who it is said has applied to the Nizam on the occasion, & intends on the first appearance of the enemy's forces, to cross the Tungbadra & repair to Hydrabad. There is reason to suspect his highness is

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and from your progressively numbered; and I beg your attention thereto with regard to the Letters you may have occasion to write me in future.—

12th September 1788.— I have the honor to be.—

&c.a &c.a &c.a

(signed) Arch.d Campbell.

Inclosed is Duplicate of my Letter of the 6th of September

To Captain Kennaway

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th which I received yesterday gave me great Pleasure, but I confess yours of the 15th now come to hand has occasioned Some uneasiness and doubts as to the Sincerity of the Nizam's Intentions — The whole of his Representations to you I think very adverse to our Claims, and Wishes, and the concluding part of it goes no further than to say, that he will refrain from opposition to our taking possession of the Circar. This I own has disappointed me a good deal, as I reputed his Letter to Suf Jung mentioned in your's of the 14th would have been an Order for the Peaceable surrender of the Circar agreeable to the terms of the Treaty.—

I shall be impatient to hear the sequel of Your Negotiations on this point, and I hope the

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I send you herewith the Original N.1 Treaty
under the Seal of Bazalet Jung, by which he agreed to
2. Rent the Circar to the Company. I also send you the
Original Letter which accompanyed the Treaty, and
3&4. Official Copies from the Translations of both these
Papers — You will See by the conclusion of the Letter
just mentioned, that the measure of Leasing the
Circar to the Company was a voluntary Act and
he there promisses, that after he had received the
Collections for the Current Year; and the Treaty was
returned to him duly Executed, he would send the
Summes for the Rent of the Circar. — A Counterpart
of the Treaty as desired by Bazalet Jung was
Executed by the Governor & Council, and a Copy
thereof is enclosed N.5 — A Copy of the Summes from
Bazalet Jung is likewise sent N.6 — The Original
Summes was sent to the Officer who took possession
of Guntoor, by whom as I was informed, it was
delivered to Tajee ud deen Cawn, who was employed
by the Nabob Wallajah at Guntoor, and it never was
returned to the Office here.—

You will see by the Treaty that the
Rent was not fixed, which the Company were to pay,

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think the Surplus Cash in our Treasury there, after paying the necessary Demands upon it, will admit of any very large Payments to the Soubah.—

The other Gentlemen of Council as well as myself are clearly of Opinion that the Company ought to pay any loss by the Exchange in drawing the Bills, as the Money is not to be paid at Masulipatam, but by Bills on Bengal, and you are of course warranted in making good such Loss.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) Archibald Campbell

Fort St. George
4th October 1788.—

Captain Kennaway

Sir,

My last Letter to you was dated the 7th Instant, since which I have received your Letter of dated 30th September No. 24, one dated 5th October (no number,) and one dated 17th Oct. No. 28— so that there appears to be two Numbers wanting. If they contained any thing important, I shall be glad to have Duplicates of them.—

The Extracts of your Letter of 30th September to Earl Cornwallis contain important information

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Mr. Sadleir is busily employed making out a state of the Actual Collections in the Country since the Death of Bazalet Jeng, which he will transmit to you and thereby assist you in bringing forward strong Arguments to oppose the unreasonable Demand on the part of the Soubah.—

In my next Letter I shall give my Opinion as to the periods for paying our Visto.—

Agreeably to the request in one of your Letters, I have made particular enquiry about the character of Meer Hussein, and I find there was a mistake in the Name, as it was not to his Character that the Objections were meant to be stated, but to that of Meer Cassim, who is the Person that I understand has a Brother with Sippoo, I do not find any kind of objection to Meer Hussein but what arises from his bodily Infirmities, which had long disabled him from attending to Business, and I have heard that when he was in that situation, he employed Meer Cassim to act for him. If that is true, and that Meer Cassim is in Sippoo's Interests we are still exposed to Meer Cassim's Intrigues — You however must now be the best judge of all this, and

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he assumes either as an honest Merchant, or a trusty dealer in Horses.

If Mr. Biddle has a wish of being Employed a second time in procuring Horses for this Presidency, he must in the first Instance liquidate his Balance of 9868 Rupees due to the Compy for Bills drawn by him on Major Campbell to that Amount, since the Accumulation of which he has entirely withdrawn himself from the Execution of any further part of his Contract.

The Settlement of this Balance and Interest thereon, I hereby Authorize you to demand of him, and when I learn that, I shall then be disposed to listen to future Proposals, which your Residence at Hydrabad and a Watchful eye over Mr. Biddle may be the Means of his fulfilling in a Manner very different from the experience we have already had of his assurances and professions.

I must further remark, that if Mr. Biddle has been conscious of having acted fairly in his former transactions he would not have had occasion to make Application thro any other Channell, as there was nothing we so anxiously wished for, as an early and reasonable supply of Horses.

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir &c.
(signed) A. Campbell.

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appear to be the Amount of Seyf Jung's net receipts, and after deducting the Charges of collecting which the Minister alledges to be four Annas in the Rupee, agreeably to the custom of the Soubah of Hydrabad, that he would allow the Company Credit for the Amount, and receive whatever balance might remain in full of all demands.-

I am much inclined to think that His Highness would not have to receive so great a Balance by this mode as by that which I proposed, but I deemed it too hazardous to accede to it, without a previous investigation having been made on the Spot; besides I conceived that my proposition taken in every light in which it can be received was the most equitable for both Governments and the best adopted to fulfill the Scope of Lord Cornwallis's instructions to me for the regulation of my Conduct in this Business.-

But His Highness declining to agree to my proposal, and determining to refer the matter to Lord Cornwallis, I have declared to him that by this Act my proposal becomes as nugatory as if it had never been formally made, if any more preferable mode should suggest itself to his Lordship.-

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Mr. Sadlier he promised that an account
should be kept by the Post Master at Masulipatam
in order to detect any miscarriages that might
happen. I have written to this Officer specifying
the Number of the Packet and desired him to
explain the matter as far as he can to the Post
Master General, for your information. –

Meer Abdul Cassim whom His Highness
has appointed to proceed to Calcutta is to set
off in three or four Days, I have no reason to
believe he is in Tippoo's pay, nor do I think
if he were, as a Servant of the Nizam's that
it would be of any Consequence to us, as the Sense
nality of principle (which is common to most Natives)
would induce him to receive a bribe from us or any other
Power, He has a Brother in Tippoo's Service,
who was in the employ of the Son of Fazl Beg
when his Highness went against him, &
and took possession of his Jaggheire, but he is
said to be in disgrace. –

The Nizam has moved to his Tents,
and I believe means to pass the two next Months

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Sent the undermentioned Letters presented in M. B. N.ᵒ 67.68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73.

To Colonel Kelly

21 To the Commandant of Arnee, declining to Comply with the Request of the Officers of his Regiment, for an allowance, on account of Quarters.

To the Committee of Works

To the Committee of Works - Informing them that the Ground in the Black Town, which is pointed out by the Engineers as an Eligible Spot for Barracks, must be reserved for that purpose.

To Colonel Ross

To the Chief Engineer - the Balance of Pagodas 677. 36. 51 due to him on account of Granaries at Tiagar, will the discharge

To Colonel Eidingtoun

To Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun, granting permission for him, and for Captain Read, to return to the Presidency.

To Mr. Mowbray

To the Accountant General - Directing that the Quarter Master General and Deputy adjutant General of His Majesty's Troops, be included, in the Distribution of the Gratuity Fund - and Enclosing a Letter from Bengal on the Subject.

To Colonel Dirom

To the Deputy Adjutant General of His Majesty's Troops Enclosing a Letter from the Supreme Government on the Subject of his and the Quarter Master General to the Kings Troops sharing in the Gratuity fund - desiring him to furnish the accountant General with the Dates of their respective appointments.

To Mr. W.ᵐ Hawkins

22 To the Paymaster at Cuddalore - with Extract from the G. O. of the 28ᵗʰ November 1787, which has relation to the Subject of his agency.

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The Dividend to the Creditors, as appears by the State from the Register of the Nabob's Debts, will amount to Pagodas 4,53,026. 3. 25½ and the President begs leave to propose, that a Dividend of that Sum be declared for the 15th of December

Signed &c.

Distribution of Six Lacks of Pagodas to the Public and Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic —

Distribution of the 6 Lacks to the Creditors of His Highness —

The Creditors of the new Consolidated Debt
6 Months Interest to 31st December 1787 — — 1,64,954 35 51
The Residue being Pagodas 4,35,045. 29 to be equally divided between the Honorable Company, and the Creditors of the old Cavalry Loan. -
The Creditors of the old Cavalry Loan
6 Months Interest to 31st December 1787 - 41,437 17. 34
In part of Principal at Pagodas 25. 17. 69 13/16 per Cent — — — — — — — — } 1,76,085 — 60½ 2,17,522. 18 14½
Pagodas 3,82,477 17 65½
The Honble Company will retain their Proportion — — — — — 2,17,522 18. 14½
Pagodas 6,00,000 — ,

Fort St George
25th November 1788

Signed — J. Montgomery Campbell
Register of the Nabob's Bonds —

NB Dividend to the Creditors of the Consolidated Debts as above Pgs. 3,82,477 17. 65½
6 Months Interest to the Creditors of the new Cavalry Loan to 31st December 1787 — — — 13,439. 12. 10.
In Part of Principal at Pagodas 25. 17. 69 13/16 per Cent — — } 57,109 - 9. 30. 70,548 21. 40.

Amount Payable to the Creditors Pags. - 4,53,026 3 25½

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"he was asked by the President whether he could discharge
"the Balance due, to which he replied he would in a
"few days pay in Two Lacks of Pagodas and the Remainder
"at Tanjore for the use of the Troops being the whole Balance
"excepting the Sum of 10 6000 Pagodas on account of
"Arrears of Peishcash which he hoped might be
"postponed;"

Among the Papers entered on the Consultation of 9th August I find the proposition alluded to; but Concluding that the offers of Payment did not differ from what had been proposed the day before, I did not advert to the Clause in the point of view in which it has now been Stated by the President. From the wording of which it might be inferred that the Rajah required Arrears of three Lacks and Eighteen Thousand Pagodas to be delayed. It appears however that so far as Concerned the actual arrears due from the Rajah, the offers were to pay the whole amount with the exception only of 1,05,000 Pagodas due on account of the Nabob's Peishcash, which he wished to postpone, and which I understood was to have been paid in three years. The Vackeels Propositions of 9th August appear to me obscurely expressed — and I confess I did not advert to his desire that the like sum annually might be remitted in future, for the three first years of the Treaty, to be

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It has been observed on frequent occasions that the measures that have been proposed by the President are less Severe than having recourse to the Terms of the Treaty, but I beg leave to remark, that the original object (whatever alterations have since taken place) of the Commissioners appointment, was to have recourse to the Treaty on the most rigid Construction, and to obtain from the Rajah the assignment of his whole Country, to the Company's management, with the exception only "of certain Districts to be set "a part for the Rajah's Expences, for the purpose of liquidating the "Arrears now due, and for securing for two or three years to come "the Punctual payment of the subsidy agreable to the Treaty, "or until the expiration of the year 1791" which will not be found a more lenient measure, than claiming a Sufficient portion of Country as I proposed to be made over till the Arrears were liquidated, to be then again restored to the Rajah and in regard to the Present deficiency, a large extent of Country might not have been requisite.—

November 25th 1788

Signed John Holland.

Read the following Letters —

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B

Governor of Fort St George

From Mr Redhead with Intelligence respecting the Vackeels which were sent from Bornah to Seringapatam also of Scindia & Holcars Vackeels — His Suspicions of an angry Letter having been received at Tornah from Pondicherry — Complaining of the Chiefs neglect —

Honble Sir,

I had the Honor to address You the 30th Ultimo, and have now to inform you that I have been since officially acquainted by Nanna that the Vackeels from

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A Pair of Post Cossids from Ongole, with a Packet addressed to Captain Kennaway, & dispatched from Madras the 8th of October, arrived here this Morning — An Enquiry why the Packet was not delivered to Captain Kennaway, the Cossids said they were informed at Hydrabad, which Place they passed fourteen Days ago, that Captain Kennaway was gone towards Adoni, and that knowing they had Dispatches for Bombay, they conceived it their Duty to proceed to that Place, and not to go after Captain Kennaway — Thinking that the Packet probably contained Dispatches for this Residency and Bombay, I opened it, and found in it a Letter from you for Captain Kennaway, and another for the Postmaster at Bombay. The former proceeds by this Opportunity to Hydrabad, & the Post Cossids have been dispatched onwards with the Letter — not having any reason to suppose that Captain Kennaway is gone towards Adoni, I fear the Cossids have been guilty of neglect of Duty at Hydrabad; their Names are Caulooje and Gingaram — I have taken the Liberty to trouble you with the above, for as I did not, in the present critical State of Affairs with the Nizam, the Delay in your Letter reaching Captain Kennaway may be of some Consequence, and that particular Instructions may begiven to the Cossids in future.

I have the Honor to enclose Duplicate of my last Dispatch of the 30th Ultimo, except the Extract from Major Palmers Letter, which I have not had

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[redacted] it contained nothing hostile to his interests which he had been taught to believe was the case even to a revolution being designed in favor of his Brother a printed Copy which I chanced to have by me sufficiently answered these purposes.—

The Vakeel appointed to attend Lord Cornwallis has received his dismission in a very honorable manner from His Highness and is to commence his Journey about the 18th those commissioned to proceed to Tippoo's Camp are still here.—

The Ardis issued by his Highness for an increase of Military Establishment of which I had the honor to advise you in my address of the 11th September have been countermanded and the levies which were made in consequence are ordered to be dismissed.—

Hydrabad 15th November 1788

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

Signd John Kennaway

Extract Letter from W. Uhthoff Assistant at Poonah Dated 4th November 1788 to Captain Kennaway.—

A Pair of the Angole Post Hsids arrived here this Morning with a Packet addressed to you and Dispatched from Madras the 8th Ultimo - they say they passed Hydrabad fourteen days ago where they learned that you had gone to Adonie, and thought it their Duty to proceed to Bombay rather than go after you thinking the Packet might contain Dispatches for this Residency

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

Commander in Chief &c. Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Nixon with Intelligence from Seringapatam

The last accounts from Cuneul near Seringapatam Informs us of Tippoo's being there at his Gardens in good health and enjoying himself in the most sensual voluptuousness in the midst of which he studies new Conquests, and orders armies to march; — Bosan ab dien is ordered with two Brigades against Sonana the quduul Reddy whose Country is in the — Adonai territory, which the Reddy means to evacuate and proceed to Hydrabad as soon as Tippoo's Force becomes too strong for him to oppose and which must shortly be the Case as Cumer ul deen Cawn is ordered with a reinforcement to take upon him the command — but Saibe is still at Dindigul notwithstanding his recall had been resolved on and for which no reasons are known, — I am, with much respect

Sir &c.

Vellore 21st November 1788

Signed Eccles Nixon

The President reads to the Board some Intelligence from Captain Read which states, That Tippoo's Manoeuvres do not seem intended for an attack on the Guntoor Circar — that his Preparations for war are to secure himself against the

The President acquaints the Board with some further Intelligence respecting the Country Powers

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Authority of the Mogul Emperor was established in these parts, when the Mohomedan Bukshies taking up their residence at Naglepore, obliged the Mullam Polygars as well as those of the other Pollams, to pay them a Foudary which was regularly discharged till the Marattas entered the Carnatic between forty and fifty years ago, an occasion which the several Polygars availed themselves of to assert a temporary independence. Be this as it may, it is agreed by all parties, that the Mullam Polygar Kistnama naick, paid to the present Rajah of Calastry, an annual Pisheash from about the year 1763 to 1776 when the Rajah deprived him of his Pollam, giving the Family a Village as a maintenance in a seperate part of his Zaghire. Misbehaviour on the part of the Polygar is the reason assigned by the Rajah for dispossessing him, however the existence of any such motive is not admitted by the Evidence examined on the side of His Highness, and it is to be observed, that although the Foudary paid by the several Polygars to the Mohomedan Government till the Maratta invasion is particularly mentioned, yet this Tribute does not appear to have been demanded at any subsequent period, nor did the Circar ever interpose in favor of the Mullam Polygar when dispossessed, which may seem the more remarkable from the recency of the event.

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as the youngest of 1787.—

With regard to Mr Binny's letter in favor of the Assistant Surgeons, the Hospital Board having taken the subject into consideration, direct their Secretary to enclose Mr. Binny, Copy of their Proceedings of the 7th July, with the observations of Government thereon. The other parts of his letter, they will instruct their Secretary likewise to reply to.

The Hospital Board understanding, that Mr Lepper is so far recovered from his Journey to Trichinopoly, as to be able to do duty, recommend his being appointed to the 19th Battalion.

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That part of Mr Binnys Letter which Solicits the allowances of a Lieutenant for the Assistant Surgeons "a Set of Gentlemen who have Spent so much time and been at the expence of a Suitable Education" The Hospital Board think meriting the attention of Government, as the Establishment is yet incompleat, and it is necessary frequently to demand the Regimental Assistants services in the Hospital & sometimes the Assistant with one Battalion is obliged to do the Duty of two or three Battalions.

In this way, the requisition of the

will be recommended to the favorable Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors

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From Ganjam — with Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Officers Quarters at that Settlement, which the Chief and Council have ordered to be executed; stating that the usual allowance of House Rent has been continued to the Officers unprovided with Company's Quarters — and requesting that Major Mackenzie may be continued in the Enjoyment of some small allowances, which the Comptroller General has deprived him of.

From Ganjam

The Board have already written to Ganjam — directing that no greater allowance than 5 Pagodas ₱ Mensem be allowed to Officers on account of House Rent.

Minute thereon

With Respect to Major Mackenzie, no Decision can pass upon his Claim, until the Board hear further on the Subject from the Comptroller General.

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From Lieutenant Sheriff — inclosing a Certificate of his ill State of Health & requesting Permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope.

From Lieutenant Sheriff

Agreed, that Six months Leave of Absence be given to Lieutenant Sheriff, to commence from the Day of his Departure for the Cape of Good Hope.

Minute thereon

From Captain Montgomery — Commanding at Angole — stating that there are Arrears of Cloathing due to the 2d Battalion of Native Infantry for the year 1782.

From Captain Montgomery

Agreed that the above Arrears be discharged in Cash by the Paymaster at Angole.

Minute thereon

From Messrs. Amos and Bowden — inclosing a Bill belonging to the Surgeon of the William Pitt for Medicines and Attendance to a Detachment of his Majesty's 76th Regiment on their Voyage to India, amounting to £ 77 .. 3 .. 6.

From Messrs. Amos and Bowden

Ordered that the Bill be sent for Examination to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

Minute thereon

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.o 80-81-

24th From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham - reporting the Death of Captain Lantwar.

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham

From the Military Board - Enclosing the Ordnance regulations for the approval of Government.

From the Military Board.

Sent the following Publication to the Madras Curries for Insertion

25th Fort S.t George 25th November 1788

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

Publication of a Dividend of 6 Lacks to His Highness's Creditors -

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council

Signed W.m Jackson Act.g Sec.y

26th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 82-83-84-85-86-87-88.

To Lieutenant Sheriff of the Cavalry - granting him permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope for the re-establishment of his Health, with 6 Months leave of absence from the Day of his Departure.

To Lieutenant Sheriff

To the Pay master of Angole directing him to pay to the respective personal Claimants of the 2.d Battalion Native Infantry, upon their producing a proper Certificate, the Sums which may be due to them on account of Cloathing for the year 1782.

To W.m Samuel Joiner

To the Commandant of Angole - acquainting him that

To Captain Montgomery

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

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Captain Kennaway advising that the vackeel appointed to attend the Governor General had Commenced his march for Bengal also those appointed to attend Tippoo for Seringapatam.

I have the Honor to inform you that Meer Abul Cassim the Vackeel appointed by His Highness the Nizam to attend the Right Honorable the Governor General has commenced his march for Bengal I have written to the Chiefs of the different subordinates in the Circars requesting that every Assistance may be afforded him in his journey. His Escort consists of about two hundred Sepoys and fifty Horse.

Meer abul Cassim is esteemed a man of Capacity and from the circumstance of his being in the entire confidence of the Minister is of consideration at this Durbar. The Vackeels appointed to proceed to Tippoo's Camp left Hydrabad the day before yesterday but in respect to stability both of Character and equipment are considerably inferior to the Vackeel deputed to Calcutta.

The Bhegum Khan Behauder His Highness's eldest Sister lies at the point of death which has recalled his Highness in great haste from his Tents to the palace.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect,

&c. &c. &c.

Hydrabad
18th November 1788

Signed John Kennaway

Read the following Letter from General Conway Governor of Pondicherry &c

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for his Representative in India.

Pondicherry
25th November 1788

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

A true Translation
Signed J Chase
French Translator

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Macleod - Vindicating his Silence regarding the Dispute between the French & Tanjoreans & reporting the Steps he has taken towards settling it.

I am honored with your Letter of the 21st Instant, on the Subject of the late disputes between the French Sepoys from Karical, and the Tanjoreans.

Two Days since, a positive order had been sent from hence, to let the waters flow into the French District without impediment, and, in consequence of your present orders to me, I instantly dispatched a proper person, with one of the Rajah's people, giving him the strictest injunctions to see the Bank destroyed without Delay.

I have informed the Commandant of Karical by letter of the orders which have been given.

His Excellency having this Morning expressed to Mr. Petrie, Mr. Swartz, and myself a doubt

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be desired to transmit a Copy of the foregoing Letter to General Conway.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Petrie —

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

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George

From Mr. Petrie — reporting the Measures he has pursued in Consequence of Government orders of the 4th Instant — respecting Loans — and enclosing a Correspondence on that Subject — also of the Rajah's Leave to the Danes of 4 the Villages — a Translation of which is likewise enclosed —

Honble Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Orders of the 4th Instant expressive of an apprehension lest in the Possibility of the smallest ambiguity of expression a construction may hereafter be drawn of a tacit concurrence in Government to Assignments on the Tanjore Country Provided they did not at any time interfere with the Rajah's engagements to the Company, declaring in the most unequivocal manner that you will not on any account whatever, allow of Assignments by the Rajah of any Part of his Country to the Danes or others directly or indirectly; and directing me to communicate this your final determination to His Excellency — you are further pleased to direct that I will ascertain and report to you if any negociation has been concluded or is on foot for Assigning directly or directly any Part of the Tanjore Country to the Danes or any other Person or Persons.

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I beg leave to inform your Honor in Council that the resolutions of Government contained in your Orders to me of the 5th September and 31st Ultimo were communicated to

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receive with this address Copies of a Letter from me to Mr Swartz and of his answer and that I might omit nothing which was in my power to procure the fullest information upon the Subject of your Commands, I have obtained from the Palace Copies of the Leases granted by the late and the Present Rajah to the Danes, and have now the honor to transmit Translations of them which I flatter myself will prove satisfactory to Government.

Except this transaction between His Excellency and the Danes which in the common acceptation of language will I conceive be more properly termed a lease than an assignment I do not believe that the Rajah has assigned over any other Part of his Country, since my Arrival at Tanjore - I will beg leave to observe in concluding this Subject that in whatever hands the Collection of the Revenues of this Country may be placed the Consequences of this Lease must be deemed very advantageous to the Circar, as the the rent the Danes have agreed to allow for these Districts, is more than ninety Per Cent higher than the Produce of Preceding years, and from the experience of similar transactions it is allowable to conclude, that upon the expiration of the Lease these farms will be delivered up to the Circar in a much higher state of improvement and Cultivation than any other Part of this Country.

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Copy of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Dated 13th November 1788

May it please your Excellency

As I am informed by your Excellency's Managers that the Ceremonies of your religion will oblige you to remain some Days longer at Trivar, it becomes therefore necessary that I should communicate to your Excellency without further loss of time the Purport of Instructions which I have recently received from the Government of Madras.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to make known to your Excellency, in the most explicit and direct terms that Government "will "not on any account whatever allow of assignments "being made by your Excellency of any Part of the Tanjore "Country to the Danes or others directly or indirectly."

Your Excellency will do me the Justice to allow that I have repeatedly made known to your Excellency through the interpretation of the Reverend Mr Swartz that the Government of Madras was determined not only to withhold the Company's Sanction from any Loans made to your Excellency but was also determined to Prevent the assignment of any Part of your Excellency's Country to the Danes or to any other Persons whatever

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to any body — why should friends entertain Doubts, or ask that point so often. I can only repeat what I have said often times, I beg that you and the Government of Madras may be satisfied. The love of my Friends I esteem as a great benefit. I have no mind to assign my Country to any body.

When my ancestors & particularly my deceased Brother was in distress, they used to take money from the Banies who dealt with them honestly, give them for some time Villages as a Security for the Interest and when they pay off the borrowed Sum they retook their villages. This they have done twice or thrice — this has been their practice and as soon as the money has been paid, the villages have been restored.

As I was in Arrears to the Company and as those Arrears were to be paid quickly without giving me some respite, what could I do!

My Capital or Treasure is my Country — Besides the Money which I collect from the Country, I have no other treasure or resource.

Mine Enemies have given it out at Madras, telling the Governor and Council that I possess a great treasure — But I have declared before Colonel Stuart and Mr Swartz upon Oath that the above mentioned assertion was an untruth.

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give a Sanction to my borrowing Money. Our Friends declare that seeing our distress they trust us.—

As we have hitherto paid off the Debt which we have taken our Creditors have great confidence on us.—

We take now and then some Debt at a low Interest other People borrow Money paying a high Interest.—

If you will ask Mr. Swartz, he will declare our Custom and that my Brother has taken a Debt from the Danes and rents to them some villages to secure the Interest—because the Danes require not 30 or more p Cent but are content with 12 p Cent p Year.—

May not one, in time of distress implore of Friends?—

To you who are wise, it is needless to write more—

— what have I more to write to a Friend —

Tanjore
November 20th 1788

A true Copy of the Translation of the Reverend Mr Swartz—) Signed B Torin Secy

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Petri to the Reverend Mr. Swartz
Dated 16th November 1788

My Dear Sir,

I take the Liberty of submitting to your Perusal a Letter which I have sent to the Rajah and to which I hear he is Preparing an Answer—you know well how frequently you and I have explained to

His

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Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz

Dated Tanjore November 19th 1788

Dear Sir,

I have received your Letter, to which I am very willing to give you an answer. That you have frequently declared that you and consequently Government would not give any Sanction to a loan, and that no assignments to any person would be allowed, The Rajah has not only heard and understood it but thought that it was repeated too often without necessity — The Rajah was desired to pay off the arrears he declared as it were upon oath that he had no ready money The plain consequence was to enquire who had ability and willingness to lend him a considerable Sum — Hearing that the Danes were willing to assist him, he accepted of their offer — The terms they proposed were equitable, for they asked only an Interest of 12 p Cent and the Rajah promised to pay the Interest yearly - and to ascertain the payment of the Interest he delivered to the Danes several Villages, until he should pay off the Capital — The Rajah therefore has not alienated any part of his Country — This is not the first time that the Danes have lent money to the Rajah of Tanjore Bava when he was Serkel borrowed 30,000 Pagodas from the Danes and mortgaged some Villages for the payment of Interest as soon as the Bava paid off the abovementioned 30,000 Star Pagodas the Danes restored the Villages — May the Danes must

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are to pay back 30 Chuckrums p year to the Circar

In the year Sohoot San Sit Samanin in the

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A true Copy from the Translation of the Reverend

Mr Swartz / Signed B Torin Secy

Copy of the Rajah's leave to the Danes for 44 Villages Interest

&c

on 60,000 received from Mr. Swartz 28th November 1788

The agreement which Amer Sing Rajah has

given to Mr. Peter Anker Governor of Trangquebar is as follows.

In the Subaship of Mayaburam 30 Villages

1 Kasba Maskur or the head village – 2 Inpeje Rajapoor

3 Inda Sindamani – 4 Nadavalleur – 5 Trimaragam

6 Bilva nelleur – 7 Sivapoor – 8 Cutla Cerimal Nelloor

9 Kanapa Mudy / except the dyus Root / Kentiraya Kollagam

11 Sattu Kollagam – 12 Kahappa Nelloor – 13 Kanam yuss

14 Codayoor – 15 Killoor – 16 Valaye Solagam – 17 Mattoor Ukae

18 Sittampoor Ukade – 19 Sudupetty – 20 Kalahasti nattepoor

21 Pal Shake – 22 Namagudi ukade – 23 Padanalloor

24 Sangandi – 25 Vallangar – 26 Kallama nelloor 27 Kottagam

28 Vadakattaly – 29 Manamedi – 30 Attankattaly –

In the Tirakalasheri Naganum 10 villages

1 The Village called Tirudatsheri 2 Catteri – 3 Cattenoor

4 Idattie Kalie – 5 attipakam – 6 Mallandi Koril Cottie

7 Sittamburam Koril Cattie – 8 Cerualy – 9 Cudanoor – 10 Linoor

In Aakur Maganam

1 Aaman Kottagam 2 appategne Koil – 3 Udeyaram Koil

4 Annappam Cattie

The whole Sum 44 Villages

All

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Should I pay off the 60,000 Star Pagodas before the expiration of the said Period (12 years) even then you keep the villages till the 12 years are expired, or pay me yearly the rent and when the 12 Years are expired, then restore me those villages.

But should I pay you your money after the expiration of the 12 years, then you are to take, the produce of that year, in which you cultivated the Fields, pay me the rent and restore the villages at the end of the year.

Should there happen an hostile Invasion, so that the 44 villages could not be cultivated, I promise to make up that loss.

If from the Untis Villages, Grain or Wood is carried to Trangambar, neither the Governor or other people shall pay any Custom, likewise whatever is sent from Trangambar to those villages for the sake of Cultivation shall pass without Custom.

This is the agreement which we have given in writing, in the year Sukoot Sari Tessa Samane my day 28th of Pilku month or kilaka nam Sabashet Teyle September 17th or in the Year 1788 September 29th

Sorb of Tanjore

A true Copy from the Translation of the Revd Mr Gruntz

Signed B Torin Secy

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believe the Rajah would be charged with these Sums without sufficient proof existed of their validity, I desired they might remain unallowed, till an explanation could be received from the accountant at Madras.

The two first are the Sums paid by the former Resident to the Reverend Mr. Swartz and Mr Boole. His Excellency does not remember to have had any Transaction with these Gentlemen and Mr. Swartz informs me he is equally unacquainted with the Sum he is said to have received.

The other is the amount of the Bills drawn on the Court of Directors in favor of Monsieur Monneron. The Resident has furnished me with a Letter from the Military Secretary to him upon this Subject dated the 6th December 1787 and referring to an Extract of the General Letter from England of the 6th February, but as this Extract states the matter very different to the Rajah's account of it, I have requested of his Excellency to favor me with a written explanation of the Translation and his reasons for objecting to the Payment of this Sum.

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

Signed Wm Petrie

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Tanjore
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Current with the Honorable Company ——— Cr

By the following Received at Tanjore & Credited the Rajah by Mr. Huddleston Viz.t

From 15th October 1785 to 27th January 1786 inclusive ———	155,000	.. ..
From 1st February to 14th August 1786 inclusive	518,000	.. ..
In November 1786 ———	16,000	.. ..
	689,000	.. ..

By the following Received at Tanjore and Credited the Rajah by Mr. Macleod Viz.t

1786 December ———	20,000	.. ..
1787 January ———	10,000	.. ..
March ———	45,000	.. ..
April ———	10,000	.. ..
June ———	11,500	.. ..
July ———	23,500	.. ..
August ———	6,000	.. ..
September ———	4,000	.. ..
October ———	8692. 21	
November ———	12955 17	
December ———	10,000	.. ..
1788 January ———	10,000	.. ..
February ———	10,000	.. ..
March ———	15,000	.. ..
Received in Grain ———	15,386 17. 33	
April ———	11,102. 19. 65	
Received at Tanjore Carried Over	223137. 3. 18	689,000 .. ..

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Current with the Honorable Company

By the following Received at Tanjore & Credited the Rajah by Mr. Hudleston Viz.t

From 15th October 1785 to 27th January 1786 inclusive	15,000 .. ..
From 1st February to 14th August 1786 inclusive	58,000 .. ..
In November 1786	16,000 .. ..
	89,000 .. ..

By the following Received at Tanjore and Credited the Rajah by Mr. Macleod Viz.t

1786		
December		20,000 .. ..
1787		
January		10,000 .. ..
March		15,000 .. ..
April		10,000 .. ..
June		11,500 .. ..
July		23,500 .. ..
August		6,000 .. ..
September		4,000 .. ..
October		8692. 21 ..
November		12,965 17 ..
December		10,000 .. ..
1788		
January		10,000 .. ..
February		10,000 .. ..
March		15,000 .. ..
	Received in Grain	15,386 17. 33
April		11102. 19. 63
	Received at Tanjore Carried Over	223137. 3. 18 89,000 .. ..

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Current with the Honorable Company ——— £.s.

1788 £ 39,000 .. ..

	Received at Tanjore Broughaus	2,23137 3.18	
May		13,894 29.10.	
June		4,871. 10.57.	
July		6,784. 5..10.	
August		11,543 –31–	
September		9,556 .. 10.20.	
October		11,324 .. 1. 10.	2,81,111. 12.75
October 5th	By Mr Petries account paid in Horses	5,180 ...	9,75,291. 12.75
1787			
January	Received at Madras	20,775	
February	Ditto	37,225	
March	Ditto	76,000	
April	Ditto	31,400	
May	Ditto	72,000	
June	Ditto	61,500	
August	Ditto	15,000	
September	Ditto	34,500	
October	Ditto	56,791 .. .	
November	Ditto	8,709	
1788			
January	Ditto	20,000	
February	Ditto	50,000	
March	Ditto	39,900	
April	Ditto	17,500	
May	Ditto	40,850	
June	Ditto	9,000	
October	Ditto	1,29,698 .. 35.24	
November 12th	Ditto	16,500 .. .	
	By Ballance of a Bill on Buckinjee due 7th Instant	6,900	
	By a Bill on Batchyapah Moodely due 12th December next	10,000	2,44,348 35.24
			18,19,640 18.19
	By Ballance		1,13,993 .. 21.69

Pagodas 19,38,634 4.9

23d November 1788

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Signed W Petrie

Comm.

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This Day, Syd Mahomed Cawn, shewed us a Copy of a Letter Dated some years since, addressed by the present Rajah of Calastry to His Highness the Nabob, which contains matter of importance concerning the Narwar Pollam. The Original he acquaints us, is at the Presidency in possession of His Highness, who is desirous it should be inspected.—

We have the Honor to be, with much respect.—

Yerpadoo
21st November 1788

&c. &c.

[Signed] Fr. Lind
B. Close

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

Honble Sir,

From Messrs. Lind & Close, with their proceedings respecting allowance & reporting that Syd Mahommed Cawn, has received Orders from the Nabob, to assume Certain Villages &c. said to be in possession of the Calastry Rajah, but belonging to the Great

Our last address under Date 21st Instant covered our Proceedings regarding the Pollams of Chinnama Naick &c.

On this occasion, we have the pleasure to lay before you our Proceedings on the Subject of nuroopanka commonly called allawar.—

From the result of our investigations on this Article, it appears that the Rajah has exercised a direct authority over this Pollam upwards of forty Years, having frequently within that period Dispossessed and reinstated the

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Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Durand.

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell K.B.
President and Governor & Commander in Chief of the King and Company's Forces

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Durand requesting to be restored to the Effective List & enclosing a Certificate of the reestablishment of his Health.

I have the Honor to transmit to you the Certificate required by the General Order of the 6th Instant, to entitle me to be restored to the Effective List, with my former Rank, which I request you will do me the favor to lay before your Honble Board. I have the Honor to be, with great Respect and Consideration. &c. &c.

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26th November 1788

Signed John Durand Lieut. Col.

I declare on Oath, that Lieutenant Colonel John James Durand is in sufficient health for Field Service with a marching Regiment either in peace or war.

Signed James Anderson
Physician General

Sworn before me in Fort St George this 25th Day of November 1788

Signed John Holland
Justice of the Peace

Agreed, in Conformity to the General Orders of the 6th Instant, that Lieutenant Colonel Durand be readmitted on the effective List of the army with his former Rank.

Minute thereon

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Read the following Letter from Captain Hugh Campbell, late Barrack Master South of the Coleroon, —

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

Fort St George

From Captain H. Campbell, appealing from the Comptrollers General's audit, respecting the Charges in his account, for Oil & enclosing Papers in their support

Honble Sir,

Colonel Capper has transmitted me a final audit of my accounts, as Barrack Master of the Southern Division; to a great part whereof I am ready to submit, But there are two points in the audit upon which I think myself materially aggrieved; from the rigor of which I crave permission to appeal to your Honorable Board, in the firm hope of obtaining the Relief I solicit; as well as to vindicate my Character from the Idea of my having made any charge that cannot be supported. —

The 1st is the measurement of Oil at Tanjore, which I have charged at the rate of 4 Mullocks to each Seer, and the audit is passed at the rate of 5 1/3 Mullocks per Seer.

In support of my charge I have the honor to lay

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justify the Charge I have made; and if the usage observed by the Paymasters, is the Standard adopted agreeably to the Spirit of your late Orders, therefor I am justified by the Certificate of the only Person in this Country acquainted with the Business, Viz.t the late Paymaster's Dubash or Conicoply, who is a man of most respectable Character — Having produced such strong Documents to warrant the charge I have made, I trust Your Honorable Board will see the propriety of relieving me from that part of the audit.

The other part of the audit of which I complain, is that which only allows 1 Hullock of oil per Day to every Garrison Gate, Guard Houses, and necessaries — your Honor &c. must be sensible that a hullock of oil is by no means adequate to the Lighting of a Lamp exposed to the air, as is the Case with Gate Lamps &c. many of which are kept burning all night — The allowance for Gates at Madras, I am well informed, is considerably greater than what I have charged, altho' it must be allowed that the Entrances into Country Forts, where there are many Windings and Turnings, require more Lamps and of course a larger Supply of oil, —

These Circumstances and the proof of the Expenditure of the oil, as Certified by the Commanding Officers, it is hoped will induce your Honor &c. to grant Relief on this part of the audit.

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The Declaration of Vencatachella Moodelly Principal of the Paymaster's Tanjore Dated 20th May 1788 of

The Purchase and Disposal of Lamp Oil in the Fort of Tanjore and its Country was by the weights, it being 16 Arcot Dubbas weight for every Mock and every Seer weight 64 arcot Dubbas weight. Mr. Nepperley supplied the Troops here with oil after this Rate, This what I have known.— weighs

Signed Vencatachellum

To lie on the Table — Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the undermentioned Letters entered in N. B.

N.s 89.90.91.

From Colonel Ross — From the Chief Engineer — In Explanation of the Charge for additional Work to the Public Buildings at Trichinopoly — encloses the Malavajabad accounts up to the 31st Ultimo.—

Minute thereon — The Board approve the Explanation given by the Chief Engineer, and direct that the Ballance due to Colonel Ross on account of Work executed by him at Trichinopoly, and Malavajabad, be discharged by the Military Paymaster General.—

From Messrs. Chase & Barry — From Messrs. Chase and Barry, enclosing Bill for Arrears of Pay due to the Estate of the late Mr. Thomas Moore belonging to the Military Establishment of this Presidency, amounting to Pagodas 203..21..—

Minute thereon — Ordered to be discharged — The

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so as to satisfy the Bengal Government, and enable the Pay Office in England to adjust it's accounts with the Company, which cannot be done unless all Particulars are fully explained.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board, on the Claim of Ensign G. Foote to Temporary allowance

Having considered the Pretensions of Ensign George Foote to Temporary allowance, referred to us through Mr. Acting Secretary Jackson's on the 8th Instant, We beg leave to offer it as our Opinion that he is entitled thereto from the 15th June 1786, to the 26th of August 1788 — The former being the Date of his appointment to do Duty with the 18th — the latter that of his Removal to the 24th Battalion — and therefore, take the liberty to recommend that he be paid Temporary allowance in the same manner, and at the same time as the Officers attaching to the 18th Battalion at that period — likewise that he shall receive from the Paymaster a Certificate for his Arrears of Temporary allowance from the 1st January 1787 since which, no such Payments have been made.

We take this Occasion to acknowledge the Receipt of your Commands, respecting Claims for Rank

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I do hereby certify upon oath, that I think Lieutenant Colonel Russell's health is such as will enable him to do the duty of a marching Regiment, in India, either in peace or War.

Signed Ja.s Anderson
Physician Gneral

Sworn before me the 17th day of november in the year of our Lord 1788
Signed Arch.d Campbell

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Russell be readmitted on the Effective List of the army.

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

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Eckburn requesting to be informed at what price the Sepoys with the Northern Detachment are to be charged for Rice served to them from the Stores.—

The Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Northern Detachment having applied to me to know at what price the Seapoys are to be charged for the Rice served to them from the Company's Stores.—I beg to be honored with your Orders on that Subject.— The Grain laid in at Angole from which they were served in September, Stands the Company, upon an average

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Minute thereon

agreed that Mr Cockburn be informed that the Rice is to be issued to the Sepoys on Batta, at the rate of Pagodas 9 7/35 ₰ Garce, and to those not on Batta, at the rate of Pagodas 7 04 ₰ Garce.

The President's Memorandum respecting the articles brought to the Triplicane Bazar, paying Custom

The President informs the Board that His Highness the Nabob Walaujah has complained to him that the articles coming through the Company's Saghire to supply his Bazar at Triplicane, have been stopped by the Company's Renters at Conjeveram, and other places, to pay duties, contrary to Old Custom.

The President has made enquiry of the Resident in the Saghire, as to the usage, and he informs him that the Renters by their Cowles are bound to pass all articles going to Madras duty free, but no mention is made of articles going to Triplicane — Heretofore the Renters, as the President is informed, never attempted to make any distinction between the articles coming to Madras, and Triplicane, but they have now taken the matter up, and wish to act agreable to the strict letter of their Cowle — But the President is of opinion, that it must have been the intention of Government to exempt Madras and its environs from the Duties in question, and particularly the Nabob, and his Family.

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said to have been lately taken by His Highness's people must certainly belong to merwar Pollams, which is one of those Pollams of the Arcar, that the Calastry man, has in his profession — However, His Highness has written Seyd Mahomed Cawn, to let the villages remain in the same Situation as they were during the Investigation of Mr. Lind and Major Close.

Agreed that Messrs. Lind and Close be informed of the above.

Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board the Death of Captain Piclat, and the consequent Promotion of Captain Lieutenant Johnson Kennedy to be Captain of a Company.

The Commander in Chief reports Captain Piclat's Death and the promotion of Captain Kennedy.

Read the undermentioned Letters entered in the Mil. Ds. Nos. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46.)

From Major Banks

From Major Banks, requesting to be allowed full Batta, as Senior Engineer in the District of Masulipatam.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Major Banks be informed, that he can only be allowed full Batta while absent on Duty in the District.

From Colonel Ross

From the Chief Engineer — reporting that there are but 28 Horses of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry now under Cover.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Major Tonyn be directed to discontinue erecting more Stables at Arcot, as his Regiment will shortly be quartered elsewhere.

Dr.

Ordered, that Major Tonyn's Bill for building 28 Stables at one Pagoda p. Stable be discharged.

From

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the Issue of Grain from the Company's Stores without the previous Sanction of Government, as such Grain has been laid up for other Purposes, than to be issued at the will of the Commandant, unless in cases of absolute necessity;

If there were forcible Reasons arising from necessity for issuing to the Troops the Company's Grain the Commandant ought to have appriz'd the Storekeeper thereof - But as it does not appear there was any necessity, which might not have been easily foreseen, it was the duty of the Commandant to have applied for the Board's permission, previous to the Order he gave to the Storekeeper.

Ed.
A.G.M.

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

J. W. Kaye Major

R. Maunsell

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To the Deputy Paymaster to the 4th Majesty's Troops Informing him, that the Committee for the Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops, have been Instructed to furnish him with the Copies of Statements, and Vouchers of Charges against the King's Paymaster General, and to Communicate with him upon the Subject. Enclosing Copy of the Board's Instructions to Messrs. Kindersley and Ro[illegible]

To the Committee of Works. Enclosing Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Hospital at Condamalee, Amounting to 57. 20 for the executing of which, they are to give the necessary Orders to the Contractors.

To the Military Board. Approving their Opinion respecting Ensign Foote's pr[illegible] to Temporary Allowance, and enclosing [illegible] on the same Subject, From Lieutenant [illegible] upon whose Claim, they are directed to repo[illegible]

To Mr. Cockburn informing him th[illegible] the Commissary of Grain and Provisions [illegible] Northern Division, is to issue Rice to the [illegible] on Batta at the rate of 97. 35 Pagodas [illegible] and to those not on Batta, at 70 Pagodas [illegible]

To Mr. Rumbold

To the Committee of Works

To the Military Board

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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19 To the Board of Revenue - desiring them to issue Orders for Articles Coming to Tanjore Bazar, to pass free of Duties; and transmitting a List of those Articles. -

To the Board of Revenue

To Lieutenant Youngs of the 71st Regiment Declining complying with the Request stated in his Memorial. -

To Lieut Youngs. -

21. Received the following Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry. -

To his Excellency Major General Sir Eyre Coch. Campbell &c.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to address to your Excellency Copy of a Letter to me from M. Marquenot, Commanding at Karrical and one which he wrote to Mr. Macleod, Resident at Tanjore. -

From General Conway complaining of the Tanjorines having seized upon the Rivers which pass thro' Karical and inclosing a Correspondence between the Commandant of that place and the Resident of Tanjore on the subject. -

If Mr. Macleod had recollected the last definitive treaty concluded and ratified by our respective Sovereigns, he would have seen that it is not only the Rajah of Tanjore, it is his Britannic Majesty that cedes to his Most Christian Majesty Karical and its Four Magans, it is therefore to the representative of his Britannic Majesty that we should address ourselves in the present

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Preservation of the harvest belonging to our
establishment, to march a Detachment of Sepoys
with a Renter to cut the Banks.-

I had previously advised M. Macleod
Resident for the English Nation of Tanjore
and he in answer said he would go & speak to the
Rajah for him to issue orders to prevent the
Rivers being stopped.-

Notwithstanding that promise, the
Inhabitants had every where made Banks
and as I had no time to lose, I have sent a
detachment of 100 Sepoys to open them. As the
Inhabitants waited there to the Number of 600,
they attacked with Stones & Sticks the Coolies,
which accompanyed the Renter, & our Sepoys
were at last obliged to defend themselves & oppose
force to force, & were obliged at last to cut the
Banks, but they had hardly retired, when they
again stopped the Waters. I wrote to M. Macleod
a Letter, copy of which is annexed, & I wait
your Instructions; there are about Sixty of our
Coolies wounded, & One tenth of our Sepoys. I
cannot tell you how many of the Tanjorines

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thing may be adjusted according to ancient
usage and to your Satisfaction; and I have also
directed that in the mean Time the Banks shall
be kept open, so as to prevent Inconvenience to the
Inhabitants of the French Districts. –

Considering the Harmony and Confidence
subsisting between the two Governments, I very
much lament that Officers in inferior Stations
should countenance the use of Troops, to
establish by Force that, which can be easily
obtained by a Reference to their Superiors. In
the present Instance I could have wished
that Mr. Margenot had not been so precipitate,
because I think from all, I have yet learnt
of the Matter, the Case did by no Means require
it. On this, and all other Occasions your
Excellency may rely on the utmost Attention
on the part of the English Government to preserve
undisturbed the Friendship, which happily
subsists between the two Nations. –

I have the honor to remain with
the highest Esteem and Regard. –

Sir, &c. &c.

(signed) Archd. Campbell

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Circumstances which have attended this Business, because they generally tend to disturb the Harmony between the two Governments, and to create heart burning among the Dependants of the French Government, and the People of Tanjore, which ought at all Times to be studiously avoided.—

From the Date of Mr. Margenots Letter to you, I am not without hopes, that proper steps have been taken before now, to settle all Differences in an amicable manner, and according to ancient Usage.—

As the Inhabitants of Karical are in the utmost Distress for Water, you will direct that the Water Courses be kept open until all Points in Controversy are amicably adjusted, between the French and us. This is an Act of Friendship and Humanity, which they have a Right to expect, and which ought not to be refused them by us, on the present trying Occasion.— I have written to General Conway expressing my Regret, that Mr. Margenot should have suffered an Armed Force to interfere so hastily in a Matter of this Nature, and I trust the like will not again take place with the Governor of

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you will carefully examine with Mr. Mitford, the whole of the Charges made against the Renter, and wherever any Variation may appear in the Accounts between the King and Company, you will be pleased to adjust and settle it in the most clear and satisfactory Manner, in order that the wishes of the Bengal Government may be fully complied with.—

For the Sums advanced on Account of the King's Troops before Mr. Burke took Charge of his Employ, and for which you have represented that the Vouchers are satisfactory, I am directed to inform, you that Copies of them will be furnished Mr. Mitford.—

You will apply to Mr. Joseph Jarvis for any further Information you may require with regard to the Books of the Company's Pay office—and for the Vouchers in support of the Sums charged in the Tanjore Accounts, as having been paid to the King's Paymaster, or his Deputy at that Place.—

The Board have not any Doubt that when your Statements and the Accounts of the Paymaster General come to be compared and carefully investigated, the Causes of the Differences, which now appear will be easily ascertained, and the present apparent Inaccuracy removed.—

I am &c. &c.

(signed) Wm. C. Jackson
Actg Secy

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the origin of the Rajah's claims upon the Pollum, but also to go into a Minute examination of its extent. - His Highness having assumed more Villages than by the Rajah's Account, appeared to belong to it. -

In regard to the former head, we are given to understand from information handed down by the Shue of Damelah, that in the days of the Rayels, it possessed Calasty, Wandewash, and many other Districts, as a Jaghire, and that in course of time the Government of Golconda having occasionally sent Armies into the Carnatic continued to make desultory conquests till the reign of Sadasiva Rao when the Royal Authority was so far extended as to oblige the Rajah of Damalah, to cede of the District of Cullagh, for the Pergunnah of Calasty, in order that the latter place from the antiquity of its religious Buildings and the Veneration shewn them by the natives, might be made dependent on Tripetty and thereby become devoted to the pious purposes of the Pagoda. -

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been considerably enlarged.-

Here a period of Jame Years appears to have elapsed without any material alteration of circumstance, but from the positive evidence of Balamrauze, and paper of agreement, together with Statements of Accounts of Peshcush rendered ten Years successively, produced on the Rajah's part, it appears, that the Polligars of Nanwar, pair Latterly to Calastry, An Annual Tribute, but whether it originates in a right-ful claim inherent in the Jaghire of Calastry, as a paramount over the Pollams, or was in process of time instituted by compulsion, our utmost researches have not been able to determine.-

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The Present Rajah shortly after the commencement of his administration, (about 39 Years since) from motives variously related by different Witnesses, but apparently in retaliation of outrages committed upon his Jaghire, by degrees made himself master of the Nanwar Pollam, settling a pension upon

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on the face of our Proceedings, Translations of
them of Nos 9. 10 together with persian copies
at his particular request are herewith
conveyed to you - and as the Authenticity of
these original Documents, as well as of
others, which he laid before us, has been
questioned on his Highness's part, he wishes
it should be intimated that they shall be
ready at all times to be transmitted for
the inspection of Government -

Having thus deduced the several
events with as much precision as the
Materials before us would allow of, which
appear to have led to the Rajah's becoming
Master of the Nanwar Pollam, as well as the
grounds on which, his claims to it are
founded, it only remains for us to state the
information, we have received respecting
the latter head, namely the extent of the
Pollum -

The Rajah having left this
point to be explained by Balamrauze from
his having long served the Nanwar in a
capacity, which furnished them with means
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Consequent of the late War - Should any thing occur however hereafter to throw light upon the Subject, we shall not fail to communicate it - mean time Lists of the Naiwar Villages as Reported by the different Evidences, accompany our Proceedings together with a Statement of the Revenues collected from that Pollam for the last five years, they have been made up for.

As the Rajah's solicitude concerning the Grain found by His Highness's Servants in the Villages lately assumed still continues, he has entreated us to acquaint you, that within a short period, a considerable Quantity of paddy has been sent from this neighbourhood to Tripetty, where it was disposed of by sale - The information We find is not unfounded; but Syed Mohomed Chan assures us that the Quantity thus sold, was for the necessary purpose of assisting the Villagers, and in discharging some Arrears of pay due to some of the Sircar people immediately under his orders -

We have the Honor to be with respect

&c &c

(signed) Jn. Lind

BJ. Close

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13th. November 1788 -

Of the Proceedings of Messrs. Lind & Close to be entered in a Separate Book -

As the Proceedings of Messrs. Lind & Close will be voluminous - it is Resolved - That their Letters

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by me were employed on this Business, and that the Object of the present Enquiry was to discover whether other Villages had been assumed besides those you had ordered should be taken possession of, I was satisfied, and agreed the Enquiry should be made.

Understanding that some Doubts have been made as to my Right to Nerwar Pollam, as I am informed by my Servants Seyd Mahomed Cawn, Mahomed Abdillah and the Majenoodar, I must acquaint my Friend that this Pollam is part of one of those, that I had rented to the Calastry Man, as Mentioned in his Muchilika dated the 4th Shwall 1191 Hegery, of which you have a Translation, under the appellation of Walwar Pollam, - for though the Villages of Nerwar Pollam and Walwar Pollam are distinguished from each other by these two Separate Names, yet they are all included in the general One of Walwar Pollam. Calestry itself and the Villages belonging thereto, and every other Village and foot of ground in the Carnatic belongs to me, and is my Right, and though Vencatap-naidoo has been guilty of the most Flagrant Crime, yet I have never formed any intention of dispossessing him of the Pollam of Calestry, - were I so inclined, I

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individual Channel my Rights have been invaded & and the means taken to effect that end so disgraceful to me. Urging at the same time that advantage has been taken of my love of Justice and the Confidence I had in the honour of Your Government, which induced me to admit of an enquiry, that might eventually degrade me in the Eyes of my Subjects & especially if the Investigation was carried on in such a manner as to place my dependant on a footing with his Sovereign. This I perceive is the case from the proceedings, that have already taken place, as reported to me by my Servants.

When I allowed of this Inspection, I thought the object was to enquire if my Servants had taken possession of any Villages, that were not inserted in the List delivered to Captain Dunwoody, previous to his March. My Love of Justice & made me acquaint You early of my resolution to order such Villages to be instantly restored to Vanatapnaidoo, if it was found that any of them came within the description abovementioned.

That is the enquiry to which I consented and to none else, nor can I consistantly with my

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Board. That the Calastry Rajah holds the Districts of Suteramspore and the Pollams as a Renter, as appears by his own Muchulkas. That for Suteramspore dated 15. Showal 1177, A.D. 1764. and that for the Pollams dated 4th. Showal 1191, A.D. 1777 — To prevent Messrs. Lind and Rose from getting it into further Mistakes, it is proper that they be informed of the Nabob's Right being clearly established to the District of Suteramspore, and to the Pollams of Ingawar, Walwar, Sayanbraidoo, Locarre, and Tombaurce, — That the Nabob is of course entitled to take Possession of all the Villages belonging to the said District and Pollams, and that all they have to enquire into, is, whether the Nabob's People have taken Possession of any, and what Villages, since the March of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment, that did not belong to any of the Districts beforementioned. It will also be proper that they do not go further back in their Enquiries than the Dates of the Muchulkas abovementioned, as that can only tend to introduce a Discussion on what has already been completely terminated, and which the President thinks after what has past would be highly improper, and impolitick to revive. —

(signed) A Campbell

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With Respect to your Letter of the 13. Instant, the Board direct me to observe that, you have extended Your Inquiry on the Subject of the Pollams many Years beyond the Period, that the Investigation ought to have taken place, — that instead of ascertaining whether the Nabobs People have taken Possession of any, and what Villages, since the March of Captain Dunwoody's Detachment, belonging to the ancient Zemindary of Calastry; You have been tracing back the History of the Poligars of Calastry, and Nawab to the Days of Tana and Aurengzebe, which Your Instructions have in no Degree Authorized, and have been incumbering your Proceedings with a Deal of Matter extraneous to the Object of your Mission, which can only create endless Delays and Difficulties in ascertaining the essential Points recommended to your Attention.

To prevent further Mistakes, I am commanded to inform You, that the Nabobs Right to the District of Sattiampore, and to the Pollams of Ingawar, Walwar, Sayanbnaidoo, Lucarre, and Tombaurre, has been clearly established, and

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Read the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Honble Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has laid before us a

From Bengal - giving their opinion that the Major Quarter & Captain Dirom have a right to share in the Gratuity fund.-

Sir. Archibald Campbell's Letter to him dated the 1st Instant, enclosing an Application to you from Captain Dirom, Deputy Adjutant General, in behalf of himself, & of Major Grattan, Quarter Master General of His Majesty's Forces in India, for a share in the distribution of the Gratuity fund, equal to that which is given to the Corresponding Staff & Officers of the Honble Company's Forces, on the Madras Establishment

We think that His Majesty's Staff Officers have an undoubted right to claim publick allowances at the different Presidencies, equal to those that are paid to Officers holding similar Appointments in the Company's Service, without any regard to their respective Military Ranks; and we therefore make no difficulty in declaring that Major Grattan, and Captain Dirom, have according to the dates of their Appointments, & their Services in the Carnatic, the same

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of Delhi. You will have heard of Sindia's having deputed Rana Bacohy some time since to Lucnow to urge the Vezier to revenge Shah Allum's Wrongs, and to interest himself in the Reestablishment of the Affairs of the Empire: He is said to be on his Way to rejoin Sindia with 5000 of the Troops belonging to the Vezier, who has promised to proceed in p Person to Delhi: should his Presence there, be requesite. I must confess Myself inclined not to give credit to this Intelligence, as I have Reason to think the Vezier will not interfere in the affairs of that Quarter.-

Since my last Address, I have not received any Intelligence of consequence from Joppa Country. The Vackeels deputed from hence to that Place in March last, returned here a few Days ago, but I have not been able to ascertain the Particulars of their Mission.-

I have the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to Mr. Malet of the 1st Instant, which arrived here by the Way of Hydrabad, since writing the preceding Part of this Address. The Letter for Messrs. Tate and Adamson, has been forwarded to Bombay.-

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who ever since the Deposition of Shah Alleum, appears not to have acted cordially in Concert with Gholam Kader, became every Day more and more dissatisfied, by Gholam Kader's Non Execution of his Engagements, and general oppressive Behaviour, and entered into a Negociation with Sindia, whose Promises drew Him over to his Party. Gholam Kader, finding Ismael Beg in Treaty with Sindia; that many of his own Adherents had quitted Him, and joined Ismael Beg; that He had created universal Disgust, and that his Influence was daily diminishing; attempted to conciliate Ismael Beg, but without Effect. - Under these Circumstances, Gholam Kader, feeling it impracticable to maintain his Situation in Delhi, had sent the greatest Part of his Army to the Southward; in which Direction his own Country lies; and in the Night of the 2d Instant proceeded privately, and joined his Troops on the other Side of the River. He had hitherto resided in the New Fort of Delhi, formerly appropriated to the Use of the Royal Family alone, and Mirza Ismael Beg with his Adherents, were in the City. Munnoo Khan, Gholam Kader's Brother, was left in Charge of the Fort, in which was the new King, Beidaur Shah, whom, two Days after

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Kooly Khan's Country, Keshengur, and two Lacks of Rupees in Cash, and to set at Liberty the Family of his late Uncle Hundanee; and Ismael Beg, on his Part, promises to act agreable to Sindia's Wishes. The Rajahs of Joudpur and Jeypagur are said to have endeavoured to dissuade Ismael Beg from joining Sindia. Sindia was Himself still at Muttra, where He has had a Meeting with the Rajah of Rajogier, whom He has lately release from Confinement. I do not learn any Thing interesting relative to the Vezier, Bauw Bucshy, Ally Bahauder, or Holcar. Shah Allum was still living.

The Country Intelligence Papers from Delhi are to the 5th Instant, and from Sindia's Camp to the 6th

I learn, but not very authentically, that Dowlar is preparing for a Seige; that a Body of 12,000 Men is on its March to that Quarter from the Syringpatam; and that an Attack on Tippoo's Northern Frontier by the English and Marratta is very generally apprehended. I hear likewise, that a Party of Tippoo's Troops are stationed near Calicut

I have at length procured some little Intelligence relative to the Vessels, that returned here lately from Tippoo, but do not consider it of any great Value. That they were well received by Tippoo,

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but I doubt his being able to maintain it with such adequate power, & influence as is necessary to the Tranquillity of the Country, and to secure the Advantages, which he hopes to derive from it: And as he has entirely alienated the Revenues to relieve his immediate necessities, I apprehend his object is to relinquish the Authority to the Mahratta Government, after having manifested the Return of his Credit, and Power, by restoring Shah Allum, for a prince of his Blood, and making such Arrangements, as he thinks proper at Delhi. I may however be mistaken in this Opinion, & his real design may be to resume the Grants, & Jaidaads, which he has given, whenever he shall have the means of doing it with impunity, without any consideration of the Money or Services for which they have been bestowed. It is still more probable that he has not formed his determination, but will wait to be guided by Circumstances. He will, I think, be embarrassed in the Choice of a Prince to fill the Musnud. I believe the Custom, & Prejudice of the Mahommedan States are insuperable obstacles to the restoration of Shah Allum, and Sindia will not willingly elevate a

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Read the following Letter from

Captain Barnerman —

Major General Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

I am just informed by the Rajah of

his having written to you, requesting that I may be

permitted to remain with him; as I wish to act on

every occasion with openness and Candor, I must

acknowledge that the Rajah has repeatedly mentioned

to me his wish that I should remain with him, & has

even hinted his intention of applying to you on that

subject, nor did I by any means discourage such an

application, as I was conscious, that, whether you

might find it convenient to acquiesce, or not, it

would at least be an unequivocal proof to you of the

Rajah's approbation of my conduct, since my residence in

this Country. —

As I am by no means competent to judge of the

propriety of the Rajah's request, any application on

my part, I should consider as presumption; I shall

therefore only take the liberty of assuring you of my

chearfull acquiescence in whatever you may determine.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

&c. &c.

signed

J. Barnerman —

From Captain Barnerman stating, that the Rajah has requested with that he should remain in his Excellency's Country —

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I am at all times ready to obey, whatever you are pleased to order in any respect—. For this reason, I hope you will appoint the Major to this Command and write to him for that purpose to remain here— Be pleased to consider me at all times devoted to your pleasure, & and to honor me frequently with your Command.—

What shall I say more?

The Board are well pleased to find that

Minute thereon— Captain Bannerman has, / during his Residence at Travancore /, given so much Satisfaction to the Rajah; as it is an Evidence in his favor of the good Conduct and Ability with which he has discharged his Duty.— But as Captain Bannerman's Rank precludes him from the Command of the Troops, to be stationed at Travancore— it is Agreed that the Rajah be informed of this Circumstance, and that Captain Bannerman be also made acquainted of with the Board's Approbation of his Conduct

The Board approve Capt. Bannerman's Conduct but cannot Comply with the Rajah's desire

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Pidingtoun.—

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

From Colonel Pidington stating his ill health, and requesting leave to return to the Presidency in order to proceed to Europe.—

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

The first conversation, I had the H[onor]

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he has received from Sir Archibald Campbell, in which Sir Archibald desires to know whether we should have any objection to your drawing Bills upon us, for the Extra expences incurred by taking possession of the Guntoor Circar.-

We with great pleasure reply to that question by assuring you, that your Bills for those Charges, shall be duly and punctually honored.-

assuring you

We have the honor to be.-

&c. &c.

(signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore.-

Fort William.
The 29th. October 1788.-

Read the following Letter from Mr. Fallofield

The Honorable. Major General.-
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
President and Governor
of
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Mr. Fallofield reporting the Death of Mr. Guy.-

It is with Concern I am to acquaint Your Honor of the Death of Mr. Guy, who departed this life this Afternoon, after an illness of about a Month.-

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

&c. &c.

(signed) E.H. Fallofield

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"and that every thing appeared to be in Tranquility throughout the Country."

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer.-

To The Hble. Major General Sir. Archibald Campbell K.B. Commander in Chief. President in Council &c. &c. &c. Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

In obedience to your Commands of directing me to report whether or not there is any other Spot of Ground in the Black Town, that can be given in Compensation to the people, who were removed from Hog hill, in lieu of that intended for Barracks for the Native Troops.-

From Colonel Ross, stating that the Ground already pointed out by him is the most proper Spot for the Troops intended for the Defence of the Black Town-

I have the honor to acquaint you that there is no Ground within the Black Town, the property of the Company, that I know of, which is not included in the Lists laid before the Committee of Works by the Superintendant of the Company's Lands, and of these none so proper for Troops intended for the Defence of the Black Town, as that I have had the honor to point out to you.-

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And remain Most respectfully.- &c. &c.

(signed) Patrick Ross.-

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Extract of a Letter from Earl Cornwallis to Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. &c. &c. &c.

12 April 1788.

Dear Sir,

Papers relating to the surrender of the Guntoor Circar.

"The late important and satisfactory
"advices from Europe, which most clearly ascertain the
"pacific Dispositions of the Court of France, and the
"Reason, which the Accounts from England give us to
"expect an efficient Addition to our European Force in the
"the Course of the ensuing Season, induce me to consider
"the present as a most favourable Occasion to assert our
"Rights to the Guntoor Circar"

Although I have no reason to apprehend
any Opposition from the Nizam alone, and although
I believe that the Marrattas will not be inclined, and
that Tippoo without a French Co-operation will
not dare to assist him; yet, I think the Execution
of this Measure should be sudden, and that the
Nizam should be allowed no time for intriguing
with those Powers, as he did on a former Occasion,
and for throwing out Inducements to them to endeavour
to embarrass us, in carrying our Designs into Execution

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late Advices from Europe. The termination of the dissensions in Holland, in a manner so satisfactory and honorable to Britain, cannot fail of giving Pleasure to every Person, who takes a Concern about the Prosperity of England; and the information must prove peculiarly gratifying to the Members of this Board, as it relieves us from the Apprehensions of a War, in which even Success could produce but few Advantages to the Provinces under our immediate Management, and gives us full liberty to exert our utmost Abilities in restoring order to the Finances, and in making deliberate Arrangements for the future Security of the honour, and the important Interests of the Company in this Country. —

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In this fortunate Juncture, I consider it as my duty to suggest to the Board that, amongst other objects that deserve our Attention, it appears to me that the present is a most favorable Occasion to assert our just rights to

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that our Arms will meet with material Opposition

The recent Events in Europe, leave little room to apprehend any interference from the French. Suppos, it may be supposed, will not venture to take part against us without the Support of that Nation; the right that we derive from a Solemn treaty, will give us just grounds to demand the Neutrality of the Marattahs, and against our Force, the Nizam alone could not hazard even the shew of Resistance.—

The Instructions of the Court of Directors, and the Common principles of justice, equally require us to settle the Public Accounts, with that Prince in a friendly & liberal Manner. With that determination, and under the Circumstances, that I have stated, I now propose that we shall take effectual measures to possess Ourselves of the Guntoor Circar, with as little loss of time as

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We have the Choice of two modes of proceeding to the Accomplishment of this Object either to make a formal demand from the Nizam to Surrender the Circar upon the Account being

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I have therefore no doubt in my Mind of it's being safest in Point of Policy and most Conformable to the dignity of this Government to adopt the latter of the two Modes, that I have mentioned, and should the Board concur in my Sentiments; I propose that Instructions shall be immediately sent to the Government of Fort St. George to hold a Body of Troops in readiness to take possession of the Ceded, without giving the Nizam any grounds to be jealous of their real destination, and that in the meantime, a Gentleman properly qualified shall be dispatched from hence, to be prepared to adjust the Public Account, at the time that the Ceded is occupied by the Troops, and to endeavour to soften the measure with the Nizam by every possible Conciliatory explanation. When the Object of a Contest is lost, He will pay Attention to Arguments and Suggestions, which would have no influence upon him, whilst it remained in his possession; and when under such Circumstances, he finds that with the power of dictating what terms we please, we lay aside all resentment for former Injuries, and offer all the Compensation, to which He is by Treaty entitled for the Grant of the Ceded, it cannot fail to impress his Mind with respect for the Moderation and Justice of the English Character—

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I hope meet with your Approbation, they prescribe as much Moderation as the Nature of the Business can in any opinion admit of, and they leave as much discretion, as it is fair to impose, or as any subordinate Officer can act under.-

Captain John Lennaway

Sir,

The Government having considered the Present Juncture as a favorable opportunity to carry the Orders of the Court of Directors into execution, for obtaining possession of the Guntoor Circar, According to the terms of the Treaty, concluded in one Thousand, Seven hundred, and Seventy Eight, between the Nizam and the Presidency of Fort St. George, the principal and immediate objects of your Deputation, are to make a Settlement of the public Account between the two Governments, to pay whatever balance may appear to be due to the Nizam; to Give him the most solemn assurances of future Regularity in the discharge of the stipulated Peshcush for the five Circars, and to take every Means in your power to remove from his Mind, any ill impressions

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to arrive sufficiently in time, to enable one without interrupting your Journey, to transmit sufficient instructions for your guidance on that particular head.-

It is no less the wish of this Government than conformable to the Orders of the Court of Directors, that the General Account with the Nizam should be settled in the most liberal and conciliatory manner, and after adjusting the balance between the amount of the Peishcush due by us for the four Circars, and that of the Revenues of Guntoor, since they became our right by the death of Bazalet Jung. You will assure the Nizam that you are authorized to grant bills to him for that Sum payable One Month after sight upon This Government, or if he should object to this mode of payment, that we shall be happy to adopt any other, that may be more Convenient to him, without being of material prejudice to us.-

I know that there is a considerable difference between our Statements and those of the Nizam. In regard to the Amount of the Revenues of

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possible thro' some other channel and from it, or from the other materials in your hands, you will proceed in the most amicable Manner, and with all convenient dispatch, to a final adjustment of the Account.

If the Accounts of the gross produce can be procured, and should become the grounds of a adjustment, it will be fair to deduct from the Amount of them a certain proportion to be ascertained by information on the Spot for the Charges of Collections, which is in other words to demand no more from the Nizam, than we should ourselves have received, if the Circar had been in our possession. But whatever Mode of Adjustment may be resorted to, we cannot Consent that the Annual Net Revenue of the Circar, should be stated at a Sum less than eight Lacs, fifty thousand of Sicca Rupees, calculating the Pagodas at the Value of Four Rupees, without a Reference to this Government.-

In the discussions relating to this Adjustment, the Comar Jumma or Standard of assessment as stated by Mr. Grant, should be assumed and every Advantage taken of the Account

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material Circumstances, that relate to both points.
~~to both points.~~) you will be at no loss in supporting
Conversation upon them, or in offering proper
Arguments with Caution and decency to Vindicate
the Conduct of this Government; and whilst it will
be necessary that your Answers should in Substance
be explicit, it will be equally proper that Your
language, and Manner should be guarded and
conciliatory. —

You can have no great difficulty
with regard to the first point; for you will
remind the Nizam that as the Treaty, which was
Sketched out by him and Mr. Johnson depended
entirely for its existence upon being acceptable
to our Government at home, it became by the
Original Agreement null and void, at the
Moment, Our Sovereign thought proper to decline
giving it the Sanction of his Approbation. —

You will add, that His Majesty being
extremely unwilling to write any thing that
would be unpleasant to a Prince, whom he
esteems, had directed Me to Communicate his
dissent, & that in Consequence of those Commands
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Should the Nizam reproach us in particular with refusing to assist him during his late War with Tippoo, you will not only state that as he then held possession of Guntoor, the obligation on our part, could not in any & reasonable point of view, be considered in force; but whilst You admit that our backwardness may have been partly occasioned by our resources being greatly exhausted, by a long and expensive War. You may with great propriety hint to him, that he has the less reason to complain of suffering some inconvenience from it, as he cannot but be sensible that his unfriendly interference, contributed to the most dangerous part of the general Combination against us. -

In Answer to any questions from him relative to the dependance, he can lay place on our future Support. You will confine yourself to general declarations of our friendly disposition towards his Person, & Government,

as

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that of late he has carried on some Communication
with Tippoo, that seem to have given a little
Jealousy to the Marattas, and the real object of which,
I should think of material Consequence to ascertain.

Besides the Governments of Fort St. George
and Bombay, you will correspond with Mr Malet,
Mr. Forbes, & Major Palmer, who are directed to
communicate every subject to you, which they
think will promote the Success of Your Mission,
and to whom you will also Convey every Article of
information, by which, It may appear to you
that they may have it in their power at their
respective Stations to render their services more useful
and efficacious for the general interests of the Company

Fort William
28th April 1788.-

I am, &c. &c. &c.
(signed) Cornwallis

A true Copy
N. Edmonstone
Asst. to the deputation.-

To Captain Kenniaway
Hydrabad

Sir,

I had the pleasure to write you
the 19th Instant, a Duplicate of which is enclosed

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Lord Cornwallis has written very pointedly to Tippoo on this Subject, and you shall have early Intimation of his Answer to his Lordship, as well as to a second Letter, I wrote him complaining that his Reply to my first Letter, was not what I had a Right to expect.

It is extremely difficult even to conjecture what may be the Drift of Tippoo's present Conduct. That it is very imprudent, is manifest; but no one can say how far he means to pursue his Intemperance. He has been as far to the Eastward as Dendegul, and he has had his Army encamped on our Frontier, within thirty Miles of Madura.

I have just received Information from General Horne, commanding our Southern Army, that a Body of Tippoo's Troops, have plundered a considerable Part of the District of one of our Poligars, named Sam Naigue, and have stormed and taken possession of his Fort of Pallipettah. This extraordinary Proceeding may render it expedient for you not to hasten a Declaration of your main Object at Hydrabad, until Answers are received to the Letters, I have written to Tippoo, and

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Morning admitted to my first audience of the N
Nizam, who received me with every mark of civility
and attention.

I was yesterday favored with your letter
of the 19th. Ultimo from which, as your apprehensions
concerning the designs of Tippoo against the Raja
of Travancore or the dominions of the Company,
on which Lord Cornwallis's prohibitory letter of
the 3rd. July was founded, appear to have subsided
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accompanying it with a formal Demand of
Guntoor Circar and at the same time acquaint
his Highness that the Company's Troops will
enter the Circar within fourteen days from
the date of this conference. I have deviated two
days from the letter of my instructions, which
limited the period to fourteen days to give
sufficient time for the Detachment to assemble
at the place of Rendezvous, so that its Movements
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proposed to them to undertake a second Comm[ission]
to the same Person, which they declined, pr[etending]
the Ministers not having kept his promi[se]
to them of Jaghiers, when they accepted of the fir[st]

With regard to M. D'Aumont, I am
credibly informed he was here many days unnotic[ed]
and that it was but a very short time, previous
to his departure for Pondicherry, on Applying
for a passport, that he was informed a visit to
the Nizam was expected from him, no private
Conference took place, the intercourse was held
in the publick Durbar, nor was greater
privacy observed in what afterwards passed, between
him, and the Ministers, than these Conferences
usually attended with any extraordinary precautions
of Secrecy, Corroborated by any incidents of the
nature you mentioned, as indicating Combination
of the Native Powers against us, an inference not
favourable to the English, might very rationally be drawn.
But of any such, I am entirely ignorant, and should
not suppose from what information, I have been
able to gather, since my Arrival here, that they have
actually existed, or that any idea of the Kind has
been

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your letter of the 23 Ultimo, and in consequence of the information it contains, have determined to suspend my Declaration to the Nizam of the purpose for which I was sent, till Answers shall have been received from Lippos to yours and Lord Cornwallis's Letters on the Subject of the Cherikul Rajah's Conduct, and his designs with respect to the English: from his Lordships disavowal of the Conduct of his Troops in attacking the Polygar, become more apparent. -

I shall immediately set about preparing a Copy of my Instructions, and such other papers as may be necessary for your information, till you can receive them from Bengal - I do the honor to address you on the 3d. Instant -

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

(signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
8th August 1788 -

Extract Letter from The Honble Major General Sir Archibald Campbell K.B. to Capt. Kennaway dated 18th August

I am glad to observe you have had so gracious Reception, and I hope you will have so benefited therefrom, as to judge with considerable Precision, what will be the probable Effect of our

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to Lord Cornwallis's Letter in the Course of two days, at
which time I shall write you my final Opinion on this
Subject. - In the mean time, I am forming all necessary
Arrangements, so as to be in perfect readiness to
execute whatever Military Service may be requisite.

The Hon^ble. Major General Sir. Arch^d Campbell K.B.
Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

I had the honor to address you on the 18th
Instant and in Duplicate the day following. I have
now the honor to send you Copies of my original
instructions and of Lord Cornwallis's letter to the
Nizam, declaring to him the real object of my mission,
which with his Lordship's letter to me of the 16th June,
already forwarded to you, comprehends all the
papers in my hands, which it is material you
should be possessed of. -

The Guntoor, which in my letter of the
3d Instant, I informed you had been taken from
Seyf Jung, has since been restored to him, but he
lost all the Country he held, between this and
the Kistnah, which I do not understand he has

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an Audience of the Nizam for the purpose of delivering Earl Cornwallis's Private Letter, and in all other respects, proceed agreeable to his Lordship's Instructions

The Stores and Europeans intended for the expected Service, are now embarking and the whole troops, and Stores will be at the Rendezvous at Ongole, and ready to march to the Guntoor Circar on Saturday the 13th of September; either to take possession of the Country peaceably, or by force of Arms, agreeable to the final Resolution, which the Nizam shall adopt in consequence of your Representations. Lieutenant Colonel James of Eidingtown, of the Honble Company's Service, is appointed to Command the Expedition, tomorrow or next Day. I shall send you a Copy of his Instructions by which you will see that he is directed to correspond regularly with you, and for that purpose, he is furnished with a Copy of the Cypher No 11.

I observe by your Letter of the 3d Instant, that you proposed to extend the time to be allowed the Nizam for giving his final Answer from 14 Days as directed by Lord Cornwallis, to 16 Days. This extension

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of the Guntoor Circar in a peaceable Manner, or by Force of Arms, will depend upon your acquainting him when he ought to advance from Angole for either of the above Purposes; you will therefore be kind enough to give him the earliest Intimation, as he has Orders to pay implicit Attention to your Communications on that Head.-

I have now only to wish you a pacific and successful Conclusion to your Negotiation. I am still willing to believe that the Soubah will see it is his wisest Policy to accede to the Proportions you are authorized to make; the single Circumstance of his having the English Company bound to pay him a large Annual Tribute, greater than what I conceive he has ever received from the Revenues of Guntoor, ought to raise his pride in a degree much Superior to the effect of an Injury it may be supposed to sustain by the Voluntary Surrender of the Guntoor Circar.-

I am &c.

(Signed) Arch.d Campbell.

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and elude suspicion by employing private Hircarrahs to travel the Route, which I send you enclosed. By it you will perceive that the Hircarrahs can cross the Kistna at Yaleswaram or other Ferrys near to Jemmicotta, instead of crossing at Moodymanicum, where the Nabob's Sappy passes at present, or the Hircarrahs may, if necessary, proceed to Chintagoodum and Troopuet Gaut, a Ferry from the Nizam's into Tippoo's Country, the Dupaud, through which they may pass to the Palnaud, and deliver their Packets at Jemmicotta.—

In order to assist you in transmitting any important Dispatch by the Route just mentioned, I have desired Captain Read to order any trusty Man, employed by him at Hydrabad, in procuring Intelligence for me, to wait upon you, and to obey any Directions you may give him.— The Man's Name is Bahauge, Naig, a Jemidar Hircarrah, he has three Private Hircarrahs under him. This Man has always conducted himself extremely well, and Captain Read has a Brother of his now with him at this Place, which is an additional Pledge for his good Behaviour.

Captain

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Political Government of the Country. I shall send Mr. Sadleir a Copy of the Cypher No. 11 by the first Sea Conveyance.—

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Sam Hy. Vs.
(signed). A. Campbell.—

Instructions

From. Major Genl. Sir. Archd. Campbell K.B.

To Lieut Colonel Edingtoun

Commanding a Detachment destined for the Guntoor Circar

28th August 1788.—

Sir.

In Consequence of the existing Treaty between the Honble Company, and His Highness the Soubah of the Decan, the Governor General in Council has resolved to make a formal Demand of the Guntoor Circar, on Terms honorable and just to the parties concerned.—

Captain John Kennaway has been deputed by the Supreme Council to Hydrabad for the purpose of negotiating this important Business, but in Case the Nizam shall decline a friendly Accommodation, or to cede the Guntoor Circar peaceably

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Ongole, for which purpose 4,000 Bullocks are at that Station in Readiness, and the Officer commanding there is instructed to give you every Assistance in his Power.—

As soon as your Detachment is assembled at the place of Rendezvous, you are to give Intimation thereof to Captain Kennaway, and to continue to correspond with him in Cypher on every material matter connected with the Public Service, of which it is necessary he should be informed. A Copy of Cypher No 4, accompanies those Instructions for you, and Captain Kennaway is instructed to correspond with you in the same Cypher.—

In Case the Nizam consents to deliver up the Guntoor Circars to the Company in an amicable Manner, you are to carry into Execution the Military Arrangements according to such Stipulations, as may be aided to in Negotiation by Captain Kennaway.—

But in the Event that the Nizam shall refuse to deliver up the Guntoor Circars to the Company through the Medium of an amicable Negotiation, it will be your Duty to enter immediately upon Offensive Operations, and to obtain

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In Case the Nizam consents to deliver up the Guntoor Circars to the Company in a peaceable Manner, you are to carry into Execution the Military Arrangements according to such Stipulations, as may be aided by in Negotiation by Captain Kennaway.—

But in the Event that the Nizam shall refuse to deliver up the Guntoor Circars to the Company through the Medium of an amicable Negotiation, it will be your Duty to enter immediately upon Offensive Operations, and to

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of procedure most applicable to Circumstances as they may occur.—

If Seyd Jung. Officer Commanding the Nizam's troops in the Guntoor Circar, should have collected his Force with a view to dispute your taking Possession of that Country, I should think it advisable to march up to him without Loss of Time, and then to send him a Flag of Truce, to inform him, that in Consequence of the subsisting Treaty between the Honble East India Company, and His Highness the Soubah of the Decan, you are sent to take Possession of the Guntoor Circar, That as you have a great Regard for him and the Troops of the Nizam and wish not to see them involved in any Contest with the English, you have to request that he will remove the Nizam's Forces across the Kistnah, in a friendly and peaceable manner, during the Execution of which Service, no Disturbance will be offered them on the part of your Army: You will of Course escort them to the Banks of the Kistnah.

If on the contrary Seyd Jung, or Officer Commanding the Nizam's Troops, should not listen to

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their posts.-

It must however become an important Object of your Attention, whether the Guntoor Circar is peaceably surrendered to the Company, or taken by Force of Arms; to dispose of your Troops in such a Manner for its Defence, as may best oppose any Views which Tippoo Sultaun may have upon it. Although the Nizam may shew no other Disposition to Hostilities than what may be sufficient to compel the Company to use Arms for the Acquisition of the Guntoor Circar, It is difficult to say, whether he is not actually intriguing with Tippoo to support him in the Possession of it, in Opposition to the Honble Company.-

The accompanying paper No 3, contains the Names and possessions of certain Zemindars under the Nizam's Government, who have been deprived of their Lands in the Guntoor Circar.- In the Event therefore, that hostile Measures become necessary in Obtaining possession of that Circar, it will be proper to hold out the protection and Justice of the Company to the

Zemindars

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their respective Stations, and Capt.n Read is appointed to act as your Persian Interpreter and Secretary for this Service; The other Parts of your Detachment will meet you at the place of Rendezvous.

On your Arrival at Ongole, you will be pleased to transmit me a State of your whole Detachment. You will also acquaint me daily with the proceedings and Operations of the Troops after they move from Ongole, and furnish me with Copies of your Correspondence with Capt.n Kennaway and others materially connected with the Service you are employed upon.-

The Chief and Council of Masulipatam will receive Instructions for supplying the Detachment with Cash, and you are to correspond with them, and Colonel Brathwaite, Commanding the Troops in the Northern Circars, who is also directed to afford you every Assistance in his Power. The Captain of the Bridgewater will supply the Provisions for the Troops on Board his Ship, and 12 Days provisions and Water has been put on Board of the Country Ship Gangewar for the Artillery and

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protection to the Inhabitants of the Circar, who may be desirous of embracing the Protection of the Honble Company's Flag. As that Servant will have the Settling of the Summabundy and all the Arrangements with the Zemindars, you are to afford him every Assistance he may require, and a proper Guard or Force to attend him, during his Residence in the Circar

(signed) A Campbell.—

NB. M. Sadlier Chief of Masulipatam, is appointed to receive Charge of the Guntoor Circar and settle the Civil Government &c. thereof in Behalf of the Honble Company.

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

Honorable Sir,

I am favo'd with your Letter of the 14th Instant and shall be guided wholly by your future advices in regard to the period of disclosing to the Nizam, the real objects of my Mission: my last intelligence from Rayehore speaks with confidence of Tippoo's being still at Calicut the 2d instant, which must be considerably later

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

Honorable Sir

I had the pleasure to address you yesterday acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 18. instant and forwarding a Copy of my letter of the 3d. Instant -

The reason of your receiving the duplicate of my letter of the 8th. on which you observe with some surprize earlier than the original is that the former was dispatched by the returning Cossids who brought me your favor from Masulipatam, to which it was reply and the latter by a Tappal that I had recently established; but of which I had not sufficiently experienced the security to trust intirely to my letter, however having uniformly passed to & fro unmolested I shall not think it necessary to make use of any additional precaution in future. -

As far as a Judgement can be formed of the probable resolutions of a Court Remarkable for intrigue and the Mystery of its proceedings, the presumption I think is strong against its proceeding to any

act-

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.. as the day is fixed, I shall send you information of it express.-

I have the honor to be, with great Respect

&c &c

(signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
28. August 1788.-

Captain John Kennaway.-

Hydrabad.

Sir,

I am this Morning favoured with your Letters of the 27th & 28th of August

This present serves to enclose Duplicate of my Letter to you of the 4th of September, and a Letter to His Highness the Soubah, which you will be so pleased to deliver on Receipt - an English Transcript accompanies it for your Information.-

I have the Honor to be with great Esteem

&c &c

(signed) A. Campbell

6th September 1788.-

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

H Conble Sir

I had the pleasure to write you the 28th ultimo, and Yesterday forwarded a Letter to

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not totally free from apprehensions of Sippoo on his own account, on the Score of Adonie & Raychore, the jahgheer of his nephew Mohabet jung.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect

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(signed) John Kennaway

Ft Cyderabad
3d. September 1788.—

Captain Kennaway

Sir,

I am this day favoured with your 2d Letter of the 3d. Instant

The Long expected Letter from Sippoo Sultaun to Earl Cornwallis in Answer to the Letter written him by his Lordship, has at last made its appearance this Day, and is nearly, I find on Translation, a Transcript of what he wrote one on the same Subject, the Substance of which was communicated to you in my Letter of the 18th. of August. I therefore no longer entertain apprehensions of his Intention at this Juncture to use any Measures Hostile to us, or which may be likely to impede the Progress of your Negotiation.—

As an occasional Reference to our Mutual Correspondence will be much easier made by Numbers than Dates, I have subjoined a List of the Letters to and

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The Soubah will not attempt any deception, as it must be evident to him that such a Conduct could not avail him.-

The other parts of your Letter I will reply to on my next.

I have the honor to be with great Esteem

25th Sept.r 1788.-

Yr. Yr.

(signed) A. Campbell.-

To Captain Kennaway.-

Sir,

I had the pleasure to write you on the 25th. September, since which I have received your letters of the 17th. and 24th. September and their Several enclosures - Yours of the 18th. with Copy of the Nizam's Order for the Surrender of the Circar, removed all my anxiety, and I do most sincerely congratulate you on your having brought your Negotiation to so happy an Issue.-

Colonel Eidingtown will have informed you that he is going on smoothly in Guntoor, and I expect that by this time Mr. Sadlier is there & busily employed settling the Civil Government and forming Plans for the Collection of the Revenues

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and I find that on the 20th March 1780 Sir Thomas Rumbold wrote a Letter to Bazalet Jung, offering to pay him 175,000 Pagodas per annum, a Copy of that Letter is sent you marked No. 7— To that Letter Bazalet Jung wrote along Answer.— The original is herewith sent, marked No. 8 and a Translation No. 9— By these it appears that Bazalet Jung was dissatisfied with the Rent proposed, but was willing to accept 2,02,000 as the Rent of the Circar.—

These Papers I hope will answer the Purposes mentioned in your Letter of 18th Sept. As I know not if Lord Cornwallis gave you Copies of different States or Estimates that I transmitted his Lordship, of the Account between the Company and the Nizam, I now send you Copies of those States and Extracts from my Letter which accompanied them, as it is possible that they may be of some use to you.—

I would be very glad to concur in the Search of the Soubah to have the Balance due to him discharged at Masulipatam, but this is the dead Season of the Year for our Collections— And I do not think

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information, to which I shall pay particular attention. I had determined before receipt of that Letter to send the Hanoverian Regiment to Masulipatam, but I have now directed that they shall remain in the Guntoor Circar until we can form a decided opinion as to Tippoo's Operations, as well as of the Nizam's Conduct after the Plains.

I should have been very happy if the Account with the Nizam had been adjusted upon the simple principles proposed by you; if Seif Jeung collected 10 Lacks of Rupees, your plan for settling the Account was undoubtedly a very fair one, and to that there cannot be any objection, as it was so stated in the Account delivered to you by the Nizam.

Your Objection to the Admission of the Charge for 22 Lacks of Balances due from the Guntoor, appear to me extremely just, and I am afraid the Company will find from the state of the Country that the Soubah's Representatives, instead of collecting less than the fair produce of the Country, have collected by oppression and extortion as much more than it could bear, and thereby depopulated the Country and destroyed its Cultivation

&c.

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can form the best opinion how far Meer Hussein is qualified to discharge the important trust that is to be reposed in him, on your leaving Hydrabad

Mr. His Highness Ameer ul Omrah, the Nabob's second Son and Minister died here Yesterday.-

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(signed) A. Campbell

Fort St. George
26th October 1788.-

Captain John Kennaway

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has transmitted to me your Letter, enclosing Mr. Biddles proposals for the Supply of Horses for the Native Cavalry of this Presidency.-

That Gentleman's Conduction a Contract he entered into, with Major Campbell, for supplying us with Horses, will be explained to you by the enclosed Papers which Major Campbell has furnished me with, and does by no means entitle Mr. Biddle to the fair Character he

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

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Favor. N. 13.
since my last, having rec.d His Highness's
Letter to Lord Cornwallis / a Copy of which I have the
pleasure to enclose / my time has been wholly employed
in preparing and arranging the different papers &
necessary for his Lordship's inspection to enable him
to come to a satisfactory decision on the points &
referred which have been dispatched to him - The
Commission of the Person alluded to in His Highness's
Letter involves more material points than the &
adjustment of Accounts, and I believe respects a
Negotiation for Military Aid from the Company
for his Highness's Service - He will leave this for
Calcutta about the end of the Month. -

In my letter N.o 26, I had the honor
to inform you of the proposition I had submitted to
his Highness for the adjustment of his claims on
the Company, & of his rejection of it, The mode &
suggested by His Highness was to regulate the &
Balance due for the Guntoor, by what might &
appear

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I have applied to Mr. Sadlier for the Authentic Documents by which to ascertain the amount of Sir J. Jung's Receipts which I shall forward to Lord Cornwallis the Moment they come to hand, I have the honor to be with great respect

Hydrabad
15. October 1788.

&c. &c.
(signed) John Kennoway.

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters No. 15 and 16 this moment come to hand.

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I have the pleasure to enclose a Duplicate of my mission Letter which you will observe is a very important one. I am willing to hope that the Original will also appear, as one dispatched by the same Tappal to Mr. Sadlier's Address, has been acknowledged by him.

Its importance however being of a Magnitude to deserve a particular enquiry, and all my Packets from hence having been regularly Numbered, of which on my application to Mr.

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in the Diversion of hunting, which will not
carry him above eight Miles from Hydrabad.
I have the pleasure to annex a compleat List of the
Letters I have dispatched to this date with their respective Numbers.-
I have the honor to be with great respect &c. &c.
(signed) John Kennaway.-

Hydrabad
4th. November 1788.-

Compleat List of Captain Kennaway's Letters with their respective Numbers
from the 24 September.-

24th	Sept.	No. 23.
30th		24.
5th	Oct.	25.
15th		26.
17th		27.
18th		28.
21st		29.
24th		30.
2d	Nov.	31.
4th	Dittoy present	add. p. 32.

N.B. This Letter Sir Archd. Campbell mentions as not being numbered. Captain
Kennaway's Letter Book it is numbered 26 by mistake, instead of 25 which it ought to be.
No. 1

Read the undermentioned Letters sentenced in M. B. 65. 66.-

From the Commandant of Arnee.-

From Colonel Kelly, Commanding at Arnee, enclosing Letter
from the Officers of his Regiment requesting an Allowance on Account of Quarters.-

Minute thereon.-

Agreed that Colonel Kelly be informed, that the Board do
not think proper to Comply with the Request of the Officers of his Regiment.

From Chief Engr.

From the Chief Engineer, enclosing his Account Current
with the Company for building Granaries at Tiagar.

Minute thereon.-

Agreed that the Balance Amounting to Pag. 677..36..51.
be discharged.

Ex.d
A.G.M.
"L."

Archd. Campbell

John Stuart

Jas. Wm. Casamajor

R. Maunsell

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Fort St George 25th November 1788

At a Consultation Present

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

President

John Holland — James Henry Casamajor —

& Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Tuesday
25 November 1788

Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

The President delivers in the following Minute

November 25th 1788

The President recommends that a Dividend of Six Lacks of Pagodas be declared for the 15th December next —

The President is happy to inform the Board, that the Nabob has completed the payment of his Kiste for last year within a few Thousand Pagodas, which will be paid as soon as the account is examined and adjusted. His Highness has assured the President, that the first Kist of this year, being Three Lacks of Pagodas, due the 20th of this Month, will be punctually discharged. —

The Nabob having so nearly completed the payment of his Kists for last year, The President recommends that a Dividend should be forthwith declared for the proportion due to the Nabob's Creditors. —

The Cash and good Bills in the Treasury amount to the Sum of — — —	Pag.s	396,981 —
Bills are drawn on Vizagapatam for which the Money will be immediately paid in — — — — — — — —		21,000 —
		417,981 —
The Nabob's Kist due the 30th Instant — —		300,000 —
	Pag.s	7,17,981 —

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Minute thereon

Resolved, that a Dividend of Six Lacks of Pagodas, be declared for the 5.th December, agreably to the Presidents Recommendation.

Mr. Holland delivers in the following Minute

Mr. Hollands Minute in reply to the Presidents of the 18.th Instant respecting Tanjore.

The negociations with the Rajah of Tanjore being brought to a Conclusion, any further discussion of the Subject is now become unnecessary; and I mean only to say a few words, in reply to the Presidents Minute of the 18.th Instant, in which it has been observed, that the following Article occurs among the propositions of the Tanjore Vackeel on the 3.d August "namely that he the "Vackeel had required the Payments of three Lacks "and Eighteen Thousand Pagodas on account of the "Nabobs Peshcush to be delayed till the fourth year "and that he would then pay it along with the other "Sums Stipulated by the Treaty in seven years after."

In the examination of the Tanjore Vackeel taken before the Board on the 8.th August the above Article was not Suggested, but his Answers to the questions put to him, Confirmed that he was ready to discharge the whole Balance due from the Rajah, as will appear from the following Extract of the Consultation.

Extract of Consultation 8.th August

"The Vackeel was accordingly called in, when he

paid together with the growing Rists of four subsequent years, by equal instalments — It does not appear to me, that it was a Subject of deliberation with the Board, or that there could have been any difficulty in waving a Negociation concerning payments not actually due but to grow due at a future distant period. —

In regard to what has been suggested on the Subject of Mortgages and Loans, I crave reference to the Records; but I do not understand the sanction of the Board was required to mortgage a Soubah, but only their assurance that it was not their intention to deprive the Rajah of his Countries, if he fulfilled his Engagements to the Honorable Company; which request of the Vackeel, was declared to be founded in apprehensions that Government meant to take possession of the Tanjore Country.

It cannot be supposed that the Rajah since the Commissioners arrival at Tanjore, has had it in his power to take up money at a less rate of Interest or on more favorable Terms than prior to his departure from Madras, and as I have formerly had occasion to observe the Bill lately transmitted by the Rajah is on Palchepah, who the Board were informed on the 9th August, had then engaged to advance Money on account of the Rajah, —

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hence to Tippoo were twenty three Days at Seringpatton; that they were treated with great attention, being shewn the Fort, the army, and the Military Apparatus, all of which were in high order; and that Tippoo's Professions of Friendship towards the Marattas were of the most cordial kind. That Bills for the whole Amount of Tippoo's Debt to the Peshwa, being Seven Lacks and a half of Rupees, the unpaid Balance of the Sixty Lacks settled by the last Treaty, were transmitted to Poona previous to the arrival of the Vackeels with him — That the late Exchange of Presents between this Durbar and Tippoo has been conducted in the same manner as in Hyder's time; and that not a word was mentioned by Tippoo relative to the English — Nanna at the same time acquainted me that he had just received a Letter from Lindea at Muttra, mentioning that the Garrison of the new Fort of Delhi, after Securing all the Valuables they could collect, had proceeded to join Gholam Kaur, and that the Marattas were taking Possession of the Fort when the last Advices left Delhi —

I have Reason to think that an angry Letter has lately been received here from Pondicherry on the Subject of the French Vessel captured upwards of two Years ago by the Maratta Cruizers, and that Retaliation is threatened —

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Leisure to transcribe, but it shall be sent the next opportunity.

Advices to the 25th ultimo from Behlgaum, on the Southern Frontier of this Empire, mention that nothing of Consequence had of late occurred in that Quarter.

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully

&c. &c.

Poona
4th November 1788

Signed J Uhthoff

Assistant at Poona

P.S. I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that I have just received a Letter from Mr. Malet, mentioning his Intention of leaving Bombay the 6th Instant on his Return hither.

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

Governor &c. &c. &c.

From Captain Kinnaird
Enclosing Letter from Poonah regarding the Cyclone and advising of the Departure of the Vackeel who is to attend Lord Cornwallis likewise of the Nizams having Countermanded the Order to encrease his Army.

Honble Sir,

I am this instant favored with your Letter of the 4th October with Enclosures. The accompanying extract of a Letter from the acting Resident at Poonah will explain to you the reason of it's having been detained so long on the road and as it is not numbered the miscarriage never could have occurred to me.

I shall carefully return the Original Papers. The Treaty with Bassaulet Jung is the one which I had most occasion for as well to prove the voluntary Lease of the Circar to the Company, as to convince His Highness that

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and Bombay, I opened it, and found in it the accompanying two Letters for you and one for the Postmaster at Bombay, with which the Cossids have proceeded onwards as usual — Having no Reason to suppose that you are gone towards Adoni it seems that this Accident has happened from Misconduct on the part of the Cossids whose Names are Caulooje and Gungaram and who left Angole the 11th Ultimo.

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

From Colonel Eidingtown reporting the Sickness of the Hanoverians occasioned by their bad Quarters — & of his having Complied with Major Affleys Consequent application to pitch their Tents —

Honble Sir

The roof of the barracks of the Hanoverian Regiment being only tiles and thatch, has suffered greatly from the violence of the monsoon since the 13th Instant, and so many of the men have in consequence been seized with fevers and agues, that Major Affleck has applied for leave to pitch their tents again, which I have consented to and to their remaining in, till their barracks can be repaired.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed James Eidingtoun

Guntoor
November
16, 1788

To

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the Marattas, who, it is reported, meditate in Conjunction with the Nizam an Invasion of his Country.

Read the following Letter from Messrs Lindy Close, —

To the Honble Major Genl Sir Arch.d Campbell Kt &c &c

Governor in Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sirs,

From Messrs Lind & Close, stating their Proceedings respecting the Rajah's Claims upon Muttam Pollam & enclosing a List of the Villages in that Pollam. —

Having examined the grounds of the Rajah's claims upon Muttam Pollam, which is specified in the List of Villages &c. given by Government to Captain Dunwordy, we beg leave to forward to you our Proceedings thereon. —

On the Rajah's side it is asserted that this Pollam originally made a part of the Calastry Zemindary, having been confirmed by one of his ancestors upon a Peon who served him, on condition of paying a tribute annually and maintaining a body of fighting Peons to be in readiness to attend his Troops when called on, our Evidence only being brought forward to corroborate the fact. — On behalf of His Highness however concurring witnesses have appeared before us, who state that the Muttam Polygar first obtained possession of this Pollam in the time of the Rayels, and continued independent till the

authority

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A List of the Villages contained in the Pollam of Multam accompanies this address, together with a Statement of the Revenues and Duties collected from them, from 82 to 86 inclusive.

We have the Honor to be, with much respect &c. &c.

Signed Fr Sind
By Close

Yerpadoo
17th November 1788

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
24th November 1788

The Hospital Board taking into their Consideration the Memorial of Mr Thompson Assistant Surgeon, as mentioned in their Proceedings of the 10th Inst. find that Mr Thompson was applied to by the Governor General, in consequence of an application from this Government for Assistant Surgeons to proceed to this Coast, when but for Sickness he would have arrived before the Commencement of the present year, and therefore think this Memorial merit their attention and recommend him to have rank next to Mr Fitzgerald as

From the Hospital Board recommend Mr Thompsons Memorial to Govern: ments attention, & that he may have rank next to Mr Fitzgerald - advise of their having sent to Mr Binny Copy of that Proceedings of the 7th July recommend Mr Lepps appointment to the 19th Battalion & that Assistant Surgeons be granted Lieutenants Allowances - and that a G.O. be published relative to application from the Head Surgeons to the Commanding Officers -

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approved

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the Head Surgeon to the Commanding Officer will effect a convenience in the Duty of the Service, and the Hospital Board recommend it may be published in the General Orders, that all applications from the Head Surgeon relative to the Duty of his Station to the officer Commanding the District, shall be attended to by such Commanding Officer.

Approved

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
Colley. L. Lucas C.S.
William Duffin
Mad Surgeon

Read the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 74-75-76-77-78-79.

From Masulipatam — enclosing Estimates of Repairs wanting to the Hospital and to the several Guard Rooms in that Garrison. —

From Masulipatam

Ordered that the Chief and Council do advertize for Proposals for executing by Contract the Repairs wanting to the Hospital. —

Minute thereon

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Agreed that the Repairs wanting to the Guard Rooms be taken into Consideration at a future period. —

From Vizagapatam — enclosing two Proposals for executing by Contract the Repairs wanting to the Public Buildings at that Factory. —

From the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

To lie on the Table

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The Commander in Chief reports the Satisfaction he has Experienced at the Conduct of Messrs Woolf and Shawe, in building the Barracks at Pondamalle.—

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board that on his late Excursion to Pondamalle to review the Troops quartered in that Garrison, he examined the Barracks lately built by the Contractors Messrs. Woolf and Shawe, and thinks it but Justice to record his approbation of the Conduct of those Gentlemen who have executed the work very much to his Satisfaction.—

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Arch. Campbell

John Hollond

H. W. Adamson

R. Maunsell

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Arch. Campbell

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R. Maunsell

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26 that the arrears to the 2d Battalion of native Infantry on account of Cloathing for the year 1782 will be discharged by the Paymaster at Arcot.

To Colonel Capper — To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts Enclosing a Bill, and desiring him to report upon the propriety of it's being discharged.

To the Chief Engineer — To Colonel Ross — desiring him to inform Government Why he Exceeded the Estimate in building Granaries at Tiagar, without their previous Sanction.

To Vizagapatam — To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam — notifying to them that the repairs of Buildings as stated in the proposals of Goday Vincanah and Dejmurty are not to be executed untill further Orders.

To Masulipatam — To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam directing them to advertize for proposals for repairing by Contract the Hospital at Masulipatam.

At a Consultation Present

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

John Holland — James Henry Casamajor
&
Robert Maunsell Esqrs

Friday 28th November 1788

Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.

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To His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's Forces

on the Coast of Coromandel, Governor General of Madras

Fort St George

From the Governor of Pondicherry stating his disapproval of Monsieur Manguenots Conduct, and the Cautions he has given to him respecting the Quarrel with the Tanjoreans

Sir,

Every one of your Letters is a new proof of the equitable and conciliating Disposition which distinguishes your Excellency.

The immediate Order which you have given for the Banks to be opened, and not to deprive the French Settlements of the Gift of nature will I hope prevent all further discussion.

I am very far from approuving of Mr de Manguenots Precipitation and I have very peremptorily cautioned him against a similar Proceeding. There are nevertheless some Circumstances wherein the Conduct of that Officer is pardonable. He says he began by Representation to Mr. Macleod, he complained it to the Rajah, and a delay of Six or eight days might destroy all the harvest in our Disputes — whatever may happen I have desired him to do nothing contrary to the harmony that exists between our respective Sovereigns, in Case of discussion or Complaints it is to his Britannic Majesty we should address ourselves, and we are sure of obtaining redress while he has so wise and enlightened a Chief

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doubt if his commands would be implicitly obeyed, by the Inhabitants of the village, where the Dispute happened, I have thought it proper to request, that if his orders should not be instantly executed, the Banks may be opened by people belonging to the Honble Company.

I take leave, Honorable Sir, to acquaint you that I did not receive Colonel De Marguenat's Letter of the 13th till the Evening of the 19th Instant - on the morning of the 20th I informed Mr. Petrie of the Contents of the Letter, adding, at the same time, my Opinion that your Government should be instantly advised of what had happened - but Colonel Stuart / by Mr. Petrie's direction, I believe / having written the day before to the French Commandant, on the Subject of the Disputes, Mr. Petrie, I presume, justly imagined, that a reference to Madras was not immediately requisite.

If I may be permitted to hazard an opinion upon the Step taken by Colonel De Marguenat, I must deem it very premature, had he intimated to me an intention of sending Sepoys into the dominions of his Excellency, I should not have shrunk from the Responsibility which an attempt to do justice to the French might have entailed upon me.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Sir &c.

Signd Alex. Macleod

Tanjore
24th November 1788

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to His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore in the most explicit and direct terms and that I have upon every occasion invariably conformed to the express letter of your orders in all my Communications with His Excellency upon those Subjects — as I adopted the very terms in which your Honor in Council made known your Pleasure to me, and as my representations were translated by the Reverend Mr. Swartz and fully explained in my Presence to the Rajah and his then Ministers, I have no reason whatever to apprehend that the will of Government was not clearly understood by them.

When I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 4th Instant His Excellency was at Trivar but was expected to return from thence in the Course of a day or two: finding however that his stay was Protracted longer than I expected, I thought it necessary to Communicate your orders in a Letter to His Excellency, Copy of which I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government — His Excellency returned from Trivar the 16th Instant, but I did not receive his Answer to my Letter till yesterday — Copy of the Rajah's Letter from the translation of Mr. Swartz I have also the honor to enclose.

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Your Honor in Council will likewise

receive

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I hope your Honor in Council will Permit me to observe that after having fully explained the resolutions of Government of the 8th September and 31st Ultimo to His Excellency the Rajah, as well as to those from whom it was said he expected to procure Loans in his Difficulties, and having upon every occasion discouraged to the utmost in my Power every transaction at this Durbar which appeared to me in any respect detrimental to the Interests of the Honorable Company; it certainly was no Part of my Duty to reject whatever bills the Rajah thought proper to tender me on the Part of Government, on account of his arrears to the Company. Since the Communication of your Orders of the 4th Instant to His Excellency I am convinced that he has not entered into any negociations for assigning over any Part of his Country to the Danes or to any other Persons whatever.

I cannot conclude this address without expressing to your Honor in Council how much I think myself honored by the favorable Sentiments you are pleased to entertain of my Conduct - I shall ever consider the approbation of my Superiors in Government as the most honorable reward that can be conferred upon me.

Tanjore
23 November 1788

I have the Honor to remain with perfect respect
&c &c
Signed Wm Petrie

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and I flatter myself your Excellency has not acted in opposition to this Resolutions of Government.

I request your Excellency will do me the honor to inform me if any negociation has been concluded or is on foot for assigning directly or indirectly any Part of the Tanjore Country to the Danes or to any other Person or Persons.

I beg your Excellency will honor me with an answer as soon as you possibly can or if your Excellency wishes that I should communicate with your Managers I shall be ready to meet them at any hour you think proper to appoint.

I have the Honor to remain with the sincerest Respect

May it please your Excellency

your most Obedient

most humble Servant

Signed W.m Petrie

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to W.m Petrie Esq.r

Commissioner for the Affairs of the Tanjore Country

Ameer Sing sends the following Explanation to W.m Petrie Esq.r

The Letter which you have written to me November the 13th I have received and understand the Contents of it I have often declared before You and Mr. Swartz that I had not assigned any part of my Country

to

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It is true my ancestors had collected a great deal of Jewels Diamond, Gold and Silver, all which is known to all the world — But the Nabob sent his Sons with a numerous Army against this Fort took it and left us nothing but the Stones of the Fort and our lives — The Diamonds, Jewels, Gold & Silver which had been collected in 120 years, he plundered, and treated us in a manner unbecoming a great Man took from us the Jewels and Cloths which we had on our Bodies — Our Elephants, Horses, Cloths, Diamonds, Gold & Silver, Tents weapons &c. which is estimated at one Carod, 5 Lacks and ten Thousand Pagodas — This is known to all, the account of all this has been often written to the Honble Court of Directors, and the Governor and Council at Madras.

If we have not money to pay off at the said Periods the Money Stipulated in the Treaty what shall we do?

If our Friends would have patience to wait till the Money could be collected from the Country it would be very well, but if on the other side they insist on a quick Payment without shewing us any other way, We must borrow Money from others and pay interest upon it.

I dont say that you or the Company should give

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His Excellency and to his late Sarkal that the Govern:
:ment of Madras would never Permit that any Part
of his Country should be assigned to the Danes or others
and that Government was determined to give no sanction
whatever to any Loans of Money to his Excellency and
from the Conversations which we have held with the
Rajah and his late Minister I believe we
have no reason to doubt but that they Perfectly well
understood our Communications upon these subjects,

I beg the favor of you to inform me of what
has come to your knowledge respecting the late
negociation between the Rajah and the Danish
Government at Tranquebar, I have understood that
His Excellency has let for a term of years certain Districts
to that Government on terms very beneficial to the
Circar, that a similar transaction took Place between
the Danes and the late Rajah in the Tirkeulsdip of
Bava. which turned out very much to the advantage of
the Rajah, if I am misinformed upon any of these Points
or if you can give me fuller lights to enable me to lay
the Subject completely before the Madras Government
I shall be very much obliged to you,

I remain, with much Regard & Esteem,

&c &c

Signed W Petrie

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I every delligent and spend 4 or 5000 Pagodas more before they can expect to get the full Interest of 12 p Cent If after their exertions they should get something more none could envy them, — Moreover when the Rajah shall be able to pay off the Capital, he will get a well cultivated Country instead of a waste one which he has now Mortgaged for the payment of Interest, —

I am Sincerely &c &c.

Signd/ C F. Swartz

A true Copy

Signd/ W Petrie

X Tuljah Maha Raja's Lease to the Danes, Translated by and received from the Reverend Mr. Swartz 21 November 1788 Contents of the agreement made between Tuljaa Maha Raja and Major General Herman Abbeste

I give you 14 Villages for 10 years to take from thence the Interest on 32,500 Star Pagodas / thirty two Thousand and five hundred Pagodas 1 p Cent p Mensem, which Interest amounts to 9900 Star Pagodas, 23 fanams p Pagoda which is 8970 Chuckrums, —

The Inhabitants are to have their full Share and the Pagodas their allowance, —

The Income of the 10 villages is estimated 9000 Chuckrums Deducting 8970 Chuckrums Interest, you are

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All Exept the Share of Paddy which is due to the Inhabitants - Free Lands, and the fields belonging to the Pagodas, belongs to you every year — Viz! the produce of the 44 Villages amounting to 16,983 Chuckrums, which I made over to you as having rented those Villages for ready Money and that for 12 Years.

Having given you, as renters the Produce of those Villages for 12 years, in lieu of the Interest on 69,000 Star Pagodas which I have taken from you and for which I have given you a Seperate Bond.

Reckoning 12 ℔ Cent ℔ year the Interest on the whole amounts to 7200 Star Pagodas reckoning 23½ Chackrums in a Pagoda, the Sum of the Interest amounts to 16920 Chackrums, in such a manner I have given you Security for the Interest.

Having rented those Villages for 16920 Chuckrums you are to take Interest only from the Day of your lending us the abovementioned Sum to the end of the year, and pay the rest to the Sirkar who has advanced Money for the Cultivation.

From the next year you are yearly to pay to the Circar 63 Chuckrums till your terms expire, these 63 Chuckrums being above the Sum for which you have rented those Villages.

When the terms of 12 years are expired we pay to you 69,000 Star Pagodas and take back our Villages

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Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following from Mr Petrie,

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

President and Governor in Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr Petrie Enclosing Accounts between the Company and the Rajah of Tanjore with his Observations on them

I have had the Honor to receive your letter of the 12th and 14th Instant, enclosing an account of the Rajah of Tanjores Payments to the 1st November, and a Copy of the Deputy accountants Letter, also an account Current with the Rajah, which you request may be adjusted previous to my Departure from the Durbar.

In obedience to your Commands I have corrected the Rajahs account from a comparative view, of the Statements from Madras, the accounts of the Resident, and those of the Palace - and am happy to lay it before You as perfect as the materials in my hands will admit.

The Balance amounting to Pagodas 1,18,993.21.19. I have notified to his Excellency's accountant and desired it might be registered in his Books.

There are however three Charges on the Debit side of the account which the Rajahs ministers do not acknowledge, altho they have some difficulty in explaining their objections, but as I have no reason to believe

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Dr His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore in account

1785 September 30th	To Balance due from the Rajah as p account made up by Mr. Hudleston to this Day		458,464. 4 24
1786 April 30th	To his Subsidy due this Day		40,000 .. ..
	To Cash paid the Reverend Mr Kohle Debited to the Rajah by the Resident in December 1785		300 .. ..
1787 April 30th	To his Subsidy due this Day		40,000 .. ..
	To Cash paid the Reverend Mr Swartz Debited to the Rajah by the Resident in June 1786		69. 35 04
July	To the amount of a Bill of Exchange drawn on the Honble Court of Directors in favor of Monsieur Monneron		9810 .. ..
November 30	To Kist due this Day		30000 .. ..
December 31st	To Ditto		60,000 .. ..
1788 January 31st	To Ditto		60,000 .. ..
February 29th	To Ditto		100,000 .. ..
March 31st	To Ditto		100,000 .. ..
April 30th	To Ditto		100,000 .. ..
May 31st	To Ditto		45,000 .. ..
June 30th	To Ditto		60,000 .. ..
July 31st	To Ditto		50,000 .. ..
August 31st	To Ditto		40,000 .. ..
September 30th	To Ditto		25,000 .. ..
	Carried Over		1938634 4 8

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Dr His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore in account

Brought Over ——— 19,38,634 4 8

Pagodas 19,38,634. 4. 8

Tanjore

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Minute thereon

Ordered, that Copies of the foregoing Letter and Account be sent to the Accountant General, and that he be directed to give the necessary Explanations upon the Charges on the Debit side of the account, objected to by the Rajah's Ministers.

Read the following Letter 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,

We have now the honor to address you,

From Messrs Lind & Close with their proceedings respecting the Pollams of Chinnanaick, Rungapah Naick Anderam & Wagatore

respecting the Pollams of Chinnana naick, Rungapah Naick Anderaram, and Wagatore, in possession of which it would appear, the Rajah was continued some years since, by the Sunnud from His Highness, Translate, and Copy whereof, we transmitted on a former occasion.

The further particulars on which the Rajah founds his pretensions to these Pollams, are similar to those on which he advanced his claims to Muttam, as he asserts that the former, also make a part of his Jaghire, which on the other hand by numerous witness is likewise confidently denied, as circumstantially appears, on the face of our Proceedings which go enclosed.

witnesses

This

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the Polygar, who nevertheless enjoyed his Pollam about twelve years ago, when being driven from it by Rajah Beerbur, it was put into the hands of the Calastry Rajah, who accordingly continued to hold it till the late assumption on the part of His Highness the Nabob.

The various Papers produced by the Rajah in evidence of these Transactions are specified in List No 4 accompanying our Proceedings, but two Summuds, one from His Highness the Nabob, and the other from Lord Macartney, confirming the Rajah in possession of the Pollam, are said to be lodged with his Vackeel at Madras, the latter having been granted to him in consequence of a decision given in favor of his Claims by the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Seid Mahomed Cawn, has this moment reported to us, that His Highness having received information that the Rajah of Calastry is still in possession of certain Districts & Villages belonging to the Circar, has instructed him Seid Mahomed to assume them, and that in consequence they will be immediately taken possession of.

It is with peculiar satisfaction we have to acquaint you, that the Object of the Commission we were instructed to execute, will be finally concluded by the close of this Month.

We have the Honor to be with great respect,

&c &c.

Sign'd Fr Lind.
By Close

Yerpaboo
25 November 1788

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The Commander in Chief reports to the Board the Death of Captain Lanthoard of the Artillery, and recommends the following Promotions and Appointments

The Commander in Chief reports the Death of Captain Lanthoar

Memorandum for Promotions & Appointments

Promotions and appointments

Artillery

Lieutenant David Willison to be Captain of Artillery Vice Lanthoar deceased and Spurdiman on half pay Date of rank 27th November 1788

Lieutenant Fireworker John Hammond, to be Lieutenant Vice Willison promoted and Tanner on half pay Date of rank 27th November 1788

Samuel Groves Conductor to be a Lieutenant Fireworker, Vice Hammond promoted untill the pleasure of the Honble the Court of Directors is known. Date of rank 27th November 1788.

Captain Tredway Clarke and Lieutenant Andrew O'Beirne succeed to full rank. Date as before.—

Lieutenant Andrew O'Beirne to be Inspector of Stores at Vellore, Vice Willison promoted.—

Acting Ensigns of Infantry appointed untill the pleasure of the Honble the Court of Directors is known.

	Date of Rank
Mr. Thomas Shadwell, Conductor of Stores	28th November 1788
Mr. William Bellew Gent - - -	29th Novr. 1788

Ordered, that the foregoing be published in General Orders

To be published in G.O.

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lay before you the Cutwalls Certificate, that the usage of Tanjore is to allow 4 Mullocks of oil to a Seer.

I also enclose a Certificate from the Quarter-Master of the 72d Regiment quartered at Tanjore, to prove that I issued the oil at the abovementioned Rate, Having understood that your Honorable Board had directed the Comptroller General to audit my accounts agreeably to the Prices and Measurements formerly charged by the Paymasters, I determined to submit myself thereto, but on enquiry I found that the usage had formerly been for the Paymasters to charge the oil supplied for the Troops and Garison in one Gross quantity, without Distinguishing the proportions in which it was issued to the Men; I then had recourse to Vencatachellum Office Dubash to the late Paymaster, who assured me that the oil was issued out by the Paymaster in the same manner that was afterwards followed by me, I enclose Vencatachellum's Certificate of the fact, and also of the usage concerning the measure of oil at Tanjore, which corresponds with the Cutwalls Certificate.

If my accounts are settled according to the Custom of the Country, the Cutwalls Certificate supported by the Quarter Master's acknowledgement, will justify

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An obtaining the Redress now Craved, Shall, without further delay, pay such Sum as shall then remain unsatisfied of the audit.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed H Campbell
Late Barrack Master Southern Division

Fort St George
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1788

Declaration of Bavaw Naicken the Cutwall of Tanjore.
Dated 16th June 1788

That in Tanjore Fort and its Country the Lamp Ail is Dealing by weight, therefore every Chilauck is equal to the weight of 16 Arcot Dudies, & Chalrale 64 Arcot Dudies Weight is equal to a Seir,—

Signed Bavaw Naicken

Tanjore 1st April 1788

I do Certify that Lamp ail was Regularly Issued to me for His Majesty's 72d Regiment by Captain Hugh Campbell Barrack Master, at the Rate of 4 Chullocks to a pucka Seir

Signed D Forbes a 2d M.
72d Regiment

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accounts has

Mr Maclean's Bill for attendance on Detachment of the 74th Regiment to be discharged

The Secretary informs the Board, that the Comptroller General of Army accounts [redacted] examined the Bill, amounting to Pagodas 165, of Mr Charles Maclean, Surgeon of the William Pitt, for his attendance on the Detachment of the 74th Regiment on the Passage to India, and has reported his opinion that the claim should be discharged ——

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly. ——

Ex.

Arch. Campbell

John Holland

Jas. Kinnaird

R. Maunsell