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To the Paymaster at Madura — The present Establishment of Artificers and Puckallies for the Garrison of Madura, is deemed sufficient.

To the Paymaster at Madura

Sent the following Letter

To His Excellency Le Comte de Conway

Major General in His Most Christian Majesty's Service.
Commandant General of the French Settlements in India &c.a &c.a &c.a &c.a &c.a

at Pondicherry

Sir

I have been honored with Your Excellency's favor of the 20.th Instant, and have now the pleasure to forward a Letter from his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick to Your Excellency, which encloses the necessary Pass Ports for the Mysorean Embassadors & their Suite.

To Pondicherry — with Letter from his Highness the Nabob to the Comte de Conway, which Encloses the necessary Pass ports for the Mysorean Embassadors and their Suite

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a pigned J. Holland

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25 Received the following Letter (entered in MB. N.o 85.)

From the Commandant of Tonericottah — stating the particulars of a Dispute between him and the Nabob's Manager, on the subject of a Diamond taken by one of the Company's Sepoys, from a Man of suspicious Character.

From the Commandant of Tonericottah

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We annex herewith Copy of a Letter addressed to the Commissary General of Stores, by the Commanding Officer of Artillery at Malaujabad, and as We are of opinion that a Shed should be erected to protect the Ordnance and Artillery Stores from the Weather, We beg leave to Recommend that Captain Slipper's Request be carried into Execution.

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

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(signed) Mathew Horne
I. Capper
Geo. Savage
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
T. Moorhouse

Minute thereon

Agreed that the consideration of the above be deferred until a fixed arrangement takes place for the Cantoning of the Kings troops.

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Travancore.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor in Council —

From the Resident at Travancore advises of Intelligence and Communicates Intelligence respecting Hyder's Operations.

Honble Sir

In consequence of a Letter which I have received

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble John Hollond Esqr.

President Governor &c.

Tuesday 26th May 1779 James Henry Casamajor

and

Edward John Hollond Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosures Entered in Mo. 86.)

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores — Recommending that a Shed be erected at Walajahbad for the protection of the Ordnance and Artillery Stores.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's Letters of the 6th and 9th Instant, the former enclosing Copy of a Letter with an Enclosures from Ganjam, the latter covering an Indent for Stores for the use of the Regiment of Native Cavalry Commanded by Major Forbes. These several Papers we have delivered to the Commissary General of Stores, and have required him to report thereon at our next Committee

We

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receive from the Rajah, I have repaired to this place to meet him, where he is to come as soon as he hears of my arrival — After having adjusted with him the Mode of paying the Troops agreeably to the Tenor of my Instructions, I mean to proceed to Paroor, in order to form the necessary arrangements of the Paymaster's Department.

I have this Instant received Intelligence that Tippoo Saib has quitted his Station near Tellicherry, and is now Encamped with his Army within thirty Miles of Paroor. What his Intentions are, have not yet transpired? the Dutch I am informed are much alarmed at his Vicinity — When I see the Rajah, which I expect daily, I hope I shall be able to give You further Intelligence regarding Tippoo's Operations, and which I shall lose no time in Communicating.

Cali Coulan
40 Miles No: of Anjengo
16th May 1789

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a (signed) George Powney
Resident

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor in Council &c.a &c.a

Honble Sir

Since my Letter dispatched to you a few hours ago, I have this instant received one from Captain Bannerman at Paroor, informing me, that from almost a Certainty it was Tippoo's Intention to

From the Resident at Travancore — advising of Tippoo's Intention to attack Cranganore — a Settlement belonging to the Dutch — requests Instructions how to proceed should such an Event take place.

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to attack Cranganore — a Letter from the Rajah's Minister accompanied it, of the same purport, and requesting I would with all possible haste Repair to the Rajah, and after having conferred with him, I would proceed to Pereor (in order to advise with him the Minister) on the Measures which were to be adopted, as the place was of infinite Consequence in the defence of the Country — Captain Bannerman adds, that he understood it has been already summoned.

Cranganore is a Settlement belonging to the Dutch in the Rajah of Cochin's Country, who is a Tributary to the Rajah of Travancore.

As I am without Instructions how to proceed, should Tippoo attack the place, and as the Rajah of Travancore will expect to be advised by me as Representative of the Honble Company here, I beg leave to Request you will do me the honor to define my Line of Conduct on this occasion.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) George Powney
Resident.

Cali Coulan
40 Miles N.W. of Anjingo
14th May 1789. 10: o Clock P.M.

Minute thereon

Agreed, in reply to the foregoing, to inform Mr. Powney, that the Company's Troops are only to be employed in defence of the Rajah's own Country, — and that he must urge the Rajah to be extremely Cautious in his

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in his Conduct during his present Critical Situation, & on no account afford Tippoo Sultaun a pretext for Invading the Travancore Country.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Stone.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Govenor in Council —

Honorable Sir

From Brigadier General Stone with Charges prefered against 2 Private Soldiers of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry for Desertion — Recommends that Captain Tytt Senior officer of Artillery in the Northern Division be permitted to draw full Batta — and that Conductor Wefferman be permitted to proceed to Bengal on account of his private affairs —

I have the honor to lay before the Board Charges preferred against two private Soldiers belonging to the 4th Battalion of European Infantry for Desertion in order that they may be tried by the General Court Martial now assembled in Fort St. George. —

I beg leave to submit to the Honble Board's Consideration the enclosed address from Captain Tytt of the Artillery, and to recommend, that from the Nature of Captain Tytt's Situation (as Senior Officer in the Northern Division) which subjects him to be called on frequently to inspect the ordnance, Stores &c. at the different Stations (similar to Lieutenant Colonel Fitch in the Southern Division) that he should be permitted to draw monthly full Batta, as a compensation for this Extraordinary Duty, and to defray the additional Expence he must be at in Consequence; and I beg

Leave

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leave further to remark in support of Captain Lutts application, that the Artillery Officers in Command of the Southern, Northern, and Centre Divisions of the Army, are the only Officers belonging to that Corps, who are likely ever to hold Commands that can entitle them to full Batta, and those Commands are of a Subordinate Nature, and confined to their own Department, but which being of great importance, I humbly conceive justly entitles them to some indulgence from Government, particularly as they are now deprived of several advantages they formerly had by holding those Stations.

I have the honor to enclose an application from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, Commanding the 1st Battalion of Artillery, requesting permission for Conductor Heffernan to proceed to Bengal on his private affairs for the space of Six Months.

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I am with the highest respect
&c &c &c

(signed) Mathew Horne.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr
Governor &c in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being from my Situation as Commanding Officer of all the Artillery in the Northern Division of the Army

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Army, exposed to constant additional Expences in making out General Returns of the Ordnance &c., and besides to move at the shortest notice to inspect the Artillery in the different Stations, whenever the Commanding Officer of that Division, (Colonel Brathwaite) may judge it expedient for the good of the Service; I hope your Honble Board will not think me unreasonable in Requesting the Allowance of full Batta, in the same manner as it was granted to Lieutenant Colonel Tanner, and since continued to Lieutenant Colonel Giels, as Commanding Officers of the Artillery South of the Coleroon.

The different Garrisons and Military Stations from Masulipatam to Ganjam, comprehending a Distance of 300 Miles, which I have occasionally to visit, will I hope lead Your Honble Board to consider me not less entitled to your indulgence than other Officers in the same Situation; Captain Prescott the Chief Engineer of the District of Masulipatam, was allowed Batta in the Government of Lord Macartney on the same Grounds, and the difference to me is only between half and full Batta, amounting to 24 Pagodas p.month. I venture to hope that my request will not be denied, and I beg leave to assure You, Honble Sir and Sirs, that it shall be my Study on all occasions, to deserve your good opinion, by a faithful and zealous discharge of the Duties of my Station.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. (signed) R. Scott
Captain 2d Batt. Artillery

Madras
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The Board are of opinion that they cannot with propriety allow permanent full Batta to the Senior Officer of Artillery in the Northern Division of the Army.

Ditto

Agreed to desire General Storne will have the Deserters tried by the General Court Martial now sitting.

Ditto

Agreed that Conductor Heffernan be permitted to proceed to Bengal.

Read the following Extract from the proceedings in the publick Department.

Extract of a Letter from the Accountant, dated 6 May 1789 –

Extract of a Letter from the Accountant recommends that orders be issued for furnishing him with certain Accounts to enable him to complete the Books of this Office.

"Those Books could be rendered more
"Complete and satisfactory, should Your honor think
"proper to communicate to me any orders or Resolutions
"that You may already passed, or may in the interim have
"decide upon, respecting any of the Articles reported
"in my address to the late Governor in Council, under
"date the 13th January last, as Superintendent of His
"Highness the Nabob's Accounts with the Company,
"particularly on the 2d. and 14th. Paragraph of said
"address, your orders would materially assist the
"Completion of the Revenue Books, and those of the
"Military Paymaster General. – In regard to the
"latter, I take the liberty of suggesting the propriety
"of

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"ordering a Report & Valuation to be made of the horses
"belonging to the five Regiments of Native Cavalry &
"such as those for the 19th Regiment of light Dragoons,
"that the difference between their value at this time,
"(that is to say, the 30th Ultimo) and the amount
"charged for them in the Military Paymaster's Books
"from the Commencement, may be wrote off to Stock,
"or some such head, as you may think proper to
"direct."

"In order to expedite the Accounts of
"the several Employs at the Presidency for the current
"Statements, Estimates and Quick & Dead Stock Returns
"mentioned in the first part of his address, I beg
"leave to request your honor will be pleased to cause
"notice to be given by your Secretary to the several
"Gentlemen it may concern, to prepare such their
"Accounts with all convenient Dispatch, and deliver
"them to my Office, so That I may have time
"to receive Your Directions on such of the Estimates
"for the Current Year, as require your previous opinion
"for my guidance. The principal Articles taken
"to be mentioned in your proceedings, under date the
"2d January last, and in my subsequent Explanations
"and remarks thereon."

"In regard to the expected Receipts
"from the Nabob & the Rajah of Tanjore, I request
"your

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"Your particular Instructions; not having had official
"intimation of any alteration either actually made, or
"intended in their Kists for the Current Year. I must
"take them to be the same as were stipulated for the
"Year ending 30th Ultimo, unless you are pleased to
"signify to the Contrary. I beg also to be informed,
"if the date of the Rajah's Kist for the first year's
"payment of the third part of the arrears of 70,000
"Pagodas is yet fixt, that I may insert the same in the
"General Estimate of Expected Receipts."

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

Minute thereon

Agreed to direct the Accountant General to draw out his Estimate of Receipts from the Nabob and the Rajah in the same manner as for last year — With respect to the 70,000 Pagodas remaining due from the Rajah of Tanjore, it is to be put down as as expected to be received in the course of the present Year.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosure entered in M.B. No. 87.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor &c. in Council —

from the Committee of Stores with a return of serviceable and unserviceable arms reviewing in the Out Garrisons.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the

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Approves

the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamiers Letter of the 14th Instant in reply to our Letter to Your Honble Board of the 7th Instant.

Ditto

At our last meeting the Commissary General of Stores laid before us the Indent of Stores required for the use of the Regiment Commanded by Major Fraser which We agreed to comply with, agreeably to the Remarks made thereon by Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse.

We have the Honor herewith to annex Copy of a Return of Arms in the Subordinacies and out Garrisons, and beg leave to propose that the unserviceable Arms be sent to the Presidency: those to the South are to be sent to Negapatam, and those to the North-ward to the nearest Chief ships for the purpose of the whole being sent to Bengal by the earliest Sea Conveyance.

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

[signed] Mathew Horne
J Capper
Geo: Savage
Patrick Agnew
W Sydenham
J Moorhouse

The Committee to report whether under the head of serviceable Arms, are included those which are repairable

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Read the following Letter from Captain Bannerman.

To the Honble John Holland Esq

Governor &c. &c.

Honble Sir

From Captain Bannerman Tippoo moves towards Poligatcherry.

I have now the honor to inform you that I have this Instant received the accounts of the ma of Tippoo's Army to Poligher Cherry, without making any attempt on Cranganore.

I am at a loss to account for the reason of movement after having summoned that place, and e brought heavy Guns from Poligharcherry, these with Eig thousand Infantry and one thousand horse. he has left a Chetwa, which place he seems to have made his principal Station on this side of Calicut — it is said lie his intention to proceed from Poligharcherry to Combto and there I Understand he means to pass the Rains.

I am extremely sorry that appearances however suspicious, should have obliged me to give yo so much trouble on this Subject, but the little confidenc to be put in Tippoo Sultaun, & the absolute necessity of immediate Diversion on the Coast of Coromandel, should h seriously attack this Country, will I hope render any Justification on this occasion unnecessary.

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

(signed) J. Bannerman

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council -

Honble Sir

We have the honor to enclose our Proceedings of this day and to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamiers Letter of the 19th instant, and its Enclosures. -

From the Military Board - respecting the Establishment of Artificers necessary for the Garrisons of Masulipatam, Ganjam and Palamcotah - are of opinion, that the Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam is not entitled to Batta.

With respect to the number of Artificers necessary for the Garrison of Masulipatam. We see no reason for altering the Establishment already allotted for that Station - Should however, any greater number be found necessary on any particular Emergency, We are of opinion that the number of additional Artificers, and the length of time they are to be employed, should be fixed by the Committee of Stores, and not by the Military Storekeeper himself -

In regard to the application for Batta from the Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam, during the time of his being employed in superintending the drying of Gunpowder, We are of opinion, that the admission of Batta at Masulipatam to that Officer, will only open a Door for applications from

from every other quarter upon the same Grounds; for it is an invariable Rule, and for very obvious reasons, not to dry Powder within the Walls of a Garrison, but to have a place at a distance expressly allotted for that purpose, and of Course the Inspector of Stores at every other Station, will be entitled to Batta on the same principle; if it is allowed at Masulipatam -- We cannot avoid here expressing our Surprize at the extraordinary opinion held forth by the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam, "that the drying of Powder "is foreign to the appointment of Inspector of Stores" which they state, does not extend beyond the Walls of the Garrison," and are of opinion that it is the duty of the Inspector of Stores at every Station to superintend in a special manner, every matter connected with drying Powder, from the order being given for its being removed, until it is again safely lodged in the Store house:

Respecting the Artificers at Ganjam, We see no reason for altering the Establishment already fixed, except the allowance of a Cooper, which, as there is Powder lodged there, We are of opinion, may with propriety be assed.

We know of no such description of People as factory Lascars - were those at Ganjam are employed

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employed only in the business of the Factory, they of Course, are not Cognizable by this Board – But on the Contrary, if they are Lascars occasionally employed on the Garrison Duties, the Stores, or, when necessary, are sent with Detachments into the Field, they are to all Intents and purposes Garrison Lascars, and We are of opinion, should be put on the same footing with respect to pay, Stoppages, and Cloathing, as all other Lascars of the same description on this Establishment, on which supposition, the Commissary General informs us, he ordered those Stoppages to be made.

Having perused the Extract of Mr. Forin's Letter, and taken into Consideration the several reasons assigned by him for augmenting the Establishment of Artificers, and the number of Puckallies, We beg leave to Recommend to your honor, in Council Palamcotah Continues the head quarters of a Brigade, and a Deposit of Arms, as it is now, for furnishing the Troops which may occasionally be raised for the defence of the Tinnevelly Country, to order the following addition to be made to the present Establishment, Viz.t. one Cooper, one Armourer, two Chickledars, and three Puckallies, and hope you will be pleased to direct the unserviceable Arms to be sent to the Presidency

We have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.
Mathew Horne
J. Capper
Henry Malcolm
James Campbl.
Patrick Ross

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Marsh thereon

The Board approve the above Recommendations respecting Artificers &ca at Ganjam and Palamcotah, and it is in Consequence agreed that they be confirmed.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stuart.

The Hon̄ble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council &ca

Hon̄ble Sir.

From Colonel Stuart with a Letter received by him from the Rannee of Shevagungah - his observations thereon - the Nabob Troops from Madura [illegible]

I have the honor to transmit Enclosed what I understand to be the Substance of a Letter this day received from the Rannee of Shevagunga.

I would willingly avoid all Comment on this Letter, as it relates to the Civil Concerns of the Country in which I am forbidden by my Instructions to interfere. Yet it will not I flatter myself appear to the Hon̄ble Board a Trespass upon those instructions, If I observe in the present Situation of things, it is of the utmost Consequence to the Success of the Detachment to have at least one part of the Inhabitants in our Interest - That in the Country there are but two Classes of People, the adherents of the Murdahs, and those of the family whose authority they usurped, and that both are equally averse at this moment to the direct Government of the Nabob.

By

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By His Highness's last agreement with the Rannee, the Management of the Country was promised to rem in her Name; this detached her from the Murdahs, and with her a Considerable party that wanted but support, such as they now have to shew themselves. If that agreement is observed, which it may be without in any essential degree diminishing the influence of the Nabob, in the Country, or in any degree attale the advantages to be expected from it, a great part of the Inhabitants will without delay come forward, prevent the Ravages that may be daily looked for, from the adherents of the Murdahs, and secure regular Supplies and open Roads to the Detachment which are necessary to its progress — Those are likely soon to fail us if some such Measure is not adopted, for I am not sanguine in the hopes of soon driving the Enemy from their present Retreat, & as I am unable to spare any Detachment to protect the Country, a small part of their force detached may in the mean time give us the most serious trouble.

I hazard these observations to the Board without presumption, but certainly in the hope that the Board may be induced to consider the subject, and eventually persuade the Nabob to adopt the harmless and at this time politick measure of Conciliating the Minds of the People of this Country. by holding out to them

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an Authority that they prefer to all others, though it in no respect Supercedes his own? — It is proper for me to add, though I do it with regret, that the Nabob's Tarnam has been Rejected in most of the Villages in which it has been offered.

The 16th Battalion and the flank Companies of the 22d Joined me Yesterday, the latter with some Stores from Madura.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

Camp Collongoody
24th May 1789.

P. S. His Highness the Nabob's Troops from Madura, consisting of 300 Men, Mutinied this Morning, by refusing to march as part of a Detachment To Tripatore to escort Grain &c. to Camp. — These Troops I never considered as of any great use, but they are now become a troublesome Burthen. — I have ordered them out of the Line of Encampment; for situated as they are, I could not with Justice or propriety punish them, as they were entertained as Sibendies upon 15 fanams a month, and have no Batta in the field.

Substance of a Letter from the Rannee of Shevagunga to Colonel Stuart. 19th May 1789

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When you and the Nabob Mortobar Cawn met me at Shevagunga, You both told me you were going to Chastize and drive away my Enemy. - The second day you went from hence you took Collongody, and immediately after, the head men of 20 Villages left the Murdahs and came to me, and I ordered them to go to Chinaick in Camp, and give him news of the Murdahs, and eventry to seize them, as also to punish such of Murdahs People as give trouble in the Country. - But Meer Cotboodin Khan has given directions, neither for these, nor any other People that come in from the Enemy to be admitted to me, and therefore these People think that the Country is to be taken by the Nabob, and the rights of my family disregarded: in Consequence of which they are now inc[illegible] to go back to the Murdahs. -

Some time ago the Murdahs behaved ill to the Circar and me, which I represented to the Na[illegible] the Nabob desired me in Answer, to put myself under the Care of Cootboodin Cawn, and that he would give me entire Charge of the Country, up[illegible] which I came and lived at Shevagungah. I have [illegible] the Nabob's Purwanah ready to produce.

At present I am very sorry to see the Count[illegible]

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Country put under the management of the Circar. — It is a Country of Colleries who are a very troublesome and deceitful People. — Both the Nabob and the Company have had much favour for me, and formerly directed Mundah to act Rightly with respect to me, but he has disappointed me, and I have taken the Nabob's Cowle, and you and the Nabob must take care of me, and put the Country under my Charge. — I have written some Argee lately through Coot Boodin Khan, offering to pay both the Tribute and Nuzzir, and will find good Security for the Money. — all this I beg you would write to the Nabob, and likewise that you would tell the Nabob Mootabar Cawn to consent to my taking Charge of the Country. — I trusted to the Nabob's Cowle and came to Sheragunga; now he has taken the management of the Country, and the praise or blame of such Conduct must be his. — I am the Nabob's Child & Chenaick who is in your Camp, will represent every thing worth mentioning to you.

The above Letter Containing matter of importance, it is Agreed, that it be sent in Circulation for the further Consideration of the Members of Government.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper. To

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To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary.

Sir,

From Colonel Capper respecting a Claim preferred by Captain Gage for Non Effective Allowance whilst serving as Captain in his Majesty's 100th Regt. on the Malabar Coast.

In consequence of your Letter of the 19th Instant, I applied to the Office of Paymaster General of his Majesty's Troops, for a Copy of Captain Gage's Letter Claiming Non Effective Allowance, whilst serving as Captain in his Majesty's 100th Regiment, on the other Coast. from the 5th August 1780. to the 25th Decr. 1785. But I am told that no written application has been made by Captain Gage to that Officer

I am humbly of opinion that many Captain of the 100th Regiment serving on the other Coast, should have been paid his non Effective Allowance at the Presidency under which he served, supposing it was to be paid in India; But the Payment of this Allowance in India, is not provided for by any Order with which I am acquainted; and since the time the 100th Regiment came to India, an Alteration has taken place by act of Parliament in the payment of this allowance, and the Captains of the Regiments serving in Europe, have since the Month of December 1783 received a specific Sum in lieu of it. — For these reasons —

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various reasons, I am very far from thinking this account should be settled here. But if the Honble the Governor in Council is of a Different opinion. It will be necessary he should please to order Captain Gage to lay the state of the Non Effective Fund of the 100th Regiment before Government, for the time specified in his Claim; and likewise the order for the Reduction of that Regiment, as also the time of it's leaving India.

Enclosed I have the honor to send you the original Papers

I am Sir
&c. &c. (signed) J. Capper
C.G.A.C.

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Agreed that Copy of Colonel Capper's Letter be sent to Mr. Mitford Deputy Pay-master of the King's Troops, informing him, that for the reasons given by Colonel Capper, the Board decline admitting Captain Gage's Claim, in it's present form.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Forbes at Bellumcondah.

The Honble John Hollond
Esqr. Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir.

Herewith I have the honor to Enclose for the information of Your Honor in Council an

from the Commandant of Bellumcondah with Estimate of the Expence of Mud Buildings amounting to Pags. 935-9

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an Estimate of Expence which would attend the erecting Mud Buildings with thatched Roofs.— The depopulated and desolate State of this part of the Country renders it extremely difficult to procure Articles for house building of the meanest Structure.— with respect to Teakwood and Bamboos, they are only to be had at the distance of 50 Miles — Palmira Trees and straw, from 4 to 15 Miles.— The Palmira is however, the only Wood that will answer for suppating to the Roofs of Mud Buildings at least for any length of time, except Teak Wood, which would be attended with Considerable Expence.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. (signed) J. Forbes
Lt. Commanding

Bellumcondah
4th May 1789

The Board are of opinion, that the Estimate of Lieutenant Forbes is much too Expensive

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Agrees therefore, that Copy of it be sent to Mr. Hughes the Collector in the Guntoor Circar, and that he be desired to give his opinion, as to the best mode of building quarters for the small party at Bellumcondah

Read the following Letters (entered in MB, Nos. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94.)

From Mr. Kinderley

From Mr. Kinderley — requesting Leave to resign his Employ as member of the Committee for investigating

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investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops.

From Mr. Peace - applying for the above Employment.

From Mr. Peace -

The President proposes that Mr. Kinderſley's Resignation be accepted, and that Mr. George Maurice be appointed in his room - which is Agreed to.

Mr. Maurice appointed a Member of the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops, in the Room of Mr. Kinderſley, resigned

From Colonel Roſs - containing an application from Major Stephenson, that his Quarters may be built at a small distance from the Cavalry Lines, in order to make use of a Tank and Well - which Colonel Roſs thinks may be granted without any inconvenience to the Service.

From the Chief Engineer

ordered ——— Ordered accordingly

From Captain Dawes ——— From Captain Dawes at Innicondah - requesting to know whether he shall give up some Articles in his Charge, which were left there by Seif Jung, and for which Mr. Hughes has made application on account of Seif Jung - Stating, that there were Sums due to the Bazar, when Seif Jung evacuated the Place.

Minuted thereon ——— Agreed to direct Captain Dawes to deliver up the Articles to the order of Mr. Hughes, and not to interfere in the Business of Debts due to the Bazar at Innicondah.

From -

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From Mr. Turing

From Mr. Turing Civil Paymaster General reporting that the Doolies returned by the Paymaster of the Guntoor Detachment, are mostly in a very bad Condition, and requesting the Sanction of Government, for disposing of them at Publick Outcry.

Minute thereon

Agreed to desire Mr. Turing will Continue the Doolies in the Publick Stores.

From the Quarter Master General.

From the Quarter Master General enclosing a return of Draught & Carriage Bullocks employed with the Guntoor Detachment, specifying the Service to which they were attached with the different Corps.

Minute thereon

As the Return delivered in, as above, does not include the Detail for the Victualling & Ordnance Departments, it is Agreed, that Letters be written to Mr. Cockburn, and to Captain Carlisle, directing them to send in returns which may supply these Deficiencies.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper.

The Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir

From Colonel Capper with a Claim made by Captain Alexander Montgomery for landing the Troops and Stores of Colonel Eidingtoun's Detachment and of one by Lieutenant Elliot for Horsekeepers & Grass Cutters employed under him at Anjengo

In the Ongole Accounts for Septemb. last, I observed a Charge made by Captain Alexander Montgomery

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Montgomery of Pagodas 640. for landing the Troops and Stores of Lieutenant Colonel Cidingtoun's Detachment. As I was not informed by what authority Captain Montgomery acted on this occasion, I called upon the Paymaster for an Explanation of the Charge, and now beg leave to submit to your Consideration, an Extract of a Letter from Captain Montgomery on the Subject.

In examining the accounts of the Garrison of Tritchinopoly from January to September 1788. a Charge appeares of 750 Pagodas. by Lieutenant Elliot Quarter Master of Cavalry, for Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters employed under him at Anjengo by order of Government, to take Charge of Horses coming from the Malabar Coast.— He says that he waited there to receive the Horses upwards of 3 months. General Horne informs me, that he believes Lieutenant Elliot has disbursed the Money he has charged; but that he thinks he was imprudent in taking so many horsekeepers before the horses arrived.— Lieutenant Elliot not having been restricted in the number he was to employ, nor in the length of time they were to be kept in Pay, I beg leave to know if it is Your pleasure that the Charge be admitted.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) J. Capper.
P. G. & Accounts

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Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Captain Alexander Montgomery, to the Paymaster at Ongole, dated 15th April 1789.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, accompanied by an Extract from the Remarks made on your Accounts by the Comptroller General, relative to a charge made by me for Loosing the Troops and Stores of Colonel Eidingtoun's Detachment at Cottapatam. I beg you will be so good as to represent to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, that as I did not keep a regular Account of the several Articles which were found indispensably necessary to be provided by me on that occasion, it does lye in my power to send those Documents to my Charge which he has thought proper to Demand — as I did not enter on the Business with an Intention to profit by it. I can venture to give my word that I am somewhat above the Embarkation of the Troops and Stores amounting only to 111 Pagodas and 7 fanams at Madras is no guidance to my Charge at Cottapatam, as many things were to be provided by me, and with great difficulty, as were not wanting at Madras — The Firewood (which in the Ongole Country is a very Scarce and dear article) I provided for keeping up a very large fire as a Signal at night for the Ships, and the Wood which was

necessary,

necessary to make Rafts for the Guns – the Mast to hoist the Signal on by Day, Cloth for the Signal, and Cordage, amounted collectively to a considerable Sum more than that which if specified for the whole Charge at Madras – Regular Reliefs of People were employed by me day and night to make and observe Signals – the Boats on the Coast I collected for upwards of 30 Miles on each side of Cottapatam, and the people employed in them were in my pay for some time prior to the arrival of the Ships. – In the disembarkation of the Troops and Stores, the Boats were employed day and night, but to induce the Boat people to such great exertion I found it necessary to pay them double hire – the short time in which the whole was landed demonstrate that the additional Payment had the desired Effect – Every means was taken that no accident should, as far as depended on myself, ensue from inattention, which to effect, a greater expence was incurred to me upon the whole, than that which I have charged to Government.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Capper be authorized to pass the Charges made by Captain Montgomery for landing the Troops & Stores of Lieutenant Colonel Edingtoun's Detachment.

Ditto

With respect to Lieutenant Elliott's Claim, it is Agreed to desire Colonel Capper will call upon

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upon that Officer to specify the particulars of the Account, detailing the Number of Horsekeepers & Grass Cutters employed, and for what Period.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Strange Paymaster at Tanjore.

John Shamier Esqr.
Military Secretary.

Sir

I beg you will be pleased to inform Govern-ment, that I have this day received from the acting Resident, the Sum of four thousand /4000/ Pagodas, in fanams: but which must be Changed into Gold, being informed by Mr. Paymaster Vaughan, that Tanjore fanams will not answer his purposes, not being Current in that part of the Country, where the Troops, now under the Command of Colonel Stuart, are now acting. — As a Reinforcement from the 72d Regiment is now under Marching Orders to join Colonel Stuart, I shall therefore, avail myself of this occasion of obeying the Commands of Government, in regard to the Application of this Money, by transmitting it to Mr. Vaughan.

I has the honor lately to represent to Govern-ment /thro' you/ the reduced Numbers of the Sepoys, then in Garrison; since which time they have been wholly withdrawn from Tanjore, the Consequence of which is that every

From the Paymaster at Tanjore — receives from the Resident 4000 Pags. in fanams for the use of Colonels Stuart's Detachment — has entertained 60 Sepoys for the use of the Garrison — requests permission to make a temporary addition to the number of Artificers — has written to Negapatam for a supply of Cartridge Paper — has supplies the three Compa-nies of the 72d Regiment under orders to join Col: Stuart, with Doolies. —

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every Description of Stores under my Charge. Cannot but suffer thereby, and a few Weeks neglect of them, would render many of them unfit for Service. — To prevent this loss to the Company; I have taken upon me to entertain 60 Lascars, and I trust that the Exigency of the Service will justify this Step in the Eyes of Government.

The want of Artificers to keep in order so large a Deposit of Arms as that in my Charge, is at this Moment highly prejudicial to them — During the Land Wind Season, the Labour that is requisite to keep them Clean, is double what at any other Period they require. In order to assist in this necessary Duty, I have applied to the Commanding Officer of the / single / Battalion of Sepoys now in Garrison, for the use of his Artificers, and which he has assured me, cannot be spared: as from the very old and defective State of the Arms belonging to his Corps, his Workmen are incessantly employed in repairing the same. — Under these Circumstances, I shall beg the permission of Government to make a temporary addition to the number of those Artificers, to which they have been pleased to limit this Garrison, and which are unquestionably too small for the Service now required of them.

I have just now received a large Indent from Colonel Stuart, for Musquet Ammunition; and not having a sufficient Quantity of Cartridge Paper in

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Store. I have therefore written to Negapatam and Tanquebar for a Supply, which I trust Government will approve.

The three Companies of the 72d Regiment now under orders to join Colonel Stuart, requiring their Complement of Doolies, and there being none in Store I have therefore taken upon me to supply them.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sirs &c.
(signed) Jas. Strange
Paymaster.

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21st May 1789.

For the Reasons given by Mr. Strange, it is Agreed to Confirm the Steps which he has taken in purchasing Cartridge Paper, providing Doolies, and Entertaining some Lascars, who must be discharged as soon as an equal Number of those attached to the Garrison of Tanjore shall return to their Station.

Minute thereon

With respect to Mr. Strange's application for a temporary addition to the number of Artificers allotted for Tanjore, it is Agreed to refer that part of his Letter to the Consideration of the Military Board.

Ditto

Read a Petition from Condapah Subidar

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The Pension to Condapah Subidar of 100 Pagodas per annum to be Continued

Subidar, with a Certificate from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham (as entered in M.B. No. 94) requesting that the Pension of Pagodas 100 ℘ annum, granted to him by Lord Macartney, and enjoyed by him under Subsequent Administrations, may be continued to him.

As it appears that the Pension was granted in Lord Macartney's Government in Consideration of the very Meritorious Services of Condapah, it is Resolved that it be Continued, and paid by the Military Paymaster General Monthly.

The Horses in the Governor's Body Guard to be Cast.

The President recommends that General Horne be desired to appoint a Committee to survey, and Cast the Horses unfit for Service in the Body Guard.

Ordered.

Ordered Accordingly.

John Holland
Jas. H. Casamayor

Edwd. Mc Holland

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Diary

27 Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos. 95. 96. 97.)

From the Resident at Tanjore

From the Resident at Tanjore – Recess to Allapilly by desire of the Rajah – Tippoo has moved off with his Army to Polighat Cherry, without making any attempt on Cranganore

From the Commandant at Vellore.

From the Commandant of Vellore – advising of his arrival: and of his having the Command of the Garrison &c.

From the Commandant of Bomacoil.

From the Commandant of Bomacoil – stating the particulars of Tippoo's having plundered Mahé, & disgraced the French Flag; and the Compte de Conway's Consequent behaviour to the ambassadors now at Pondicherry

28. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (entered in M. B. Nos. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114.)

To the Chief Engineer.

To the Chief Engineer – Government have no objection to an acquiescence in Major Stephenson's request, respecting the position of his Quarters at Cundatoore.

To the Civil Paymaster Genl.

To the Civil Paymaster General – Informing him that the Doolies lately returned by the Paymaster of the Guntoor Detachment, may remain in the Stores in their present State.

To the Commandant of Innacondah.

To the Commandant of Innacondah – the Articles* mentioned by the Collector of Guntoor in his Letter of the 24 Instant

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28 Ullims. are to be delivered up to Mr. Hughes's order — Government do not think it proper for the Commandant to interfere in the Bazar Debts of the Detachment which he relieved.

To the Collector at Guntoor

To the Collector at Guntoor — Desiring he will give his opinion upon an Estimate of Repairs for Bellumcondah.

To the King's Deputy Paymr. General

To the King's Deputy Paymaster General — — Government decline admitting the Claim of Captain Gage in its present form.

To Ganjam.

To Ganjam — with Authority to add a Cooper to the Establishment of Artificers allotted for Ganjam — — Government also Consent to their factory Lascars being permitted to furnish themselves with Cloathing, and to receive their full pay of four Rupees ₰ month.

To Brigadier General Horne.

To Brigadier General Horne — the Soldiers Confined for Desertion must be tried by the General Court Martial now sitting — Captain Tuttle's application for full Batta — Cannot be Complied with — Conductor Heffernan permitted to absent himself from the Coast.

To the Commanding Officer of the Swallow

To the Commanding Officer of the Swallow — to receive on Board his Ship, and convey to Bengal, Serjeant Renton & Corporal Hampton of his Majesty's 76th Regiment

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts. — Captain Montgomery's Charge on Account of the Guntoor Detachment to be admitted. To direct Lieutenant Elliot to Specify the particulars of his account — what Number of Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters entertained, were employed, and for what time.

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To Ganjam — to report as soon as possible the particulars of the Military Operations in their District, and the Steps taken in Consequence of the Resolution of Government of the 5th Instant.

To the Paymaster at Tanjore — Government approve the proceedings reported in his Letter of the 21st Instant — The Sascars now entertained must be discharged as soon as an equal Number of those attached to the Garrison of Tanjore shall return to their Station — The Subject of Artificers will be referred to the Military Board.

To the Commandant of Bellumcondah — the Collector in the Guntoor Circar has been directed to give his opinion upon the Estimate of Quarters, which Government consider much too Expensive.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — To deliver in a return specifying the Service to which the Bullocks in his Department, that were employed with the Guntoor Detachment, were attached, under their respective heads of Distribution

— The same to Captain Carlisle.

To Mr Kindersley — accepting his resignation of the Office as a Member of the Committee for the Investigation of the Accounts of the King's Troops serving in India; to which Mr George Sulivan Martin has succeeded.

To Mr Martin — with information of the above Appointment.

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To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — Desiring they will report upon an Enclosed Letter lately received from the Paymaster of Tanjore, on the Subject of Artificers — Government have approved and confirmed their Recommendations of the 22d. Instant.

Sent the following Letters.

To Mr. George Powney.

Resident at Travancore.

To the Resident at Travancore with further Instructions as to the line of Conduct to be observed towards the Rajah

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your several Letters, the last dated the 14th. Instant.

As you are already fully possessed of the Sentiments and Wishes of Government respecting the line of Conduct which You are to adopt, in Your proceedings with the Rajah of Travancore, it seems hardly necessary to add to the Subject; but, as you have requested to know how you are to act in the Event of Tippoo's attacking Cranganore, I am directed to inform you, that the Company's Troops are to be employed only in the Defence of the Rajah's <u>own Country</u> — their operations are solely to be confined to the above, and you must therefore fully explain this to the Rajah.

As the present Critical Situation of the Rajah's affairs requires the greatest Circumspection, you must urge him strongly to avoid giving any

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28 protection to Sippoo's Subjects, or to afford him any pretext for invading the Travancore Country.

I am Sir
&c. &c. &c. (signed) Jno. Chamier
Secretary.

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To Colonel Stuart

Commanding the Detachment in the
Shevagunga Country.

Sir.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 21st Instant. & to express their Satisfaction at your able Conduct & the distinguished bravery of the Officers & Troops under your Command, in Storming the Fort of Collengody.

To Colonel Stuart expressing the Boards approbation of his able Conduct, and of the distinguished Bravery of the Officers & Troops under his Command, in storming the Fort of Collengody - and referring to his Original Instructions for his Guidance.

It is with Concern they are informed that you are not sanguine in your hopes of soon driving the Enemy from their present Retreat, as they conceive every Idea of acceding to measures under the influence of an armed opposition from the Vassals and Dependants of the Carnatic, should be totally discouraged, as terms granted under this impression might be Considered as an improper Concession. - The Sheraguna Districts, now many Years ago, reduced to a state of submission to the acknowledged Authority of His Highness the Nabob, and as it is the Wish of the Board, the Submission - should again on this occasion, be at Discretion. - They have

desired

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28 desired me to refer you to your original Instructions, in which you were directed to put the Country into the possession of His Highness the Nabob, who will instruct his Managers, in regard to it's present Government and Disposal, not doubting but he will act with Consideration & Justice. At the same time that you grant Cowle of Protection to those who are willing to receive it, there is some degree of Severity due to such as are found acting against us, and an order should be issued for all Persons to lay down their Arms, & submit peaceably to the Authority of the Carnatic Government.

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I am Sir
&ca &ca &ca (signed) Jno Chamier
Secretary

At a Consultation
Present
The Honble John Hollond
Esqr. President.
James Henry Casamaijor Esqr.
&
Edward John Hollond Esqr.

Friday
29th May 1789

Minutes of last Consultations Read and approved. Read the following Letters from Colonel Stuart.

To

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The Honble John Hollond Esqr:

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir

From Colonel Stuart — his anxiety in a great measure removed, on account of the want of Provisions. — Shall move towards the Enemy on the arrival of the Reinforcement

I have been honored with the Board's Letter of the 20th Ult. Mr Secretary Chamier directing me to use if necessary, Compulsory measures to procure Provisions and Bullocks for the Detachment, that the Service Entrusted to me may be brought to as speedy a Conclusion as possible, and to take care at the same time, that proper account be kept of the Bullocks and Provisions that may be procured for the Service.

The Exertions of Colonel Stuart, and Mr. Johnston at Tritchinopoly, have greatly diminished my anxiety on account of Provisions for the Detachment, and I have reason to believe that by a Continuance of those Exertions, and the use of the means now authorized by Government, one of the hindrances to our Progress, which I chiefly feared, will be obviated — there remains the Strength of the Enemy's Position, which the Honble Board have been informed, I consider to be of such a kind as to make a Considerable Reinforcement to the Detachment necessary — That Reinforcement I am now waiting for, and expect to receive, on the 27th Instr. together with a supply of Provisions and Money from Tripatoore, for which I thought it proper to detach a Battalion as an Escort from hence.

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On it's arrival, I propose to move against the Enemy, who are posted at a fort of Redoubt, three Miles from this place called Ranamcungalum, which is strong in itself, and to which all the Avenues lie through an Impenetrable Jungle, and are secured by every Species of Barricade. — Those difficulties too, will be much Encreased by the want of Water in the Jungle, which is so great, as to oblige the People at Rana-mungalum to supply themselves at the distance of several Miles.

The Honble Board will be pleased to believe, that I desire nothing more strongly than to finish the present Service with Expedition: Yet this desire will not make me forget how much Depends upon this Detachment, and how much it is my Duty not to Commit it Rashly — I shall accordingly proceed with all possible Caution, and be Content to gain at the Expence of a little time, what might be perhaps earlier gained at a greater Expence.

I have the honor to Remain

Camp Collongoody
24th May 1789. —

&c. &c. &c. / signed / J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir

I have been honored with the Honble Board's

From Colonel Stuart — the whole of the Reinforcement will join him on the 29th — Thereby the two Flank Companies of the 72d Battalion into Collongoody;

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Board's Letter of the 21st through Mr. Secretary Chamier, and am happy at the approbation expressed of the Reasons I gave in my Letter of the 15th for ordering a Reinforcement from Tritchinopoly, Vellum, and Madura, to the Detachment under my Command. — The European Company from Tritchinopoly is arrived at Sripatore, where it will be joined to morrow by the Companies from Vellum, so that the whole will be here on the 29th — The Vellum Companies marched a day later than I expected, owing to the difficulty of procuring the necessary Carriage.

The Repairs I directed to be made at this place, will be finished to morrow, and will put them in a tolerable State of Security. — There is established in it a Convenient Hospital, a good Magazine for our Spare Ammunition, and a Granary for our Rice: and I have thrown the two Flank Companies of the 72d. and the Shevagunga Troops into it as a Garrison.

Camp Collongoody 26th May 1789. — I have the honor to be &c. &c. signed / J. Stuart. Colonel Commanding

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board

Read a Letter from Mr. Phippard, Assistant Surgeon with the 8th

From the Hospital Board. Mr Phippard applies to be placed on the Top of the

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the List of Assistant Surgeons for the last Year — recommending that Mr. Anton be directed to take Charge of the Botanical Cabinett, & that an allowance be made him. — Resolutions of Government thereon

Government cannot alter the arrangement of Rank made by the Court of Directors.

8th Battalion of Native Infantry, inclosing an address to Government, for their Consideration, which the Hospital Board have the honor to forward agreeable to his Request.

The Hospital Board taking into Consideration the length of time that has elapsed since the receipt of Dr. Russells Botanical Cabinet, without any Person appointed to take Charge of it. — They recommend Mr. Ponton, who is lately returned from the Guntoor Circar, for that Duty, 'till further orders, and that he may be allowed 30 Pagodas p. month for his trouble, and an allowance for Servants.

The Botanical Cabinet must be delivered over to the Charge of the Apothecary, and lodged in the Company's Stores —

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James Anderson
Physician General —

Colley L. Lucas
& Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor &c. Council —

Honble Sirs Sirs.

It having appeared by the General Orders that I am the seventeenth on the List of Assistant Surgeons

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Surgeons who came out last Season, which much disappoint-
-ed me, expecting to be at the Top of it, being a full
Surgeon in His Majesty's Service since the 31st May 1779.
The Warrants appointing me to the Different Ships, I can
produce, viz.t Japageer Commanded by Lord Charles
Fitzgerald - Fortune, Captain Robertson - Endymion,
Captains Gambier & Smith - Canada, Hon.ble Captain
William Cornwallis - and the James Captain Pakenham -
As I understand all Gentlemen who have served as
Officers in his Majesty's Service, always have the
preference to those who never were in any Service before,
and came out the same Season with them: cannot but
think my Claim just to be put at the head of the List
of Assistant Surgeons Hon.ble Sir & Sirs am well
convinced you will do me every justice in your Power,
and that You will indulge me with my Rank, when
You consider my length of Servitude in His Majesty's
Service as Full Surgeon. Should you find it
necessary to be referred to the Hon.ble Court of Directors,
Shall request the favor of You to allow my application
to bear a Number in Your Packet with your Recom-
-mendations.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a (signed) Thos. Shippard
Assistant Surgeon 8 Battalion
N. Infantry

Ongole
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Read the following Extract of a Letter from Vizagapatam.

Extract. dated 15th May 1789.

Extract from Vizagapatam with Indents for the Proportion of Military Stores for the use of Vizagapatam for the Year 1789

"Herewith We have the honor to transmit to You Indents for the proportion of Military Stores for the use of this Garrison for the Year 1789."

A true Extract.

(signed) Wm. C. Jackson
D. M. Secretary

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Indents be referred to the Committee of Stores, and that they be directed to report thereon.

The President informs the Board that Mr Savage, the Military Storekeeper, has applied to him for an advance of Cash.

10,000 Pagodas advanced to the Military Storekeeper on account of his Employ.

Ordered that the Sum of ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas be advanced to the Military Storekeeper, by Bills on Bengal, for the use of his Employ.

Mr Ram appointed Resident at Tanjore.

The President proposes that Mr. George Andrew Ram be appointed Resident at Tanjore.

The Board concurring in the President's Recommendation, Mr. Ram is accordingly appointed Resident at Tanjore.

Ordered that the usual notice be given.

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops.

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr

Governor in Council &c &c

Honble Sir

From the Committee for investigating the accounts of the King's Troops — with a Report of their Investigation from 1st July 1783, to 30th June 1784, — requesting an additional Writer.

We have now the honor to lay before You a further Report of our Investigation of the Army Accounts, from the 1st July 1783, to 30th June 1784.

We have considered it most Eligible to forward these Accounts without waiting for those of His Majesty's Hanoverian Corps, which are preparing separately, up to the same period; and will follow these as soon as possible; after which they will be included in Future General Reports.

The Directions of the Supreme Government Contained in their Letter of the 18th February 1789, respecting the Articles of Batta to the Non Commissioned & Privates, shall be executed with all the Dispatch, which so intricate an Investigation will admit.

Having found it necessary, in order to expedite the accumulating Business of our Office, to employ an additional Monthly Writer, We request your acquiescence in, and Confirmation of his Appointment.

Fort St George 24th May 1789. —

We have the honor to be &c &c &c signed { Benjn Roebuck
Nathl E. Kindersley

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Minute thereon

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

Ditto

Agreed that the Committee be permitted to entertain an additional Writer, which they have represented to be necessary.

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr
Governor in Council &c &c &c

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with the Storekeeper's Report upon and Return of Grain in Store at Arnee, and Arcot Annexation thereon.

Honble Sir

Agreeably to the order of the Honble Board under date the 24th March last I have the honor to lay before You the Storekeeper's Report upon, and Return of Grain in Store at Arcot & Arnee.

Should you think proper Honble Sir to adopt the Storekeepers Recommendation respecting the Sumba Paddy at Arnee, it does not appear that a delay of a few Months will be attended with any material difference, and in that period the Price must rise considerably. With respect to securing a supply from the Car Paddy now cut and on the Ground, as the Store intended to be laid up in this Garrison wants 129 Garce 391 Marcalls and 4 Seers, of being Complete, such part of that

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that quantity, as there is Room for in the Granaries may, if agreeable to you, be received from the Tafsildar.

The Grain at Arcot will of Course be Exchanged by the Nabob, it having been laid up by his Managers, unless it may be deemed Expedient from the State of the Granary, and openness of the place, to sell off the Store.

The Storekeepers Recommendation of repairing the Roof of the Granaries at Arnee, and Leveling the Ground in front of them, will I doubt not meet Your approbation.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c. (signed) Thos. Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

Madras
26th May 1789

To
Wm. Thomas Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

Sir

In compliance with your Instructions I have examined into the State of the Grain at this place, and Arnee, on which I beg leave to submit the following Remarks.

At Arnee the Cor Tabby is in a good State & Condition, and will keep to the fall of the Year: and I suppose will sell well at that time, for the good want

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want of Rain last Year — The Sumbah Paddy is not so good, I therefore recommend it's being disposed of and replaced by an equal quantity of Carr; I mention this Circumstance, as the Carr is a Quality of Grain that will keep longest, and the least subject to decay, and the Carr Crop is, I am informed, Cut and now on the Ground: therefore, if it is the Intention of Government that any Grain should be laid up at Arnee, to replace the Sumbah recommended to be disposed of, it is equally necessary that orders should be sent to the Tasildar to reserve that quantity on account of the Honble Company.

I examined the Grain to the very bottom of the Granary, and found the Grain about 2 Inches at the bottom somewhat damaged, which I imagine has been owing to the very low Ground in front of the Granary where the Water Lodges in a fall of Rain, which indeed I perceived to be the case after some very heavy Showers, which fell during my Stay at Arnee. The Ground should therefore be levelled in front of the Granary, which also should have the Tyles shifted throughout the whole Roof, with a few new Bamboos and Sticks, will make the Granary Compleat and Weather Proof in every part.

At Arcot the whole is Sumbah Paddy, old and much Decayed, I therefore recommend it's being sold off without loss of time on the best terms that can be procured: altho' I do not imagine there will be offers for the

whole

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whole, as the Pettah and Arcot seem to be thinly inhabited, and have (I am informed) a sufficient Quantity of New Grain for their own Consumption round the Fort and Pettah of Arcot; but I make no doubt it will sell at Retail to the followers of the Cavalry Cantonments who are numerous, and will be glad to take it when the price is lower than the Buzar.

The Granary should have all the Tyles taken off, the Roof examined, and repaired by putting a new Cover of Matts between the Bamboos and the Tiles — in it's present State it is not Weather proof in any part of it.

The Repairs I have mentioned may be Compleated at a small Expence. have therefore not Sent you any Estimate of the Amount.

I measured the whole of the Grain at Arcot, which You will see in my Returns of Grain, (which I have now the honor to enclose) by what is wrote off to profit and Loss — I have also inserted in the Arnee Account the Quantity of each Quality of Grain agreeably to Mr. Welch's return, whose Servant is there with mine to attend to all issues and Deliveries that may be hereafter ordered.

Arcot 23d. May 1789.

I am Sir &c.a &c.a &c.a
(sign'd) Theod. J. Tanner
Paymaster

A true Copy
(signed) Thos. Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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Return of Grain remaining & Receipts At Arcot & Arnee for May 1789

Balance & Receipts.		Sumbah Paddy			Coor Paddy		
	Arcot.	Garce	Mds	Srs	Garce	Mds	Srs
1789 May —	To Balance remaining by Mr. Welch's return	10	10	"	"	"	"
	Garce —	10	10	"	"	"	"
	Arnee						
	To Balance and Receipts —	96	10	"	78	65	4
	Garce	96	10	"	78	65	4
	Sumbah —				96	10	"
	Total —				174	75	4

Return of Grain issued, Delivered, Damaged & remaining at Arcot & Arnee for May 1789.

Issues and Balance		Sumbah Paddy			Coor Paddy		
	Arcot	Garce	Mds	Srs	Garce	Mds	Srs
1789 May —	By Profit and Loss measuring —	"	20	"	"	"	"
	By Damaged —	"	26	"	"	"	"
		"	46	"	"	"	"
23d.	By Balance remaining —	9	364	"	"	"	"
	Garce —	10	10	"	"	"	"
	Arnee						
23d.	By Balance remaining —	96	10	"	78	65	4
	Garce —	96	10	"	78	65	4
	Sumba —				96	10	"
	Total —				174	75	4

(signed) Theod. J. Tanner
Paymaster

A true Copy
(signed) Thos. Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Grain in Store at Arnee be Continued there, and that the small repairs wanted to the Granary be made.

Ditto

Agreed also, that the Grain at Arcot be sold off as recommended by Mr. Cockburn & Mr. Tanner.

From Colonel Nixon

Read a Letter from Colonel Nixon (entered in M B No. 115. 116) recommending that the Centry Boxes at Vellore be repaired, and Enclosing the Engineers Estimate amounting to Pagodas 31.

Minute thereon

Approved, and accordingly ordered.

From Mr. Stockwell

From Mr. Stockwell, late a Lieutenant in the Service, complaining that he has not been included in the Distribution of the Prize Money for Jaggernautporam, to which he conceives himself entitled - assigning his reasons for such opinion.

Minute thereon

The Board cannot interfere in the Distribution of Prize Money of Jaggernautporam, which is a matter to be settled among the Captors themselves, the Money being paid to the Agent.

Ex. Geo. Martin Cr.

John Hollond
Ja. W. Casamayor

Edwd. Jno. Hollond

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Diary-

30 Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in MB Nos 117. 118. 119. 120. 121.)

From Ensign Jarvis. From Ensign Jarvis of the Infantry – requesting leave to address his Highness the Nabob, for arrears of Pay due to him while acting as Adjutant in His Highness's Service.

From the Deputy Accountant From the Deputy Accountant – States that Mr. Cochrane does not stand a Creditor in the Company's Books, because the accounts have never been entered in the Department of the Agent Victualler, now Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From the acting Resident at Tanjore From the acting Resident at Tanjore – Enclosing Report of Money received from the Rajah in part of his Visits.

From Brigadier General Horne From Brigadier General Horne – requesting leave from Major Cuppage at Vellanjabad to come to the Presidency for 6 Days, on his private affairs.

From the Resident at Poona From the Resident at Poona – Stating that Ragogie Bhowla marched from Poonah on his Return to Nagpour 7th Instant, having left two of his principal Ministers to conclude the Engagements he has entered into with the Poona Government.

June 1. Dispatched the following Letters (as entered in Miscellany Book for the Month of June Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.)

To

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To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board — Government cannot alter the arrangement of Rank made by the Court of Directors Mr Phippard's request therefore rejected — Dr Russell's Botanical Cabinet to be delivered to Mr Bulman, who must be directed to place it in the Company's Stores, and take care of it.

To Major Cuppage

To Major Cuppage at Walaujabad — with permission to visit the Presidency for six days on his private Affairs.

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores — with Indent of Stores for the Viragapatam District, upon which they are to report — To lay before Government a list of the Stores which they have Condemned and advertized for Sale.

To Mr George Andrew Raun

To Mr George Andrew Raun — advising of his having been appointed Resident at Tanjore, in the room of Mr Alexander Macleod — the Charge of that Employ will be delivered over by Mr Wrangham.

To Mr Wrangham

To Mr Wrangham at Tanjore — with advice of the above Appointment.

To Colonel Stuart.

The same to Colonel Stuart Commanding at Tanjore.

To Brigadier General Horne

To Brigadier General Horne — Desiring he will order a Committee to survey and cast the Horses unfit for Service in the Governor's Body Guard.

To the Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops.

To the Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops — Stating that their Letter of the 24th Ultimo, with its several Enclosures will be

forwarded

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1 Forwarded to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council — the Board have no objection to their Employing an additional Writer.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — the Juvaba Paddy at Arnee may be kept in Store — the Repairs to the Roof of the Granaries, and the levelling the Ground at Arnee, are to take place — It is not thought necessary to keep a Store at Arnee — what is there at present may be disposed of. Two Orders from the Naibs for Exchanging Grain enclosed.

To the Commandant at Vellore — stating that the Repairs to the Entry Boxes, for which he has forwarded the Engineer's Estimate, are to be made agreeably to the Regulations of the 26th September 1786.

Sent the following Letter

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis.

Governor General in Council
at Fort William

My Lord —

We have the Honor to Enclose to your Lordship in Council. Copy of a Letter lately received from the Committee for Examining the accounts of the King's Troops serving in India, together with the several papers to which it gives Cover.

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c (signed) John Holland
&c Council.

Fort St. George
30th May 1789.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

To the Commandant at Vellore.

To Earl Cornwallis. Inclosing Copy of a letter & Enclosures lately received from the Committee for Examining the Accounts of the King's Troops serving in India.

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Received the following Letter.

The Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

I take the liberty of informing you that a large Balance appearing in the Books of this Employ, under the Head of Negapatam Paymaster, amounting to the Sum of Pags. 176,516.26.2. to prove the Disbursements of which there are neither Accounts nor Vouchers in this Office; I have applied to the Honble Basil Cochrane, by whom the Money was disbursed, to furnish me with the necessary Accounts, or to inform me in what manner the said Balance was to be adjusted by him. I have the honor to lay before You a Copy of his reply to my application, on which I shall take the liberty to observe, that the Explanation furnished by Mr. Cochrane appears to me fully satisfactory — The Books he has tendered to supply the place of the original Vouchers, which are not at present to be found, have been very carefully examined, and are compleat daily Books of the Specific Disbursements made by him at that time, and I cannot see the smallest objection to the admission of them as Vouchers for those Disbursements, provided the same meets with the approbation of Your Honor and the Board.

I must also request permission to open the Head of Profit & Loss in the Books, for the purpose of

From the Military Paymaster General — on the Subject of a Balance in the Books of this Employ, under the head of Negapatam Paymaster amounting to Pags. 176,516.26.2.

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1 of adjusting the Sum of Pags. 10,000 " 2 " included in those accounts, being for that amount which was Debited under the head of Negapatam Paymaster for so much put on board the Vessel on which General Horne Embarked for the Southward, and which was Captured by the French. If the Honble Board are pleased to order the abovementioned Books to be received as Vouchers, the necessary adjustments may be immediately made.

Pay Office Madras
25th May 1789.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) John Turing
Mg Paymaster General

To John Turing Esqr.
Military Pay Master General.

Sir.

In reply to your Letter of this date, I beg leave to inform You, that I have Examined the Head of Negapatam Paymaster in Your Books, and now send you three Books which Contain Lists of Military Vouchers disbursed by me while at Negapatam from January 1782, till January 1784, amounting to Star Pagodas 94,572 " 4 " 28, as per abstract — these Books together with the Information I have had the honor to give You on this Subject, will I flatter myself enable you to adjust that Head.

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1 As I never was appointed by Government Paymaster at Negapatam, and only acted as an Assistant to Mr. Sulivan the Resident and Paymaster in the Tanjore Country, the Vouchers were transmitted by me to Mr. Sulivan from time to time, with a List of the same, which Vouchers I understand were transmitted to your Office with a Letter from Mr. Sulivan.

As the Vouchers were delivered up by me to Mr. Sulivan, and are now not forthcoming; I am to request You will receive the three accompanying original Books as Vouchers for the Disbursements that stand against the head of Negapatam Paymaster but if you cannot Comply without the leave of Government, hope you will be pleased to obtain the same.

I can assure you that these are the original foul Books in which I entered the Vouchers as they were paid, Copies of which were from time to time transmitted to Mr. Sulivan.

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25th May 1789

I have the honor to be
&ca. &ca. &ca. (signed) Basil Cochrane

A true Copy
(signed) Joseph Garrow
Depy. Mily. Payr.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble John Hollond Esqr

Governor & President

Tuesday 2nd June 1789. James Henry Casamaijor
and
Edward John Hollond } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved. Read the following Letter from Bengal.

The Honble John Hollond Esqr

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir

Letter Bengal advising of the terms upon which his Majesty's four new Regiments in India are to be employed & Instructions in Consequence

The Honble Court of Directors in their General Letter dated the 9th april 1788, upon advising us that His Majesty had been graciously pleased to raise the 74th 75th 76th and 77th Regiments for Service in India, informed us that the Terms upon which these Regiments were to be Employed, were different from those respecting the other Regiments then in the Country — that instead of the new Regiments being paid for at a certain rate, it was intended

intended that their actual Expence, whatever that might be, should be provided for by the Company. We shall quote the Honble Court's own Words in their further orders Concerning these Troops.

"The Accounts of whatever Expences may "be incurred previous to the Embarkation of the "Troops, and which may be incurred hereafter by "the recruiting Service, and by the payments for Mens "Off Reckonings and other Charges here, will be defrayed "by ourselves at home. - From the time of their "Embarkation, which is to be reckoned from the "25th. Ulto., an account must be kept between our "several Presidencies, and his Majesty's Deputy Pay- "master General in India, and Money must be "regularly issued by you to him according to the "Real expences incurred and actually defrayed by "him for the above Regiments serving at Your "Presidency. The Account above mentioned must be "regularly transmitted to us by every Conveyance. "With respect to the additional Allowances to the "Officers and Men, you will be guided by our "Orders in this Respect of December 1778, and February "1782."

Upon Consideration of the Company's orders dated the 9th. April 1788, it appeared to us most advantageous for the Public Service, that the Officers and Soldiers belonging to his Majesty's 74th. 75th 76th. & 77th. Regiments, who are actually in India should

should be paid precisely the same Amounts as are issued to the Officers and Men of the Corresponding Ranks in his Majesty's other Regiments serving at the same Settlements in this Country, leaving it to the Honble Court of Directors to discharge at home any further Demands that may be due on account of these New Regiments, and We Directed, with respect to the amounts payable to the Detachment of the 76th Regiment serving in Bengal in Consequence of this Decision that the Money for their Subsistence should be issued to his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General upon Accountable Receipts, the amount of which should be placed to and remain at his personal Debit until his Accounts of Disbursements to be prepared according to the Forms observed in the Company's Service on this Establishment should have been audited, when the Amount for which his Accounts shall have been passed will of Course be written off to his Credit, and to the Debit of the Company's Military Charges at this Presidency, instead of being placed as heretofore to the Debit of Account Current London, for the purpose of Charging the Crown with the Amount. — With Respect to the Company's Allowances, these are Continued to be paid here from the Company's Pay Office direct, and after Audit, to be written off in the first Instance to the Debit of Military Charges, as has hitherto been the practice of this Settlement. — The purpose of our still keeping the Subsistence of the new Regiments distinct

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distinct, tho' it has now become a Company's allowance, is to enable the Court of Directors to settle more easily than We conceive they otherwise could with the Officers of the Crown for any Claims that might be made on account of the Subsistence of Individual Officers. — The only alteration which We imagine to have been intended by the Court of Directors in their Instructions of the 9th April 1788, being that the Company is to pay the bona fide actual Expence of the New Regiments instead of any Stipulated Sum, and that the Subsistence paid to these Corps in this Country is to be written off to the Debit of the Company's Military Charges at their respective Presidencies in the first instance.

With regard to the Money issued for the Subsistence of the Detachment of the 76th Regiment serving here to the 1st of this month, the Amount of which had been placed to the Debit of "Account Current London" as chargable against the Crown, We have directed that an Account thereof may be prepared in Detail, and that, upon it's being examined and found to agree with the Effective Strength of the Detachment, the Amount thereof shall be written off to the Debit of the Military Charges of this Presidency, and to the Credit of the Crown.

You will of Course give Similar Orders

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Orders, unless this principle has already been adopted at Your Presidency.

We think it almost unnecessary to add that the advances to the King's Paymaster for the Subsistence of his Majesty's old Regiments are to be made on seperate Receipts, and that the Accounts are to be kept entirely Distinct from any of the payments on account of Company's Allowances to them, agreeably to what We have formerly written to you upon this Subject.

We have the Honor to be

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

Fort William
1st May 1789.

signed { Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing be sent to the Military Paymaster General, to the King's Deputy Paymaster General, and to the Commissary General, and that these Officers be directed to attend to the Regulations therein Contained

Read the following Letter from Captain Beatson

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr

Governor &c.a in Council —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint You

From Captain Beatson Compleat to the Survey of a Route from Trilchinopoly to Cape Comorin recommends

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recommends that he be employed in Surveying the Countries belonging to the Company from Palamcotah to Chundergherry — Captain Allan employed in surveying the Roads from Palamcotah to Ramasseeram.

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Your that I have Compleated the Survey of a Route from Tritchinopoly to Cape Comorin, which enables me to determine accurately the relative position of these places.

It will appear by this Route that there are Considerable errors in the position, even of principal places, in what has been termed "a Survey of the Southern Countries by order of Colonel Call", which seems to be the Ground Work of all the Maps that have been made of these Countries: I intend therefore accompanying the Map of this route, which I shall have the honor of laying before you, with every particular account of the observations used for determining the line from Tritchinopoly to the Cape: that the Reasons may appear why I have found it necessary to deviate so much from what had hitherto been Considered an actual Survey.

With respect to the Route across the Peninsula which I suggested to your Honble Board, in my Letter of the 13th March, I find it will be necessary for the present to give up the Idea of undertaking it, on account of the setting in of the Monsoon in Tinnevelly during this Month; which of itself is a sufficient Obstacle, even if no other did Exist. I will therefore beg leave to propose being Employed in surveying a Route which appears essential, and indeed the only one now amongst wanting

wanting to the Materials in my posession, for the Construction of an Excellent Map of the Countries from the River Kistna to Cape Comorin — This Route, which I am extremely desirous of exploring, is from Pallamcotah to the western Boundary of Tinnevelly — thence, to strike northward, keeping upon the West Boundaries of Tinnevelly, Madura & Tritchinopoly — afterwards to proceed through Terriore to the Attoor Pass — thence to Ravetnellore, Changamah, Amboor, Chittoor, Damalcherry & Chundergherij; By this Route I should be enabled to ascertain the exact extent of the Company's Possessions to the Westward, and also the position and nature of every pass leading into Ram Rajah's & Tippoo's Possessions —

I shall be happy if what I have taken the Liberty to recommend meet your approbation, which I should be able to accomplish within less than three months —

I have directed Captain Allan to survey the Roads from Pallamcotah to Tutucorin, & from Madura to Ramaseveram, in order to determine these two points upon the Coast —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. signed A. Beatson
Captain of Guides —

Pallamcotah
27th May 1789

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Plan proposed by Captain Beatson, and it is accordingly Agreed, that he be directed to carry it into Execution.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores.

To

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To the Honble John Holland
Esqr. Governor &ca. in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Stores — recommending that the Commanding officer of Artillery be directed to prove the Ordnance now on the Island — Remarks thereon.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 19th Instant, enclosing an Indent for Stores required at Masulipatam, and We have desired the Commissary General of Stores to examine and report thereon at our next meeting. We have also requested Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse to inspect and report upon the Carts and Stores returned from the Guntoor Circar, belonging to the Department of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

We transmit you herewith, a Return of the Iron Ordnance now on the Island in readiness for being proved, and which We recommend may be ordered to be done as early as convenient, and that the Commanding Officer of Artillery may have orders to execute that Service, which will include the Proof of all the Guns in Garrison.

Approved.

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

Fort St. George
8th May 1789.

Mathw. Horne
J. Capper
Geo: Savage
J. Moorhouse

(signed)

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Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

From General Horne reports the death of Lieutenant Humphries and Frace - Proposes promotion in Consequence.

I have the honor to report to the Honble Board the demise of Lieutenant Humphries of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery on the 18th Ultimo, as also of Lieutenant Freer of the 7th Battalion of Native Infantry on the 26th Ultimo.

In Consequence of the above Casualties I beg leave to recommend to the Honble Board the promotion of Senior Lieutenant Fireworker Charles Donaldson to the Rank of Lieutenant of Artillery, and Senior Ensign of Infantry Charles Brickshanks to the Rank of Lieutenant of Infantry.

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June 1st 1789.

I am, with respect
&c. &c. &c. signed Mathew Horne

ordered

Ordered that the promotions recommended by General Horne do take place.

From the Post Master General.

Read a Letter from the Postmaster General (entered in Mis. B. No. 11.) reporting the Death of Mr. Freer, the Deputy Post master at Tritchinopoly, and recommending Captain Kinsey in his Room.

Lieutenant Ferguson to succeed the late Lieut Freer as Deputy Post Master

The President recommends that Lieutenant Ferguson be appointed Deputy Post Master in the Room of Lieutenant Freer.

Approved

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Approved

Approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from Mr. Cockburn.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council &c.a

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, respecting the Distribution of the Draught & Carriage Bullocks.

Honble Sir

I beg the favor to be informed if it is Your wish that the Bullocks on the Establishment hitherto kept at Walaujabad should be distributed to the following Garrisons as originally intended.

	Draught	Carriage
Walaujabad	500	500
Tritchinopoly	230	230.
Tanjore	90	90
Ellore	180	180
	1000.	1000.

Madras
1st June 1789.

I have the honor to Remain
&c.a &c.a &c.a

(signed) Thos. Cockburn.
Commissary General of Grain
& Provisions —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Bullocks be distributed in the Garrisons of Tritchinopoly, Tanjore, Ellore, & at the Cantonment of Walaujabad, Conformably to the original Arrangement.

Read the following Letter from the Sheriff.

To

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir

from the Sheriff Complaining of the improper Conduct of two of the Officers of the 52nd. Regiment, for being instrumental in an Assault on two Bailiffs

Derewing my Office of Sheriff from the Honble the Governor in Council, I think it my Duty to apply to the power that appointed me, for assistance where I meet with obstructions in the Course of my Duty.

I am to inform you, Honble Sir, that, in pursuance of Warrants from the Honble the Mayors Court, to Arrest Mr. Patrick Drummond Surgeon of the 52nd. Regiment, and Lieutenant George Heron of the same Corps, I directed Thomas Pitcher and Isaac Watkins, Bailiffs, to proceed to Walaujabad, and Execute the same. They left Madras on the 2nd. Instant, and on the 6th. returned and informed me that they had been at Walaujabad, immediately upon their arrival at Which place they were set upon by several Men, Soldiers of the 52nd. Regiment, who assaulted and beat them with Sticks in a cruel manner, and then drove them out of the Cantonment, telling them not to attempt to return. Thomas Pitcher's Cane was taken from him, and employed to beat him 'till it was broken — On his begging for Mercy and entreating the Soldiers not to murder him, they replied that "Lieutenant "Heron had ordered them to do it, and they must do it."

Isaac

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Isaac Watkins was still more severely treated than Pitcher, which can be considered in no other light than that of wanton inhumanity, he being an old and infirm man, incapable of making Resistance – This Assault was made near an Hospital, and the Sick in the Hospital, Struck with the Cruelty of the Soldiers, calles out to them to desist, for that they would murder those two Men, meaning the Bailiffs. – Mr. Baillie the Complainant against Lieutenant Heron, who keeps a Shop at Walaujabad, was not far from the Spot at the time, and saw Mssrs. Drummond & Heron near him, who appeared to laugh and be pleased at the Scene; and he Saw Mr. Savage, an Officer of the 52nd Regiment, whom was in Company with Drummond and Heron, give a Stick to one of the Soldiers, and heard him tell him to lay it on well. – From these Circumstances it can be no unfair inference that the Assault of the Bailiffs by the Soldiers was made by the Direction of Mssrs. Drummond & Heron, which is further Corroborated by the Soldiers having told the Bailiffs they had been waiting three days for them.

However contemptible the Bailiffs Pitcher & Watkins may be individually, as the Public Officers they ought to be protected, and I hope you will be Convinced of the necessity of supporting the Sheriff on this occasion, and of inflicting punishment upon the Authors of so unjustifiable an Assault; For if an Offence

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of this nature is suffered to go unpunished, it will be difficult, indeed impossible for the Sheriff to execute his Duty in obedience to the Writs directed to him by the Mayor's Court: it being morally impossible for him to arrest Men who have Soldiers under them taught to obey the orders of their Officers, and unable to discriminate between legal and illegal Commands, should those Men take upon themselves to make Resistance.

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30 May 1789 —

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a (signed) William Jones
Sherriff

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Officer Commanding at Walaujabad, & that he be desired to enquire Minutely into the Complaints made, and take the necessary Steps for bringing the Offenders to Justice.

Read the following Letters

To the Hon.ble John Hollond Esq.r

Governor in Council —

Hon.ble Sir

From Mr. Dent — On the Subject of Mr. Ram's appointment to the Residency of Tanjore.

On the 7th March last I had the honor to address, soliciting for the Residency of Tanjore, which I understand You have been pleased to confer on my Junior Mr. George Andrew Ram.

Altho' the person you have appointed may

you/

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may be (in other respects) perfectly unexceptionable; still Considering the high Stations I have filled in Government &c.a being near 26 Years in the Service, added to the applause I received from the Admiral & General During the War, at Cuddalore (tho' I claim no merit for my Services) yet I most sensibly feel the preference you have Shewn.

I do not suppose, that any part of my Conduct can be the Cause, that I am set aside, not sensible that I have deserved it. As I no sooner recovered my health, and reported myself fit for Service, than you conferred on me a very Conspicuous mark of your favor, by appointing me (unsolicited) to the first principal Employ at the Presidency, that was vacant, which altho' not productive immediately of that advantage, which you might wish, yet from it's formerly (having) been held by one of my Cotemporaries in Government, it cannot but be Considered in any honorable point of View, and Consequently that you Considered me Eligible to any Station.

This, I am the more disposed to flatter myself, was the opinion of the Honble Board; as in my address to the Honble Court of Directors 17th January 1788, per Henry Dundas, the Spirit of which was, "that I felt great Concern at not having been considered "in their late nomination of the Council at this Presidency

"and

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"and requesting to succeed as a Member of Government "on a vacancy",) Your Honble Board in your letter from the Civil Department, Para: 33, transmitted my Letter, agreeable to my Desire, and submitted it to their Consideration, which I scarce Conceive, would have passed without some unfavourable Remark, had you not thought I was Justified in the application, and that I was fully qualified for the high Station which I had solicited.

Your honorable Board certainly are the best judges of the Persons proper to be employed on important occasions, but as in the aforesaid address, I further Ac-quainted the Honble Court, "that I had not a doubt "that Government (in whom I had an implicit Confidence) "would in due time provide suitably for me", and considering that my present Employ was only Temporary; still something more Eligible might offer. I trust, from the Liberality of Sentiment that mark the Charac-ters of the present Government, that at the time you transmit this Letter a Number in the Packet, with Your address to our honble Masters, by the next Dispatch, that you will do justice to my long and faithful Services, lest the Honble Court should Conceive, that I had by any Misconduct merited your displeasure, or, that I was unequal to the Trust; as in either case, it must greatly operate to my prejudice.

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1516 Fort St. George 2nd June 1789

I regret exceedingly, that the Residency of Tanjore, which became vacant the 19th February last, by the annulment of a Junior Servants appointment, was not filled up, before the Departure of the Dublin to Europe, as it will probably be some time before any other Ship leaves this place, and a much greater before our Honble Employers can be informed of the Cause for which my Claims have been rejected; and until their Orders are received, I must not only experience the mortification of my Junior Enjoying all the advantages which I hoped to reap from Superior indisputed Rank, and length of Service: but my Reputation cannot be justified in the opinion of the Service.

Whatever may be your resolution in respect to me, I shall chearfully, and with patience resign myself: and hope that you will be pleased to consider me on some future occasion.

I have the honor to Remain
&c. &c. &c. (signed) C. B. Dent

Fort St. George
30th May 1789

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

I have been informed that Mr. Manton was a few days ago appointed one of the Commissioners of

From Mr. H. C. Mitchell on the Subject of Mr. Manton's late Appointment to fill the Vacancy in the Committee for investigating

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investigating the accounts of the King's Troops.

for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops, with a Salary of 100 Pagodas ₱ month.

This instance of hard supercession, with that which took place not long since in the nomination of Mr Ponther to be Clerk to the Committee of Works, I must confess to you, Sir, gives me the most painful mortification. It certainly was my right to have had one of those Employs – my Seniority clearly entitled me to it, and when it was considered that these Gentlemen were already in the possession of handsome Appointments, my Claim was still the Stronger, because I had no Appointment whatever.

My applications, Sir, for employment, have lain long since before the Board – I rested in the fullest persuasion that they would meet with due attention. I am disappointed, and have the additional regret to see Offices heaped upon my Juniors, which I should have been very happy to have filled.

It is my misfortune, Sir, not to be known to You, but in my Capacity of a Covenanted Servant of the Honble Company. – To you is entrusted the protection of our Rights, and the fair and impartial Distribution of the public Employments – If a service of 12 Years, and a Conduct, during that period, reputed fair & Consistent, (which is all I have to urge in support of my pretensions) can recommend me to your notice,

and

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and induce you to confer on me hereafter what may appear my unquestionable right, it shall be my study to merit your good opinion.

Should the Style of this Letter be deemed improper and disrespectful, I must to your Candour to impute it to the poignancy of those feelings, which the usage I have lately met with, have produced, in having been on two occasions entirely overlooked, and appointments which would have made my situation comfortable, bestowed upon Gentlemen Junior to me in the Service, and who were otherwise well provided for, who upwards of for four Years, I have not been in the receipt of 20 Pag a month from the honble Company.

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
28th May 1789.

signed / Henry C. Mitchell

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage.

To John Chamier Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From Major Cuppage relative to the Claim of Colab & of Gomastah.

I received your Letter of the 19th Instant, enclosing the Copy of a Petition with an Enclosure address

to

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to Government by Golab Dass Gomastah, desiring I would give such information as may be in my power on the Subject; which I shall do in the most correct manner, & request you will lay it before the Honble Board.

When Hyder Ally Cawn raised the Siege of Arcot in August 1780, the Petitioner brought into the Garrison of Vellore, a number of Bales which he lodged in the Killedar's house — the 3rd of November 1781, I was appointed to the Command of that Garrison, when Sir Eyre Coote left with me exactly 35 days Rice for the Garrison, and a very small Sum of Money with the Paymaster Mr. Ogilvie. — The beginning of January following my Distresses became so great, without Money, very little Provisions, and no certainty of the Army's coming to my Relief, that I was under the necessity of using every means in my power to guard against the worst, and the only means I had left was to seize every thing that could be turned into Cash. — It then being two months since the army marched from Vellore, and 25 days more than the General had left Rice with me for: and I beg leave to observe to the Honble Board that We had then been Blockaded for 16 Months, and not a Sear of Grain to be had in the Country. In order to shew the few Inhabitants that remained at Vellore, that I did not take their Effects without sufficient

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cause, I first Coined my own Plate, as did every Officer in the Garrison; and forbore taking any part of the Petitioner's Goods untill necessity drove me to it, particularly as there was some Gold Cloths of more Value than their Weight in Silver, but he is exceedingly mistaken, and has given in every false Account to Government of the Quantity disposed of. At length the time came that I had no other means to provide for the Garrison, and on the 4th of January, being in the greatest distress, and no hopes of the Army coming to my Relief, that I melted Gold Cloths, many of them old and worth nothing more than their Weight in Silver to the amount of 3102 Rupees, which will appear by the Paymaster's books, and was immediately made over to him for the use of the Garrison. The 2nd of May being again in distress I melted a few more to the Amount of 455 Rupees which was likewise delivered to the Paymaster. At the same time that I took these Cloths, I opened a Botique in the Fort and sold a few small Articles, such as would bring ready money (for the Honble Board may well Conceive there was not much money in the place) and a few Articles of greater Value to the Prices of which they stood in great need, for Bills on the Paymaster on Account of Arrears, and I do declare to the Honble Board that there never was the smallest Article sold at Outcry, and I will venture to say, there is near

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50 Articles mentioned in Your Petitioner's List, mostly of great Value, that, if they had been put up to Sale, would not have brought a Rupee, and which were perfectly useless at the time.

The whole amount of what was sold to the Officers, and for Ready money Comes to Pagodas 1315. 14.70, out of which there is 65 Pagodas for Conicoplys Wages. the Balance Pag: 1249. 26.70 is in my hands, and for which Lord Macartney gave me Bonds, having lent it to the Paymaster for the use of the Garrison. – I more than once offered him payment, but what his reason for refusing payment, I never could learn, except that I have heard the Goods did not belong to him, but were deposited in trust with the Soucar his Master, when Hyder Ally besieged Arcot; and if he accepted payment for these, he would be obliged to account with the People for at least 20 times as much.

The reason your Petitioner has given for not Petitioning the honble Board before is equally false, as that of his Account, and I can prove that he has been almost always at Madras since June 1784. On my quitting Vellore in that Month, I offered to pay him the Money that was in my hands, and proposed to him to petition Lord Macartney for the loss he sustained, which I would deliver myself; but he did not then think proper to do either. – He wrote to me in 1785 to Aska,

and

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& I then offered him payment for the Money that was in my hands, and that he would get the Amount of the Gold Cloths from Government. My Battalion was reduced in 86, when I was ordered to Madras; he then refused payment or taking any Steps towards getting the money. — I must beg leave to observe to the Honble Board, that when Colonel Lang was removed from Vellore, he left with me a large Bale of very valuable Gold Cloths, and which I returned by order of Sir Eyre Coote, in the same State I received them, to Your Petitioner with the remainder of his Goods.

I hope the honble Board will pardon my taking up so much of their time, but as the Charge Given in by the Soucar amounts to so enormous a Sum, I thought I could not be too particular in refuting so abominable a falsehood.

Walaujaubad
22nd May 1789.

I have the honor to be
&ca. &ca. &ca. (signed) J. Cuppage
Major.

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that Major Cuppage's Explanations are satisfactory as far as relates to his individual Conduct — he must however, be desired to pay the Soucar the Money in his hands, with such Interest as he may have received from the time the Bonds were delivered to him.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Sepoy Agent (with Enclosures entered in M.B. No. 12)

To the Honble John Hollond

Esqr. Governor in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Sepoy Agent states that part of the Cloathing belonging to the 7th Battalion of Native Infantry was lost last year in its way to Tritchinopoly;

I beg leave to enclose You Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Chase Commanding the 7th Battalion of Native Infantry, representing that a part of his Cloathing for last Year had been lost on it's way to Tritchinopoly.

When the Cloathing for the Native Infantry is reported, by the Committee appointed to examine it, fit to be issued, I apply to the Agent (Mr Cockburn) for Bullocks, and the Town Major for Sepoys to convey it to the different Stations to the Westward and Southward; of Course, if the Bullock People, or Sepoys are inattentive to their Charge, all responsibility rests in those departments.

As Stoppages have been regularly made from the Sepoys of the 7th Battalion, they have certainly a right to Cloathing; but without an order from the Honble Board, I cannot furnish the quantity deficient.

I have the honor to be

&c^a. &c^a. &c^a. (signed) Thos. Kingscote

Sepoy Agent

Madras
1st June 1789.

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Minute thereon

Ordered that an Enquiry be made into the Loss of the Bale of Sepoy Jackets, & that the Town Major be desired to report the particulars of the directions given to the People under whose Charge the Bales were placed.

Resolution of the Board respecting Draught & Carriage Bullocks.

Resolved that all Officers Commanding Detachments in the Field be directed to include, in their Returns to Government, the Draught & Carriage Bullocks employed, specifying the Services to which the Bullocks were attached under their respective Heads of Distribution.

Intelligence

The President Communicates to the Board some Intelligence received from Rachore & Canoul.

Ex.d Geo. Gil Martin Sr

John Hollond
Jas. H. Casamayor
Edwd. Jno. Hollond

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Diary

3 Received the undermentioned Letter from the Officer Commanding Guntoor (as entered in M13 No 13) advising of the arrival of the 12th Battalion at Guntoor on the 27 Ult.

From the Commanding Officer at Guntoor

Received the following Letter

To the Hon'ble John Hollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

From the Resident at Travancore - States that he has seen the Rajah, and met with that reception which is due to the Representative of Government - Tippoo Still Continues with his army at Polighat Cherry - has sent back to Palamcotah the Company of Sepoys which came from thence with Captain Barnerman - Encloses Letter from the Rajah.

The Rajah arrived here Yesterday, when I had the honor of seeing him, and presenting the Letter which acquainted him of the Objects of my Mission from Your Government, and I met with that Reception which is due to the Representative of it - He promised to ensure me the regular Monthly advances for the pay of the Troops, but has referred me to his Minister as to the Mode of payment, with whom I am to adjust it to morrow.

Since the last letter I had the honor of addressing You, I have received no further accounts of the Operations of Tippoo Saheb; I am informed he still continues with his army at Polighat Cherry.

Agreeably to the order contained in Your Secretary's Letter of the 7th Instant, I directed the Company of Sepoys to be sent back to Palamcotah, which came

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came from thence with Captain Bannerman

I have the honor to transmit you the accompanying Letter from the Rajah.

I remain with Sentiments of respect

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

(signed) George Powney
Resident

Allapillay
80 Miles North of Anjengo
25th May 1789.

Ordered that the following Extract from the Records of the Publick Department be entered hereunder.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation the 2d of June 1789.

"Resolved that, John Smith, "Pensioner, and Richard Cockerton, Invalid Artillery "man, be ordered hither from Chingleput, agreeably "to the above Request of Doctor Roxburgh, that they "may be in Readiness to Embark with him on his "return to Samulcotah."

John Smith Pensioner, & Richard Cockerton Invalid Artillery man, to be ordered from Chingleput to the Presidency.

A true Extract
(signed) Robert Clerk
Deputy Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (as entered in MB. Nos. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.)

To Captain Beatson of the Guides — Government approve his surveying the Route proposed

To Captain Beatson

3 proposed by him in his Letter of the 27th Ult.o, by which the Extent of the Possessions protected by the Company to the Westward will be ascertained, as also the position of every pass leading into the Travancore & Mysore Countries.

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn – informing him that the Bullocks are to be distributed in the Garrisons of Tritchinopoly, Tanjore, Ellore, & at Walaujabad, agreeably to the original Arrangement

To the King's Paymaster General in India

To the Paymaster General of the King's Troops – with Copy of a Letter from the Supreme Government at Calcutta – and desiring he will attend to the regulations therein Contained.

To the Military Paymaster General – To Colonel Capper

N.B. The same to the Military Paymaster General, & to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To Brigadier General Horne

To Brigadier General Horne – the promotions recommended in his Letter of the 1st Instant, are to take place.

To the Committee of Stores.

To the Committee of Stores – directed to give the necessary orders for proving the ordnance on the Island, which is placed there for that purpose.

To Major Cuppage

To Major Cuppage Commanding at Walaujabad – enclosing a Letter from the Sheriff, and desiring he will enquire minutely into the Complaints made, & take the necessary Steps for bringing the Offenders to Justice.

To the Post Master General.

To the Post Master General – informing him – that

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3 That Lieutenant Ferguson has been appointed Deputy Post Master at Poitchinopoly in the room of Lieutenant Friel Deceased.

To Ensign Jarvis at Pallamcotteh - Government decline granting him permission to address the Nabob on the Subject of his Claim, which is already in Reference with others of a similar nature.

To Ensign Jarvis

4th To the Commander of the Swallow - Directing him to receive onboard his Ship as Passenger for Bengal Ensign Ogilvie of the Honble Company's Service.

To the Commander of the Swallow

To Ensign Ogilvie - with advice thereof.

To Ensign Ogilvie

Sent the following Letter.

To Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Government of
Fort William.

To the Bengal Secretary Enclosing an account of the Recruits for his Majesty's 36th. 52d. and 72d Regiments arrived on the Rockingham

Sir

I am directed by the Board to enclose, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, an account of the Recruits of His Majesty's 36th 52nd. and 72nd. Regiments arrived on the Rockingham.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Chamier
Secretary.

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Memorandum

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Memorandum

of Troops arrived on the Rockingham

Ins. Wm. Evans Lieutenant 52d Regiment

Richd. Neilson } Ens.ns 72d Regiment.
Thos. Drummond }

	Serjeants	Rank & File
36th Regiment	0	8
52d ditto	1	78
72d ditto	0	32
	1	118

Total 119

N.B. Two then of the 36th and 1 of the 52d Regiments died on the Passage not included. (signed) R. Gamond
Town Major

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor. President

Friday 5th June 1789

James Henry Casamaijor }
&
Edward John Hollond } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following Letters from Colonel Kelly Commanding at Arma. (entered in MB Nos. 23. 24. 25. 26.)

To

1530 Fort St. George 5th June 1789

To John Chamier Esqre

Secretary &c. &c.

Sir.

From Colonel Kelly — on the Completion of the Barracks for the Cavalry at Conjeveram — Recommends that Lieut. Norris's Estimate for Work done be discharged.

I am honored with your Letters of the 20th and 23rd ult. May, the former Inclosing Lieutenant Norris's last Estimate of Repairs required in the Hospital of Arcot.

The directions of the Honble Board with respect to future Estimates shall be strictly observed — Lieutenant Norris has been made acquainted with them also, and will, no doubt, Conform thereto in future.

Agreeably to the orders of the Honble Board, Contained in your Letter of the 20th I have called Lieutenant Norris to account for his not having finished the Barracks of the Cavalry, the proposals for which were accepted in the beginning of June last, and the Work engaged to be Compleated before the setting in of the Rains.

His Answer to me, Copy of which I have the honor of transmitting (No 1) together with his Memorandum of the particular Causes of delay, (No 2) seem to me to be satisfactory enough; particularly as I was witness of his anxiety to Commence the Buildings alluded to at a much earlier period than he did. The Paper (No 3) which is Copy of my Letter to Colonel Ross concerning the Choice of the Ground for the Cantonment, will corroborate some part

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of his Memorandum; In justice to him, therefore, I have the honor of Enclosing it.

In answer to the interrogations & instructions contained in your Letter of the 23d. I have the honor of transmitting you (No 4) Copys of the Estimate which I countersigned for Lieutenant Norris; because in fact, the work would admit of no delay, and was therefore began before that Estimate was sent in, as the heading of it expresses. I have further to observe, Sir, that the G. O. dated 11th. January 1789, prohibiting the undertaking of any Works before an Estimate should be sent in and approved of, could not have reached us in time to have Stopped our Proceedings in any of the Works about the Gateway &c. But, that no other works of any kind, have been undertaken since that period. If, however, fresh Estimates of those Works, according to the new form, be thought requisite, I will order Lieutenant Norris to make them out, and they shall be transmitted thro' the regular Channel without delay.

I have the honor to remain
Yr. Yr. Yr. / signs / Robert Kelly

Prince
June 1st. 1789.

John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary Yr. Yr. —

Sir

From Colonel Kelly enclosing Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Hospital at Arnee

Enclosed with this, I have the honor of transmitting You an Estimate of Repairs & additions required to render our present hospital Comfortable & convenient for the Patients; the Necessity of which was pointed out to me by Doctor Thompson

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Thompson, and, on a Review of the Hospital with Lieutenant Norris, We found every addition expressed in the Estimate, really necessary.

In the Construction of the Verandahs I recommended it to Lieutenant Norris to have an Eye to any future use that might be made of the Pagoda, in case Government might require it as a Storehouse or Granary. For either of which it is admirably calculated; but at the same time, not to add, on this Account, a Pagoda to his Estimate.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. Robert Kelly

Arnee
June 1.st 1789

Agreed that Lieutenant Norris's Estimate of Repairs for Work done at Arnee, amounting to Pagodas 187. and Countersigned by the Commandant, be discharged by the Paymaster; and that Colonel Kelly be desired to give directions for the Work now in hand, which, by Lieutenant Norris's Engagement, ought to have been long since Compleated.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Copy of Colonel Kelly's Letter, with the Estimate for Repairs wanting to the Hospital at Arnee, amounting to Pagodas 326.18, be referred to the Chief Engineer for his opinion.

Ditto

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council -

Honble Sir

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Cranmer's Letters of 23d. and 27th. instant.

From the Military Board - with their report upon the application of the Tanjore Paymaster, for an Increase of Artificers - Recommending that fifty Gallon casks be made up for the Arrack intended for field service.

The Regulations for the Engineers Department with the alterations suggested by us, and approved of by Your honor, shall, agreeably to your Orders, be duly inserted in the New Book of Regulations.

We cannot by any means consider the Arguments suggested by the Paymaster at Tanjore, as sufficient to justify an increase in the present Establishment of Artificers for that Garrison, as We Conceive, that if 12 Armourers can keep forty thousand Stand of arms Clean, and fit for service at the Presidency, the Establishment for Tanjore of four armourers must be fully sufficient, where it appears by the late returns they have only 4,200 Stand of Serviceable arms in Store; besides We are informed by the Commissary General of Stores, that so far from the arms being subject to be rusted by the Land Winds, he has ever found the moisture of the atmosphere of places on the Sea Coast much more prejudicial to them.

It appears by Mr. Strange's Letter, that on this occasion he has applied to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion of Sepoys, instead of the Commanding Officer of

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of the Station, in the manner recommended by us in our Letter of the 16th March, which though approved by your Honor, it appears has not yet been published in General Orders.

No regulation having taken place, fixing the Size of Cask and Quantity of Arrack which each Cart ought to carry into the Field, We beg leave to recommend that the Arrack Contractor be ordered to keep the Arrack intended for field Service, in Casks of Lagers containing 50 Gallons, which We are of opinion is the Size most portable, and may be easily drawn by two Bullocks; & that no other of a larger Size be used, excepting for the Supply of Troops in Garrison.

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

(Signed) Mathew Horne
J. Capper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
James Campbell
J. Moorhouse

Madras
29th May 1789

Minute thereon.

The Board approve the proceedings detailed in the above Letter, & direct that the necessary Communications be made to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, & to the Paymaster at Tanjore.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne

To

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To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir

I have the honor to lay before the Board, a copy of a letter received from Colonel Musgrave accompanying the proceedings of the General Court Martial held at this place.

That part of the proceedings which Colonel Musgrave has approved of, I also transmit for Your Honor's inspection &c. previous to any orders being issued for carrying those Sentences into Execution; but the Proceedings on the tryal of Ensign & Adjutant Sheridan I have returned to Colonel Musgrave for the purpose, he mentions, of being transmitted to Earl Cornwallis.

I am with the greatest Respect
&c. &c. (pro.) Mathew Horne

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From Brigadier General Horne with letter to him from Colonel Musgrave accompanying the proceedings of the General Court Martial held at Madras on four Artillery Men.

Brigadier General Horne

&c. &c. &c.

Sir I have the honor to enclose the Proceedings of the General Court Martial lately assembled at this place, for the trial of certain Officers and Men of the Honble Company's Service Confirmed by me, in order that you may direct the Sentences to be Carried into Execution, in such manner as you shall judge Expedient.

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As it will be necessary to transmit to Earl Cornwallis the trial of Ensign & Adjutant Sheridan, Should any Remarks upon the Subject occur to you as necessary; I should be happy You would furnish me with them that they accompany the Proceedings to Calcutta.

The Prisoner Bolton has been warmly recommended to Mercy by the Court on account of his former irreproachable Character, and as the present is the first and only fault Committed by him, which has merited this being brought before any Military Tribunal I presume therefore you will feel inclined to pay every attention to the Recommendation of the Court.

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I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) Thom.s Musgrave

Agreed that Brigadier General Horne be informed that the Crimes of, and Sentences on the four Artillery Men tried at the Mount for Desertion will be published in General Orders; and that he is to direct the Sentences to be carried into Execution.

Minute thereon

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

To

1537 Fort St. George 5th June 1789

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council —

Honble Sir

I have had the honor to receive from Mr. Secretary Chamier a Letter under date the 27th Ult^o. directing me to lay before the hon^ble Board a return, specifying the Service to which the Bullocks employed in the Department of Commissary of Grain & Provisions, with the Guntoor Detachment, were attached, under their respective heads of Distribution.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Enclosing Letter from Mr. Willis on the Subject of a return, specifying the Service to which the Bullocks in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions with the Guntoor Detachment were attached.

The Accounts and Returns of Mr. Willis, the Commissary of Grain & Provisions not being in my Office (having been sent to Mr. Sadleir,) I applied to Mr. Willis for the return required, and have the honor to lay before You Copy of his Answer.

I remain
&c^a. &c^a. &c^a.
(signed) Thos. Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

Fort St. George
1st June 1789 —

Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

Sir

In Reply to Your Letter desiring the return of Bullocks employed in the various Duties of my Department, I have to inform You, that as my fair Accounts

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Accounts are still in the hands of Mr Sadleir, & my rough Draughts at Guntoor, I cannot specify so particularly the uses to which they were applied, but can so far observe to you that my Orders were to carry one Month's Grain for the Native fighting Men, & public followers, & two Months arrack & Provisions for the Europeans; and that the Number of Bullocks employed by me amounted to 1340 in the Grain Department, and 285 Carriage & 264 Draught Bullocks in the Victualling Department.

Fort St. George
May 31st 1789.

I am Sir Your most obed.t hble Servant
(signed) R. L. Willis
Commissary of Grain &c.

A true Copy
(signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Cockburn be desired to inform Mr. Willis, that he must apply to Mr Sadleir for such papers as are necessary to enable him to send in with as little delay as possible, a proper Return of Bullocks.

Read the following Letter from Captain Carlisle of the Artillery.

To John Charnier Esq.r
Military Secretary.

From Captain Carlisle of the Artillery - with a Return of Draught & Carriage Bullocks employed in the Ordnance Department with the Guntoor Detachment

Sir

In obedience to the orders of the Hon.ble Board I

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I have the honor to send you a Return of Draught and Carriage Bullocks employed in the Ordnance Department, with the Guntoor Detachment, under their respective heads of Distribution.

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June 4th 1789.

I am Sir
&c. &c. (signed) C. Carlisle
Captain Artillery

A Return of Draught & Carriage Bullocks employed under the Commissary of Stores with the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant & Colonel Eidingtoun for the Month of September 1788.

	Draught	Carriage
To draw the Guns Tumbrils, Money & Store Tumbrils, & Store Carts	800	—
To Carry Gunpowder, Musket Ammunition, Intrenching Tools, Shot, Shells, & Small Stores	—	1150
Total	800	1150

(signed) C. Carlisle
Commissary of Stores.

As Captain Carlisle has not specified in the above Return the quantity of Stores carried, or the Number of Guns or Tumbrils drawn by the Bullocks employed under the Commissary of Stores with Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun's Detachment - It is resolved that he be directed to lay before the Board a return more in Detail.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue -

To

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

From the Board of Revenue relative to the Depradations Committed by Sanadeo's Peons in the Havelly under Mr. Maxwells Management, and Enclosing Letters from that Gentleman on the Subject

Having received a Letter from Mr. Maxwell, informing us, that the Village of Colaursing-hee, in the Havelly under his Charge, has been destroyed by a party of Sanadeo's Peons, We beg leave to lay the original Letter with its Enclosure before Your Honble Board.

As this appears to be the first Instance of a Disturbance of this Nature in the Company's Lands, We doubt not that You will adopt immediate, and Effectual measures to secure the Country from the like Depredations in future, as well as the Collection of the Revenue, which has been interrupted on this occasion.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Edward Saunders
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray

Fort St. George
4th June 1789

Postscript

Since Writing the above We have received another Letter from Mr. Maxwell on the same Subject, which We think it necessary to lay before you at the same time.

(signed) Edward Saunders
David Haliburton
George Moubray

1541 Fort St. George 5th June 1769

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor of acquainting You that on the night of the 12th. Instant, a large Party of Sanadeo's Rons plundered and burned the Village of Cotaursinghee in the Muntreedely Purgunnah. Yielding an annual Revenue of 1581 Rupees, wounding at the same time many of the Inhabitants.

As this is the first Instance, since the Establishment of our Government, of a Havaily Village being destroyed, the Inhabitants have lost all Confidence, and that at a time when I had the pleasing prospect of an encrease of Revenue without any additional Tax.

I am happy to inform you, that three Kists, excepting a Balance of about 8,000 Rupees, have already been received from the Havaily - the 4th. Kist does not become due 'till the 31st. Instant.

Captain Taylor with the greatest alacrity took the necessary Steps for the Security of Muntreddy, the loss of which would ruin the Southern Purgunnahs.

I beg leave to enclose Copy of my Letter to the Chief and Council of this date, as it points out the Source from whence it is believed Sanadeo has drawn Men, Money, & Arms. I have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c. &c. (signed) Hugh Maxwell
Manager & Collector of the Sanjam Havaily

Munsercotah
16th May 1769.

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Copy of a letter from Mr Hugh Maxwell Manager of the Travancy, to the Chief & Council of Ganjam dated 14th May 1789.

I wrote you Yesterday immediately on receiving information of the destruction of Cotaur Singhee, in the Muntreddy Purgunna. The party amounted by the lowest Estimate to 150 or 200 People, Composed of Peons, Conts, & Souras.

Captain Taylor the same night detached two Companies of Sepoys in quest of the Peons under Balram Maitah who have for a long time resided in the Hills in the rear of Barampore, with whom they fell in, Consequently the party who burned and plundered Cotaur-singhee, must be newly arrived, as before that time, there were not above 40 of Sanabeo's People in the Mohurry District, most of whom were sick.

It must appear extraordinary, that Sanabeo without Money should be able to raise and maintain so formidable a Body, the Pay of which, however small, must infinitely exceed the Resources of the Bourasinghee Rajah, and leaves not a doubt of his receiving supplies from other Quarters.

The late Conduct of Munny Dee, and the Situation of his Country, point him out as the principal object of Suspicion, as without his connivance the

Peons

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Peons could not penetrate into the Moherry Zemindary; but supposing they can enter Moherry by another Route, it is utterly impossible for them to subsist (all Supplies being cut off from Moherry & Chucgutty) without receiving Rice and other Articles of Provisions from Vizianagur, which the Rajah most assuredly has the means of preventing was he so inclined.

In all the Wars carried on against Refractory Zemindars, the Havaily till this outrage was committed, was held sacred. I have therefore earnestly to request you will give such directions for its protection as may tend to restore in some degree the Confidence of the Inhabitants, which at present is totally destroyed.

(A true Copy) signed H. Maxwell

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Bd of Revenue

Gentlemen

Since I did myself the honor of writing to You on the 14th Instant, four other Havaily Villages have been plundered and burned by the Adherents of Sanadee, and there is but two great reason to believe, they will destroy as far as possible every Village in the Country, as you will perceive by the enclosed Copy of a letter to the Chief & Council of Ganjam of this Date.

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The Chief & Council have not judged it necessary to Communicate with me on the Steps requisite for the defence of the Hawaily, altho' I may without presumption assume to myself more intimate knowledge of it's Situation than any European in the District, I shall however exert every nerve for the protection of the Miserable Inhabitants, in doing which it will be necessary to raise Peons, the expence of whom must be defrayed from the Revenue of the Hawaily, which I hope will meet with your approbation.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a (signed) Hugh Maxwell
Manager & Collector of the Ganjam Hawaily

Copy of a Letter from Hugh Maxwell Manager, and Collector of the Ganjam Hawaily, to the Chief & Council of Ganjam — Dated 22d. May 1789.

On the night of the 18th. Instant, when the Village of Sundabanee was burned, two Cadjan Letters were found tied to a tree in the place, one of them from Sanadee, acquainting me of his intention of destroying every Village from Banwa to Aska, and murdering whoever falls into his hands, if Mudgeboo is not put in possession of the Moherry Zemindary in 15 days — the other Letter is from a Martah, whose name is not mentioned, to the same purport.

You

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You, Gentlemen, must be well acquainted with the defenceless State of the Havaily, and how easily his threats may be executed. I therefore doubt not, that, whatever plan may be adopted by you, the protection of the Havaily, which yields nearly half the Revenue of the District, will have that weight in your Deliberations, which it's great importance merits.

A Balance of the present Year's Revenue amounting to Fifty thousand Rupees, is still due from the Country, the greater part of Which will I fear be lost, nor can the Cultivation for next Year be carried on, the Inhabitants having quitted a number of Villages in Consequence of five being already plundered and burned, and fled to the neighbouring Zemindaries with their Families and Cattle.

A true Copy (signed) H. Maxwell
Manager & Collr of the Ganjam Havaily

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

To lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Cuddalore.

To

No 1546. Fort St. George 5th June 1779

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

From the Chief & Council at Cuddalore — stating the particulars of their Answer to a Letter received from the Comte De Conway respecting the Officer Escorting Tippoo's Ambassadors.

Our Chief having laid before us a Letter addressed to him by his Excellency General Conway Governor of Pondicherry, stating his apprehension that Mr. Dureaux, an Officer of Artillery whom he had sent to escort Tippoo's Embassadors within four or six Leagues of his Territories, might, on his approach so near his own Frontiers, be forced away, and not be allowed to return with the Carts and Bodeys he had sent with them — requesting, therefore, Our Chief to write a Letter to Allendoorpet, and the different Aumildars near whose districts he might pass, to give all possible Assistance to Mr. Dureaux in case Tippoo's Embassadors should attempt by violence to oppose his Returning with his Men and Cattle — Upon our Seriously Considering the purport of General Conway's desire, We thought it our Duty to inform him that, as any authority vested in us, did not extend beyond the Districts Subordinate to this Factory, and particularly not having received any information

from

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Your Honor &c. as towhat directions might have been given for the accommodation & Pass for the Embassadors, We were concerned it was not in our Power to issue any Orders to the Aumildars out of our own jurisdiction: which We hope will meet with your approbation.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c. &c.

Cuddalore
2nd June 1789

Signed / H. Craig
R. Andrews
R. Dashwood

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Reply transmitted by the Chief & Council of Cuddalore to the Compte de Conway Governor of Pondicherry.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Kay.

To Charles Nicholas White Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

From the Secretary at Bengal requesting that Registers of all Bills &c. drawn upon the Government of Bengal may be punctually & regularly transmitted every Week

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to desire You will acquaint the Governor in Council at Fort St. George with his Lordship's Request, that Registers of all Bills &c. drawn upon this Government may be punctually and regularly transmitted as heretofore every Week. His Lordship observes, from a report made

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made to him under date the 11th May by the Accountant General, that altho' No. 253. of the 7th March 1789 is the last Bill specified in the Registers received at his office, a Bill No. 269. dated so late as the 22d. April 1789. has been presented.

Fort William
15th May 1789.

I am Sir
&c. (signed) Jno. Whitehill

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Accountant, and that he be directed strictly to attend to the Requisition of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, for the future punctual transmission of the Register of all Bills &c. drawn upon the Bengal Government.

Read the undermentioned Letters (entered in MB. Nos. 27. 28. 29. 30)

From Mr Charles Darke declaring that his distresses are so great, that unless he obtains some Relief from the Durbar for himself and family, he will be entirely Destitute of the means of support, and praying that the Governor will intercede with his Highness the Nabob to afford him some Assistance.

From Mr Charles Darke.

Agreed that Mr Darke be informed, he may apply, by Letter to his Highness the Nabob, upon the

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the Subject of his address to the Board; but that such Letter must be transmitted open to his Highness thro' the Channel of the Governor in Council

From Lieutenant MacKerras. Commanding at Ravetnellore — States, that he has at different times expended 65 Pagodas in procuring Intelligence of the operations of Chief Naig, and requests he may be permitted to apply to the Paymaster for a Reimbursement.

From Lieutenant McKerras. Commandant at Ravetnellore.

Ordered that Lieutenant McKerras be directed to send his Bill with the particulars to the President.

Minute thereon

From the Deputy Military Storekeeper — States that his former application for an Allowance had not a Retrospect beyond the period of Mr. Burlton's Appointment as an Assistant to the Military Storekeeper

From the Deputy Military Storekeeper

Agreed that Mr. Roebuck, the Deputy Military Storekeeper, be permitted to draw an allowance of 25 Pagodas Dmensem, to commence from the time of Mr. Burlton's Appointment.

Minute thereon

From Mr. Burlton — requests to be appointed a Member of the Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops Serving in India.

From Mr. Burlton.

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The Board are displeased at the reiterated applications of Mr. Burlton for Appointments — Agreed therefore that the Secretary do inform him, that his request in the present Instance will not be admitted, & that in future he is to avoid coming forward upon every Occasion, as it will rather tend to injure, than Strengthen any Claim he may have to the favorable notice of Government.

Intelligence respecting the different Operations of the Country Powers.

The President reads to the Board some Intelligence which he has received from Hydrabad and Canoul, relating to the different operations of the Country Powers.

Ed. Geo. Hartley

John Hollond
Jas. H. Casamayor
Edwd. Jn. Hollond

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Diary

7 Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35.)

From Mr Sadleir — has dispatched Mr Willis's Accounts as Deputy Agent & Deputy Commissary for Grain & Provisions, with his (Mr Sadleir's) remarks thereon — Mr. Willis's Accounts as Paymaster will be forwarded in a few days

From Mr Sadleir

From the Commandant at Vellore — States that 34 of Chief Naig's Men have been taken prisoners near Trinomalé by Histnah Rajah, with 15 Stand of Arms — Tippoo has moved with his Main Body towards Coimbetore

From the Commandant at Vellore.

From Brigadier General Stone — requesting Leave for Colonel Kelly to visit the Presidency for a few days.

From Brigadier General Stone.

From the Paymaster at Angole — requests permission to visit the Presidency for a few days on his private Affairs.

From the Paymaster at Angole

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — with Claim from Lieutenant Rumley for full Batta, whilst on Service at Bombay from November 1788. to the End of April 1789. requests to know whether his Bills are to be signed.

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Received the following Letters from —

Colonel Stuart.

To

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To the Honble John Holland Esqr
Governor in Council
&c: &c:

Honble Sir

From Colonel Stuart stating the particulars of the Capture of Ranamundalum and Enclosing a Return of the killed & Wounded

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Reinforcement from Vellum and Pritchinopoly, with some Stores and about seven days Rice for the Detachment arrived here on the 30th and that Yesterday we began to advance on the Enemys Post by cutting a through the Jungle, a mode which though likely to prove Slow and Laborious, I preferred as the most Secure, & the least liable to accidents.

By the unremitting Labor & Exertions of the Covering and working party, composed of the 2 flank Companies of the 72d and the 20th Battalion, under the Command of Captain Fotheringham, a road was made before Sunset, 30 Yards in breadth, and upwards of a Mile in length; and a Post Established within 500 Yards of Ranamandalum, in which two Companies of Europeans and the 16th Battalion were placed for the night.

This morning the Work was renewed by a party under the Command of Captain Fraser, consisting of the 71st Battalion & four Companies of Europeans, and Carried on with the same Spirit so near,

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7 the Situation of the place could be tolerably well seen; when Captain Fraser was ordered to attempt it's Rear by taking a Circuit by the Right through the Thicket that surrounds it. - The attempt succeeded with little loss on our side, the Enemy abandoning their post after a slight resistance on perceiving the purpose of our movement.

Ranamundalam is a Square Work of great Extent, with two Sides built of brick and Cannon proof, the two others of Mud and thinner, but secured by an Abatis of thorn Trees on every part; where they Can be approached, and in all respects a Place of Considerable Defence; insomuch that I did not look for its being Carried either so soon or at so small an Expence. But our Success was much facilitated by the Seasonable Desertion of Mr Dupré' whom I had taken measures to detach from the Mundahs some time ago, and who found an opportunity of join-ing us this Morning. he led Captain Fraser's Party to the rear of Ranamundalum by a Path known to few but himself, and he has given me such information on other points, as I doubt not will promote essentially the Success of our future motions. Indeed his thorough knowledge of this Country, and of the Resources and views of the Mundahs, renders him a most valuable acquisition to us upon this occasion; and I must

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I take the Liberty to request that the honorable Board would please to recommend him to the favor of the Nabob, in whose Service it is his first wish to be reinstated — I even pledged my Word, along with Motobar Khan to him, that he should be so, and as this was his Chief inducement to come over. I trust his Highness will restore him accordingly. He has at the same time risqued the safety of his Family, and must lose all his little property for which I cannot doubt the honble will readily agree to indemnify him.

To morrow I propose advancing to Calacoil, and with less Caution, now that I am furnished with an intelligent Guide. Both the Mundahs are there, and they are posted in some Works thrown up about the Pagoda which they give out they mean to defend to Extremity. Our great difficulty is the Want of Water, with which We must be supplied from this place, not a drop being to be found in the Jungle.

Although things at this Moment have a more favorable appearance than I expected, I still see reason to fear that the business I am on will not soon be brought to a Conclusion. — Other Strongholds remain to the Enemy in different parts of the Woods, and even when dislodged they will find means for a long time to disturb the tranquillity and destroy the Collections of the Country, in which they will continue

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7 to have too many friends and adherents till the Government the People are attached to, be fairly Established.

I have the honor to enclose a Return of our killed and wounded in the business of Yesterday and today. Our Loss is surpriringly small considering that our Work was carried on under a constant fire of the Enemy, and would have been much greater but for the coolness and intrepidity of the covering parties. Indeed the Conduct of the Troops in general has been highly Creditable and deserving of praise on every occasion on which I have employed them

I have the honor to be

Camp Collongoody
1st June 1789.

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

(signed) J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

A Return of the Killed and Wounded at the attack of Randamund le Fatt on the 31st May & 1st June.

	Europeans Wounded			Gun Lascars Wounded	
	Gunners	Matrosses	Total	Lascars	Total
Detachment of the 2d Battn Artillery	1	1	2	4	4

	European Infantry Wounded	
	Privates	Total
The 72d Regiment	4	4
The 1st Battn Europn Infy	1	1
G Total	5	5

List of Officers Wounded
John Monsell Lieutenant 20d Battn N Infantry

	Native Infantry Wounded			Killed	
	Lieutenants	Sepoys	Total	Sepoys	Total
The 7d Battn N. Infantry	"	3	3	3	3
The 20d Do Do Do	1	"	"	"	"
	1	3	3	3	3

Camp at Collongoody
1st June 1789

(signed) J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

From Colonel Stuart Calacoil taken after a Short Cannonade Encloses return of killed & wounded and of ordnance found in the place.

Agreeably to the intention announced in my Letter of the 1st. We marched this Morning with Six Companies of Europeans, two Battalions of Sepoys, and Six Guns against Calacoil, and found no Opposition at the Works on the Road from the Enemy, who were apparently disheartened by the Loss of Ranamundalum, Yesterday. — Colonel Oldham who Commanded the advanced Party got possession of the place after a Short Cannonade from the Enemy, who retired with precipitation on the Rapid advance of our Troops.

The place is now occupied by five Companies of the 16th. Battalion with two Guns we found mounted in it. the rest of the Detachment is withdrawn into Camp where I propose to refresh them by a day's rest which they require after three days Constant and laborious Duty; after which I shall proceed to push the Enemy in the direction which my intelligence of their position shall point out as the best.

It is but Justice to say that Mr. Dupré was upon this occasion of the most Essential use to us from his knowledge of the Enemy's Situation, and of the

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Weak and strong part of their Defences .. Indeed every hour's experience proves that no Circumstance could have been more fortunate than his coming over to us, and that his Services are, and are likely to be of the most important kind in this business: I repeat therefore my Recommendation to the Honble Board for his Appointment with his former Rank to the Nabob's Service, and that not only because he Certainly deserves it, but because I am solemnly pledged to procure it for him.

I have the honor to enclose a Return of our killed and Wounded, in this day's business, as well as of the Guns &c.a taken in the place, which are I believe all the Enemy were possessed of. Ensign Dunbar, the only Officer who suffered on this occasion, has lost his Leg, and the Service will lose in him a very active and promising Officer.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

Camp at Collongoody
2.nd June 1789.

Return of the killed and Wounded at the attack of Colia coil —

		Ensigns	Matrosses	Total	Sepoys	Total
Wounded	2.d Battn. of artillery	—	1	1	"	"
	7.th Battn. of Native Infantry	1	"	"	1	1
	Total	—	1	1	1	1

List of Officers Wounded.

James Dunbar Ensign. doing duty with the 7.th Battn.

Camp at Collongoody
2.d June 1789.

(signed) J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

Report of Ordnance taken at Carrycoil. 2.d June 89.

Guns Iron with Carriages	6 Pdrs	—	2
ditto — ditto — ditto	3 Do.	—	1.
ditto — ditto — ditto	2 Do.	—	2

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signed. Thomas Giels
Lt.Col: Artillery —

NB. 1 Six pounder without a Carriage.

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8 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (as entered in MB Nos 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 50)

To the Paymaster at Tanjore - Enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Military Board respecting Artificers, which has been approved & confirmed by Government.

To the Paymaster at Tanjore.

To the Commandant of Arnee - Informing him that the Paymaster has been directed to discharge Lieutenant Norris's Bill for Repairs at Arnee - That the Estimate for Repairs wanting to the Hospital will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

To the Commandant of Arnee.

To Mr John Philip Burlton - Disapproving his reiterated applications to Government for appointments

To Mr John Philip Burlton.

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors - desiring his attention to an accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Military Board which has been approved by Government.

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

To the Paymaster at Walaujabad - to discharge Lieutenant Norris's Bill for Work done at Arnee, amounting to Pagodas 147.

To the Paymaster at Walaujabad

To the Chief Engineer - with a Copy of a Letter & Enclosure from Colonel Kelly Commanding at Arnee, upon which he is desired to report.

To the Chief Engineer

To Captain Carlisle of the Artillery - To lay before Government another Return Specifying the Quantity of Stores Carried, and the Number of Guns and Drumbrils Drawn by the Bullocks employed under the Commissary of Stores with

To Captain Carlisle

with Colonel Eidingtoun's Detachment.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Mr Willis to apply to Mr Sadleir for such Papers as are necessary to enable him to lay before Government, a proper Return of the bullocks employed with the Guntoor Detachment.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To the Accountant General — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Secretary Hay, & Desiring he will be punctual in the Transmission of the Register of all Bills &c.a drawn upon the Bengal Government.

To the Accountant General

To Brigadier General Horne — the Crimes and Sentence on the four Artillery Men tried for Desertion, will be published in General Orders — desiring him to direct the Sentences to be Carried into Execution — Colonel Alphinstone & Major Younge have permission to visit the Presidency.

To Brigadier General Horne

To Mr Chas Darke — permitted to address a Letter to his Highness the Nabob, provided such address be transmitted through the Channel of Government.

To Mr Chas Darke

To the Deputy Military Storekeeper — Government have been pleased to grant him an Allowance of 25 Pagodas pr mensem, which is to Commence from the time of Mr Boulton's appointment as an Assistant to the Military Storekeeper.

To the Deputy Military Storekeeper.

To Cuddalore — approving their reply to General Conway's Letter relative to Mr Desvieaux.

To Cuddalore

To

To the Commandant at Chingleput.

To the Commandant at Chingleput.— to Direct John Smith Pensioner, and Richard Cockerton, an Invalid Artillery Man to repair immediately to the Presidency.

To the Commandant at Ravet Vellore.

To the Commandant at Ravet Vellore— Desiring he will transmit his Bill for Intelligence, and report at the same time the particulars of the Expence.

At a Consultation

Tuesday 9th June 1789.

Present

The Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor President

James Henry Casamaijor
and
Edward John Hollond Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To

1561. Fort St George 9th June 1789

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council -

Honble Sir

From the Board of Revenue on the subject of the Company's Demands upon the Arnee District

Having prepared a Statement of the Receipts from the Arnee District since the Expiration of the Lease of Ragonaut Row - We take this opportunity of Stating to Your honor some Circumstances in explanation of the origin and present State of the Company's Demand on that District

In October 1786, You were pleased to inform us, that a Considerable Arrear of Rent, was due from Ragonaut Row, who had rented the Arnee District from the Select Committee under the Nabob's Assignment; but the Wasel Bauky account which accompanied the Minute of the late Honble President Sir Archibald Campbell on this Subject, Shewed that this Balance could not be perfectly ascertained until several vouchers for Disbursements ordered by Government were produced. The purport of that Letter however, went only to direct us to Investigate and report upon the lineage of Temalrow, the former Jaghiredar, in order to enable Government to put in execution the orders of the Honble Court of Directors respecting that Jaghire. In answer to this we acquainted You in our Letter of the 4th December following, that from the Informations We had

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had procured, it appeared Ragonaut Row was the lineal Descendent, and as both he and the other Claimants offered to discharge the Balance on condition of being Confirmed in the Jaghire, We thought a favorable opportunity presented itself for Stipulating for the Liquidation of that Debt.

In consequence of Your orders of the 14th March 1787, We appointed a Tasildar to take Charge of the District from Ragonaut Row, who, You were pleased at the same time to inform Us, had paid no part of the Balance due from him to the Company, and Gopaul Row the Person named by us has had the Collection and Management of it, from the 2nd April to this time - Considering however that this appointment could only be temporary, We took what Measures were in our Powers for Recovering the Debt that was due, and in our address under date the 28th June 1787, informed You that We had called upon Ragonaut Row, and required payment of the Balance, and that upon his declaring his inability to discharge it, we had applied to his Security Trembuck Sombagee Pundit, the Tanjore Vackeel, but as he made a similar Declaration, We recommended, that he should be obliged to answer the Security he has given, or else that you should adopt the expedient We had proposed in our former letter.

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Not having been honored with an answer on this Subject, or any Instructions regarding the disposal of the Revenue collected in this District by the Tasildar, We judged it expedient to bring to account under the head of Deposite from Arnee, all that was received, from the day on which Ragonaut Row's base under the Assignment expired, Viz.t the 12th July 1786.

In order to ascertain the exact Balance due by Ragonaut Row at the Expiration of his Lease, We had occasion to call upon him for his Vouchers for the Disbursements made by order of Government, when it was found that instead of the Balance of Pag.s 33078.8.10/16 stated against him by Sir Archibald Campbell's Minute, he was indebted in the Sum of Pag.s 33900.1.10/16 It appears moreover, that besides the above Balance, Ragonaut Row, is accountable for a further Sum of Pagodas 1055.15/16. withheld by him from the Revenue of Arnee, when it was left under his Charge by the Government, previous to the appointment of the Tasildar.

The latter has delivered in his accounts and Vouchers for his Collections and disbursements, from the time he was appointed, to the close of the last Fusly Year, which have undergone our Examination, and will be laid before Your hon.ble Board, if you should please

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please to call for them - in the mean time We have the honor to enclose Copy of an Abstract of our Accountant of the amount Received from this District, in Money and Grain, since the Expiration of Ragonaut Row's lease to the 30th of April last, being Pagodas 21,283. - 27 - observing at the same time that the whole of this excepting one thousand Pagodas Received from Ragonaut Row has been paid in by the Tasildar since his appointment in April 1787, and that besides this, the Charity Money paid by order of Government, which may therefore be considered as a Treasury Payment, amounted during that time to Pagodas 3301. 12 10/16.

In our address of the 24th October last, We had the honor to inform you, as a Reason for not renting out the District for a Term of Years, that the Balance against Ragonaut Row would in all probability be liquidated during the course of the present Fusley Year.

Your Honble Board were pleased to approve of what We had done, and intimated to us as a further reason for your opinion, that you purposed coming to an early Determination on the Rights of the Claimants to the possession of it.

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As We have not however been honored with any further Commands on this Subject, and the late unfavourable Season affords us no prospect of seeing our hope realized in the liquidation of this Debt from the Revenue of this Year, We take this opportunity to remind you of the expedient proposed in our Letter of the 4th. December 1786, and 28th. June 1787. or if your honor should not approve of it, We request you will favor us with your early orders for the future Management of the District.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most most obedient
humble Servants

Fort St. George
28th. May 1789

Signs { Edward Saunders
David Haliburton
George Moubray

Statement

Statement shewing what has been received from the Arnee District in Grain and Money since the Close of the Balance due by the Renter at the End of the Phasely Year 1195. or 11th July 1786.

Total amount of Receipts from the Arnee districts to 31st January 1789, as per Statement dated 23rd March 1789. ..... 23,958.2.12.

Of which was received, on account of the Phasely 1195, or the Year ending 12th July 1786, in Cash 3,931.- -

In Paddy and Gram ——— 1,531.35.45

5,462.35.45

Total amount since the Close of the Renter's account on the 11th July 1786, to 31st January 1789 ——— Sr. Pagodas 18,495.2.47

Since which there have been received in the

Month of March ——— 1493.33.60

In the Month of April ——— 1294- -

2787.33.60

Total Star Pagodas 21,283.-27

NB. The whole amount of the Grain & Sums received since the close of the Renters account on the 11th July 1786, except 1000 Pagodas, have been paid in and Delivered by the Superintendant.

Madras 12th May 1789

Errors Excepted.

A true Copy

(signed) Wm. Balfour
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(signed) Thos. Cockburn
Accountant to the Arnee Dept.

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Subject relative to the Jaghire of Arnee taken into Consideration

The Board now proceed to take into consideration the foregoing Letter from the Board of Revenue relative to the Jaghire of Arnee.

The President delivers in the following Minute

President's Minute thereon — Is of opinion that Shenevasa Row is entitled to the Jaghire of Arna.

The restoration of the Jaghire of Arnee to Shenevasa Row, the Heir of Trimal Row, having been ordered by the honble Company in their Letter of the 9th of December 1784. is a subject that now requires the attention of Government —. As a mark of Respect to his Highness the Nabob, the Consideration of this subject has been long deferred, without any other apparent Cause, during which interval, altho' the President has communicated his intention of bringing on the Question no reasons whatever have been assigned by his Highness against carrying into execution the Company's orders, founded on the Sentiments of Equity & Justice in favor of restoring the District to the rightful owner.

The Receipts into the Treasury from this Jaghire, since it has been under the Company's Charge, are very inconsiderable, and by an Account Current sent to the Revenue Board at the time it was Committed to their Management there appears to have been paid into the Treasury from the 6th April 1784, to the 11th July 1786, only the Sum of Eleven thousand four hundred & seven Pags (11,407) & from that time to this day, the further Sum

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of Twenty Six thousand Seven hundred & forty five Pagodas Thirty five Fanams & Seventy two Cash /26745.35.72/ as the honble Company have retained possession of the District in trust for the heir, they may hereafter be considered responsible for their Management, and it appearsby the Letter from the honble the Court of Directors, that its Reputed Value has been estimated at two Lacks of Rupees pr annum - since the Year 1784. however, to the present time, being a period of five Years, the receipts of Revenue have amounted only to the small Sums above stated.

As the Season for Cultivation is now advancing, it might be necessary to adopt measures for rendering the District of Arnee more productive than it has hitherto proved since it has been under the Company's Management: but there is evidently no intention of assuming the possession of this Jaghire on the Company's account, which clearly appears from the instructions contained in the following Paragraphs of the General Letters from England under date the 9th December 1784.

62. "Altho' these materials have not "furnished us with evidence in support of the Raja's "Claim, they are far from Satisfactory to evince the "justice of, or the political necessity, for the Nabob's "Continuing to withhold the Jaghire from the descendants

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"of Trimal Row, his hereditary right to that Jaghire
"seems to us to have been fully recognized by the Stipula-
"tions of the Treaty of 1762, and so little doubted that on
"his death, his widow was admitted by the Nabob to
"hold it on account, as may be presumed, of the Nonage of
"his Grandson and Heir Seenerasaron, who appears to
"have been confirmed in the Jaghire on her Death,
"by the Nabob, as the lineal heir and successor to his
"Grandfather".

63. "With respect to Seenerasaron, it does
"not appear by any of the proceedings in our Possession
"that he was concerned in the Miscondut of the Bramines,
"Complained of by the Nabob in the Year 1770, which
"rendered it necessary for his Highness to take the
"Jaghire into his own hands, or that he was privy to, or
"could have prevented those disturbances".

64. "We therefore direct that if the heir of
"Trimal Row is not at present in possession of the
"Jaghire, and has not by any violation of the Treaty,
"or act of disobedience, incurred a forfeiture thereof he be
"forthwith restored to the possession of it, according to the
"terms and Stipulations of the Treaty of 1762. But if
"any powerful motive of regard to the peace and tranqui-
"lity of the Carnatic, shall in your Judgement render
"it expedient to suspend the Execution of these orders in that
"case you are with all convenient speed to transmit to

"us

"us Your Proceedings thereupon, together with the full
"State of the Facts, and of the Reasons which have actu-
"ated Your Conduct".

The Board of Revenue having examined Mhadoo Row Canongoe & Desmook of the Carnatic; Supposed from his Station to be Conversant in the Genealogy of the Jaghiredars of Arnee, reported his Answers to Government under Date 27th November 1786, by which it appears that he gave only a limitted opinion without determining the Question of the Right of Inheritance. The President having Maturely considered this Subject & investigated the Rights of Inheritance with the greatest attention, has the Satisfaction to find that it will be an act of Strict Justice to comply literally with the orders of the Honble the Court of Directors, since the Jaghire will thereby be restored to the Person who has the best Claim to it. Shenwasarow was long in possession of the Jaghire, & was a Grandson of Trimalrow by adoption, being descended from Conany Row, the Common Ancestor, as will appear by the genealogical tree, which the President has the honor of laying before the Board. From which it will appear that Veerajee Bhaskar the common Ancestor had six Sons, of whom the Eldest Conany Row succeeded to the Jaghire, & had eight Sons — The Eldest

Son

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Son Ramchenderow died during his Father's life-time. & left Issue from whom was descended Subaun Row, the Father of Shenavasarow. — Conany Row died and his second Son Senerasarow succeeded to the Jaghire, which lineally ought to have descended to the Issue of Ramchenderum. — Senurasarow died and left four sons Vencata Row succeeded and the second Son Tremulrow during the life of Vencatarow with his Permission & the consent of the Family, adopted Subaun Row descended from Ramchenderow, the Eldest Son of Conar Row who held the Jaghire — at the death of Vencata Row his only Son Senerasarow succeeded to the Jaghire, and dying without issue it devolved to Tremul Row, — Subaun Row his adopted Son dying during the lifetime of his Father, left a Son Senerasarow, who succeeded to the Jaghire on the demise of Tremulrow. Dagonaut Row Brother of Tremulrow died during the life of Senerasarow. at the Death of Tremulrow the affairs of the District were Conducted in the name of Shenerasarow, a Permana was granted to him by his Highness the Nabob, and all acquittals for Peishcush were given in his name as will appear by the following Copies of original Instruments that have been presented in support of his Claim.

Translation of a Receipt from his Highness the Nabob

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Nabob Walaujah dated 10th Jelcaud of the Izree 1180.

"Received by Roy Bishendoss my Treasurer "from Maudava Rou Vakeel, the Sum of 10,000 Trevancore "Rupees, (the half of which is 5,000 Rupees) sent by "Senevansa Rou, son of Tremul Rou, Jaghiredar of Arnee "District on account of the Peishcush for the Year Phasely "1175."

"Drawn by Vencata Rou on account of the "Treasury & Devan's Peshcar."

"The sand or Signature of the Nabob."

Translation of a Receipt from his Highness the Nabob Walaujah, dated the 11th Jelcaud of the Izree 1180.

"Received, by Rou Bishendoss my Treasurer, "from Maudava Rou, Vackeel the Sum of 10,000 Trevan-"moore Rupees, (the half of which is 5000 Rupees) "sent by Senevasa Rou, son of Tremul Rou Jaghiredar "of Arnee District, on account of the Peishcush for the "Year Phazely 1176."

"Drawn by Vencata Rou Accountant of the Treasury "& Devan's Peshcar."

"The sand or Signature of the Nabob."

The Rights of Shenevasarow, and that he was confirmed in the Jaghire will appear-fully ascertained by the following Copies of Letters extracted from the Records.

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Copy of a Letter from Sanavasa row Grandson to Trimal row of Anany to the Governor Received 4th of February 1763.

"I beg leave to inform your honor that my "Father departed this life which is great Loss to me, but "he left me entirely under your Patronage, & I therefore "Esteem you in the same light as my said father. I look "upon myself as your Son under Your Charitable protecti- "on; It therefore depends on you to bestow favors, to "promote my welfare and support me; My whole "Dependance is upon Your honor. I being deprived of my "House & Town remain in the Woods or in a small Village "in Hopes of your honor's favor. You'll please to be favor- "able to me."

Extract of a Letter from the Governor to the Nabob, dated 14th. February 1763.

"Trimal Row has lived but a short time "to enjoy the Jaghire restored him. His Son I am inform- "ed died some Years ago, but his Grandson Sanavasa "Row is living and is heir to what his Father enjoyed. "I recommend him to your favor, and hope you will see "the propriety of giving him the posession of the "Jaghire in as ample & as full a manner as his late "Father was entitled to it by Treaty; I could even wish "you would relax a little in favor of this Young Man

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"the Vigor of the Treaty, and permit him to live in a
"manner becoming his quality."

Copy of a Letter from the Governor to Seneva Sarow,
Jaghiedar of Arany dated 11th February 1763.

"I have received the Letter you wrote,
"acquainting me of the decease of Your Grand Father,
"Trimal Row; I condole with You, and hope God will give
"You Comfort on this occasion. as I am informed that your
"Father (who was the Son of the said Trimal Row) died
"some Years ago & that You are thereby become the
"natural Heir to Your said Grand Father, I have
"therefore wrote to the Nabob recommending you to his
"favor that you may possess and enjoy the Jaghire of
"Arany in the same manner as Your Grand Father
"would have done had he lived, and you may depend
"upon my Friendship so long as you behave yourself
"in a Dutiful manner to the Circar. You are no doubt
"well acquainted with the Condition on which Your
"said Grandfather was restored to the enjoyment of the
"said Jaghire. The same must take place in respect to
"You. There is no occasion for you to live in the Woods.
"You are at full liberty to live in any part of Your
"Jaghire that You please, only you should not live in
"any place walled or built in the manner of a Fort,

"which

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"which is a matter of no Consequence or Prejudice to You
"you may depend I will not be unmindful of you."

"What can I say more?"

Copy of a Letter from Senevasa row Jaghiredar of Arnaney to the Governor.

"I had the happiness to receive Your
"favor with a present of a piece of Broad Cloth. I am
"night and day offering up my prayers for your prospe-
"rity. I look upon myself as Your own Child, and
"hope you will make me happy under you protection
"as I have nobody else to support me."

"When lately the Nabob marched to
"Tritchinopoly, I intended to have waited upon him, but
"as it was then 5 or 6 Days since the String Ceremony
"was finished, and the custom prevailed on me not to go
"out of the place before 16 Days. I sent my Deputy to him.
"It was the Custom of my forefathers to present him
"with 100 Rupees but by way of an Invitation upon
"such an occasion, but I have now sent him 1000, be-
"cause of the said Ceremony, and thought fit to advise
"You with it. I am Yours."

"What can I say more?"

Copy of a Letter from the King of Tanjore to the Governor
received 22nd February 1763.

"It has been represented to me that Tirmal
"Row

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"Row Departed this life. on this I wrote a Letter of
"Comfort to Seneravarow, who is a Grandson to the Deceas
"Tirmal Row. & sent it to him, with a present of Cloth.
"as You undertook to support them / meaning Tirmal
"Row and his Family / and entred into an agreement on
"that Account, it would be needless for me to urge
"much to you. For some certain matters I refer you to the
"verbal Accounts of Sambozey Pount. I depend entirely
"upon You and am Clear of all apprehensions.
"Continue to write to me of Your health that I may
"Rejoice. . There is no manner of distinction between us.
"What can I say more?"

Copy of a Letter from the Governor to the King of Tanjore, dated 4th: March 1763.

"I received the Letter You did me the favr
"to write me of the decease of Tirmal Row, and recom-
"-mending his Family to me. You are pleased to add as
"I undertook to support that Family in every respect, &
"entered into an agreement on that Account, you are
"Clear of all apprehensions. Give me leave to inform
"You that some time before the Receipt of the above-
"-mentioned Letter which You sent, I heard of the
"decease of the said Tirmalrow, by a Letter which his
"Grand Son Senivasarow wrote me on that occasion, &
"as I am always firm in my Friendship & Engage-

"ments

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"Engagements, I wrote immediately to the Nabob, &
"the said Senevasaron: a Copy of those Letters I send
"herewith for your information, and you may Depend
"so long as those who have entered into Engagements of
"Friendship with me Continue faithful thereto, I shall
"never fail in a little".

Shenevasaron continued in possession
of the Jaghire 'till deprived in the manner Stated in
the Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, which
they have disapproved

The President therefore is decidedly of opinion
that Senevasarow is the Heir and has the best title to the
Jaghire ordered to be restored to him by the Honble the
Court of Directors. and adverting that the Season now
Commences for promoting Cultivation. & conceiving it
will therefore be expedient to restore the Jaghiredar to
his Possessions rather at this Juncture than at a later
Period, which may be attended with Considerable Loss
to the produce of the District, submits to the Considera-
tion of the Board the propriety of Carrying into Execution
the orders of the Honble the Court of Directors, contained
in the above Paragraphs of their Letter, & restoring
Senevasarow to the possession of his Jaghire according

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to the Terms and stipulations of the Treaty of 1762.

It cannot be supposed his Highness the Nabob will admit of any Claims to the prejudice of his own pretensions; but his Highness readily allows that the Receipts for Peishcush are Official. that Senevasaron was in possession of the Jaghire &. has a preferable Right to any of the family of Trimal-Row the late Jaghiredar of Arnee.

(signed) John Hollond

Original Receipts produced given by the Nabob to Shenevasarow on Account of Peishcush

The President lays before the Board the original Receipts of which the Translations are given in his Minute. Bagavan Row, the Shirastadar in the Revenue Department, being called in & the Receipts shown to him, declares they are true Official Receipts given by the Nabob to Shenevasarow on Account of Peishcush for the Years of Phasely 1175, & 1176.

Mr. C. Holland concurs in the opinion & Motion contained in the President's Minute on the Consideration that Conformably to the Orders of the Court of Directors, Shenevasaron is entitled to the Jaghire-dar-ship of Arnee, and ought to be restored to it; particularly as it appears from the Records that he was in possession of the Jaghire, to which he was consider-

Mr C Holland concurs in opinion with the President

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considered the Rightful Heir.

Mr Casamajor will deliver in his Sentiments at a future Meeting

Mr Casamajor desires it may be minuted that he is not prepared to decide upon the points before the Board — He will deliver in his Sentiments on the Subject at a subsequent Meeting.

Shenevasarow restored to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee

Resolved, that Shenevasarow is entitled to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee, and that he be accordingly restored to it

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stuart

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr

Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

From Colonel Stuart the Murdahs leave the Woods and retire with their families to the Westward

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Murdahs have left their Woods, and retired with their Families to the Westward. Yesterday Morning they possessed Tricatoor, which is Six Miles South of Tripatore, and at night were at a place called Selly Singarah Pettah, within 5 Miles of Paramullee, where they have a kind of Post, and whence also there is a direct Road to the Dindigul Country. The Detachment is under Orders of March, but our direction must be determined by the intelligence expected hourly.

I am disposed to believe the Murdahs have evacuated the Country entirely: in which Case I shall distribute the Troops in different quarters, to open the Roads, settle the Country and grant Cowle to the

Inhabitants

Inhabitants. Should they have taken Post on the Western Frontiers, We shall move against and dislodge them without delay.

To morrow I hope to be able to give the honble Board more certain advices of the Situation of Affairs here.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Stuart
Colonel Commanding

Camp at Collongoody
4th June 1779.

Colonel Stuart's Conduct approved.

The Board perceive with much satisfaction the progress Colonel Stuart has made in the Execution of the Service Entrusted to him — From the Confidence they have uniformly placed in his talents & prudence, they had anticipated his Success, and now approve and confirm the Steps he has taken and those he has recommended.

A Letter to be written to the Nabob relative to Mr. Dupre:

Agreed that the President be requested to address the Nabob on the Subject of Colonel Stuart's late Letters, requesting particularly that he will reinstate Mr. Dupré in his Service, agreeably to the Assurances given to him by Colonel Stuart and Mootabur Cawn

Agreed that the Substance of the foregoing be Communicated to Colonel Stuart.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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To The Honble John Hollond Esqr &c

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir

We have been favored with Your Letter of the 30th March last, transmitting two & their Enclosures from Colonel Capper, and also a Letter from Mr. Burke to Your Board. These, as soon as received, were forwarded to our Military Auditor General, whose Address to us on the Subject of them is now transmitted to You.

From Bengal with Copies of Letters from Mr. Burke & Colonel Murray relative to the Accounts of his Majesty's Troops serving in India - Desiring that the information so often required may be forthwith sent.

We send at the same time a Copy of a Letter to us from Mr. Burke, dated the 8th Ultimo, together with a Copy of a Letter from Colonel Murray dated the 9th Instant, relative to it.

Our Instructions concerning the Accounts required by the Honble Court of Directors, have been already communicated repeatedly in our Letters to your Presidency in terms so explicit, that We hope it is not necessary to recite them again.

Referring therefore to those Instructions, We request that You will transmit to us, without loss of Time, the Information We have so often required, in Order to enable us to bring to an immediate Conclusion the adjustment of the Accounts, as far as depends upon the Offices in India.

We think it necessary to observe to You, that there never was any intention, on the part of this Government, that Mr. Burke's Accounts of Disbursements for his Majesty's

Majesty's Troops serving under Your Presidency, should be audited here, and that We have not ever required these Accounts in Detail.

The Accounts which we want for the purpose of adjustment between the Crown and the Company, and those which are separately required for the satisfaction of the Court of Directors, have been frequently described, in our Letters to Your Presidency, and in their Enclosures, and We now wish for these Accounts with some degree of Solicitude, being very desirous to transmit our Report upon the whole Subject to the Court of Directors by our intended dispatches at the beginning of August.

We have addressed you in a separate Letter relative to the Payment of his Majesty's 74th. 75th. 76th. 77th. Regiments on the Plan prescribed by the Court of Directors in their General Letter of the 9th. April 1788.

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

Fort William
15th May 1789.

(signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore

My Lord

The willing obedience that I always pay to your Lordship's pleasure will naturally cause me to a full observation of your Instructions expressed in Mr. Shay's Letter of the 2d January, and which reached me the 22d of that month, viz.

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"When a Sum of Money is advanced to you, on "the part of the Company on Account of the Subsistence of "the British Troops, that advance is immediately chargeable "by the Company to the Debit of the Crown, and that when- "ever you receive such advance you should immediately "give Credit for it to the Company: you are requested to "state your Accounts accordingly.

I know too well the Spirit of Justice that dictates every order from your Lordship not to assure myself that I run no risk of incurring your displeasure, that in the act of my obedience I do not neglect the attention which is due to my own Justification in the Conduct of my Office.

I shall then of Course immediately give Credit to the Company for every Issue that is made into my hands, be the principle of the Issue what it may, at the same time an unexplained naked official Credit at the date of Issues to me at Calcutta, as Remitter while other Issues justly concurrent in point of date must stand against me in my Madras Accounts would imply that I was receiving public Money at two places for one and the same purpose.

This would exactly be the case in the very first Issue made to me at Calcutta Viz.t 2.d February 1786, My Office had received on the 24th of December at Madras the Money for the Disbursements to be made in the Month of February, and the Office at Madras has again at the end of February received the Money for March and April. So that if the immediate Credit for Money received by me at

Calcutta

Calcutta in February stood without explanation, it would seem that the Office was receiving money both at Madras and at Calcutta for the same purposes, and the same periods, but the issues made to me in person in February at Calcutta and the issues made to my Office at Madras in the same month, are necessarily and avowedly applicable to the purposes of different official Periods. All Money received by the Office at Madras up to the End of February, was expressly destined to defray the Office Demands up to the 24th. April.

The Money received at Calcutta as Remitter in February 1786. was avowedly and expressly only to be applied to the official purposes of the period of May & June the Disbursement of which Commences the 24th April

I should wrong myself without qualifying the Credit I charged myself officially with Money that I received not officially, but as a Remitter at Calcutta. In the nature of things it was utterly impossible to make an immediate application of the Money received at Calcutta to the purposes of my Office at Madras though the Money was ultimately destined to answer the purpose of my Office at that place.

I was a Remitter of the Money for the use of the pay Office at a certain rate just as the Remittance must have been made by a Stranger. The Office at Madras whether it got the Money through my hands or thro' the hands of a Stranger could not in possibility get possession of that Money till some time after; at some Seasons not till above two Months after the issue of it from the Office at Calcutta. For supposing the Remittance to be made by

Bill

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Bills which is the most expeditious way of Remitting, some (not always a little) time must be Consumed in getting the Bills for a large Sum, it must take up more time, they are too commonly at a month sight, and the Tappal (about 20 day going) in the common conveyance. Neither the Remitter's Interest nor the public Interest do indeed require that the remittance should be made by Bill. I certainly avoided that Stile of Remitting as much as I possibly could: it is however the most expeditious way and I dwell upon that mode being the most expeditious, to prove that in no possible way could my Office at Madras obtain the immediate use of the Money issued to me as Remitter at Calcutta, of Course I must with submission still believe that Colonel John Murray has mistakenly recommended it to your Lordship, that I should immediately give Credit to the Company in my Official Accounts for Money issued to me as Remitter at Calcutta, when it was my inevitable Duty in that Character to send the Money to Madras where it was the Duty of my Office to apply it to the payment of the King's Troops; and I must still believe that my Office Accounts have nothing to do with anything but the Official Disbursement, and the receipt at the Office.

My Discussion of this Subject with Colonel Murray had not the good fortune to draw that Gentleman's attention to the distinction between the Remitter and the Paymaster, yet the Characters and the Duties of those respective Situations are as perfectly distinct, tho' the functions of both should lie in one hand, as if those functions were seperated and lay in the hands of two distinct Persons residing at distant places.

Your Lordship will therefore in the new

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Statement find the Company Credited in the way you direct at the very moment of my receipt of the Money at Calcutta, but the Account of that period must necessarily be a sort of an Argumentative Account exhibiting at one view the date of the Issue home, and the fact of the Issue being made home as Remitted, of course it will shew that it was impossible for me Officially to make an instantaneous of the Money I received, which was to travel 10 or 11 Degrees before my Office could have the benefit of

In truth my Accounts may go before Parliament and I confess that I should not wish to give the House of Commons, or any one of her respectable Members the trouble of recurring to a seperate Letter for my justification in the Conduct of my Office.

This question of Remittance has been too fertile in trouble to your Lordship, I hope I am not answerable for it's being so. I had satisfied myself with laying before your Lordship on the 17th. of December 1788 the Copies of Colonel John Murray's Letter to me and my Answer upon his singular Supposition, that I was to account for Money received for certain purposes and at a certain Stipulated Rate from the Government of Calcutta, not according at the rate Stipulated at the place where that Money was Issued, but according to an Agreement made for another purpose between other parties viz. the King's Servants & the Directors in London. In laying these papers before Your Lordship I had expressly said, I do not give your Lordship this trouble as supposing that any Question arises therefrom, but merely desiring as on a Record to deposit the full exposition that I have unexpectedly found it necessary to

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make upon the Suggestions intimated to me by Colonel John Murray.

I am not often so fortunate as to meet that Gentleman's concurrence. He has been pleased I see expressly to exact your Lordship's decision upon this upon this question of his ingenuity He does not indeed state it as a general proposition shall this principle or shall that principle of account be adopted. He is pleased to lay before your Lordship's Eyes the Sums themselves. In stating (says his Letter to your Lordship of 27th December 1788) the account between the Crown and the Company am I to debit the Crown for these advances made to Mr. Burke from this Treasury with £ 151212 " 19 . 1 3/4, or only with £ 131133 " 3 . 27 -

I am not (to my shame I confess it) so deep in Figures as Colonel John Murray is. It never would I do believe have occurred to me to state the profit or loss in the adoption or rejection of a Rule for the just liquidation of an Account as I am but a poor Accomptant. I should perhaps have satisfied myself with offering such reasons as seemed to me to justify the Rule that I thought myself Justified in adopting. But either mode of proceeding necessarily leads to that just decision which your Lordship's Judgement has pronounced.

Your Lordship's letter to this presidency of the 30th January 1789, does not encumber the question uselessly with the quantum of Rupees there were issued to me as a Remitter in Bengal. In the best business stile you state to this Presidency the Quantum of Pagodas that in acquittal of the Money received, as Remitter at Calcutta my Engagements bound me to deliver to this Presidency, Vist Pagodas 327,832 " 37 " 65 intended indeed ultimately for the use of the King's Troops; For that quantum of Pagodas Your Lordship justly makes me accountable to this Presidency, which indeed the care of the

Bengal

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Bengal Government in preserving the respect due to the Madras Presidency had always provided for by the original Instructions I was so perfectly considered as a remitter and that remittance in my hands was in reality so utterly unappropriated, that the Madras Presidency might have called upon me to have paid the Moneys I remitted into their Treasury, and have left me to my Official requisition just as at other times for such issues, as the demands of my office made it necessary to me to call for.—

It is true that the Politeness and confidence of the Madras Government saved them from the trouble of calling money out of my hands in order to replace it thereby an act of their own authority for the purposes to which I held it But it would be a little hard and I am sure every far from the intention of my very worthy, and very good natured friend Mr. Davidson, the late Governor that I should be mulcted £ 29,079.15.11¼ for his Politeness in leaving money a few days perhaps hours, in my hands That is however the Sum that Colonel Murray Charges me with in the difference and I have not the least doubt that his Calculation is perfectly correct but it is a matter in which I am not concerned.—

I received your Lordship's letter that I now have the honor of answering on the 27th January I should not have delayed the Duty of answering so long but that the Committee appointed here to adjust the Crown Balances, have not as yet been able (thought they are very laudably exerting themselves) to settle some points in the accounts which I wish exceedingly to be able to send Home to my Principals in a full and satisfactory manner by the Dublin.—

I shall of course lay the Duplicates of the same accounts before your Lordship and I am afraid I shall again have the misfortune to miss Colonel John Murray's approbation, for,

instead

instead of taking up your Lordships time, by furnishing
/as Colonel John Murray's letter 22d January seems to
recommend/ an account of the errors, and differences in
former accounts, I shall think it conducive to the settlement
of the Crown Balances as well as saving your Lordships
time, to lay before you Statements in a new form from those
I formerly delivered in But I beg no means desire that
those formerly delivered, should be given up Let them
stay for Colonel John Murray's satisfaction, and if they
can carry proof of any unfounded Claim made upon the
Company in these accounts I shall thankfully admit the
Correction.

In excuse however for troubling your Lordship
a third time with new Statements I shall beg leave to
remind your Lordship that by some odd accident and I
beg to be understood that I sincerely mean it an accident
in your own offices my office Papers on which I had
wished to have founded my first accounts had been
detained in your own offices so that I had not the benefit
of them in making out the accounts that I then layed
before your Lordship.

I must also now beg leave to let you know
that one Box, is in Custody to take his Trial this month for
the vilest and Wickedest Practice imaginable in fraudulently
receiving

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receiving from the Company while Mr Porcher acted for me considerably more than the real calls of our office required It would be indecent injustice in me towards Mr Porcher not to declare that the Success of this villain was not owing to Mr Porchers remissness or neglect, but from a management and a Case Entirely in Box that could not well have been disputed, and might have imposed upon the most careful man in his own concerns, The detection of this Boxes practices would have continued still undiscovered, but for the Comparison necessarily now made between the King's and Company's Offices in the Discussion of the Crown Balances The Original Distributions had been regularly sent Home from my Office so that we had no means of comparing the accounts with the Distributions themselves In so much that I confess I was obliged to write to Mr Holsworth the Accountant General to the Pay Office that I could not at all comprehend what he could mean in saying that the accounts transmitted to him did not tally with the Distributions We now retain Copies of the Distributions which we did not before see the necessity of doing.

The Correction of these errors created by the fraud of Box requires, as your Lordship sees, a very minute investigation We have now recurred wherever we could to the Regimental Paymasters It would however be

useless

endless to discuss every Item of error that is confessed.
It is shorter and I hope it will appear more satisfactory
to your Lordships to restate the whole accounts.—

There are I find some points in which the
Company's Offices are not nor perhaps can be furnished
with Vouchers for the expenditures charged before I came
into office to say nothing of others I therefore leave that
period separate and distinct from the account since the
pay of the King's Troops has been in my hands I mean to
add the amounts of this early period at the termination of
such period as I shall from time to time make up my
Accounts to By which means it will make no change
except in the Sum Total should it at any time be found
by the Concurrence of both parties to differ from what it
now seems to stand at.—

I beg your Lordships to direct that a Copy of my
present Letter may be sent to Colonel Murray that he
may see what the points are that it seems to me necessary
to trouble your Lordships upon.—

Colonel John Murray's Objections to several
Items of the Sums £7866.5.2. paid at Whitehall are
transmitted Home. His objections will there be decided
upon

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upon It may be my Duty to advert to his argument.

It does not follow in my Opinion (says Colonel Murray's letter to your Lordship) that because this sum of £7866.5.2 has been issued from the Pay Office on account of the Forces in the East Indies it is therefore to form a charge against the Company.

I must rather believe that this Principle of the Colonels is not well founded the Colonel is pleased to admit the account Transmitted from the King's Pay Office "as valid" proof of the expenditures" admitting that proof it must I believe follow that it is therefore to form a charge against the Company" If the expenditure is for subsistence it is ultimately indeed) to make part of the two Lacks If it is any other expence it falls ultimately and presently under the title of extraordinarys which by the act lye upon the Company For the operation of the agreement commences from the Embarkation of the Troops and of course if the Crown shall by some inevitable necessity make any Disbursement for the Troops so Embarked the proof of the expenditures is therefore and for that very reason without bringing any other reason to form a Charge against the Company.

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I cannot see the room for the Colonels extreme alarm upon this as a Claim made upon the Company for money expended without their Knowledge, or approbation establishing a Precedent of a dangerous nature, subversive of that principle which have never been called in question namely that the Extraordinary's to be borne and defrayed by the Company are subject to the Control of the Company. There is no dispute upon the Control of the Company, over the extraordinary's to be defrayed by her. Her right in that like all other rights whatever must have possibility and practicability for the Grounds of its real exercise, and in the name of wonder how was the Company to exercise Her actual Control at Fort St George, where many of these expences were incurred. —

If the Company's actual Control was utterly impracticable I should conceive, that the actual Discharge of any Demand at the King's Bay Assize in England is as reasonable a proof of the Justice of the Claim, as can be expected for, I believe it is needless for me to assure your Lordship that no Bay Assize or Assize of Control instituted by the Company can be more cautious than the King's Assizes in England are against the admission of any unfounded claim upon them. —

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I do not see any other points in Colonel Murray's Letter 24th June last that call on me to trouble your Lordship further the Colonels letter of the 22d January I shall beg leave to observe upon Paragraph by Paragraph it will attend this as a Postscript I have happened to lay before your Lordship an actual Office Book Vgt the account of Disbursements carrying the sanction of the Commissary Generals Signature This Book may be a necessary deposit in my office as a justification & acquittal of my expenditures I must therefore beg that your Lordship will allow Mr Stewart to make a Duplicate of it and authenticating such Duplicate that He may leave it with your Lordship and return the original to my Office at Madras If Colonel Murray will be so good to collate Mr Stewarts Duplicate with the original I shall be obliged to him,

Madras
8th April 1789

I have the Honor to be with great Respect and Esteem &c &c (Signed) William Burke

A true Copy (Signed) Jo Fombell Subsecy

Earl Cornwallis K. G. Governor General &c &c &c
in Council, Secret & Military Department

My Lord,

I have received your Secretary's Letter of the 17th

Current

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Current, inclosing to me, by your Lordships Orders, Copy of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Fort St George Dated the 30th Ultimo, together with Copies of the Papers referred to therein, namely a Letter from Colonel Capper, to the Governor in Council, with two Accounts annexed to it which accounts, bear Date the 19th March last — another Letter from Colonel Capper to the Governor in Council Dated the 19th Ultimo with the accounts and Remarks, mentioned in it and a Letter from Mr. Burke to the Governor in Council, Dated the 13th Ultimo. —

2 The Letter from Colonel Capper, to the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, Dated the 19th Ultimo, with the accounts and Remarks mentioned in it, refers to the Claim made upon the Company by Mr. Burke, for Extra Payments, at Whitehall on account of the Forces Serving in the East Indies from 25th June 1781 to 24th Decr. 1786, upon the Subject of which, I submitted to your Lordship, on the 29th of January last, my Opinion, in the Copy of my Letter, to Mr. Burke, of that Date, —

3 As my said Letter to Mr. Burke was intended to shew that the account in question was adjusted, & be, only in England, and as the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, has in his Letter, Dated the 30th Ultimo informed

informed your Lordships, that all the Correspondence relative to that account has been forwarded to the Court of Directors, by the Dublin, conformably to your Lordships desire, it is become unnecessary for me to add any thing further upon the Subject of that Claim.

4 The other Letters from Colonel Capper, and Mr Burke to the Governor in Council, are connected with the adjustment of the account between the Crown and the Company, on account of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India in terms of the Act of the 21st of the King.

5 So much has already been written upon this Subject that I freely confess I am altogether at a loss, to give any new Idea upon it or to point out the object in view in other terms than those, which I have repeatedly submitted to your Lordship.

6 The Extent of the Sum payable by the Company to the Crown, under the Act of Parliament is a Question, which depends upon the Construction of that Act, and probably, will not be decided in this Country.

7 But it is in this Country, only that the authentic Account, agreed to by both Parties, can be made up of the money paid by the Company towards the Liquidation of the Claims of the Crown.

8 If the Fact was not so particularly known to your Lordship, it could hardly gain Credit, that an Investigation which from it's nature, ought to be Easy,

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could be attended with such Difficulties, and it is still more to be regretted, that these do not appear to be yet Surmounted, —

9 One Branch of the Business at Fort St George, is shortly this, His Majesty's Paymaster General, became in April 1786 Paymaster of the Company's allowances to the King's Troops. From that Date unappropriated issues of Money have been made to him to answer the Disbursements of his Office, It then clearly follows, that such Disbursements, as he has made of Company's Allowances, when audited and passed by the proper Offices, form a part of the Military Charges of the Presidency of Fort St George, and the differences between the account of Company's allowances so passed and the actual avances made to him is so much paid by the Company to the Crown, in Liquidation of the Sums payable in terms of the act of Parliament above mentioned. The amount of such difference, is therefore, to be charged, by the Company to the Debit of the Crown, in adjusting the account. —

10 It is urged that these accounts must be Stated by the Offices of the Company — I mean the amount of the advances made to the Paymaster General, and the Amount for which his Disbursements of Company's Allowances have been passed. —

But

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11 But to this hour there has not been any general account produced other than those stated by Mr. Burke himself either of the advances made to him, nor of his Expenditure thereof.

12 In short the account of the one Party is useless, unless it is agreed to by the other.

13 I deem it unnecessary to offer all the remarks that present themselves upon Colonel Capper's Letter, which accompanied the accounts Dated the 19th March 1789 - The Colonel may be assured that I would have addressed myself to him, with pleasure if any thing had occurred regarding these accounts on which I conceived he could have given me light and I am satisfied he would have chearfully afforded every information in his power with his usual politeness But there was not any room for such a reference Mr. Burke stated in express terms in his Letter to your Lordship of the 17th December 1788 - That the Company's allowances on the Book B. carry the sanction of the Madras Commissary Generals Signature a Mr. Burke, therefore certainly considered these accounts to have been audited, and he presented them to your Lordship as such I did however conceive that he misunderstood this point, but it was very unnecessary to lose time in asking Colonel Capper whether the accounts were or were not audited - because any reply

which

which he could have given to the Question would not have lessened in any degree, the confusion and intricacy in which these accounts had actually been involved in the Pay Office however unintentionally that has happened, nor does it appear it from the present communications to your Lordships from Fort St George that Colonel Capper, could have furnished any explanation of these accounts for if the means had been in his power, I am sure he would have been forward to have accomplished your Lordship's wishes, on this Subject, whereas the least Elucidation of the accounts has not been attempted, in any of the papers, sent you, Indeed Colonel Capper states that he has not any Books in his office from which the information required could be obtained, and accordingly the accounts which accompanied his said Letter, to the Governor in Council at Fort St George Dated the 19th of March last are certified by Colonel Capper to have been extracted "From the Books of the Paymaster General of His "Majesty's Troops." and for that reason, being the Statement of our Party only they are, evidently, unsufficient.—

14 Colonel Capper, in his Letter accompanying these accounts, takes notice, that the Right Honorable the Governor "General is pleased to recommend that I shall be directed "to report the Total amount expended by Mr. Burke from "his appointment as Paymaster on the part of the Company,

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until the Date of the adoption of the new Regulation, in-
Company's allowances, including the subsistence of the
Hanovarians, I have applied accordingly to Mr Burke
for those accounts, and have now the Honor to lay them
before you — I have no Books in my Department from
which this information can be obtained, for as I have before
observed the office of Commissary General at Bengal, and
Madras unfortunately for me are widely different, but
perhaps attain to the same Ends by different means. —

15 If the Comptroller General of the army accounts at
Fort St George cannot on account of defects in the Powers, and
constitution of his office which seems to be hinted in the
conclusion of his Letter, shew the amount, for which Mr
Burkes accounts of Company's allowances have been passed,
I am unable to say in what Department, that Point can
be ascertained, But it ought certainly to be ascertainable, in
some office, at that Presidency and if that is not done, by
some means, or other, the account can never be properly
settled.

16 The various Letters written by your Lordships to
Fort St George on this business were so explicit, that it was
conceived almost impossible that they should not be
easily, and clearly understood, but as they have failed of
the Effect intended if that should continue to be the case

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any longer, it will remain with your Lordships to devise other means of obtaining the information necessary for enabling the Supreme Government to comply with the orders of the Court of Directors relatives to the accounts between the Crown and the Company and I did indulge the hope that your Lordships would be furnished with materials from the other Presidencies in due time to render it practicable for this Government to make their report on this Subject to the Court of Directors by the August Dispatch, but I now begin to doubt of your Lordships being able to accomplish this.—

17 your Lordships will find that in one of the accounts just received, Viz.t that which is dated from the 25th February 1787 to the 24th of February 1789 and in Mr. Burkes Letter to the Governor in Council of the 13th Ultimo, it is remarked that the old English Regiments only are "involved in the principle that renders the distinction in "the accounts necessary."—

19 It appears from the enclosure received with your Lordships Letter of the 24th Instant that Mr. Burke is correct in his Idea of the terms upon which the new Regiments are serving, and their subsistence is no doubt, a Company's allowance, as well as the subsistence of the Hanoverians, but this observation respecting the new Regiments has not

not any connection with the accounts presented to your Lordships by Mr. Burke in December last, which included Charges for the old Regiments only and in which he admits that the distinction was necessary tho' it has not been observed in his accounts.—

20 Major Hart, at Bombay, differing from Mr. Burke, considers the new Regiments as serving under the Parliamentary agreement of 1781 and he has stated his accounts accordingly in consequence of a Deputation from the Joint Paymasters General of His Majesty's Forces enclosed in a letter to your Lordships Dated the 17th of January last from the Governor in Council of Bombay in which appears to have considered Major Hart's application to have been warranted by the terms of his Deputation tho' these were different from the Instructions sent out by the Court of Directors, with which last I was unacquainted, when I had the honor of writing to your Lordship on the 14th of March.—

21 Mr. Burke in his Letter of the 13th ultimo above mentioned, states that the Regulations which your Lordship recommended upon the 30th of January last, for the adoption of the Governor in Council at Fort St. George "Enjoin nothing new."—

22 Mr. Burke is so far perfectly right that Instructions

Instructions, on the same points had been previously given, and I am persuaded that it would have been very Satisfactory to your Lordship to have found that they had been complied with and that the adjustment of the accounts on the principles prescribed, had rendered any repetition of your Lordships Instructions unnecessary.

23 Your Lordship's Regulations enjoin that the advances made to Mr. Burke be appropriated, in the first instance, had such been the practice formerly nothing could be wanted for the account between the Crown & the Company, but to state the Sums for which Mr. Burke had given Receipts, in his Capacity of Paymaster General to His Majesty's Troops The amount of these Sums would have been the Company's charge against the Crown This is the very Point in Question but the knowledge of it has not yet been obtained.

24 Colonel Capper in one part of his Letter of the 14th Ultimo States that "the Accounts of the Paymaster General of H.M.'s Majesty's Forces as sent to Bengal to be audited" as the Colonel Supposes "by the Auditor General of that Presidency" That the loose Papers to which Colonel Capper affixed his Signatures were considered by him as the materials for the Day Book of the Paymaster General and if it were his Colonel Capper's duty finally, to audit the accounts of his Majesty's Paymaster General, We should of Course expect to see them

them under the more regular form of Acct.

25 Now My Lord tho' I am not sure that I conjecture rightly, yet, I cannot help expressing my apprehension that the inference to be drawn from what Colonel Capper has said is that as he circumd. on grounds unknown to me that Mr. Burkes accounts for His Majesty's Troops at Fort St George were to be audited here and as I never had any such Idea the probability is that they have not hitherto been audited by Colonel Capper, in the manner they would have been, if he had not imagined, that they were to be finally audited at this Presidency may the Colonel seems to have considered the papers presented to your Lordship by Mr. Burke, as regular accounts of Disbursements only as the materials for the Paymasters Journals Day Book &c as mere memoranda for Mr. Burke himself

26 It is no doubt owing to the difference of practice in the two offices that I do not concern myself with the Day Book of the Paymaster thinking it their business to carry on the detail of their own office and to lay before me Complete accounts with their Vouchers properly arranged for audit neither do I hold myself at all warranted to combat the Distributions of Subsistence to the King's Old Regiments which are regulated by the internal rules for the Payment of His Majesty's Army, and I did not know that the Power of Control had been delegated from the Crown, to any Department in the Country

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27 The Consideration of all the Circumstances before your Lordship will tend strongly to convince you of the necessity of taking as early measures as possible for introducing uniformity of Payment and Controul throughout the British Settlements which will give the Heads of Departments under the several Presidencies opportunities of suggesting improvements that may contribute to the ultimate perfection of the general System.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest

Respect &c &c Signed John Murray
Col.y & Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Fort William
Military auditor
General's Office
30th Sept.r 1789

P.S.

In answer to a remark of Colonel Kappers, it may be proper to observe, that I am informed that the 12½ P annum paid to the Effective Privates in His Majesty's Service is certainly in lieu of Boundage that of 5 P Cent on 365 Eight pences being actually paid and the above allowance Entitled His Majesty's "Bounty in lieu of Boundage" being granted to the Men to make up that deduction, which would otherwise fall upon them.

A true Copy
Signed S Tombell
Sub Sec.y
Earl

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Earl Cornwallis K.G. Governor General &c &c

in Council Secret and Military Department

My Lord,

1 I acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 2d Instant, accompanied by a Copy which your Lordship desired to be sent to me of Mr Burke's letter to you, Dated the 8th Ultimo.—

2 Mr Burke having signified his Intentions to conform to your Instructions of the 2d January last, I shall trouble your Lordship, with as few remarks, as possible on the subject of this present address.—

3 The first is, that from whatever number of Sources, Mr Burke may be furnished, by the Company with Money for the Service of his Office it is indispensibly necessary that he should immediately, give Credit for every Sum he receives, either in his Capacity of His Majesty's Paymaster General, or in that of Paymaster of Company's allowances to the King's Troops at Fort St. George, according as the advances may happen to be appropriated, when they are issued to him. The Amount of Issues of the first description will remain at the Debit of the Crown and those of the Second description will remain at his personal debit until his accounts shall have been passed, when of Course, the amount of his approved Disbursements, will be just to his Credit.—

4th Mr Burke says "I believe, that Colonels

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"John Murray has mistakenly recommended to your Lordship,
"that I should immediately give Credit to the Company in my
"Official accounts, for Money issued to me as remitter at Calcutta,
"when it was my inevitable duty, in that Character, to send the
"Money to Madras, where it was the Duty of my office to apply
"it to the payment of the King's Troops, and I must still believe
"that my office accounts, have nothing to do with any thing but
"Official Disbursements, and the receipt of the office."—

5 Here Mr Burke assumes a Character, which I confess is perfectly new to me, I never considered him merely in the Capacity of a Remitter, indeed I was precluded, from adopting such a supposition by the accountant General whose accounts of advances, are necessarily, my official Guide, respecting the payments made to Mr Burke, at the Presidency.—

6th In these accounts, the advances were not placed to the Debit of Mr Burke, as a Remitter but placed to the Debit of "account Current London", as advances to His Majesty's Paymaster General not to Mr Burke in a private unofficial Capacity, But even if this last had been the case the Company ought instantly to have received Credit for every such advance in account Current with Mr Burke, and I never heard of such an account,—

7 According to Mr Burke's present argument, if the Money had been lost at Sea, or by bad Bills of Exchange the Company, and not the Crown, would have suffered the loss; whereas, according to the accountant Generals Statement,

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if the money had been so lost, the Crown and not the Company, must have sustained the Loss; and I notice these circumstances as proper to be attended to in case future advances should be made to His Majesty's Pay-master, here, for the Service of the King's Troops at Fort St George.

8 As Mr. Burke considered himself as a Remitter only, until the money reached his office at Madras, his Receipt for the money ought to have been expressed in that Character; whereas, if I may judge from a Copy of one of them sent to me by himself, in December last, he acknowledges "the receipt of certain Sums" on account of the King's Troops "in India, and annexed to his Signature, his Official "addition of "King's Paymaster General in India."

9 Now I own that I cannot reconcile the terms of this Receipt, to the supposition of Mr. Burke's "Office account "having nothing to do with any thing but the Official Dis- "bursements, and the Receipt at the Office."

10 Mr. Burke seems to regret the introduction of the "subject of this remittance to the review of your Lordship in December, forgetting that it proceeded from himself as well" as his present unnecessary recapitulation of it.

11 The Accountant General furnished me with a Statement

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Statement of a certain number of Rupees advanced to Mr. Burke. — In converting these Rupees into Sterling, at the prescribed Exchange, I found a considerable difference between the Sterling amount, as calculated at my office, and that for which Mr. Burke gave Credit. — Instead however of adopting any supposition on the subject or of charging Mr Burke with £20,000. — as he states in his present Letter I merely asked him self, a question, for previous information, before I should charge him with any Sum, in these words, "And I "will thank you if at the same time, you will take the "trouble to inform me of the reason, that Credit is not given, for "all the money advanced to you at the rate of two shillings "and one penny ℔ Current Rupee, being the Exchange fixed "upon, and agreed to by the Lords of the Treasury and Court of "Directors."

12 Mr Burke instead of favoring me with a direct answer to this plain question, or giving any intimation that might lead me to the knowledge of the transaction, relative to the remittance, of which communication had not then been made to this office, chose to address your Lordship, in answer to my question, and to enter into a Justification of the principles of the remittance concerning which, not a word had been said to him, My object having been to ascertain the amount,

for

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for which I was to debit the Crown, in forming the accounts between the Crown and the Company, and with respect to the mode of putting the question to your Lordship, I trust Mr. Burke will have the goodness to excuse me, If I generally prefer Explicit, to abstract questions.

13 That I have not been always able to concur, in official Opinion with Mr. Burke towards whom personally, I have the very best disposition, is the source of real concern to me, but I cannot have a better apology for this, than that Mr. Burke himself, in intimating, to your Lordship, in the Letter before me, that he is preparing a third Set of his accounts, for your inspection, does me the kindness to assign the strongest possible reason why I could not approve of the accounts hitherto presented, namely, because they were such, as by his own admission, have required repeated correction.

14 It is certainly very proper for Mr. Burke to have his accounts made as correct as possible for the satisfaction of Office at home, and for that of the Controller at Fort Saint George so far as that Office is concerned. But as it is my wish to ease both your Lordship and Mr. Burke of a great deal of unnecessary trouble, I beg leave to remark, that I have never seen the least occasion for his presenting any one of his accounts in detail to your Lordship in Council, all that has ever been wished for required here as far as I know, is an account Mutually

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attested by the Offices of the Crown and of the Company of the total Sums advanced at the Subordinate Presidencies on account of his Majesty's Regiments distinguishing the amount, on account of the Subsistence of the respective British Regiments, from that of the Charge for the Hanoverians and from the amount of Company's allowances to the British Regiments, and therefore I humbly conceive that Mr. Burke may save himself the trouble of sending his accounts of Disbursements in detail, to your Lordship.

15 I pass over what is said concerning the Woman under prosecution for embezzlement from the King's Pay Office at Fort St George being a matter in which I consider, only, His Majesty's Servants of the Pay office to be concerned.

16 Respecting the £7866.5.3 demanded by Mr. Burke as having been paid at Whitehall, I have already said that the remarks which I submitted, were intended merely for the purpose of shewing that the account was of a nature, adjustable only, at Home, I am not fearfull that the principle which I have ventured to maintain is unsound, namely that the Extraordinaries to be borne and defrayed, by the Company, must be subject to the Control of the Company; and of course I cannot admit that the Disbursement of a Sum of Money by and of His Majesty's Offices,

offices, necessarily, subjects the Company to the obligation
of reimbursement of that Money, until the propriety of
the Expence be clearly established, of which the Court of
Directors will be able to form a competent Judgement
by comparing such Charges with the Expences incurred, for
the transportation of the Company's own Troops, and by such
elucidation of the Charges, as may be procurable, from his
Majesty's Officers, whose original Vouchers the Company
have a right to require, and to examine, before they
allow the amount of them in account,

17 I have not seen the Postscript which Mr Burke
intended to have annexed to the Letter,

18 Upon reading the last Paragraph of this Letter, and
recollecting what Colonel Capper has said relative to the
accounts in your Lordship's profession, it will occur to you,
that these Gentlemen have very different Ideas relative to them
The Colonel Considers them as materials for the Paymasters
Day Book, as were Memoranda for the use of the Paymaster
himself - Mr Burke on the other hand, values them as a Justifi-
cation and acquittal of his Expenditure. —

19 In answer to Mr Burke's concluding request,
I beg he may be assured that he may freely command
any assistance which this Department can afford. —

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20 I cannot conclude this Letter without remarking, that the object in view is not forwarded by this sort of Correspondence relative to the detail of accounts - your Lordship has given clear and defined instructions, and I wish to hope that the period is now at hand when the Objects of them will be accomplished. —

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

&c &c

(Signed) John Murray
Colonel & Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Fort William
Military Auditor
General's Office
9th May 1789

A true Copy

(Signed) J Tombell Sub Secy

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be immediately written to the Committee for investigating the accounts of the King's Troops, desiring them to expedite by every possible means the Services upon which they are employed, and to state when they think the accounts required from Bengal will be ready. —

Do

Ordered that Copies of the Letters from Colonel Murray be sent to Mr Burke and to Colonel Capper for their Information & Guidance. —

Do

Ordered also that the Military Paymaster General be directed to furnish the General account of Mr Burke's advances & Expenditures that the same may be transmitted to Bengal. —

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Letter from the Board of Revenue respecting the Depredations committed in the Ganjam District taken into Consideration

The Board now take into Consideration the Letter from the Board of Revenue, entered on the Minutes of the last Consult: relative to the Depredations committed in the District of Ganjam by Sanedes & his adherents,

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Chief and Council at Ganjam expressing the surprize of Government that the protection of every part of the Ganjam District has not been attended to desiring that the Chief and Council will pay particular attention to the Instructions contained in the Letters from the Presidency of the 5th and 25th Ultimo —

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Columbo, together with Copy of one to General Conway, & several others entered in M. B. Nos 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.)

To the Honorable John Holland Esq

&c. &c. &c.

From the Governor of Columbo - States the Particulars of a Dispute between the Dutch Government at Trincomaley and Mons. De St Reveul the Officer Commanding the French Squadron

Hon'ble Sir

As it may be of Service that your Honor should have particular Information of a Circumstance that lately occurred at Trincomale between the Dutch Chief and Mons. De St Reveul, Commander of the French naval Force in India, I lose no time in acquainting you with it. —

On the 23d Ultimo a Ship belonging to the French Company, named Le Compte d'Artois under full

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Sail attempted to pass into the inner Bay, without any previous Communication with the Shore; and without displaying the Signals established in January 1788 with the aforesaid Mons.r De St Remul; and as Fort Ostenburg is situated in the inner Passage of the Bay, it has been a Standing Order, that if any Ship shall attempt to pass without permission, two Guns shall be fired from the Fort, the first without and the last with Shot. —

The Chief, agreable to the above Order, fired the two Guns, upon which Mr. De St Remul, who was on Board the King's Frigate De astree at Anchor in the inner Bay with two other Frigates, fired a Shot at the lower Battery of the Fort, and sent on Shore an Officer with a verbal Message, purporting, that if the Fort attempted to fire again, he would immediately answer it from all the Guns of the three Frigates; soon after a Letter conformable to this Message was delivered to M.r Van Senden the Dutch Chief. —

As your Honor from a Perusal of the Papers which I now enclose, will be made fully acquainted with the whole Transaction, I will not trouble you with a Detail of it in this Letter. — your Honor will notice that we have given the most Solemn assurances to Mr. De St Remul and to the Government of Pondicherry, that in firing the two Guns, the Chief was actuated only by a Sense of his Duty, not by any intentional Insult to the French Flag. —

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I request you will be pleased to consider this Letter as a particular Communication, and I could wish you would inform the Commanders of such English Ships as may sail for Trincomale during the South west Monsoon that they must conform to the established Regulations, which your Honor will find in the Copy of the Letter to the Government of Pondicherry.

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

Columbo
23d May 1789

Signed G.W. Van de Graaff

To the Compte De Conway
&
Mons.r Moracin
&c. &c. &c. at Pondicherry

Gentlemen,

A Foreign Ship, since known to belong to the French East India Company, called the Comte de Artois, without shewing her Colours attempted to enter the Bay of Ostenburg; contrary to the Established Form — In consequence of which, the Military Commander of the Fort of Ostenburg, agreeable to the Instructions laid down to be observed on such occasions, found himself under the necessity of warning the said Ship not to enter, by firing two Guns, the first, with Powder only, the second, shotted — The Circumstance of firing

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the Second Gun with Shot, induced Monsieur de St. Remel Capitaine of the Frigate d'Astrow, to fire a Shot upon the Battery, and sending his Lieutenant Mons.r D'Egringny to the Commandant, informing him, if he fired a second time with Shot, he would certainly answer it with all the Guns of the three Frigates — We do ourselves the honor to transmit you a Copy of a Letter sent by Mons.r de St. Remel to the Chief of Tranquebar, Mr. Van Tender, on the Subject, and also the whole Correspondence that has passed between the two Gentlemen, contained in three Letters from each.

We think it our Duty to apprize you of this whole Circumstances, which we could not do so effectually, as by sending the above Letters.

You will perceive the necessity that induced the Commandant of the Fort to fire twice, that he could have no Motive to gratify but the desire of obeying the Instructions required in such Exigencies, and that the Idea of offering Insult to the Flag of his most Christian Majesty could not possibly be entertained. The Chief and Council at Tranquebar have given Mons.r de St. Remel their Assurances that nothing was meant disrespectful to the French Flag, and also repeated the same, at our Request, in our Names. We do now most solemnly

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solemnly repeat those assurances, though We think Monsr. de St Reveul, was precipitate in firing on our Battery, as it conveyed an Idea of Indelicacy, putting no worse Construction on it.

To our Respective Sovereigns, We leave the Inferences to be drawn, forbearing any Remarks on the Subject is Question.

A letter Dated the 24th April, from the Chief & Council of Trincomaly to Monsr. de St Reveul, informs him of their resolution, to suffer no foreign Ship to enter the Bay of Trincomaly until our further Orders — without Distress, forces them thither.

We have requested the Chief and Council of Trincomaly, will, in our Name, desire Monsr. de St Reveul, to apprize all French Commanders of the established Regulations so that all ill Consequences may be prevented in future.

We have reported to the Governor General of Batavia, a Narrative of the whole Proceedings and noticed to him, that during the present South West monsoon, Ships can only lay in the Northern Bay, and that We wait his Pleasure for permitting any Foreign Vessels to anchor there, that might wish so to do, by applying for Leave, in Cases of Distress.

We take leave to assure you Gentlemen, that not only Ships belonging to the Navy of his most Xtian Majesty, but other Vessells belonging to French Commanders, have ever hitherto been treated with all possible attention, and kindness by us, ever having had the highest Respect for the French Flag, nor have they been treated with less regard, than those

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those in our Commissions, —

We have the Honor to be, &c &c

Columbo
23d May 1789

Signed J. W. Vande Graaff
&c Council

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Receipt of the foregoing be acknowledged, and that the necessary Information be given to the Commanders of English Ships who may go to Trincomaley. —

Read the following Letter from General Home —

To the Honorable John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

Form General Home enclosing an application from the Staff Officers of the 1st & 3d Regiments of native Cavalry respecting Quarters. —

I have the Honor to lay before the Board an application from the Staff Officers of the 1st & 3d Regiments of native Cavalry stationed at Cunatoor. —

As I considered the application founded upon no Principle or Precedent in the Company's Service; I thought it necessary to call on the Senior Officer of the Cantonment (who forwarded the representation) for the Staff Officers who had affixed their names to it to assign their Reasons for making such an Application, in order that the Honorable Board might in a clear point of

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view discern how far it was regular and Consistent; a Copy of their answer to him, I have now the honor to enclose.

I am necessitated to observe to the Honorable Board, that I am ignorant of any particular Indulgence granted to Regimental Staff Officers in respect to Quarters (except that of their not being doubled) but in cases of emergency, and I am therefore apprehensive that was a particular Indulgence to be granted to these Officers (on a plea of their doing Brigade Staff Duty) that all the other Regimental Staff Officers of the Army, would solicit the same addition to their Quarters.—

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I am, with the highest Respect &c.
(Signed) Matw Horne

Captain Macalister

Commanding the Cavalry encamped at
Condatore

Sir,

Mr Norris having this morning informed us the Staff Officers Quarters were to be in every respect the same as those in the Line, built for the Subaltern Com:
:manding Troops; we beg leave to request the necessity of our having some addition made to our Houses for the convenience of carrying the Staff Duty's on, may be mentioned to the Commander in Chief.—

Independent

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Independant of the Duty of the Regiments we are attached to, the General Cantonment Duty is performed by us, which consiquently brings a greater number of Serjeants and other non Commissioned Officers about us; also Cantonment and Regimental Courts Martial are held in our Houses — should we not be fortunate enough to get an addition made to our Quarters, we hope an Orderly Room will be built for the purposes above mentioned. — We are &c. &c.

Signed H. C. Montgomery
adjt 1st Regt & Master 1st Regt

James Dunn
2d Mr. 1st Regt

J Gukie Adjt 2d Regt Lt 4

J Wellwood 2d M 3d Regt

Camp near Condatore
May 27th 1789

Captain Keith Macalister
Commanding the Cavalry in Camp

Sir,

We are favored with a perusal of General Harris's reply, through his Secretary to our letter of the 28th Ultimo to you respecting Quarters, & in Consequence would give such reasons, as we think most conducive to elucidate the principle on which we ground our application. —

The Cavalry have not been since in

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The Honorable Company's Service, allowed a Brigade Staff, and the Duties of the Cantonment have been carried on, by the Regimental Staff Officers, without any allowance whatsoever, on that account, or on account of Quarters, except 50 Pagodas since the year 1784, and there is one among us, who has built both at Arcot and Trichinopoly on the same allowance, and although it was granted for a "Temporary Bungalo, during the Monsoon" we have not received since, the smallest sum to enable us to keep those "Temporary Quarters" in Repair, and we can venture to assert that Double the Sum yearly, would not reimburse the Sums we have laid out, to shelter ourselves from the inclemencies of the weather;—

Nots House Rent, we never have received any, though we have been obliged to furnish ourselves with Quarters, long after the Period for which the 50 Pagodas was granted, and would either have been allowed Quarters, or House Rent in any other Station.—

We believe, that more extensive Quarters (not to mention pecuniary allowances) are granted to Brigade Staff; in such light we look upon ourselves while doing the Duties of the Line, as Brigade Majors, and Quarter Masters of Brigade; and from the

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Inconveniences we are subject to, from Orderly Serjeants, Cantonment Courts Martial, Courts of Enquiry, Committees, and other General Duties, think we are either entitled to some addition to our Houses, as Solicited in our last, or an Orderly Room, —

On these Grounds we took the liberty of addressing you before; On these Grounds we again address you, in Consequence of General Horne's letters submitted to our Perusal, and hope the reasons adduced by Us, will be sufficient to induce the Commanding in Chief, to lay our application, and Second it, before the Honorable Board, —

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Camp near Cunatoor June 2d 1789

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Cornet Adjt & Reg. Master 1st Regt

James Dunn, Cornet
and 2d Mr 1st Regt

J. Geekie, Adjt 3d Regt Cavalry

J Welwood 2d Mr 3d Regt

A true Copy
(Signed) Richd Chase Secy

From the Circumstances stated in the foregoing

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foregoing Letter, the Board have no difficulty in resolving to decline acquiescing in the request of the Brigade Staff Officers of Cavalry —

Read the following Letter from the Muster Master General —

To the Honorable John Holland Esqr
President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Muster Master General with a General Muster Return of the Troops on the Coast recommends that an additional Muster Master be appointed for the Center Division of the Carnatic —

I have the Honor to lay before you a General Return of his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Troops, serving under this Presidency, and likewise of the Lascars and Artificers, together with the Bullocks and their Drivers —

The Muster Masters of the Northern and Southern Divisions have not reported any thing extraordinary to me but Mr. Frederick Campbell Muster Master of the Centre Division at the last Six Months — Muster, from which this General Return has been made out, reports that the 1st Regiment of native Cavalry was then extremely deficient in Saddles, which however by the Subsequent Muster, I find have been in a great measure supplied — Sied Modeen Jemidar in

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the first troop of the same Regiment, has been respited the two last Musters, having been absent without leave. —

In the first and fifth Battalion Companies of the 25th Battalion of native Infantry are two Sepoys who from age and infirmities are deemed by the Muster Master, unfit for Service. —

These are the only remarks I have to make respecting the last Six Months muster, but I must take the liberty of observing to you respecting the Musters in general that the center Division is so extremely extensive, it is impossible for any one person to muster all the Troops within the time limited for the performance of that Duty, particularly since the acquisition of the Guntoor Circar. —

I have the Honor to be,

with respect,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) J Capper
C.G.M. &c.

Ordered that the General Muster Return be lodged in the Office. —

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Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham. —

To

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To the Honble John Holland Esq.

Governor &c in Council

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham requests in behalf of himself and the family of the late Lieutenant Colonel Tanner, to be allowed Offreckonings for the Broken Period of the year 1788

The Honorable Board having been pleased by their Orders of the 4th February last to give to the Lieutenant Colonels Commanding Battalions of artillery the Offreckon: ings arising from the Cloathing of the Gun Lascars until the 31st December 1787, at the rate of 500 Pagodas p annum, I beg leave to request in behalf of the Family of the late Lieut.t Colonel Tanner, as well as for myself, that you will be pleased to extend this Indulgence for the broken Period of the year 1788, for although the Corps of Gun Lascars was not formed until the 16th April, yet as there was a Corps of assistant Gunners nearly on the same footing and Strength for the preceding Months of that year for whom regular Stoppages for Cloathing were made, the Company cannot be a loser by our receiving two years Offreckonings, as the Surplus arising from the Gun Lascars is considerably greater than from a Corps of Native Infantry, and as the Board was pleased to grant this allowance expressly in consideration of the attention paid by the Lieutenant Colonels of artillery to the formation

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formation, and good Order of this useful Body of Men, objects which I flatter myself have been fully attained, I venture to hope that this Request will not be thought unreasonable, and that you will be pleased to Order Payment accordingly. The Difference tho' too inconsiderable to be a public Object, will be of great consequence to the Family of Lieutenant Colonel Tanner, and be received as a Mark of the Honorable Board's good Opinion of his Conduct as well as of mine.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

&c. &c.

Signed Wm Lydenham

Lieut.t Col.l Artillery

Mount
31st May 1789

At the request contained in the foregoing Letter is reasonable, the Stoppages having been made, it is agreed that it be complied with and that the Military Paymaster General be directed to pay to Lieutenant Colonel Tanner's Executor, and to Lieutenant Colonel Lydenham, the Off Reckonings for the Broken Period of the year 1786 at the rate of Pagodas 500 ℔ annum.

Minute thereon

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Officer

Commanding at Wallanjahbad, —

John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Commanding Officer at Wallanjahbad — in reply to the Sheriff's Complaint against some Officers of the 52d Regiment. —

I have made the strictest enquiry in my power into the Complaints made by the Sheriff against Lieutenant Heron, Ensign Savage, and Surgeon Drummond, for having encouraged the Soldiers of the 52d Regiment to beat Thomas Fetcher, and Isaac Farr, Bailiffs, and I have very reason to believe the Complaints against those Gentlemen, are without foundation. —

Wallanjahbad
June 6th 1789

I am, &c.
(Signed) M. Hunter Capt.
Commandg

Agreed that the Contents of the foregoing be communicated to the Sheriff in reply to his Letter of the Instant. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Attorney General be desired to inform the Board whether the Cantonment at Walaw, jahbad is within the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court. —

Do

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores with enclosures entered in M B No. 58. 59. 60. —

To

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To the Honorable John Holland Esq.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to inform you in Consequence of your Honorable Board's remark on the 3d Paragraph of our Letter of the 19th Ultimo, that the Arms under the Head of repairable are not included with the unserviceable Arms.

The Vizagapatam Indents enclosed in Mr. Chamiers letter of the 30th Ultimo we have delivered to the Commissary General of Stores for him to remark thereon and lay it before us at our next Meeting. Enclosed we transmit you (No 1) a return of the unserviceable Arms Advertized for Sale.

The Commissary General of Stores laid before us at our last Committee a Report of

From the Committee of Stores with a Return of unserviceable Arms advertized for Sale. Commissary General of Stores report upon the Cafts in the Department of the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions. The Committee of Stores at Masulipatam indent for a larger supply of Stores than the Statement allotted for that Place admits of. Remarks thereon

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of the State of the Carts & Cattle belonging to the Department of Commissary General of Grain with some remarks thereon, Copy of which we enclose for your Perusal on the Subject of the Carts belonging to the Department of the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions; We beg leave to observe that we are in Opinion with Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse that the repairable Carts should be repaired without Delay, and the unserviceable ones sold at Outcry; but in regard to a number of Carts being kept in Store we are of Opinion the Military Board should point out what Establishment will be necessary. —

The repairable Carts to be repaired the unserviceable ones to be sold at Outcry —

The Opinion of the Military Board will be desired upon the points recommended by the Committee. —

We have the Honor to lay before You a Statement of Stores allotted for the Garrison of Masulipatam, and an Indent for Stores required at that place, with the Commissary General of Stores remarks thereon, We must here take leave to observe that

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Approved

a Letter will be written to Masulipatam accordingly

the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam have indented for a much larger supply of Stores than the Statement allotted for that place admits of annually, and therefore recommend that that Committee be called upon to state their reasons for so doing, and be ordered in future never to indent for more Stores than will complete the deficiencies, as the Complying with them would prevent other Garrisons having their proportion and overset that regular System now in force, which we conceive is much for the benefit of the Service.—

The Gun Carriages & Platforms of a new Construction recommended by us and approved of by your Honor &c. being now ready for

Trial

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Trial, we beg to propose that the Chief Engineer be Ordered to place it in a proper Situation that the necessary Experiments may be made.

an application will be made to Lieutenant Colonel Ross

No. 3 is Copy of a List of Stores received last month from the Military Storekeeper and the Contractors yard, Musters of which we examined and approved, and as we found the Platform Carts Gun Carriages Chains & Yokes well made, we Ordered them to be received on the Company's Book.

approved

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

(Signed) Matw. Horne
J Capper
Patrick Ross
J Moorhouse

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Read

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From General Horne

Read a Letter from General Horne (entered in M.B. No. 61.) giving Cover to the Proceedings of a Committee of Cavalry Officers held, to Cast the Horses of the Governor's Body Guard.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Cast Horses be sold at Publick Outcry.

From the Commanding Officer at Bellumcondah

Read Letters from the Officer Commanding at Bellumcondah and from the Collector at Guntoor (entered in M.B. No. 62.63) the former stating that on account of the weather he had begun upon his Quarters at his own Risk, & must depend upon the generosity of Government for a Reimbursement.

From the Collector at Guntoor.

The latter giving his opinion that Lieutenant Forbes's Estimate transmitted to the Board is too high.

Minute thereon

Having considered, the different Letters before them on this Subject, the Board resolve, that the Sum of 400 Pag.s be given to Lieutenant Forbes for the purpose of erecting Quarters for himself and the Company of Sepoys with him.

Military appointments

The President recommends the following Military appointments.

Lieutenant Colonel Trent to command in the District of Ganjam.

Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast to command the Garrison of Vizagapatam.

Major Wynch to Command in the Guntoor Circar.

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Read

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From the Rajah of Travancore

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (entered in C.C. No. 47) reporting the arrival of Mr Downey at his Durbar, and expressing the great satisfaction which this Event has given him.

Intelligence

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence received from Hydrabad & the Mysore Country – from the latter it is reported that Tippoo is making considerable levies from his army.

Geo. W. Marton

John Holland

Jas. H. Casamayor

Edw. Jn. Holland