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To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

From the Agents of some of the Nabob's unconsolidated Creditors — requesting that the necessary Payments may be made in consequence of the orders from home, received p Houghton.

We have had the honor of receiving M.r Secretary White's Letter of the 10.th Instant, enclosing Extract of General Letter from the Hon.ble Company, under date the 8.th April 1789, for which we beg leave to make our acknowledgements.

By this Extract We perceive that the Hon.ble Court of Directors have been pleased to resolve that the claims of those whom we represent, and which they have honored so far as to pronounce "not only unexceptionable, but in "a public point of view, highly meritorious", shall "be "put on the same footing, and to be entitled to the benefits "of the Directions they gave respecting the Claims of Mess.rs "Cosby, Campbell, Jourdain & Dott". — We have therefore to request that you will be pleased to order the necessary Payments to be made to us, in like manner as was done to Mess.rs Cosby &c.a, in order that at the next Dividend to the Nabob's Creditors in general, our representatives may, in conformity to the directions of the Hon.ble Company, stand on the same footing as those Gentlemen will do at that Period.

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

Fort St. George.
15.th September 1789 —

signed

William Duffin { for the Estate of Major Davison
Jos. DuPré Porcher { Attorney to Major Stephenson
Gulloh { for Major Burrowes & the Adm.rs of Captain Mc Alister dec.d
" Nath.l E. Kindersley { for Colonel Martin
Benj.n Roebuck { for Mr. Wm. Petrie Executor to the Estate of Mr. J. Redhead.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Extracts from the General Letter to Houghton, which relate to the Claims contained in the foregoing Letter, be sent to the Accountant General, and that he be directed to make up to the present time, and lay before the Board the Account of each Claim mentioned in the Extracts.

Read the following Letter from General Horne, received a few days ago.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Brigadier General Horne — with his Sentiments on the Military arrangements ordered by the Court of Directors in their Letter of the 8th of April last

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Chaviers letter of the 9th Instant, desiring my Sentiments on the Military arrangements it encloses, being an Extract from the General Letter from the Hon'ble Company, bearing date 8th April 1789. and comprehending the Paragraphs of the Letter, from 97 to 119 inclusive.

In compliance with the Commands of the Honorable Board, I have the honor to inform you, as previously necessary to a communication of my sentiments appear to me to on the subject, that the Honble Company have established the following Regulations in the above-mentioned Extract of their Letter: with a reference, at the same time, on certain points, to the orders they have transmitted to Bengal, and to the present practice of the service there, as well as to what formerly prevailed in the Army on the Coast.

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First. — That Captain Lieutenants shall be included in the number of Eight Subordinate Officers to a Battalion of Native Infantry.

Second. — That exclusive Officers shall not be allowed to the Corps of Artillery, Infantry and Engineers, on account of the Officers returned on the strength of those Corps who are employed as Judge Advocates, Brigade Staff, Regimental Staff, and Garrison Staff, in which latter, I comprehend Barrack masters.

Third. — That the Subaltern Stations in the above Corps shall be supplied from the highest Ranks first, as far as they will go (including the Captain Lieutenants as Subalterns, as per paragraph 104) in order that the Supernumerary Subalterns may be of the Rank of Ensign until the Establishment of Lieutenants & Ensigns is reduced to the necessary strength.

Fourth. — That making Cadets or admitting Persons into the Military Service, except by the authority of the Company, is prohibited: and that the Offices in the Service, are to be held only by the Servants of the Company.

Fifth. — That all Appointments to Commissioned Rank of Persons not authorized by the Company to be received into the Service, that have been made since April 1786, are to be annulled.

Having thus stated what I conceive to be the Regulations established by the Company, I shall now beg leave to lay before the honorable Board, a Return of

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the Establishment of Subalterns ordered for the above named Corps, and of the Officers of that Rank present in India to compleat it: in which those that have been Commissioned since April 1786 will be excluded, but including the Captain Lieutenants according to the Arrangements laid down in the General Letter. The Honble Board will then have under consideration at one view the State of the Army in the Corps and Ranks in which the Honorable the Court of Directors have signified their orders.

Return as above described, Shewing the Supernumeraries or wanting to complete.

Corps and Establishment	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns or Lieutenants Fire Workers	Total Subalterns including the Captain Lieutenants	Supernumerary Capt. Lieutenants	Supernumerary Lieutenants	Supernumerary Ensigns or Lieutenants Fire Workers	Supernumerary Total Subalterns including the Capt. Lieutenants	wanting to compleat Compleat Establishment of Fire Workers	wanting to compleat Total Subalterns including the Capt. Lieutenants
Artillery Establishment	"	20	20	40	"	"	"	"	"	"
Present Strength	"	22	6	28	"	2	"	"	14	12
Infantry Establishment	"	160	144	304	"	"	"	"	"	"
Present Strength	3	126	1	284	3	26	"	"	49	20
Engineer Establishment	"	8	8	16	"	"	"	"	"	"
Present Strength	"	8	"	8	"	"	"	"	8	8
Total Establishment	"	188	172	380	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total Present	3	216	101	320	3	28	"	"	71	40

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It will appear to your honorable Board, from the above Comparative view of the Establishment of Subalterns ordered for the Corps of Artillery, Infantry, and Engineers, with the numbers of that Rank now in India, that there will be a deficiency, after striking off those that have been Commissioned since 1786, of 12 Subalterns in the Artillery, 20 in the Infantry, and 8 in the Corps of Engineers — Total

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Deficiency Forty Subalterns, although three Captain Lieutenants have been included among the number of Subalterns present, in conformity to the arrangement from home. But as this description of Officers have the Rank of Captain, I think it necessary to acquaint the Board, that they never Roll and do Duty as Subalterns, and consequently that the Total deficiency of Subaltern Officers, for the Duty of their Rank in the three Corps, will be Forty three.

The number of Subalterns now present, who have been Commissioned since April 1786, is Thirty three as per the Enclosed List, exclusive of Mr. Alexander Falconer, who stands appointed a Cornet of Cavalry. Six of these Gentlemen have served with the Artillery, Twenty three with the Infantry, and Four with the Corps of Engineers. the Deficiency therefore to the Establishment of Subalterns ordered by the last Dispatch, even on a supposition that those Gentlemen are retained in their present situations, will be Ten Subalterns.

Ensign Pearce of Infantry, and Cornets Neale & Mahon of Cavalry, although their Date of Rank in those Corps is posterior to April 1786, are not included in the List of Officers whose Appointments are annulled, as they were named to Commissions previous to that Date in other Corps, and only removed to those in which they are now returned in consequence of the Subordinate Arrangements of the Service.

It remains now with your honble Board to determine whether or not the Establishments of Subalterns

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in the Three Corps under Consideration shall be deficient by ten or by forty three in the present situation of the Service. I can only give my opinion, and I do without reserve, that were even the numbers appointed since April 1786, to be retained, the public Service may suffer materially from the Deficiency that will still be experienced in the Corps of artillery & Engineers: the former of which will be less by six out of Forty Subalterns, and the latter by four out of sixteen — Should these Gentlemen be retained, the Infantry will be precisely compleated to the Establishment of Subalterns, with this only difference, that there will remain Twenty Six Supernumeraries of the Rank of Lieutenant in the Infantry, while the Rank of Ensign will be deficient by Forty nine; it will consequently follow, should this arrangement be adopted by your honorable Board, that no promotion can take place to the Rank of Lieutenant in the Corps of artillery and Infantry, according to the principles of the Regulation established by the company, until such an number of vacancies shall fall in that Rank of those Corps as will necessarily be filled up to compleat the fixed Establishment ordered by the company.

Whatever resolution your honble Board may judge expedient to adopt on this subject, I beg leave to recommend that the honble Company be advised in your earliest dispatch, of the number of young Gentlemen that will be required from home in the

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course of next Season to fill Commissions in the army on this Establishment, and that they be detailed by Corps, with a view to Enable the Company to judge of the Education and Professional Attachment of the Young Men previous to their being destined for particular Corps.

Beg leave to observe that the Captain Lieutenants became Supernumerary in Consequence of the new Establishment of the army in 1786, which did not include Officers of that description in any Corps of the Service: they are in fact therefore so many Captains, although the Establishment of the several Corps does not at present admit of their being ported in that Capacity. Under this Consideration of the Predicament the Captain Lieutenants are placed in, and with a view to uniformity of system at each Presidency, which I understand to have been the principle adopted by the Company, when their armies were new modelled in 1786, I beg leave to recommend to your hon.ble Board, that in the army on the Coast as well as in Bengal, a Promotion shall be made in order to obtain Exclusive Officers in proportion to the numbers and Ranks of those employed on the General and Brigade Staff; for altho' the Hon.ble Company in their last Dispatch (Para: 106) mention the Majors of Brigade as Officers that may be non-effective, they by no means say that they shall be so; on the Contrary it will be found on reference to their former letter in the Military Department, that they consider the Staff Officers of the above Description

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as additional ones on the Establishment, to the number required to compleat Corps, although it is decidedly regulated that Adjutants shall not be looked upon in that point of View; and for this obvious reason; I shall the Adjutant apprehend, is constantly with his Corps & commonly in charge of a company in the absence of Captains from sickness or leave, while the Officers who are employed on the General and Brigade Staff, although they may be present at the station of the Corps, are not in any shape forthcoming for the Regimental Duty.

As the honorable Company in their orders, both to Bengal and this Presidency, confine their restriction regarding Exclusive Officers to the Regimental Staff; and as the Military System followed on this point at the former Presidency, which appears to be highly approved by the Company, is the same that I have now recommended, I hope that your honble Board will establish it as the rule on the Coast for the reasons already signified, in addition to which it will be found of real utility to the Discipline of our European Infantry Corps, which on the present System are unavoidably deprived of the Officers employed on the General & Brigade Staff of the Army. And I also beg leave to recommend to the Honorable Board / being conformable to the Regulations in Bengal) that the quarter Masters of the Native Brigades, who have little Employment in that Station, shall in future be named Adjutant & Quarter Master of Brigade / but without any additional Pay) and that

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attend the Field Officer Commanding the Native Bri=
=gades, to officiate as their public Staff Officer in absence
of the Majors of Brigade, who are to be under the sole
orders of Colonels Commanding, although to be returned
as at present on the Staff of the Native Brigades.

As I observe that the Honble Company con=
=tinue in the Service the Consectors of Stores under certain
restrictions, I beg leave to suggest that it may be proper
to publish the same in orders, as a Regulation that it will
be of use for the army at Large to be informed of.

The Honble Company having remarked in
the 108th Para: of the General Letter, that there is a mis=
=take in the Return sent home Febuary 1788, by not
inserting in the Column for Supernumeraries, the
Subalterns of that Description belonging to the Native
Infantry, I think it my Duty to explain the mat=
=ter in that particular Instance, as well as to prevent
future Censure from the same cause in any similar Case.

On reference to the General Return Book
in the Adjutant Generals' Office, I find the numbers are
detailed as mentioned in the Para: alluded to, without
accounting any of them as Supernumeraries; but this
I presume will not be considered as a Mistake in the
Return, because the Establishment fixed by the Orders
of this Government, under which it was made out,
did not admit of any Supernumerary Officers of the
Description alluded to, and consequently they could
not be inserted in that line without a deviation from
the existing orders of the Government — the Return

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therefore cannot I imagine be judged of regularly by any other Rule than the Establishment fixed for the Army, of which it was intended to convey the General State, and that Establishment appears by the 98th and 106th Paragraphs, to have been sent home.

As soon as this Government has ordered the Establishment of the Army to be varied, a consequent alteration will necessarily appear on the Returns on the same principle that they have hitherto been made out, so that its general State in Numbers of every description may be judged of, by the Honble Company and this Government, in comparison with the fixed Establishment.

As it may be the intention of the Honorable Board that I shall give my Sentiments on the Arrangement of Officers for the Corps of Cavalry, although the subject is not included in the Extract of the General Letter under date 8th April last, I beg leave to represent that the present strength of Cavalry Officers on the Returns (excluding Cornet Falconer who was appointed to a Commission in the Service since April 1786) is 5 Majors, 1 Captain, 5 Captain Lieutenants, 24 Lieutenants, and 18 Cornets, making in all 53 Officers, 42 of which Number are Subalterns; it will consequently follow, should exclusive Officers be allowed for the Posts of Adjutant & Quarter Master in each Regiment; that there will be 1 Captain 5 Captain Lieutenants and 11 Subalterns Supernumerary, Total 17, after allowing 1 Subaltern for the Hon'ble the

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President's Body Guard, over and above the Establish-
-ment of 5 Regiments; but I am led to propose to
your Honble Board, that should any arrangement of
the kind take place in the Cavalry, that the Supernume-
-rary Officers of that Corps shall remain on their present
Footing in respect to their Allowances, and be permitted
to act with the Cavalry until Vacancies happen to bring
them on the Effective Establishment. I beg leave
further to remark to the Honble Board, that the con-
-stitution of a Regiment of Cavalry as it now stands on
the Establishment of the Coast Army, is very defective,
and by no means consistent under just Military Principles.
—The inconsistency I allude to is to be found in the
Appointments, which by the present system Constitutes
the Establishment of European Commissioned Officers for
a Regiment, because it does not admit of any interme-
-diate Rank between that of Majors & Lieutenants:
it must therefore appear evident, under the Rule that
guides promotion in the Service of the Honble Company,
that as Vacancies fall in the Cavalry, the Lieutenants
of the Corps will rise at one step to the Rank of
Major, over the heads of all the Captains in India.

In order to remove the Injury which will be
thus experienced by the Captains, while the present system
for the Cavalry remains, I am of opinion that it will be
adviseable to proportion the Officers composing a Regi-
-ment in a manner that will produce the Chance of
Promotion in that line of the Service nearer to what
can be expected in other Corps, by fixing the Rank of
Captain

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Captain as part of the Establishment of a Regiment of Native Cavalry — On this principle then, & with a view at the same time to have an Officer of the Rank of Captain in the Command of each Squadron in a Regiment, I beg leave to recommend and to request it may be transmitted home for the consideration of the Honble Company, that each Regiment of Native Cavalry shall have an Establishment of European Commissioned Officers, consisting of one Major, three Captains, three Lieutenants, and three Cornets — Total for a Regiment Ten Officers, and for five Regiments, and the Hon.ble the President's Body Guard fifty one.

Should this Plan be approved, there will remain two Supernumeraries Officers of Cavalry, according to the present strength on the Returns; and five provided two Captain Lieutenants and one Lieutenant of the Corps now at home shall return to the Service.

Should the Hon.ble Board think proper to recommend the proposed new arrangement for the Establishment of a Regiment of Cavalry, it will occasion every rapid rise in that Corps, from the Rank of Subaltern to Captain, being in the proportion in point of numbers of only two of the former to one of the latter, whereas in the Corps of Artillery and Engineers, it stands four to one, and in the Infantry, something less than five to one. this however may be in some degree remedied by Government having the power to make removals in Ranks of the same

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same degree from one Corps to another, through the whole of the Corps forming the Military Establishment, without prejudice to the Rank in the new Corps, of the Officers so removed. the addition of expence to the Public under the proposed arrangement for the Cavalry, may I think be provided against with a great deal of propriety, in some measure by reducing the present pay of the Subidars of Cavalry whose full pay is Pags. ℔ c 31. 10. 40 monthly, while that of a subidar of Infantry is only 13 Pagodas: I am therefore induced to propose, should the Plan in other respects be adopted, that the full Pay of a Pgs. ℔ c Subidar of Cavalry shall be no more than 25. 31. 40 ℔ month, & the Stoppages for Cloathing remain as at present. Pgs. ℔ c 1. 31. 40; and even if a reduction to this Effect shall take place, the Cavalry Subidar will be in the receipt of double the Pay that falls to the same Rank in the Infantry, which is somewhat more than the proportion that will still remain between the Pay of the other Ranks of Natives in these two Corps.

As the number of Serjeants (who are generally taken from the Invalid List) to whom the Extra Pay of Four Pagodas ℔ month is allowed for executing the Duties of Serjeant Major, Quarter Master Serjeant, Key Serjeant, & Store Serjeant at different Stations of the Troops, is not now ascertained by any fixed regulation or Establishment, it becomes necessary that the number of Serjeants of the above description should be determined upon in public orders, so that every vacancy may be filled up, and the whole under authority as part of the Establish-

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Establishment in the Book of Regulations: for which purpose I have the honor to enclose a return of the number of Sergeants, and the Stations where they are judged necessary for the Service in that line of Duty, and which is submitted to the Honble Board's consideration.

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

Fort St. George
18th September 1789 —

(signed) Mathew Horne

List of Officers who have been Appointed to Commissions in the Military Service on the Coast since April 1786 — Fort St. George 18th September 1789.

Artillery

Lieutenant Fireworkers

John Sinclair
Francis Geoghagan Junr.
Adam MacKay
Andrew Mc. Intire
Samuel Groves
6 M. H. Lewis

Infantry

Ensigns

Patrick Mc Donald
James Gillanders
William Meulto.
John Jones
5 Thomas Bowles
James Willson
Hugh Macrae
Charles Mosbie
John Butler
10 Alexander Muirhead
Whitney Maccally
Thomas Whitlie
J. Wm. Hazard
T. S. Gibson
15 C. W. Gibson
Thomas Shadwell
Wm. Bellew
Edward Cudmore
Francis Bellew
20 G. G. Macpherson
Robert Lyon
John Gourlay
23 Hugh Davidson

Engineers

Ensign & Practitioner Engr.

Arthur Forrest
Alexander Cree
David Barclay
4. George Johnstone

(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

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Minute thereon

Having attentively considered the Contents of the foregoing Letter, & adverted to the present State of the Military Establishment upon this Coast, the Board are of opinion, that they cannot, without material Injury to the Service, proceed to carry into Execution the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors for annulling the Commissions granted to Officers since May 1786. if this order were enforced at this Juncture, when there is a probability of the Army taking the Field, the worst consequences might ensue; and the service could not be carried on without very great impediments and disadvantages, if a Deficiency of upwards of 100 Subalterns were suffered to exist — This Deficiency would of course daily increase by Casualties, at a time when the means of completing the Establishment with Officers, would not be within our power.

For these reasons and many others which might be adduced, it is resolved to postpone, for the present, the execution of the Company's Orders, as mentioned in the 11th Parag: of their Letter p Houghton, respecting the striking off the Officers appointed since May 1786.

The Execution of the Company's orders, for annulling the Officers Commissions granted since may 1786 — postponed.

But altho' the Government have found it necessary to adopt this measure, to obviate the injury which the Service would otherwise suffer, they resolve to carry into immediate Execution, the other Military Arrangements made by the Court of Directors.

The other orders to be carried into immediate Execution

Agreed, that a General Order be published containing the abovementioned arrangements.

Resolved that General Horne's Letter be transmitted to Europe, as a seperate Number in the Packet;

General Horne's Letter to go a number in the Packet.

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and that his Plan respecting the Cavalry be submitted to the consideration of the Court of Directors.

An order to be published respecting Staff Serjeants, as recommended by General Horne.

The Board approve General Horne's recommendation respecting Staff Serjeants, and it is Agreed that an order be published conformably thereto.

Read the following Letters (entered in M.B. Nos. 108. 109.)

From Ensign Leith

From Ensign Leith — stating that he has attained a Proficiency in the Persian Language, and requesting the usual Allowance if found deserving.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Persian Translator be directed to examine Ensign Leith, & report the proficiency he has attained

From Colonel Nixon

From Colonel Nixon — transmitting an Estimate amounting to Pags. 75, of some Repairs immediately necessary at Vellore.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a permission be given for the Execution of the above Repairs, provided they do not exceed the Estimate.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob (entered in C.C. No. 84) enclosing a Teep for 135000 Pags., which he states to be in full for the Mauth Kist.

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Intelligence

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence received from Coimbetoor.

Ld. Garlies Morten

John Holland

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19 Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Right Hon.ble Cha.s Earl Cornwallis K.G. Governor General in Council

My Lord

To Bengal — His Majesty's Field officers have made another application on the Subject of difference of Pay — Remarks thereon.

Upon the receipt of the letter from your Lordship to our late President, dated the 2nd. of February last, we communicated the concluding Paragraph to His Majesty's Field Officers; which has occasioned another application to us for a real or supposed difference of Pay, that according to the opinion of your Lordship, should be ascertained by the Officer of Controul at this Presidency, and if found to have actually existed, the Arrears should certainly be made good to His Majesty's officers for the period of their respective services in India.

Upon considering this subject with attention, We are of opinion, that agreeably to your Lordship's former Minute, the Retrospect should not go further back than the arrival of the orders by the Ranger; or that the period mentioned in your General Orders of the 1st. July 1788, viz.t the 1st. of August following, when the Arrears of his Majesty's Troops were to be added to the Subsistence, was the time fixed for a new Arrangement, but which was not to give rise to any retrospective claim whatever.

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Upon this occasion We think it worthy of Remark to your Lordship, that the Allowances to the corresponding Ranks of Field Officers of both Services /previous to the new Arrangement/ taken Collectively, not Seperately; were nearly equal, as will more fully appear by the Enclosed Statement; from which you will perceive that a full Colonel of his Majesty's Service has received Pag.a 277.3.30 Pannum less than a full Colonel of the Company's Service; and, that the other Ranks of Field Officers of His Majesty's Service have received something more than Field Officers of corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service.

Altho' His Majesty's Field Officers under the Head of Subsistence have received less than the Field Officers of the Company's Service, it may be presumed that the fixed Allowance of Gratuity was intended to compensate for this difference, and to render their Allowances collectively equal to those of the Company's Field officers; in Corroboration of which opinion, it is proper to observe that We find the Gratuity to His Majesty's Troops was mentioned in the Book of Regulations in the following Words, viz.t

"In order to make the Pay of the King's Troops when
"employed in the East Indies upon a level with
"that of the Company's, a Gratuity is allowed them
"according to the following Statement" — The amount

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19th of this Statement is conformable to that which is enclosed.

If the Company are to pay the King's Field Officers any arrears from the period of their respective Services in India, it will perhaps be necessary to consider by what means repayment is to be obtained for the Surplus given to the Inferior Ranks for the same time; or, if such Surplus is not reclaimed, whether the Company's Field Officers of the corresponding inferior Ranks may not justly consider themselves entitled to a compensation in order to their being put upon an equal footing with the similar Ranks in the King's Service.

But that your Lordship may be fully informed upon this subject, We have the honor to Enclose you Letters from Colonels Musgrave & Stuart Nos. 1, 2 & 3, in which however We see no new arguments suggested in support of this Claim. The only one offered by Colonel Stuart, is a quotation of the last part of your Letter above mentioned to this Presidency, which taken literally, may be, doubtless construed in favor of his pretensions: at the same time We think the spirit of it is certainly open to every different Construction.

We also forward Copy of a Letter from Colonel Capper the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, on the subject of the Claim, being an Answer to our Order to him to report whether the difference of Pay, as stated by the King's Officers, actually existed.

With these materials before you We shall

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19th Shall hope soon to be honord with your Lordship's final decision on the Subject

We have the honour to be
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Fort St. George
18th. September 1789.

(signed) Jno. Holland
&c. Council.

The following Extract from the Board of Revenue is ordered to be entered hereunder.

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1789.

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue - recommending that Mr. John Clerk be furnished with an Havildar's Guard; and that the Sepoys stationed at Trivalore be recalled.

"Mr. Clerk having represented to us that a small Party of Sepoys will be necessary to enable "him to conduct the business of his Office, We request "that you will be pleased to order a Havildar's "Guard for this Service; and, as the Assistance of "the Sepoys, which were some time ago station- "ed at Trivalore, under the Aumildar of the "Pagodas, is no longer necessary, We beg leave to recommend "that this Party be recalled."

A true Extract
Signed/ Robert Clerk
Dep. Secy.

Minute thereon

Ordered, that the Sepoys stationed at Trivalore be withdrawn, and that a party be ordered to attend Mr. Clerk from the Revenue Battalion at Vellore.

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19 The following Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation in the Civil Department are ordered to be entered hereunder.

Mess.rs Jarvis & Carpenter Writers, appointed apsistants to the Secretary in the Secret Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 21st August 1789.

"Mr. John Jervis, & Mr. Charles Carpenter
"are appointed to be Apsistants under the Secre-
"tary in the Secret Department."

A true Extract

(signed) Robert Clerk
Dep.y Secry

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 18th September 1789.

Mess.rs Fullerton, Wilson & Grant Ditto - Ditto -

"Mr. Robert Fullerton, Mr. —— Wilson,
"and Mr. Francis Alexander Grant are appointed
"to be apsistants under the Secretary in the Secret
"Department; and it is ordered that a proportionable
"Reduction of the Native Writers be made in
"his Office."

A true Extract

(signed) Robert Clerk
Dep.y Secry

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in B. Nos. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120.)

To

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To the Accountant Genrl 20th

To the Accountant General — with Extracts from the General Letter Lately received on the subject of certain Claims upon the Nabob, which are to be put on the same footing, and entitled to the same benefits as the Claims of Messrs. Cosby, Campbell, Doll, & Co.— the Account therefore of each Claim is to be made up to the present time.

To Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt

To Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt at Calcutta — to repair to this Presidency within five Months from this date, or he will be struck off the List of the Army entirely.

To the Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore — The Board approve and confirm the Establishment of Servants for his office; and have no objection to his passing the Monthly Charge for them in his Accounts with the Military Paymaster General — To address the President in all Charges for Secret Intelligence; and to forward an Account of the Expences of the two Battalions, and the Sums received from the Rajah on that Account.

To the Military Paymaster Genl. & Controller Genl. of Army Accounts.

To the Military Paymaster General & to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — informing them of the Establishment of Servants allowed to the Resident at Travancore.

To the Paymaster at Tanjore

To the Paymaster at Tanjore — to pay to the Revd. W. Swartze the Sum of 300 Pagodas on Account

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20th of a Church built by him at Vellum, and now converted into a Barrack.

To Lieutenant Colonel Giels — enclosing Copy of that part of the General Letter, respecting him, received by the Houghton.

To Lieutenant Colonel Giels

To the Paymaster at Vellore — with Estimate of Repairs stated to be necessary to the Gun Sheds at Vellore, which the Board have ordered to be carried into Execution.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore — Informing him of the above Instructions to the Paymaster.

To the Commandant at Vellore

To Colonel Kelly — Enclosing Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter lately received from the Court of Directors, upon which he is desired to give the necessary Information.

To Colonel Kelly —

To the Committee of Stores — with Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam, together with an Indent of Military Stores for the use of that Garrison and District, upon which they are to report

To the Committee of Stores

To the Persian Translator — To examine Ensign James Leith, and report whether he has attained a sufficient Proficiency in the Persian Language to entitle him to the Allowance granted by the Company.

To the Persian Translator

Dispatches

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20th

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir

To Brigadier General Horne—
the Execution of the Orders
of the Company, for annulling
the Commissions
granted in this Country
since May 1786, postponed—
Enclosing Extract of a Letter
from England respecting
Lieutenant Forrest—Lieute-
nant Colonel Mordaunt
will be directed to repair
to the Presidency—Adjutant
General's Plan for recruiting
inadmissible—&c.

The Board have received your Letters of the 14th and 16th Instant, with their several Enclosures.

Having considered the present state of the Military Establishment, as particularly shewn in your Letter of the 14th Instant, they have resolved for the present to postpone the execution of the orders of the Court of Directors relative to the annulling the Commissions granted in this Country since May 1786; but in all other respects, the Board have come to the Determination of adhering strictly to the orders of the Court of Directors.

The Board will issue a General Order, containing such notifications & Resolutions as it is judged necessary to make known to the Army.

* Para: 5th.

I enclose an Extract* of the General Letter p. Houghton, relative to Lieutenant Forrest of the Engineers.

The Board have resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt be directed to repair to the Presidency within five Months, and that he shall during that

continued.

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20th Interval be considered a Supernumerary Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry to be struck off entirely, if he does not arrive within the prescribed time.

With respect to Adjutant Conan's proposition of proceeding to Europe on a Recruiting Service for the Artillery, I am directed to inform you that it is considered inadmissible, as the Recruiting System is under the particular Direction of the Honble the Company at home.

The Board will send your Letter of the 14th Instant, a number in the Packet by the next Conveyance; and will desire the attention of the Honble Court to your Recommendations respecting the Cavalry.

The Promotion of Captain Maclean; the arrangement for staff Serjeants; and the dismission of the Subidar will be notified in General Orders.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c &c

Fort St. George
19th September 1789

(signed) J. Chamier
Secy

To George Andrew Ram Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

The Board have received your Letters dated the 9th and 12th Instant, and have referred for Examination to the accountant General the Abstracts of Accounts Current forwarded in the former.

Government

To the Resident at Tanjore
the Abstracts of Accounts current forwardedby him have been referred for examination to the Accountant Generale the Items contained in this Secretary Accountants letter of the 19th Inst. 1789 are to be entered in the Debit of the Resident as he thought or reason to disallow of

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20th

Government have resolved to continue to the Debit of the late Rajah the Items contained in the Deputy accountant's Letter of the 31st. July 1787, as they see no reason to remit the Charges alluded to in those Items, which were carried to his Excellency's Debit by the late President in Council.

With respect to your suggestion of the propriety of laying up a Store of the Carr Crop now on the Ground, I am directed by the Board to inform you, that they do not judge this measure necessary.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. Chamier
Secy

Fort St. George
19th September 1789.
21st

To James Cornwallis Esqr.
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship the Crown

Sir

To Captain Cornwallis—
desiring he will touch at
Pellicherry in his Way to
Bombay.

The Honble the President in Council being of opinion, that it may prove of Consequence to ascertain the situation of the Garrison of Pellicherry at this Juncture, directs me to suggest to you the propriety of your touching at that Port in your way to Bombay, for the purpose of obtaining information whether the Garrison stands in need of any, & what relief

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21st

If any relief should be requisite, you will afford the Company's Servants at Tellicherry an opportunity of stating their Wants to the Presidency at Bombay.

In the Event of your falling in with Captain Byron in your Passage to the other Coast, the Board request you will be pleased to make him acquainted with the Contents of this Letter

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

Fort St. George
21st September 1789

(signed) J. Chamier
Secy

Sent a Letter to His Highness the Nabob (as Entered in C C No 85) acknowledging the Receipt of the Teep on Juggernaut Tanker for 135,000 Pagodas the Payment of his March Kist now compleated — desiring he will order the Kist Bundy Account made up and sent to his Durbar, to be examined and compared with the Circar Accounts; so that any differences may be rectified. and requesting he will take the necessary measures for the speedy Discharge of the Kist of seven Lacs which fell due on the 1st of August last.

substance of a Letter to his Highness the Nabob

The President sends in Circulation the following Minute for the Approbation of the Board.

As General Conway it is understood is very shortly to quit the Coast, the President proposes that

The President proposes that General Conway be requested to call upon Tippoo for the Enlargement of the English now languishing in the Prisons of Mysore.

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21st. a Letter should be addressed to him, reminding him that many of the Prisoners captured by Mons. Suffrein, who were delivered to the Custody of Hyder Ally, have not yet been restored; and as it is possible that Tippoo Sultaun may think himself more bound in honor to restore them to the French Nation, from whom they were received, than on a requisition immediately from the English Government. The President considers it as an act of Humanity and Attention due to those brave Officers who were Captured in the Service of their Country, to use every means consistent with the Credit of Government, to obtain their Liberation: and is therefore of opinion that an application to that Effect ought to be made to General Conway.

Approved

The Board very much approve the President's recommendation — Ordered therefore, that the following Letter be immediately dispatched to His Excellency the Compte de Conway.

To His Excellency Le Compte de Conway

Major General in His most Christian Majesty's Service; Commandant General of the French Settlements in India &c. &c. &c. at

Pondicherry

Sir

To General Conway — requesting he will make the necessary application to Tippoo for the delivery of the English Prisoners.

Having heard that you are soon to quit your present Station at Pondicherry in order to assume the Office of Governor General at the Islands of France and Bourbon

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21st Bourbon, I conceive it incumbent upon me to state to your Excellency, that many of the Prisoners captured by Monsieur de Suffrein, who were delivered to the Custody of Hyder Ally, still Languish in Prison in the Mysore Country. As it is possible that Tippoo Sultaun may consider himself more bound in honor to restore these Prisoners to the Representative of the French Nation, from whom they were received, than to the English Government, I beg leave to request your Excellency will interest yourself in behalf of those brave Officers & Men who were captured in the Service of their Country: and use such means, as may be in your power, to obtain their Enlargement.

For the accomplishment of this humane act, I place the utmost confidence in the liberal disposition which has upon all occasions influenced your Excellency's Conduct.

The enclosed is a list of Persons who I am informed are now in Confinement at Bangalore.

I have the honor to be

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21st September 1789.

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Jno. Holland

Receives the following Letter from the Accountant General.

To John Shanier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 19th Instant accompanied with Extracts of the General Letter from the Honble the Court

From the Accountant General — refers the Board to the Committee of Investigation of the Nabob's Debts, for the necessary Information on the subject of certain Claims on the Nabob; in which cases have been lately received from England.

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21st A Court of Directors lately received p Houghton, upon the Subject of certain Claims upon the Nabob; in reply to which I request you will be pleased to acquaint the Honble Board, that the Accounts there mentioned were never sent to my Office; neither was any Communication made to me on the Subject.

But as the Committee which investigated the Nabob's Debts, did, I understand, report to Government the State of those Claims, on which the Honble Court's orders have lately been received, a reference thereto will furnish the Honble Board with the Information which you now require from me.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) George Moubray
Accountant

Accountant General's Office, 23rd September 1789

22nd. Received a Letter from His Majesty's Deputy Adjutant General (as entered in M.B. No. 121.) requesting that an Advance of 60 days Batta may be made to Lieutenant Douglas of the 75th Regiment, for his Passage to Bombay — and applies for payment of a Bill for the Passage of 4 Invalids of the 72nd Regiment from Negapatam.

from the Deputy Adjutant General of His Majesty's Forces.

Sent a Letter to his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 87) enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors received p Houghton; respecting the annuity settled by his Highness on Brigadier General

Substance of a Letter to his Highness the Nabob.

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22d. General Joseph Smith; to which it is hoped he will be pleased to conform.

23rd. Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. A—B—C—D— between Nos. 121. and 122.)

To the Bengal Secretary. To the Bengal Secretary — with Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General, and 3 Enclosures; being the Accounts mentioned in the Letter to the Government General, under date the 30th. July last.

To Ensign Forrest of the Engineers — with Copy of the 5th. Parag: of the General Letter from England, dated 8th. April last.

To Ensign Forrest of the Engineers

To Colonel Nixon — to detach an Havildar's Guard from Captain Loring's Revenue Battalion, and direct it to attend upon Mr. Clerk, one of the Collectors in the Jaghire.

To Colonel Nixon

To the Commandant at Walaujahbad — to with= =draw immediately the Sepoys who were sent to Trivalore some time ago from his Cantonments

To the Commandant at Walaujahbad.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor. President.

Wednesday 23rd. September — 1789 — James Henry Casamaijor } Esqrs
and Edward John Holland }

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

Read the following Letter from the Sub. Secretary at Calcutta, with 27 Enclosures.

To

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

From the Sub Secretary at Calcutta — Enclosing Copies of Papers relating to the negociation of the Supreme Board with the Nizam's Vackeel.

The original Receipt of the Vackeel from the Vackeel from the Nabob Nizam Alley Khan, for the Bills which were granted to him on the 15th. Ultimo, on account of the Adjusted Balance due to his Highness by the Company, having been omitted to be sent with the Letter from the Governor General in Council to the Madras Government on the 15th. of July, I now beg leave to forward it to you with a Translation thereof, and a copy of the letter.

I am, at the same time, instructed to transmit to you, for the Information of the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, the enclosed Copy of a Minute, which the Governor General delivered in at the Board on the 10th. Ultimo; explaining fully the points of negociation with Meer Abul Kossim, and the Result of it; also Copies of the several Papers to which the Minute refers, in English and Persian.

Fort William
12th. August 1789.

I have the Honorable
Sir &c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Tombelle
Subsy

The Papers to be bound up in a Book apart —

The following only to be entered.

Agreed that the above, with the whole of the Papers accompanying it, be bound up in a Book apart, and lodged in the Office — the following only being entered hereunder.

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Governor General's Minute

Governor General's Minute

The Board were apprized upon the ar-
rival of the first notice of the Event, that, upon the
requisition of Captain Kennaway, the Resident of this
Government at Hydrabad, the Guntoor Circar was surren-
dered to the Company in September last, agreeable to
the tenor of the Treaty entered into between the Nizam
and the Company in 1768; and the substance of the Con-
ference that passed between that Gentleman and His High-
ness or his Ministers, relative to the adjustment of the
respective Claims of both Governments, on each other,
were also regularly communicated.

His Highness not assenting to the proposals
made by Captain Kennaway, for settling, on what he
conceived to be fair and liberal Grounds, the amount of
the arrears of Peishcush due by the Company; and being
at the same time professedly anxious to manifest on his
part, the strongest Desire to encrease and strengthen the
good understanding Existing between the two Governments,
deputed Meer Abul Cossim, as his Vackeel to this Pre-
-sidency, Entrusting him with full and distinct Powers
to enter into Treaties & Engagements in his Name; to alter and explain
such articles of the Treaty of 1768 as bear an Ambiguous
meaning; and to finally adjust our mutual Claims: on
his side, of the Peishcush due by the Company for the
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Northern Circars; and, on ours, of the Revenues of the Guntoor since they became our Right by the Death of Bazalet Jung.

Although the Members of Government have been acquainted from time to time with the material points that have been agitated and discussed between me and Meer Abul Cossim, it will nevertheless be proper, as the negociation is terminated in a very satisfactory manner, that a full and connected account of the Particulars should now be laid before the Board.

As the Nizam did not accede to the proposal made to him by our Resident, and the Articles of the Treaty of 1768, in many Instances, bear a very undefined meaning, the measure adopted by His Highness to obtain a new Treaty, or at least an Explanation of the Ambiguous Articles of the old one, and to adjust his Account with the Company, affordes me great satisfaction; and as the Nizam has never before sent a Deputation to this Place, I doubt not but the Board will join me in giving him full Credit for the advances that he has made to this step for Cementing a friendly Connexion between the two Governments.

The Instructions to Captain Kennaway, proposed by me, and approved by the Board on the 7th of May 1788, point in general towards obtaining Possession of the Circar, and to the Adjustment of the Accounts between the two Governments, making mention of one Article only of the Treaty of 68. but Meer

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Abul Cosim was charged with the Discussion of every Article of the Treaty, as well as with the adjustment of the Accounts; and as I have considered them as two distinct Heads in my Correspondence with His Highness, I shall lay them before the Board in the same manner. — It will be proper to mention here, that exclusive of my discussions either by Writing, or in Personal Conferences, I derived great Assistance from the Attention and Ability of Mr. Cherry the Persian Translator, whom I had frequent occasion to employ to enter into Explanations with the Vakeel, in several material points in verbal Conversations.

The Friendly Sentiments entertained by His Highness towards this Government are expressed in the Paper delivered to Mr. Cherry on the 14th. March [vide No. 1.] by Meer Abul Cosim, as early after his arrival, as the Fatigues of his Journey would permit. To this Paper I gave a verbal Answer, tending to satisfy him in regard to the requests it contained.

The Paper received the 26th. March (No. 2) comprized the General Heads of the matter entrusted to the charge of Meer Abul Cosim, delivered by him in consequence of the Assurances which were conveyed to him from me by Mr. Cherry, and those Heads are respectively replied to in my Letter to his Highness.

I have already remarked that the Instructions to Captain Kennaway noticed only one of the Articles of the Treaty viz. the 6th. Act, by which it is stipulated

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Stipulated that the Company are to supply His Highness with a Military Force "whenever their affairs will permit".

Meer Abul Cosim delivered His Highness's Sentiments on other parts of the Treaty, and the particulars of them are contained in the accompanying Paper (No. 3) being the substance of a Conversation with Mr Cherry. A Reference to my reply thereto (No. 4.) will shew the principles on which it is founded.

I likewise think it proper to lay before the Board, a Draft of a Treaty (No. 5.) proposed to be entered into by Meer Abul Cosim between the Company and His Highness — The orders under which this Government acts in regard to new Treaties with the Powers of India militated so strongly against the proposal of the Vaikeel, that I took an opportunity early in my negociation to mention that I was under the necessity of confining myself to an explanation of the Ambiguous Articles of the Treaty, and freely communicated to him the nature of the Orders by which I was restricted from Contracting new Engagements.

Meer Abul Cosim appeared sensible of the propriety of my resolution, to decline entering into any new treaty, and entirely satisfied with the modes that I proposed for Convincing His Highness of our sincere intention to execute the Treaty of 1768, by giving a clear Explanation of the meaning of the

Ambiguous

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Ambiguous Articles; and it will appear by my Letter to the Nizam (No. 6.) that in explaining these Articles of the Treaty, I have not deviated from the spirit of what Candor would oblige us to admit to have been their original meaning.

The 6th. and 12th. are the only Articles that underwent any material discussion; and as they are couched in terms which do not manifest a very sincere intention in the Framers of the Treaty to perform them, I am persuaded that the Board will approve of the Explanations of them that I have given, as being a return indispensibly due on our part to the Nizam's full execution of his part of the Treaty, by his ready and complete Surrender of the Circar, immediately upon the Requisition being formally made by the Resident of this Government.

The Object of the present System of Government is to impress the Native Powers of India with Confidence in our Conduct towards them, and with firm assurance of our steadfastness to our Engagements. To have struck this Article, the 6th. wholly out of the Treaty, as proposed by Meer Abul Cossim, would have defeated the Idea I entertain that the Stipulations, however ill defined, was intended to be favorable to the Nizam, and in some degree to be considered as an equivalent for his great Territorial Concessions: and ought therefore, consistent with every principle of good Faith, to be performed.

To have left it in the Ambiguous State in

in which it stood would not have effected the desire expressed by the Government at home, to impress the Princes and Potentates in India with a due sense of our faith to our Engagements. The Explanation I have given it is rather defining it's Extent than changing it's Sense.

I regard to the 12th. Article, the tenor of it, while it could be productive of no Essential benefit to either side, threw impediments in the way of internal good Government to both. The Explanation I have made removes the objection, and Preserves the intention, which I have considered to lead to prevent external Combinations to the prejudice of either of the Contracting Parties. — In a Country so surrounded as His Highness's Dominions with different Powers, and where the Zemindars and other Subjects have such frequent opportunities of absconding and seeking the protection of a neighbouring Prince, and their Disposition is naturally leading them to evade, often for Groundless causes, the just Claims of that Government to which they are subject, I conceived that any stipulation, forbidding the only peaceable means of preventing the ill effects of such Conduct, perverts the intention of a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance; and as the Explanation given to it leaves a reciprocal good, I trust that the Board will agree with me, that any deviation there may be from the original spirit of the Article, is admissible upon the above stated Ground.

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It is needless for me to make any remark on the other Articles of the Treaty: my answers to the proposal of Meer Abul Cosim; my Resolution not to enter into new Treaties; and Friendship and Alliance with the Nawaub of Arcot; the present peaceable System existing between the Company and Sippoo; and the clear and explicit Language in which the Articles are expressed, fully authorized their continuance in their present State, without leaving any Doubts on the Nizam's mind of any backwardness on our part to abide by the Treaty.

I shall now submit to the Board the fundamental Principles of the Adjustment I have made with Meer Abul Cosim of the Sum due by the Company to the Nizam on account of the Northern Circars, and lay before them an Account Current drawn on the Principles of the Treaty of 1768; to which I have the Happiness to inform the Board the Nabob Agreed.

By the 5th. Article of the Treaty of 1768, the Northern Circars, 5 in number, became the property of the Company. The Guntoor Circar however being a Jaghire granted to the late Nawaub Bazalet Jung, could not be made over to the Company, but on his Death. The stipulated Peishcush for the 5 Circars, Viz.t. 7 Lacks of Arcot Rupees, was consequently lowered to 5 Lacks so long as Bazalet Jung lived; and at his death when the Guntoor Circar became the Company's Property, the Nizam's Annual Claim of 7 Lacks of

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Arrot Rupees commenced. The Company obtained possession of 4 of the Circars; and as the Guntoor Circar was not delivered over to them on the Death of Bazalet Jung according to Agreement, the stipulated Peish-cush was withheld.) The Board are appriized of the measures adopted to obtain Possession of it; and also of the Nizam's ready Surrender of it on the application of Captain Kennaway. — It became them incumbent on this Government to adjust the Balance that might be due to the Nizam on account of the Peishcush; the Company Crediting themselves for the Revenues of the Guntoor, since that Circar became their Right; and to pay the Nizam the amount of arrears that on fair and liberal Grounds, might be due to him. the difficulty that occurred in completing this adjustment, was to ascertain the Sum for which the Company were to take Credit as the Revenue of the Guntoor Circar.

The Government of Madras were requested to furnish me with such Information as they could obtain relative to the real Value of the Circar, but no Communications from them, nor any enquiries that have since been made, have been sufficiently satisfactory to me to adopt any specific Sum as the annual Income from that Circar, or rather the amount which the Company could state that they should have received from it, had it been under their Management.

The Instructions to Captain Kennaway

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and the result of his negociations at Hydrabad are already before the Board. From them it appears clearly that the Idea entertained by the Nizam is that the Company should not take Credit for more than he himself received into his Treasury. It is unnecessary for me to make any Remarks on the Principle of this pro-position: the Board will readily perceive, that by acceding to it, the Company would have taken upon themselves the Risk of losing any Balance that might have been due to the Nizam by his own Servants, & which perhaps might have fallen in Arrears by mismanagement or neglect, or from too much par-tiality or lenity in his Highness for his Aumil Syef Jung; and which if the Aumil, had once actually collected and could not pay (of this there can be little Doubt, when the present State of the Guntoor Circar, the ruined State of the Inhabitants, and the well known oppressions of the Aumil are considered) the Company could not in Justice claim again from the Zemindars. Had the principle been in any sense adopted, as laid down by the Nizam, and supported by Meer Abul Cossim; that is to say, for the Company to take Credit only for the amount received by the Nizam, it would have rendered an Investigation into the Pecuniary Capabilities of Syef Jung highly necessary — the length of time this would have occupied; the inconvenience that must attend such an Investigation by the absence of the Revenue Officers of the Guntoor Circar from their present Duty; and the Loss that must naturally accrue

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to his Highness by the delay which it would occasion in the payment of the Balance, whatever might be the amount; all combined to induce me to use every argument with Meer Abul Cossim to drop the Idea. these arguments the Board will learn from the Papers accompanying (Enclosures from No. 7 to 20 Inclusive). The adjustment proposed by Captain Kennaway, appeared to me so fair & equitable, that I adopted it as the mode most likely to bring the business to a Conclusion without further reference to Hydrabad.

As the accompanying Papers contain every argument used by me, and the reasons urged by the Vakeel to controvert mine: I shall have little reason to trouble the Board on this Subject further than to explain my motive for adding to the amount proposed by Captain Kennaway, a Sum of 129,838. 2 — (Vide No. 14) His Highness's immediate Surrender of the Guntoor Circar, naturally deprived the Aumil Syf Jung of the opportunity, which a less precipitate delivery might have given him, to adopt such measures as would secure the Sums Outstanding of his Collections; and as I have repeatedly declared my earnest Inclination to make the Adjustment on fair and liberal Grounds, it would have been incompatible in some degree with my professions, had I thrown the whole of the loss of the outstanding Balances, whatever they might in

fair

fact amount to, on the Nizam's Government: I therefore proposed to the Vackeel to debit the Company for one half of the outstanding Mofussil Balances of the last Year of Syf Sung's Management.

My Reply (No. 14) to Meer Abul Cossim on the 28.th May 1789, shews the Grounds of my proposals on these terms; and is accompanied by an Account Current between the Nizam and the Company, where I have debitted the Nizam for the amount at which he thought proper to let the Circar in farm, free of all Charges of Tribendy &c.a, which, as being the value he himself set on it, I considered as the value it would have been to the Company. after much discussion, Meer Abul Cossim acceded to the propriety of my Remarks, & I have the satisfaction to inform the Board, that the Accounts so long outstanding between the two Governments, are brought to a final Adjustment; and the amount due by Company is settled at Arcot Rupees 9,16,665.1.– For this amount I have agreed to grant Bills in favor of the Nizam, payable at Madras or Masulipatam, as it may be best suit the Madras Treasury.– This liberty is granted by the tenor of the Treaty, which specifys that the Peishcush shall be paid at Madras or Masulipatam; I therefore propose, that the Accomptant General shall be desired to ascertain the Periods at which these Bills can be discharged: according to his Report, the Bills will be made out payable

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My Letter to the Nizam (No. 21.) contains every material Circumstance that has occured in the Adjustment concluded on; and the accompanying Paper (No. 22) is a draft of the Receipt I propose for Meer Abul Cossim to give for the Bills granted him. His Highness's letter (No. 23) authorizes the Vackeel to grant a Receipt, which on the payment of the Bills will be given up to the Nizam's Officers in Exchange for one under his own Seal, in full discharge for all Claims on the Company to the end of 1199 Fusily, or September 1788, when possession was obtained, by the Company, of the Guntoor Circar.

Meer Abul Cossim it appears was instructed by the Nizam (No. 2) to demand amore satisfactory Security than the terms of the Treaty, for the regular future discharge of the Peishcush; and he proposed that a Grant should be made to the Nizam from the Company of some of the Northern Circars by way of mortgage; or orders on the Revenue of them. This Proposal conveying such doubts of the sincerity of our Professions, and being in every point of view inadmissible, I rejected without a moment's hesitation, and was happy to find that the Vackeel desisted immediately from pressing it. He professed himself perfectly satisfied with the verbal Declarations which I made to him, and with the assurances contained in my Letter to his Highness, that the future Peishcush should be punctually paid when due.

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It will be necessary to furnish our Resident at Poonah, and in Scindia's Camp, with a copy of my Letter to the Nizam on the subject of the Treaty, and the Madras Government should also be fully informed of the Mission of Meer Abul Cossim to this Presidency: and Copies of all the accompanying Papers, relative to the Treaty and the Adjustment of the Balances, should be sent to them, and to Captain Kennaway at Hydrabad, who should also be furnished with a copy of every other Paper relative to the Negociation.

A true Copy /signed/ Stonhell
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To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

Letter from Bengal the 15th. July.

With our Letter of the 10th. July, of which a Duplicate is Enclosed, We transmitted to you a Register of the Bills we granted on that Day to Meer Abul Cossim, the Vackeel deputed to Calcutta by the Nabob Nizam Ally Khan, for the adjusted Balance due to his Highness by the Company. We have now the honor to forward the original Receipt of the Vackeel for the said Bills, that you may be pleased to give orders for it's being delivered up to the Nizam's Officers upon obtaining one in lieu of it under his Highness's Seal

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Seal, which will be granted according to a specification in the Receipt given by Meer Abul Cossim, as soon as the whole amount of the Bills shall have been discharged. A translation of the Vackeel's Receipt is enclosed.

We have the honor to be

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Your most obedient Servants

Fort William
15th July 1789.

A true Copy / signed / Bombelle
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To the Nizam

Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nizam

Your Highness in having acquiesced in the surrender of the Guntoor Circar to the Company, has produced to me no less a proof of the sincerity of your Declarations, than a mark of your Regard for Justice and the Faith of Treaties, upon which the Company claimed it. God be praised! in consequence of this steadfast adherence to the Engagements existing between the two Governments, the Friendship, of old, strong, is now solidly fixed, and I trust that it will never be shaken.

Anxious equally with myself, to carry into Effect such measures as tend to this End, notwithstanding that Captain Kennaway resided at Hyderabad, your Highness thought proper to depute Meer Abul Cossim to Calcutta to adjust several matters with this Government, and in particular,

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the Elucidation of the Articles of the Treaty of 1768,
many of which were of doubtful and ambiguous
meaning, and the settlement of the respective
Claims on each other, by virtue of that Treaty, on
acount of the northern Circars. - Your Highness is
already fully informed of the principles by which I
was guided in demanding that for the Company,
which was their Right by Treaty; and your Highness having so chearfully acquiesced in the justness of my Demands, has admitted that Right, and evinced your own Intention of adhering to your Engagements - with such assurances on the part of your Highness, with whom and the Company, a Friendship has existed for along period, I feel myself happy in having it in my power to add strength to the present good understanding between the two Governments, and in contributing to the utmost of my abilities towards the adjustment of such matters as are yet unsettled between them. with this view I was determined that the Accounts of the Guntoor Circar, and the Arrears of Peishcush due from the Company, should be adjusted on liberal and fair Grounds.

It could not but afford me infinite satisfaction to find the Confidence your Highness has placed in the English Nation, and the Friendship you personally entertain for me. all these particulars were communicated by Meer Abul Cossim, whose assiduity and Zeal for your Highness's Welfare have

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been exerted in effecting the Adjustment of these ac-
counts. your Highness will learn all the particulars
from him; but in order to give you every Information
that can tend to satisfy your mind of the sincerity of
my Declaration, and of my earnest desire for a fair
and liberal adjustment of affairs between two great
Governments, I shall trouble your Highness with
my sentiments and opinion on the subject. It is
acknowledged that your Highness by Treaty is
entitled by Treaty is entitled to the Peishcush of
5 Lacs pannum for 4 Circars to the day of the
Death of Bazalet Jenng; and to 7 Lacks pannum for
the 5 Circars. from that Day; and on the other hand,
the Company are entitled by the Treaty to the Revenue
of the Guntoor Circar from the day of the death of Baza-
let Jenng, when it became their Property. on these
principles, I have had long and frequent conversat-
-ons with Meer Abul Cossim; and it is with very
great pleasure that I communicate to your Highness
my acquiescence to the Adjustment that has at
length, after much discussion, taken place. In
this Adjustment the Rights of both have been
safely defended; and I have considered your Highness's
Right to the Peishcush from 26th September 1777.
to the 25th September 1782, or from 1187, to 1191 Fus-
-ly, both inclusive, at 5 Lacs of Rupees pannum,
and from 25th September 1782, to 25th September 1788,

or

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of from 1192 Fusily to 1197 Fusily, at 7 Lacks of Rupees
p annum, with Balance of 1186 Fusily. or Balance
of 1777 F. amounting in the whole to 66 7. 49. 333. to
be indubitable; and the Right of the Company to
the Revenues of the Circar from 25th September 1782,
to September 1788, or from 1192 to 1197 Fusily, is
as readily admitted by your Highness - In order
to ascertain the express amount that shall be
reckoned the Revenue of the Guntoor Circar, the
most equitable mode that has appeared to me, is to cal-
culate it at the value your highness put on the Circar
while it was in your possession, after it became the
Company's Property. The advantages that must
arise from this Plan are obvious; First, a speedy
adjustment of along outstanding Accounts between
two Governments, both equally anxious to encrease
and strengthen the Friendship already existing
between them. Secondly, that any other mode of
Adjustment must have given rise to an Investigation
into the Mofussil Wasilaats of your Highness's Ac-
-mil. Such an Investigation it must be evident
to your Highness, would occupy Months to accomplish,
during the whole of which, your Highness would be
deprived of that Sum actually due to you - Thirdly,
that upon such an Investigation there is every
reason to believe the Aumil made oppressive Collections,
and realized to an amount far exceeding his Talud
with your Highness. This amount by right is the
Company's

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Company's Property; but I have repeatedly declared my Intention to adjust these Accounts on fair and liberal terms; and for this Reason, and in order to avoid the Imputation of a desire to throw impediments in the way of a final Adjustment, by which your Highness only would suffer, I have adopted as a principle, the Nett Engagement entered into by Syf Sung, from the Period of the Death of Bazalet Sung, to the day of the Surrender of the Guntoor Circar to the Company. — I have been further induced to this, as the amount of such Engagement has been ascertained from the Accounts furnished Captain Kennaway at Hydrabad by your Highness's Officers; and is, being conversant of all Zibendy &c. the value of the Country to your Highness; and consequently, the amount the Company deem themselves entitled to. By this Statement the Balance due to your Highness will be 7,86,827.9 — but as it is very probable that in consequence of the immediate Surrender of the Guntoor to the Company, the Aumil may not have had time to adopt the measures necessary for securing outstanding Sums at a time when the authority of the Country is passed over to another power. with a view therefore, to prevent the possibility that your Highness's Chearful acquiescence for the delivery of the Circar to the Company, should be the occasion of any loss, I have also agreed that the half of the Sum

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said to be Outstanding at the end of 1197 Fusily, shall be paid by the Company to your Highness; tho' from the oppressive Conduct of the Aumil, the Company have not the smallest prospect of recovering any part of this Balance from the Zemindars. This will encrease the Sum above mentioned as due to your Highness to 9,16,665. 11 -. In order that Your Highness may have the most perfect Comprehension of this Adjustment, I have enclosed an account between your Highness and the Company, drawn out according to the principles above laid down. I need urge no further arguments to impress the liberality of this Adjustment on your mind. Your Highness must be sensible, that between two Governments, that Plan which will tend to a speedy and finial Adjustment of Accounts of many years standing, while it preserves the rights of each inviolate, ought to be pronounced Just; and while it obviates the delays and Difficulties probable to a more rigid mode, at the same time that it differs not from it to any amount worthy of notice between your Highness's Government and the Company's, ought to be adopted without further hesitation. The Substance of what is here written has been discussed in frequent conversations with Meer Abul Cossim, who has shewn himself a faithful Servant to your Highness, and a Friend to both Governments; and

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and as he is fully acquainted with your Highness's Claims, and is your confidential Servant, I have considered him as empowered to settle the present negociation; and influenced by the Sentiments I have before expressed; and convinced of the fair & liberal Adjustment I have made with him, I have granted him a Bill on Masulipatam for 9,16,665.45 — and have accepted his Receipt for it in full liquidation of all Claims on each other to the end of 1197 Fuſsily: nevertheless, as your Highness's Concurrence is necessary to give a final Sanction to the Adjustment with Meer Abul Cosim, I have thought proper to mention [illegible] which it has been made; and the particulars of them will be made known to your Highness by Meer Abul Cosim, and by Captain Kennaway, with whom your Highness will be pleased to confer on the ultimate measures for a final Settlement — For the rest your Highness may have the most assured Confidence that I will most faithfully abide by the Engagement subsisting, on the part of the Company, for the regular discharge of the annual Peishcush.

Written 7.th July 1789 — A true copy

[signed] G.T. Sherry
P.r

A true Copy
[signed] Stombelle
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To

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To the Nizam

Second Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nizam.

Your Highness Letter containing strong Expressions of Friendship, was presented to me by Meer Abul Cossim, and has afforded me the most inexpressible Satisfaction. I have perfectly un=derstood all the matters entrusted to the verbal Com=munication of Meer Abul Cossim; and the sincere and friendly Sentiments which I have discovered your Highness to be impressed with towards me, have induced ~~induced~~ me to shew the confidence I place in your Highness's Declaration, by candid and explicit Conversation with Meer Abul Cossim on subjects of the highest importance; and as they all of them have tendency to strengthen & encrease our Friendship, I shall communicate, without reserve, to your Highness what has occurred to me relative to them.

It was with no small Concern I found on my arrival in charge of the Control of all the Company's affairs, that one of the essential and most essential points of the Treaty of Friendship and alliance made in 1768 between your Highness and the Company remained un=executed on both sides, viz.t the surrender of the Guntoor Circar to the Company, and the regular discharge of your Highness's Demand for the Peishcush from the Company.

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Anxious, notwithstanding that, by urging the due performance of this article I should not intrude on your Highness, while engaged in pursuits of importance. I portponed all ne-=gociation on the subject, until I was convinced that your Highness, uninterrupted by War, had full leisure to consi-=der the propriety of the performance of this article of the Treaty, and until you might have had sufficient opportunity to put implicit confidence in my assurances for the punctual discharge of the Peishcush for the Northern Circars. I then deputed Captain Kennaway to your Highness's Court, with instructions to make the Demand of the Guntoor Circar by virtue of the Treaty of 1768; to assure your Highness of my firm intention to discharge the Balances upon fair Statement due to your Highness on account of the Peishcush; and to impress you with the sincerity of my intentions for its payment hereafter.

I have already expressed my Satisfaction at Your Highness's immediate Compliance to deliver up the Guntoor Circar to the Company, and have assured your Highness of my firm intention to persevere in a strict System of Faith to Engagements; and now with such a proof of the security of your Highness's Friendship and good Faith, I have from a desire to testify to your High-=ness that I am impressed with similar Sentiments, entered into a full discussion of every article with Meer Abul Cossim; in order that such parts of it as are unde-=fined

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undefined and bear an obscure and doubtful meaning, may be so explained as shall preclude every necessity of future discussion; remove all Grounds of misunderstanding, and give stability and permanency to that Friendship which now subsists between us. In adopting this Rule of Conduct I do no more than fulfill the intention of the King of England and the British Nation; who by the System lately established for the Government of this Country, had in view the important End of giving Efficacy to the existing Treaties between the English and the Powers of Hindostan, and of securing a due performance thereof in future. — This Communication I am persuaded will fully satisfy your Highness of the propriety of my declining the proposal of Meer Abul Cosim for entering into a new Security for the discharge of the Peishcush by mortgaging a portion of the Circars. considering as I do the Faith of the English Nation to be already pledged for the due payment of it. In proof of the sincerity of my Intentions that the Treaty should be carried into full Effect, I agree that in the 6th article of the Treaty the words "whenever the situation of affairs will allow of such a Body of Troops to march into the Decan", shall be understood to mean, that the Force engaged for by this article, viz.t 2 Battalions of Sepoys and 6 pieces of Cannon manned by by Europeans, shall be granted whenever your Highness shall apply for it: making only one Exception, that it is not to be employd against

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against any power in Alliance with the Company, viz.ts Pundit Purohaun; Madajee Scindea; and other Mahratta Chiefs: Peishwa; Ragogee Boosla; the Nawaub of Arcot, and Nawaub Vizier; Rajahs of Tanjore, and Travancore. That the Battalions, at present not defined in Number, shall not Consist of less than 800 Men each; that the 6 Field Pieces shall be manned with the number of Europeans which is usual in time of War; that the Expence to be charged to your Highness shall be no more than the exact Sum which it costs the Company to maintain a Body of that Force when employed on Service in the Field; and that this Expence be as per seperate Accounts; That this Detachment shall march in two months, or sooner if possible, after it is demanded, and your Highness shall be charged with the Expence of it from the day it enters your Highness's Territories, until it quits them on its return to the Company's, with the Addition of one Month at the average Calculation of the whole amount in order to defray the Charges the Company must ne-cessarily incur to put such a Force in a state fit for Service. — Shall we fully discussed the Articles of the Treaty that relate to the Nawaub of Arcot and the Carna-tic, on the representation of Meer Abul Cossim, that a mere Reference to the Articles themselves will inform your Highness of the full Force of my Arguments; & altho' the long Existing Friendship between that Nawaub and the Company might be urged as further Ground for

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declining the proposal of Meer Abul Cossim, his Right
to the posession of the Carnatic Payen Ghaut is fully
established and admitted by the 7th and 8th articles
and papers appertaining to them: there can therefore
be no necessity for troubling your Highness with other
Reasons. In regard to the articles relative to the De-
-wanny of the Carnatic Ballagaut, your Highness must
be well convinced that Circumstances have totally pre-
-vented the execution of those articles, and that the
Company are in the full enjoyment of Peace with all
the World: But should it hereafter happen that the
Company should obtain posession of the Country
mentioned in these Articles with your Highness's
assistance, they will strictly perform the stipulations
in favor of your Highness and the Mahrattas. Your
Highness must be well assured that while Treaties of
Peace and Friendship exist with any Chief, negociations
that tend to deprive that Chief of any part of his Possessions
unprovoked on his part, must naturally create suspicions
in his Mind unfavorable to the reputation of your
Highness and to the Character of the Company, since
the only Grounds on which such Negociations could
be carried on, rest on a Treaty existing upwards of 20
years, the Execution of which is yet unclaimed, and
since no provocation has hitherto been made to
justify a Breach in the present peaceable and amicable

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understanding between each other. As I am at all times desirous that such Circumstances as carry with them impediment and Hindrance to good order and Government without bearing the smallest advantage to either side should be so changed as to produce the good Effects expected from Treaties, and as the Affairs of both parties might suffer great injury from being excluded from Corresponding with the other Powers of the Decan, I agree that in future either party, without a Breach of Treaty, shall be at liberty to receive or send Vackeels, and correspond with any powers in the Decan, in such manner as may be expedient for the benefit of their own affairs; under the Condition that the object of such intercourse or Correspondence be not hostile to either of the Governments. - I have in many instances, as well thro' Captain Kennaway as to Meer Abul Cossim, and in the first part of this Letter, declared my firm intention to execute the Treaty of 1768, and to live in perpetual amity and Friendship with Your Highness; and your Highness will be convinced from the explanations I have given to those Articles in the Treaty of ambiguous and obscure meaning, that I am earnestly desirous of the Adjustment of every matter on Grounds fair and liberal. But it is necessary in Consideration of the Subjects of Conversation with Meer Abul Cossim, that I should point out to your Highness, that unless just

just cause should be given for entering into new Treaties, the laws of my Country; the Injunctions of the King and Company of England, as well as the Faith & Honor of the English, prohibit me from Entering into any negociation to make new Treaties; and I have confined my conferences with Meer Abul Cossim to the Explanation of that made in 1768, with a view to a more perfect execution of it. On this account I have not judged proper to comply with such requests as have been made by Meer Abul Cossim, that in any shape tend to alter the spirit of that Treaty. — A further Argument to impress your Highness with the propriety of this determination is the sanction & support of His Majesty and the Company of England to those measures that coincide with their Instructions. I have mentioned this Circumstance merely to assure your Highness of the strength of my assertions, and the value of my Engagements in regard to the Guntoor Circar, and the other Articles of the Treaty: and I trust that this clear explanation of the Ambiguous Articles of the Treaty will render it effectual, and will afford your Highness a convincing proof of the Company's Determination to adhere to the Faith of it. —

Although I have not agreed to enter into a new Treaty with your Highness thro' Meer Abul Cossim, for the reasons above assigned: yet your Highness in consideration

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Consideration of the Authority vested in me by the King and Parliament of England, will consider my Letter, though merely purporting a Clear Explanation of the Articles of the Treaty of 1768, strong & efficient upon the English Gouernments in India; equally so as a Treaty in due form could be, since the Members of the Council have given their chearful acquies-cence to it's contents - For further particulars of my Sentiments I beg leave to refer your Highness to Meer Abul Cossim, whom I have considered during this Negociation as faithfully attached to your Highness; fully acquainted with your Highness's Interests, and your Confidential Servant: empowered to settle any Agreement for the mutual Benefet of the two Gouernments: I have accordingly communicat-ed to him without reserve all that has occurred to me on the subject of the Elucidation of the Treaty of 1768, in the same manner as if your Highness were present. Nevertheless, as your Highness's Concurrence and Approbation are necessary to give a final Sanction to the Articles discussed, I have thought proper to mention them in this Letter; For the rest your Highness may have the most assured confi-dence that I will most faithfully abide by all the Engagements I have entred into on the part of the Company.

Written 7.th July 1789 -

A true Copy /signed/ G.l Cherry Sec.y

A true Copy /signed/ Dombelle Sub Secretary

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Mr. Digby's Letter entered in Consult. 15th Inst. taken into Consideration

The Board taking into Consideration Mr. Digby's Letter to this Government entered in Consult. 15th Sept. together with all the Papers to which it refers, Resolve, that the same be sent to the Comptroller General of army Accounts, desiring him to report his opinion upon the Items referred to the Decision of this Board — at the same time instructing him to pass those Charges which have been admitted by the Court of Directors.

Minute thereon

Read the following from Bengal.

To John Chamier Esq.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

From Bengal — with copies of Papers from the Military auditor General and Adjutant General, relative to the Mode of ascertaining in future the Off Reckonings of the Bengal Army; and recommending a similar System at Madras.

The Military Auditor General, & Adjutant General having jointly addressed the Governor General in Council relative to the mode of ascertaining in future, the Off Reckonings of the army of this Establish-ment; and the Board having thought proper to adopt the regulation suggested by them, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Copies of their Letter, and of its Enclosure, with a Copy of the Board's resolution thereon.

You are requested to lay these Papers before the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, in order that if the Circumstances regarding the facility of keeping Complete the Native Corps on the Madras Establish-

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Establishment are the same as in Bengal; Instructions may be given for adopting a similar System, in-
-stead of that which is described in the 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th and 78th Paragraphs of the Letter addressed by Colonel Murray to the Governor General in Council on the 2nd of April last, relative to the uniformity of Controul of the Military Accounts at all the Presidencies, a copy of which was transmitted to the Madras Government on the 8th of May.

Fort William
21st August 1789

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) J Tombelle
Sub Secy

To Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

1st. The Regulation passed by Your Lordship on the 3rd April 1788, relative to the mode of ascertain-
-ing the Off Reckonings of the army, introduced Certainty with respect to the ascertainment of the amount, and greater facility in the process of doing so; but the result of the experience of the last Official Year has afforded the means of suggesting to your Lordship's consideration a further improvement.

2nd. The present rule is to compute the Off-
-Reckonings of all the Corps from the number of Effectives on

on the returns, of each month, added together at the End of the Official Year. — though the result of this process will be accurate, and certain, the detail described in the auditor Generals Letter to your Lordship of the 2nd of April last is still attended with considerable trouble, in both our Departments, which, in our humble opinion, may with your Lordship's approbation, be avoided; but this is not the only point of view in which the existing practice is capable of being improved. In proof of this We beg leave to state the following circumstances to your Lordship.

3d. Captains Frith and Ramsay Command two Regiments of Cavalry upon an equal Establishment. They provide the Cloathing of their respective Corps, and are entitled to receive the Off Reckonings; but on computing the amount due to each for the year 1788/9. it appears that the former is intitled to a Credit for 3672 Rupees, while the latter, owing to Casualties, which have reduced the number of his Effectives, at the end of several Months of the Year, will only be entitled to receive 3579 Rupees. there cannot however be any doubt that Captain Ramsay must provide exactly the same quantity of Cloathing as Captain Frith — viz. for the full Establishment of his Regiment, and that the difference between what these two Officers are to receive, operates against Captain Ramsay as a partial and unmerited loss.

4. This position being established, it will be

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be found to extend generally to the principle on which the computations of Credit due to the other off Reckoning Funds of Native Corps. are made; and while these Funds are deprived of off Reckonings in proportion to the number of Casualties, they are liable to the whole expence of providing Cloathing for the compleat Establishment, it being a standing Rule to keep the Native Corps complete, and the facility with which it is always done, being well known and admitted.

5th. One of the Alterations therefore, which We take the liberty of suggesting to your Lordship is, to admit of Credit being given to the Off Reckoning Funds of Native Corps for the fixed Establishment on the 30th of April, being the End of each Official Year.

6th. We have chosen the period for the computation, because it is not necessary to provide for the Contingency of any <u>new Services</u>, which may take place between that time, and the period fixed for serving out the Cloathing; seeing, that if any such should be ordered, for the purpose of encreasing the Establishment, Bounty Cloathing will be furnished to them, as heretofore, by the Company, which must serve them until the Cloathing of the subsequent year shall be issued, when the Fund will have benefited by their Stoppages, for a compleat Year; and they will therefore have

have become entitled to receive Cloathing from it.

7th. The same Rule however, which applies to the Native Corps, will not hold good with respect to the Europeans. The strength of the European Battalion is more fluctuating, and hitherto We have never seen their Establishment Compleated; but this will not be an objection to the Introduction of the Plan We have proposed. the only difference necessary is that, instead of computing the Off-Reckonings for the Establishment, it be computed for the Effectives only, on the 30th. of April of each Year; saving thereby, the trouble of a monthly Com-putation, and substituting in lieu of it, an annual one.

8th. We beg leave to explain to your Lordship, the reasons for this distinction. — The strength of the European Corps on the 30th. of April, of each Year, will be the real standard by which the Indents for Cloathing are made out, and consequently the Funds will thereby get credit for the utmost quanti-ty of Cloathing they can be liable to supply — any acquisition of strength the Corps may receive by the arrival of Recruits from Europe, subsequent to that period, is not necessary to be taken into the Account, because these Recruits receive Bounty-Cloathing from the Company on their arrival, which is reserved for them, to be put on with the new

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new Cloathing of the Corps into which they are drafted; and of course the funds do not incur any Charge on their Account for the first year.

9th. The only remaining Corps to be considered is, the Invalids; respecting whom there is a greater difficulty than occurs regarding the Regular Corps, owing to the still greater fluctuation in the number of Invalids.

10th. What We beg leave to propose respecting the Native Invalids, is, to Calculate the Yearly Amount of their Off Reckonings from the Returns of their Effective strength, on the 1st. of January of each Year, at which period all Natives designed to be transferred to the Pensionary List, will have left Monghyr.

11th. But the same period which is proposed to be fixed for ascertaining the Off Reckonings due to the Effective Europeans, must also serve for the European Invalids: Every European will by this means be included either among the Effectives or Invalids; and it is a matter of indifference both to the Funds, and to the Soldiers, whether he carries with him his Cloathing from his Corps, or receives it when he joins the Invalids.

12. Before We ventured to recommend this measure, in deviation from the present practice, We thought it proper to ascertain the probable consequence of the alteration, both for your Lordship's Information, and

and our own Satisfaction; and you will accordingly observe, from the accompanying comparative Statement, that the difference to the Company of 305 Rupees p annum, upon the whole of the Native Infantry Establishment, would be very inconsiderable, Com=pared to the Objects of equalizing the Funds of Inde=pendant Corps, and of relieving two important Departments of the Service from much Labor and Trouble, by this further simplification of the Accounts.

13th. But even the above difference will be compensated to the Company by the proposed mode of Calculating the Off Reckonings of the Effective European Corps; and the Off Reckonings of the European Invalids; because, by Calculating them according to the actual Strength on the 30th. April, nothing will be charged to the Company on Account of the Casualties which shall have happened in the Course of the preceding Year: Whereas, accord=ing to the present practice of Calculating the a=mount of Off Reckonings from the Monthly Returns, the Fund has Credit for every Man so long as he is on the Strength of a Corps. — The saving which would arise from the proposed mode of calculating the Off Reckonings of the Europeans, would, upon the most moderate Computation, be equal to the excess of the Establishment over the actual Strength of the Natives.

We

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We have the honor to be
My Lord.

Fort William
24.th July 1789

Your Lordship's most faithful humble servants

Signed { John Murray
Colonel & Military Auditor General
Peter Murry
Adjutant General

A true Copy / signed / J Tombelle
sub Secry

Establishment 36 Battalions Native Infantry

				Monthly Off.ings Amount	Monthly Off.ings Reckonings	Total Off.ings Reckonings p.annum
288 Subahdars	being 1 each for	288 Companies	——	8	96	27,648 .. ..
288 Jemidars	being 1 Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	—— 3	36	10,368 .. ..
1152 Hauldars	being 4 Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	—— 1	12	13,824 .. ..
1152 Naicks	being 4 Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	—— 1	12	13,824 .. ..
576 Drummers	being 2 Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	—— 1	12	13,824 .. ..
19,584 Privates	being 60 Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	—— 2	24	13,824 .. ..
2 Supernumerary Jemidars	16.th Battalion			—— 3	36	72 .. ..
26 Supernumerary Privates being the Children of Men who were Killed or died on foreign Service				—— 8	6	156 .. ..
			Total Sonaut Rupees	——		197,220 .. ..

Effectives of the 36 Battalions Native Infantry for 1788/9

Grand Total of the monthly Abstracts of the number of Effectives for the Year 1788/9 upon the Returns furnished by the Adjutant General. ——

	Monthly Off.ings Reckonings	Amount of Off.ings Reckonings
3432 Subahdars	8	27,456 .. ..
3473 Jemidars	3	10,419 .. ..
13825 Hauldars	1	13,825 .. ..
13821 Naigues	1	13821 .. ..
6909 Drummers	2	13818 .. ..
235,151 Sepoys	8	175,575 8 ..
Total Sonaut Rupees		196,914 .. 8 ..

The Establishment exceeds the Effectives for 1 year. 305 .. 8 .. Sonat Rup.s

A true Copy / signed / J Tombelle
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(Signed) { John Murray Col.o & M.y Aud.r Gen.l
Peter Murray Adj.t Gen.l

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Extract from the proceedings of the Governor General in Council, in the Military Department, of the 29th. July 1789.

"Read again the Letter from the Military Auditor "General and Adjutant General, dated the 24th. Instant, "and recorded on the proceedings of that Day."

"Resolved, that the following Minute be published in "General Orders, —

"The Governor General in Council, having has occasion to advert "to the Regulations passed on the 3rd. April 1788. relative "to the mode then Established for ascertaining the "Off Reckonings of the Army, has revised the same, "and determined upon the following Alterations, "which are to have Effect with regard to the off Reckon- "-ings for 1789/90."

"1st ..... "That instead of computing the off Reckonings "of all the Corps from the number of Effectives on the "Returns of each Month, added together at the end of "the Official Year, it be made a Rule in future, with "respect to Native Corps, that Credit should be given "to the off Reckoning Funds of those Corps, for the Fixed "Establishment, on the 30th. of April 1789; and with "respect to the Corps of Europeans, that the Off Reckonings "be computed for the Effectives only on the 30th. of April "1790: saving thereby the trouble of a monthly com- "-putation, and substituting an annual one in "lieu of it."

"The Rule now prescribed for ascertaining "the Off Reckonings due to the Effective Europeans, is

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"to be adopted also for the Off Reckonings due to the
"European Invalids".

"With respect to the Native Invalids, the
"Yearly amount of their Off Reckonings is to be cal-
"culated from the returns of their Effective Strength on
"the 1st of January 1790."

"The principles now adopted for computing
"the Off Reckonings of the Europeans and Natives, for
"the Year 1789/90, are to be observed in computing
"the off Reckonings of every subsequent Year."

A true Extract /signed/ Stombelle
Sub Sec.

Minute thereon

Agreed, that Copy of the above with the Enclosures be sent to Colonel Capper, Mr Turing, Mr. Moubray, and Mr. Cockburn; desiring them to pay proper Attention to it, when they shall make their Report upon the Papers sent to them on the 17th July. relative to the establishing an uniformity in keeping the accounts at Bengal and at this Presidency.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council

From Brigadier General Horne — in regard to the Orders from Bengal for calling upon the Field Officers to refund a proportion of the Gratuity which they have received

Hon.ble Sir

As I understand that your Honble Board have under Consideration the calling on the Field Officers who

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who have received the Gratuity as directed in the General orders of the 13th. September 1788, and the 3rd. of October 1788, to Refund a proportion of those Sums, in consequence of Instructions from the supreme Government of Bengal; and, as it appears by the accountant Generals Statement of the Sums to be refunded from each Rank, that the Principle on which that Gratuity was made was not conformable to the Regulations ordered by the Company in 1770, on which the Supreme Council direct it should have been drawn out in. It will consequently become necessary to advert to that System, and ascertain the number of Officers of each Class who ought to share in the Fund allowed from the 25th. Septem. 1783, until the augmentation of the Establishment took place by order of the Company in May 1786; and from that period until the time directed by Earl Cornwallis for the Commencement of the new Arrangement. by this means it will be ascertained what each Individual ought to receive, and the Amount of the overplus which has been paid.

For this purpose I beg leave to remind your Honble Board, that the Field officers allowed to share Gratuity on the Fund established in 1770 are as follows: viz. two Colonels, four Lieutenant Colonels, and four Majors of Infantry: one Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major of Artillery; and one Lieutenant Colonel and one Major of Engineers; besides a certain Gratuity to the Com-mander in Chief; and no Supernumerary or Brevet Field officers were ever admitted on this Fund, until by mistake

Colonel

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Colonel Nixon shares with the Colonels on the last Dividend that was issued previous to September 1783. on which occasion finding my Share reduced, one third of what it amounted to, I represented this Hardship in an Address to Government some time about the month of July 1784. which Address I beg leave to refer your Honble Board to, and to acquaint you, that in consequence I was furnished by the Secretary with their Resolutions thereon, A Copy of which I have the honor to annex, No. 1.

To the above Circumstance I beg leave also to add a transcript of a Letter I received lately from Colonel Brathwaite on the same subject (being so authorized to do) on a supposition that any part of the Sum already received must be refunded, but which the Colonel is in great hopes the honorable Board will not enforce, for various Reasons, and among others that it could only be done in a very partial manner, some Officers who received it being dead, some gone to Europe, and others by having discharged those Debts they were obliged to contract, on account of having been so long detained out of this Allowance, and the heavy expences and losses which they had unavoidably incurred during so expensive a War, being unable to refund any part of what they received, which Consideration. I trust will have it's due influence with your Honble Boards, and induce you to grant such indulgence to the Field Officers, as can consistently be be done on the present occasions.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) Mathew Horne

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Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite to Brigadier General Horne, dated Samul Devi Aug.t 4.th 89.-

"I did not address the Board as you did
"relative to the great reduction of my share as Colo=
"=nel, by the admission of Colonel Nixon to share
"as a full Colonel, because in a conversation with
"Lord Macartney, I found that you had done so. In
"that Conversation I took however an opportunity
"of telling Lord Macartney, that when I came to
"this Coast in 1771, I was a supernumerary Major,
"and therefore, altho' possesed of a commission from
"Leadenhall Street, I was not considered as a Major
"on the Coast Establishment entitled to any allowance
"of Gratuity; nor was I ever included in the Distribu=
"=tion till after the Death of Major —— which brought
"me within the complement of Majors fixed for the
"Establishment; and that in like manner, when
"I returned a Colonel in 1776 with a commission
"from Leadenhall Street, I was a supernumerary in
"that Class, and therefore only allowed to share Gratu=
"=ity as a Lieutenant Colonel, 'till Colonel Flint left
"the Coast. — I observed that I was a considerable
"loser by that mode of reasoning; but has never ob=
"jected to the Justice of it: but I could not but think
"it hard, that having twice acquiesced to these Arguments
"to my own loss, that I should now be called upon
"to

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"to acquiesce to a direct contrary Argument to my own
"too also. — His Lordship very candidly acknowledged
"the force of my reasoning; admitted that the late
"Distribution had been wrong; and said that care
"should be taken in regard to future Distributions;
"but added that Government was not in a situation to
"be liberal to me, and that there would be great im=
"=propriety in calling upon Colonel Nixon to refund
"what he had received from Government; with whom,
"and not with Colonel Nixon, the error lay."

"From the Precedents of my own Case, and
"from the strong Minute of Lord Macartney, occasioned
"by your Claim, I cannot conceive that any more than
"two Colonels can have any just claim to Gratuity as
"Colonel on this Establishment until the year 1786,
"when the number of Regiments were encreased to
"four; and I am astonished how the Accountant,
"after having received the Instructions, in future
"only to include the Field Officers agreeable to the
"Establishment, which stands recorded with Lord
"Macartney's Minute, could again run into the
"error of including Supernumeraries, and still persist
"in it. and if it becomes essentially necessary to our
"Interests I shall esteem myself much honored and
"obliged if you will represent in my behalf also,
"whatever you may think necessary to do in your
"own, as far as relate to any Distribution not yet
"made, and any Sums not yet paid: But with

"regard

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"regard to any refund from those Gentlemen, who
"have received more than they ought to have done
"by this Error, I could wish to set Government the
"example of liberality in that case; and drop every
"Idea of recovering what has already been paid:
"either by calling on them for a Refund, or apply=
"-ing to Government that Stoppages may be made
"from future payments to them to reimburse us: hop=
"-ing that Government will adopt that mode, so
"necessary for the comfort and relief of the whole."

(signed) "John Brathwaite"

Minute thereon

The Board cannot deviate from the Resolutions already formed upon the Gratuity to the Field Officers: Resolutions, which were founded upon various Statements, delivered in upon the Subject, and References to the Bengal Government.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.

From the Resident at Travancore with Intelligence respecting Tippoo - thinks he meditates Hostilities.

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 30th. Ult.o with it's Enclosures.

I intend to proceed this Evening to the Rajah to deliver your Letter to him, and shall implicitly obey the orders contained in Mr. Chamier's Letter.

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I have the honor herewith to transmit you Translations of letters from Tippoo to the Rajah of Cochin, and from the latter to the Travancore Minister, without substance of Intelligence from the Cochin Rajah's Vackeel at Coimbetour. — An Hircarrah of mine arrived last night from Tippoo's Camp. — His report is, that Tippoo's Army which were dispersed, are now assembled at Coimbetour, and it was generally said His intention was to proceed against this Country — He left Coimbetour five Days ago. — Tippoo's Vackeel still continues at the Cochin Rajah's Durbar; and I understand that he is endeavoring to prevail on the Dutch to dispose of the Fort of Cochin to him. — From the accounts which have now come in, there is every reason to conclude that he meditates Hostilities. — As my presence becomes more necessary here every day, I shall not remain with the Rajah above a day or two, and shall return to this place with all expedition.

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

Parrour
12th. September 1789

(signed) George Powney
Resident

Translation of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to the Rajah of Cochin — dated at Coimbetour 21st. Aug. 1789

I have received your Letter, and understand the Contents of it. — I have directed my Vackeel Abdul Cauder to remain with you till the Rains are over, which

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which will be in two Months: you will then send with him to me, one of your Confidential Servants.. I hope you will do all your Endeavors to accomplish for me the business upon which I sent him, and with which you are well acquainted; and God will assist you in all your Efforts. I have been informed that the Dutch have sold to the Rajah of Travancore Jacottah, and the Fort of Cranganore. I wish to know the price they sold these Places for; and the reason of their having done thus. You must place every confidence in me, for I have only in view your prosperity.

What can I say more?

Translation of a Letter from the Cochin Rajah to the Travancore Minister, dated 10th Septem. 1789.

I have received a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun a Copy of which I herewith send you. He says, that he has directed Abdul Cauder to remain with me two Months. This has the appearance of giving me much trouble.. Abdul Cauder by his Instructions is continually telling me to endeavor to prevail on the Dutch to sell the Fort of Cranganore to his Master; which you know is a thing altogether impossible. I have written all this to the Rajah of Travancore, and I write it to you also, that you may give me your advice in what manner I am to act. I send you some Intelligence which my Vackeel Soubarow, who is with Tippoo, has transmitted me. -

Substance

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Substance of Intelligence from Soobarow the Cochin Rajah's Vackeel at Coimbetour, and received at Cochin on the 9th of September

Tippoo remains at Coimbetour in Madanah's House — Syed Saheb arrived here about 20 days ago from Dindigul with about 2000 Cavalry and 5,000 Infantry — about 22,000 Men. composed of Matchlock Men, Lance Men, and Regular Infantry. have arrived here from Bedanore — I hear that he has sent to Chitticull for 15,000 regular Infantry, and that they are upon the Road — It is the common report here that Tippoo intends to move to the Southward after the Mohurrum Feast; and that it is his intention to send immediately a part of his army to Chetwa.

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

Read also a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore — (entered in C.C. No. 86.) justifying the purchase he has lately made of Jacottah and Cranganore; and giving assurances that he will conduct himself so as not to afford the least umbrage to Tippoo.

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr
Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

From Captain Kennaway with a form of the Receipt proposed to be given by the Nizam, on the payment of the first Bill of Exchange granted in lieu of the Balance due to his Highness

Hon.ble Sir.

I have the honor to transmit to you the form of

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of the Receipt proposed to be given by the Nizam, on the payment of the first Bill of Exchange granted to the Nizam by Lord Cornwallis, in part of the Balance settled by His Lordship with His Highness's Vackeel, for arrears of Peishcush; which was presented to me for my approbation by His Highness's Minister. As nothing appeared to me exceptionable in it, I signified the same to his Highness, and promised to submit my opinion of it to you, as well as to transmit a Copy of it to the Governor General.

I have the honor to be

&c.&c.&c.

John Kennaway

Hydrabad
9.th April 1789.

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Form of the Receipt

My Circar having a claim upon that of the English for Arrears of the Peishcush payable by the Treaty of 1768 for Cicalole, and the other Circars: and the English Government having also a Claim upon that of Hydrabad for the Revenues of Guntoor from the death of Bezalet Jung to the period of its Cession to the Company, that is to the end of 1197 Fusly; the Balance of the said Claims has been settled thro' the negociation of Meer Abul Cossim at Rupees 9.16,665. Annas 11: for which Three Bills of Exchange have been granted, by Lord Cornwallis Governor General, on the Governor and Council of Madras, whereof the first payment, due 15.th September 1789 - or 25.th Zehijah 1203 Hijree,

amounting

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amounting to 30,000 Arcot Rupees, has been received, thro' Ruing'hoor Pundit at Masulipatam, into the Hydra-bad Treasury.

Minute thereon — Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam for their Information.

Read the following Letter from the Gentleman at present in Charge of the Male Orphan Asylum.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Gentleman at present in charge of the Male Orphan asylum — Submitting for the approbation of the Board the nomination of certain persons for the future direction of the Society formed for the care of the Male Orphans.

In consequence of your recommendation that We should proceed to the final Arrangement of Regulations for the Society which is now formed for the care and protection of the Male Orphans of the European Military upon this Coast, We have again met on the subject; and having considered the nomination of Directors for Superintending and Conducting the rotine of the Institution as the first object of determination, We now have to request leave to submit to your Judgement the following Plans.

The Honorable Governor ..... President
The Members of Council and Commander in Chief. Vice Presidents
The Two Chaplains
&
Two Church Wardens } Directors

The

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The Military Secretary ——————
Civil — Do. ——————
Chief Engineer ——————
Commanding Officer of Artillery at the Mount —
Adjutant General ——————
Quarter Master General ——————
Commissary General of Stores ——————
Town Major ——————
— Andrew Ross ——————
— Webb ——————
— Porcher ——————
— Cockburn ——————

} Sub Directors

We propose that these Gentlemen should form such further Regulations as may be found necessary on the principle of General Direction; and that the particular Attendance by Rotation, shall be requested of the Gentlemen who are nominated as Sub Directors.

Should this meet with your Approbation, you will be pleased to propose to the several Gentlemen abovementioned, the acceptance of the Charge, which they are, generally, and, respectively, to fill.

We have the honor to be

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(Signed)

Rich.d Leslie
A. Bell
Wm. Webb
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
Wm. Sydenham
Oliver Colt
Andrew Ross
Nath.l Kindersley
I. Moorhouse

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The Board approve the recommendations contained in the foregoing; and it is Agreed that Letters be written by the Secretary to the Gentlemen mentioned above, desiring them to accept the Trust to which they have been named.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosures entered in M.B. Nos. 122. 123. 124.)

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor &c. Council

From the Committee of Stores — Stating a proposal of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, and Mr. Roebuck, for Casting Shot & Shells out of the Condemned Guns, and other useless old Iron — Suggesting the Utility of applying Old Carriages to light three Pounders — Mr. Topping's new constructed Screw Coin of importance in the Artillery Branch, as also the Hause or Elevator for Field Guns — Thanks due to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham and Mr. Topping — Messrs. Dorrien, Archead, &c. make an offer for the disposal to the Company of Marquet Flints.
Orders of the Board.

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 12.th Instant, enclosing the Orders of your Hon.ble Board on our last Report; and likewise to forward a Report to your Honor from the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam.

In consequence of your orders We have written to the Committee of Stores at Tritchinopoly to forward to us immediately an Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Gun Carriages at that Garrison; and the Captain of the Hope on his return to Madras shall be called upon to make good the deficiencies stated in the Receipt.

Approved

The Committee of Stores at Masulipatam in their Receipt have not taken notice of a Tumbril which was sent them to compleat a Brigade of 6 Pounders.

A Communication of this part will be made to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.

At our last Committee a Letter was addressed to us by Lieutenant Colonel

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Moorhouse, and Mr. Roebuck, Copy of which We herewith Enclose (No. 1) containing a proposal for Casting Shot & Shells out of the Condemned Guns and other useless old Iron.

The great Expence of Shot, and the quantity that fell into the Enemy's hands in the Forts taken during the late War, obliged this Committee soon after Peace was made to lay before Government Indents for as large a supply of both Shot and Shells as could possibly be sent out by the Honorable Company's Ships; but by the General Letter of the 24th. March last it appears that, the Honble the Court of Directors have only complied with the ninth part of that Indent, which leaves a Deficiency of upwards of 8,000 Ton of Shot and Shells necessary to compleat what is required for this Establishment.--

The Board do not think themselves authorized to interfere with the provision of such Military Stores as have always been supplied from Europe -- They will however transmit a copy of the proposals of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse and Mr Roebuck to the Court of Directors, by the first opportunity.

under these Circumstances We beg leave with all due Deference to recommend to your Consideration the Adoption of this Plan of casting Shot and Shells upon the Terms proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse and Mr. Roebuck; by which means, the Charge of Freight, all Risque, Loss, and Waste will be avoided, and a sufficient supply of Ammunition be immediately obtained both

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both for Garrison and Field Service, much cheaper than they can be procured either from Bengal or Europe. The Price proposed by the Contractors, as appears in our Proceedings, is the same as is charged in the Company's Books ..... Viz.t

	Pags. Fanm. Cash.
Round shot ℔. 6t.	1.—9.—,
Shells ℔ Do.	1.—27.—.

Should the Contractors by any unforeseen accident fail of Success in the Execution of this Plan, the Honble Company is not to be subjected to any Expence or Loss whatever.

We have also the honor to lay before you /No. 2/ Copy of a Minute delivered in at our last Meeting, by Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, Commanding Officer of Artillery at the Mount, with three Papers annexed Nos. 1.2.3; and we concur entirely in the opinion expressed on our Proceedings by Brigadier General Horne, that the Pole Carriages applied to light 3 Pounders, will prove of infinite Service in the Field, particularly on light Expeditions; and therefore beg leave to recommend that the four Guns now Mounted on those Carriages be sent to Tritchinopoly, with the other Stores now in readiness for the Southward; and that four more of the same description be prepared for the Centre Division of the Army.

Approved

The

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The Screw Coin Constructed by Mr. Topping appears to be an improvement of importance in the Artillery Branch; and his Zeal and Success on the occasion entitle him to great commendation.

The Board desire that their approbation of Mr Toppings Zeal for the Good of the Service be transmitted to him.

We are likewise of opinion that the Hauljee or Elevator for Field Guns will be of great utility on Service; and We have considered our thanks due to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham for his ready Communication on the above Subjects. . . Messrs. Porcher & Redhead having made a proposal to us to purchase 16,000 Musquet Flints for the Honble Company which they have had lately consigned to them from Bombay; and the Quantity Established to be kept in Store of this Essential Article being deficient nearly this Number, We should recommend their being bought, if they could take the Standard Price of two Pags. ₱1,000; but as they demand 10 Rupees We beg to be favored with your Orders on the subject

as also to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham for his ready assistance and communications.

The Commissary General of Stores having laid before us Indents from Walajahbad, Vellore, and Guntoor, We agreed that they should be complied with, according to the Quantity expressed in the remarks made thereon.

The Board decline making the purchases herein recommended.

Approved

We examined the Books of the Director of the Laboratory, and those of the several Conductors, which We found regularly brought up to the end of last month.

Approved

We have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedt Servts

signed
Math. Horne
J. Capper
Wm Lind
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
J. Moorhouse

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Read the following Letter from General Horne
(with Enclosures entered in C.C.B. Nos. 125. 126)

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in. Council
at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

From Brigadier General Horne recommends (at the request of Colonel Nixon) that Lieutenant William Stephens be appointed to the Command of the Hill Fort Sezarow at Vellore — recommends also that Subidar Mourteejah be restored to the Service.

I have the honor to lay before the Board a Representation from Colonel Nixon, respecting the Hill Forts near Vellore; and as I understand a very consider-able quantity of Ordnance and Stores are lodged on the Hill Fort of Sazerow, I beg leave to recommend to your Honorable Board the nomination of Lieutenant William Stephens to the Command of that Port, agree-ably to Colonel Nixon's Request.

As I have received a most favorable Character of Subidar Mourteejah, late Subidar of the Grenadier Battalion, I am induced to submit to the Consideration of the Hon.ble Board a paper of Memoran-dums, respecting the hardship of his Situation. and should the Board, in consequence, be pleased to restore him to the Service, he may be posted to the 21st. Battalion of Native Infantry, vice Subidar Lem-badgerow dismissed the Service by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

A Return of His Majesty's and the Hon.ble Company's Troops for the Month of August, I have the honor to enclose.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a /s./ Math.w Horne

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Appointments recommended by General Horne in the foregoing Letter do take place, and be published in General Orders.

Read the following Letter from the Honble Basil Cochrane.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary.

Sir

From the Honble Basil Cochrane regarding the Records and Papers, belonging to the Dutch, taken at Negapatam.

Please to inform the Honble the Governor in Council, that all the Records and Papers of consequence belonging to the Dutch Company, and taken at Negapatam, were delivered up to Mr. Stoffenberg the Secretary in the Year 1782. - The only Books or Papers in my Possession, that can be of any use to the Governor & Council at Pulicat, now accompany this.

As Mr. Stoffenberg died lately, it is proper to remark, that during his lifetime, he repeatedly remarked to me, that many of the Books & Papers which he left in the Secretary's Office at Negapatam, on his Departure for Madras in December 1781, were missing; and I told him, that they might have been lost in consequence of their being repeatedly removed from one Building to another by order of Captain Johnston the Commandant, who had the destroying of the public Buildings.

I am &c
Lr. L. L. L. (signed) Basil Cochrane.

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Resolved that the Books delivered in by Mr. Cochrane be sent to the Dutch Government at Pulicat.

Read the following Letters (with Enclosures entered in Mrs 1927.)

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor &c. Council &c.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Chase, Attorney to Captain John Murray — requesting that a Nabob's Bond, granted to Captain Murray for arrears of Pay, be put in the same Train of Payment as those lately ordered from England.

I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a Bond of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic to Captain John Murray for Pagodas 1111. — —; being the Amount of Arrears of Pay & Batta due by His Highness to that Officer. — When a Committee was appointed to investigate the Nabob's Debts Captain Murray was in England; and this Bond being omitted to be laid before that Committee, has lost the opportunity of being put in the same Train of Payments as those Bonds, which, by the late Instructions from the Honble Court of Directors, are ordered to be liquidated.

I therefore hope your Honble Board will be pleased to order this Bond to be put on the same footing as those above alluded to: But if that cannot be done, that a Copy of it may be sent to the Court of Directors, with a Recommendation from your Honrs. on the subject of its being discharged.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Thos Chase
Attorney to Capt. J. Murray

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To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Lieutenant Kenny — inclosing Copy of a Certificate granted by the Agents for the Prize Money at Ramnaud — stating that Mr. Cumming, Paymaster to the Detachment, had not received his Dividend; and requesting that the Claim may be submitted to the Committee for the Investigation of the Nabob's Debts.

I have the honor to lay before you the Copy of a Certificate signed by Colonel Sydenham, and Mr. Moubray, Agents for the prize Money of Ramnaud; signifying, that Mr. Cumming Paymaster to the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour, had not received his Dividend, in Consequence of being in Europe for the recovery of his Health, at the time of it's being paid. permit me therefore to hope for your Permission to lay the Papers relative thereto before the Gentlemen appointed to substantiate the different Claims on his Highness the Nabob.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) W. Kenny

Madras
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Copy of the Certificate signed by Colonel Sydenham, and Mr. Moubray, relative to Mr. Cummings's Prize Money for Ramnaud.

This is to Certify that it appears to us from Certificates signed by the Superintendant of the Nabob's Account with the Company, and the Deputy Military Paymaster General, that Mr. William Cumming was Paymaster to Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour's Detachment in the Marawar

Country

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Country, in May, June, and July 1772. and it appears from the account of Prize Money paid on account of Ramnaid poram &c.a that Mr. William Cumming has not received any Prize Money on that account.

Signed { Wm Sydenham / Geo: Moubray } {Attorneys for the Agents}

NB. The original now lays in my hands.
(sign.d) W. Kenny

As the above Letters contain Unadjusted Claims upon the Nabob, it is Agreed, that they be referred to the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts, with Directions to send them to His Highness's Agents in the usual manner.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Tanjore

John Cramer Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Paymaster at Tanjore states the Steps he has taken in consequence of the different requisitions of Colonel Stuart for Doolies - Lascars - Grain &c.a

In consequence of the orders of Government for assembling the Troops at Trichinopoly, I have received Directions from Colonel Stuart to complete the Detachments with the requisite number of Doolies, as those in Store were far short of the Complement.

I have likewise received Directions to put in Store, without loss of time, some Cartridge Paper, and some

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some Tar: both which have long since been wanting. Additional Lascars have been requisite for so large a Detachment as has left this Garrison, and they have accordingly been entertained for this Service.

I have received written orders from Colonel Stuart, to make a further issue of Grain from the Stores, for the use of the Native Troops of the Garrison, as the Bu-zars have been inadequate to the necessary Supplies. I have obeyed these orders, and trust that the exigence of the moment will justify my Compliance.

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

Tanjore
16th September 1789.

Agreed to inform Mr. Strange that the Board approve the Steps he has taken in Consequence of the different requisitions of Colonel Stuart; and that all Extra Followers are to be discharged upon the arrival of the Troops at Tritchinopoly.

Minute thereon

Agreed Also that Mr. Strange be desired to report to the Board what Quantity of Grain has been issued Monthly to the Troops, in consequence of Colonel Stuart's Directions: Stating to whom it has been issued; and the difference between the Buzar and the Company's Prices.

Ditto

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr

Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

From Bengal - with Instructions in the Event of an attack by Tippoo, on the Carnatic, or on the Territories of the Carnatic.

We have received your Letter dated the 15th Instant.

So many Circumstances, relating to the Political affairs of Europe, as well as to those of this Country, combine to render it improbable that Tippoo would, at the present Juncture, venture to provoke the Company to Hostilities, that We acknow-ledge it would be with no small degree of surprize that We should hear that he had actually attacked the Rajah of Travancore: For the Rajah having been expressly included, by name, as our ally in the late Treaty of Peace, We are called upon by motives of honor and policy to defend him and his Country; and Tippoo having been specifically informed last Year, that such was our Determination, He would be sensible that his invading the Country of Travancore would certainly be considered by us as amounting to a declara-tion of War against the Company.

It must however be admitted that it is not absolutely impossible that the violence of Tippoo's Passions, and a confidence in his Strength may induce him to act in opposition to the Dictates of all deliberate and probable reasoning; and, on our part, prudence re-quires that means should be concerted for defending our

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own Territories, and those of our Allies: and for obtaining ample satisfaction for any injuries that they may sustain.

If the Intelligence which you may receive of Tippoo's Motions and preparations should be such as to impress you with a Conviction of his intentions to invade Travancore, you are to consult with the Officer Commanding the Troops at your Presidency, on the best mode of assembling the Body of the Army, and on the most proper measures to be taken for providing effectually, in the first instance, for the defence of our own Territories as well as those of our allies.

But, if you should receive certain information that Tippoo has invaded any part of the Dominions of the Nabob of Arcot, or of the Rajah of Travancore, you are to consider him from that moment as at War with the Company, & you will then put in Execution the measures which have been previously concerted; and you are likewise to use every means in your power to collect funds for defraying the Expence of Military Preparations: and, with that View, you are, from the day that hostilities appear to be unavoidable, to stop all further payments to the private Creditors of the Nabob of Arcot, and advances for providing the Company's Investment, in order that these and all other Sums that can be obtained from the Company's Revenues in the Carnatic, or those of the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore, may be applied, for our general benefit, against the Common Enemy.

It will likewise be proper, in the event of being forced into Hostilities, that you should notify

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Tippoo's infraction of the Treaty of Mangalore to the Government of Pondicherry, and require that the French will interfere, either by Representation or by arms, to oblige their Ally to make reparation to us for so unprovoked and so flagrant a Breach of Public Faith. and you will dispatch immediate notice of the Rupture to the Governor in Council at Bombay, and to the Chief and Commanding Officer at Tellicherry, with directions to them to complete the interior line of Defence which they had began some months ago, and to form Connections with the Neighbouring Rajahs; and to the Company's Residents at Hydrabad and Poona: desiring that they will without loss of time, take such steps as may be in their power to persuade the Nizam and the Mahrattas to seize so favorable an opportunity to resent the many injuries they have sustained from Tippoo, by declaring in our favor.

You are likewise to communicate the same information to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships on this Station, who will, we are persuaded, be ready to co-operate with you in any manner that may be practicable to promote the public good.

We sincerely hope, and believe, that the case will not happen, which would render it necessary for you to execute the above Instructions; but, should the Carnatic unfortunately be involved in a War, you may, in addition to all the means that are in your own power to command, be assured that this Government will make the utmost exertions to give you effectual assistance, and to terminate, as speedily as possible, a

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Contest that cannot, even if attended with the utmost success, prove advantageous to our affairs in this Country.

We have the honor to be

Fort William
29th. August 1789.

Sir, Sir, Sir,

signed { Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore

Agreed to acknowledge the Receipt of the foregoing, and to mention the steps taken in the beginning of this Month. for assembling upon Trichinopoly Plain such Troops as could be spared from the Southern Garrisons.

Minute thereon

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence received from Coimbetour & Carroor.

Intelligence

John Holland
Edwd. Fr. Holland

Lt. Col. Maxwell

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Diary

24 Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G. Governor General in Council at Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal — regular advices have been given of what has occurred relative to the Conduct of the Rajah of Travancore, and of the proceedings of Tippoo — the reasons given for forming a cantonment to the Southward — the Instructions of the Governor General in Council will be obeyed —

Since We had the honor to address you under date the 5th Inst. (to which you have been pleased to reply in your Letter of the 29th of the same Month.) We have regularly advised you of what has occurred relative to the Conduct of the Rajah of Travancore; and to the proceedings of Tippoo Sultaun.

In the beginning of this Month, the Reports of Tippoo's hostile intentions having gained considerable strength; and the account of his preparations being corroborated by various Channels of Intelligence, We judged it necessary to direct that a force should be assembled & Cantoned upon Tritchinopoly Plain, consisting of all the Troops that could be spared from the Southern Garrisons, which has accordingly been done.

We are willing to hope that no attacks will be made either upon the possessions of the Company or upon those of their allies; but in the event of Hostilities We shall strictly adhere to the Instructions contained in your Letter of the 29th Ultimo.

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

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24th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters, (entered in MB No.s 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137.)

To Brigadier General Horne

To Brigadier General Horne — The Board cannot deviate from the Resolutions, a copy, formed upon the Gratuity to the Field Officers, which were founded upon various Statements delivered in upon the subject. — The recommendations contained in his Letter of the 18th. Instant approved.

To the accountant General

To the accountant General — Enclosing Extract from the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the Nabob's Debts, which it is conceived will furnish the necessary materials for the making up the Accounts required.

To the Comptroller General of army accounts.

To the Comptroller General of Army accounts — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Digby, and the Papers relating to the Subject as referred to the Court of Directors, and by them returned for the Decision of this Government. — To examine and report upon the Items in Mr. Digby's Accounts upon which the Committee of Correspondence have remarked — The Charges admitted by the Court of Directors are of course to be passed in Mr. Digby's Accounts.

To Messrs. Capper, Tuting, Moubray & Cockburn.

To Messrs. Capper, Tuting, Moubray and Cockburn — enclosing Papers lately received from Bengal, to which they are to pay proper attention. when they make the report directed in the letter of the 17th. June last.

To Colonel Stuart.

To Colonel Stuart — the acquiescence of the Paymaster to his requisitions for Doolies, Lascars &c. has been approved. all Extra followers are to be discharged upon the arrival of the Troops in cantonment at Trichinopoly.

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To the Paymaster at Tanjore.

24th To the Paymaster at Tanjore — informing him of the above; and directing him to report to the Board what quantity of Grain has been issued monthly to the Troops, in consequence of the Commandant's Directions; stating to whom it has been issued, and the difference between the Bazar and the Company's Prices.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

Notification of the latter part of the abovementioned Letter to the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

To Pullicat

To the Chief and Council at Pullicat — with some Dutch Books received from Mr. Cochrane.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — with Copy of a Letter & Enclosure from Captain Kennaway, regarding the proposed Receipt to be given by His Highness the Nizam — Also, Extract of a Letter from the Committee of Stores respecting a Tumbril omitted to be mentioned in the Receipt from the Committee of Stores at that Factory.

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts.

To the Committee for investigating His Highness the Nabob's Debts — enclosing Claims preferred by Messrs. Chase & Kenny, which are to be referred to the Nabob's agent in the usual manner.

To the proposed Sub Directors of the Male Orphans Asylum.

To the Gentlemen proposed by the Trustees to be Sub Directors of the Male orphan Asylum; requesting their acceptance of the appointment.

25th. Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. Nos. 138. 139.)

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From Captain Carlisle — From Captain Carlisle — enclosing a Return, specifying the quantity of Stores, and number of Guns and Sumbriles with the Bullocks specifically attached to the Draught and Carriage thereof, as employed with the Guntoor Detachment.

From the Military Board — From the Military Board — requesting, in consequence of the 4th. 5th. and 6th. articles of the original Instructions to the Military Board, that an order may be issued for their being furnished with the Reports from the several Departments therein specified; and for every information necessary for their guidance in the complete execution of the purposes of their Institution.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor, President.

Friday
25th September
— 1789 —

James Henry Casamajor
and
Edward John Holland } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved.

The President lays before the Board a Draft of a Letter which he recommends should be sent to the Rajah of Tanjore, in order to execute the Instructions contained in the letter from the Court of Directors dated 22d April last. (vide C.C. No. 88)

President proposes the following draft of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

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To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjore — desiring that Serfojee, the adopted Son of the late Rajah, may be allowed to occupy a seperate Dwelling contiguous to that of his adopted Mother: and to be free from every restraint of his Person.

Many complaints having been made to me, that Serfojee, the adopted Son of the late Rajah, is not only treated with much Severity, but that his education is totally neglected; which being contrary to those liberal Sentiments of equity and Justice which the Honble Company are ever desirous to promote and inculcate, I have been induced to intercede in his behalf your Excellency will be pleased to allow him to occupy a seperate Dwelling contiguous to that of his adopted Mother the Widow of the late Rajah, free from every Restraint of his Person, as it is proper that he should be permitted to see his adopted Mother and to visit or receive visits from his other Relations, without any obstruction or hindrance whenever he thinks proper. I have accordingly directed that he shall be allowed a small Guard of Company's Sepoys, to attend on his Person; and I most earnestly recommend it to your Excellency to treat him with kindness, and to discou=rage every species of oppression towards him, or the Widows of the late Rajah, in their Persons or property.

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To a friend what can I say more? —

Approved —

The Board approve the foregoing and it is ordered to be translated, and sent to the Resident of Tanjore; that it may be delivered to the Rajah in the usual manner.

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President's Minute.

President's Minute on subject of the affairs at Tanjore.

From the account delivered in by the accountant to the 7th February, it appears that the Rajah of Tanjore then stood indebted on the Balance of accounts in the Sum of ₹ 20,483 Pagodas, 22 fanams, & 31 Cash; & on the Adjustment of Accounts on the 30th April, there was a Balance against him of Pagodas ₹ 43,377.3.57. His Excellency, from his late Correspondence with Government, as well as from discourse with the Resident, has evidently been appriz'd of the favorable disposition of the Honble the Court of Directors, in their arrangements by the Swallow Packet, by which the intention of Government in recovering his arrears, and growing Kists 'till April, has been entirely defeated, as he has thought proper to put a stop to all payments. Thus Government have been deprived of all resource from Tanjore towards the publick Exigencies since the Month of April, when a Bill was transmitted on Poonia he Moodely, and in lieu of the Sum of Pagodas 4,16,710. 15.57. which falls due, and ought to have been received to the 30th Instant, as appears by the Estimate of probable Receipts and Disbursements, there has been received only the Sum of 53,800 Pagodas at Madras. It appears by the Resident's Account forwarded in his Letter of Instant, that the Sum of 30,260 Pagodas has been paid at Tanjore; and the Rajah now tenders 70,000 Pagodas more. In the above Calculation only 50,000 Pagodas is admitted for

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President's Minute.

Presidents Minute on the adjustment of the Affairs at Tanjore.

From the account delivered in by the accountant to the 7th February, it appears that the Rajah of Tanjore then stood indebted on the Balance of accounts in the Sum of 2,20,483 Pagodas, 22 fanams, & 31 Cash; & on the Adjustment of Accounts on the 30th April, there was a Balance against him of Pagodas 2,43,377.3.57. His Excellency, from his late Correspondence with Government, as well as from discourse with the Resident, has evidently been appprized of the favorable disposition of the Honble the Court of Directors, in their arrangements by the Swallow Packet, by which the intention of Government in recovering his arrears, and growing Kists till April, has been entirely defeated, as he has thought proper to put a stop to all payments. Thus Government have been deprived of all resource from Tanjore towards the publick Exigencies since the Month of April, when a Bill was transmitted on Poomiah Moodely, and in lieu of the Sum of Pagodas 4,16,710.15.57. which falls due, and ought to have been received to the 30th Instant, as appears by the Estimate of probable Receipts and Disbursements, there has been received only the Sum of 53,800 Pagodas at Madras. — It appears by the Resident's Account forwarded in his Letter of Instant, that the Sum of 30,260 Pagodas has been paid at Tanjore; and the Rajah now tenders 70,000 Pagodas more. — In the above Calculation only 50,000 Pagodas is admitted for

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for the private Creditors, which by the Treaty is fixed at 80.000 Pagodas. so great a Defalcation must necessarily throw all public Payments into arrears, more particularly at a time when Government have been greatly disappointed in their expected resources from the Jaghire Revenues: having, instead of receiving the usual supplies, been under the necessity of making a large advance from the Treasury, altho' less considerable than was required. - It must further be remarked, that no assistance has been received from the northern Subordinates, the Revenues of which have been anticipated for the payment of arrears.

The arrangement with the Rajah, as directed by the Honble the Court of Directors, depending on the Adjustment to be made with His Highness the Nabob, it has been intimated to the former, that when any alterations are intended to take place, he will be informed of them by the President; and that in the mean time it is expected of him to liquidate his arrears.

That this Board however are not authorized to remit the stipulated Rists established by the last Treaty with the Rajah, is sufficiently clear from the 34th. Paragraph of the Letter by the Sural-low: and His Excellency having indicated his knowledge of the Contents of that Letter, cannot it may be presumed, remain uninformed that the directions concerning him can only eventually take place, "in "case we shall be able to negociate with the Nabob "agreeably to the mode also directed in that Letter." This

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This Board being unauthorized to enter into any new arrangements with the Rajah have consequently not deemed it adviseable to make any Official Communications to him of the intentions of the Honble the Court of Directors, or thought it expedient to open any negotiations with him. — In this situation of affairs, the Terms of the Treaty remaining in full Force, it becomes necessary to adopt some efficient measures of constraining the Rajah to a performance of his Engagements.

From the calculations adduced by Sir Archibald Campbell, and also by Mr Petrie's Letters from Tanjore, it appears sufficiently clear that the Tanjore Country under Good management is more than adequate to it's assessment, without any oppression of the Ryotts or other Inhabitants. Perceiving the humane system of the British Government, and unmindful of the great benefits derived from it, there has been too apparently a disposition to abuse the lenity calculated for Relief; and on every occasion, a pretended inability of fulfilling Kists from the impoverished state of the Country, is speciously brought forward as a reason for not fulfilling Engagements; and made the foundation of a Claim to great and unreasonable Remissions. The Tanjore Country has always for its extent been considered as very productive, and by its plentiful supply of Water from the Coleroon; less liable to Defalcation of Revenue from

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bad Seasons, than any other part of the Carnatic. There is every reason to think the Crops of the last Season have been abundant; while in the contiguous Countries immediately dependant on His Highness the Nabob there has been real scarcity: From which it is a well known Fact, that the Grain of the Tanjore Country has been sold extravagantly dear, the ill Effects of which has been scarcely felt even at this Presidency. The usual rate of Paddy is from 2 to 3 fanams p Cullum, which during the last Year has risen from 4 to 4½ fanams p Cullum. Altho' the Rajah and other Individuals of his Durbar have derived considerable Benefits from the price of Grain having been thus greatly enhanced, there is every reason to think that the Ayotts & poorer Inhabitants have been greatly distressed by it, as Grain is in this Country the principal article of Sustenance. — Under these Circumstances, there is no reason to suppose that the Rajah can have any just grounds of pleading inability to make good his Payments.

Finding a disposition in the Rajah to extravagance and inattention to his own affairs, Government thought it expedient last year to adopt coercive measures to enforce the liquidation of arrears, as well as for the security of the growing Rents. By the arrangement then entered into, Shevarow, Baphanah, & Gunapetty Soobiah were appointed to the Management of the Country, who became Joint Securities with the Rajah's Sanction to pay into the Honble Company's

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Treasury the whole produce of the Tanjore Country, untill the Kists of the Year were discharged; allowing 10,000 Pagodas ₱ month for the Rajah's Expences. The Kists not having been made good, it is incumbent onthem to give an exact account of the produce of the Country, which should be insisted onby the Resident. If they persist in refusing to submit theiraccounts to public Investigation, the President is of opinion a Conduct so evidently contumacious must be considered as an indication of embezzlements of the Revenue; and that their Persons are justly liable tobe put under restraint: But as it might be attended with in-=convenience to confine thethree Managers at one time, Baphanah, and Gunnapetty may be left forthe present intheir Management. Shevarow, who is the first per=son named inthe Security, should beheld amenable forthe accounts of the last Year; and his Person should be put under restraint till he acquits himself of so essential a part of his Trust.

In the event of their persisting in their refusal to render their accounts, the present may be considered as a favorable opportunity for more effectu-=ally carrying into execution the instructions of the Honble the Court of Directors for obtaining informa-=tion concerning the Grants of Land bythe Rajah; to effect which purpose the Resident might be directed to investigate the accounts kept by the Curnums & other Native Officers, from which a Report might be framed of the Valuation of the Country, in the forms

Observed

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Observed by the Committee of Circuit, respecting the possessions of the Rajahs of the Northern Circars:

In the Course of performing this Duty, a list may be furnished according to the desire expressed by the Honble the Court of Directors of all the Grants of Land whether in Sagbire or Enaam or other alienation of the Revenues that have been made since the accession of the late and present Rajah, with the Names & Description of the persons enjoying these Donations, and the reasons assigned for granting them.

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(signed) John Holland

Approved.

The Board approve the Sentiments and Recommendations of the President, contained in the foregoing Minute; and it is in Consequence Agreed that Instructions be drafted to the Resident at Tanjore in conformity to them.

Mr. Casamaijor refers to his Minute entered in Consult: 11th August, and adheres to the Sentiments therein Expressed.

Mr. Casamaijor begs leave upon this occasion to refer to his Minute, entered in Consult: 11th August, wherein he has given his opinion fully as to the Measures which he conceived proper to be adopted in Consequence of the Rajah's non performance of his Engagements. — He still adheres to the Sentiments he has expressed on this Subject.

His opinions respecting the Government chace of the Bar-hop.

In addition to what is resolved upon by the Board, Mr. Casamaijor thinks that the Resident should

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should be directed to ascertain what is the quantity of the Government share of the Car crop now on the ground; and that Mr. Ram should be further instructed to adopt measures for securing it on account of the Company. — Mr. Casamaijor is influenced in this opinion by what is suggested in the Letter from the Resident at Tanjore, entered on the Minutes of last Consultation. +

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

Forwarding General Horne with a Return of Officers and Men to be accommodated with Passages to Europe on the Ships of the ensuing Season.

Agreeably to the orders of Government of the 20th. Ultimo, I have the honor to lay before the Board a Return of Officers and Discharged Men &c. of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Service, who are to be accommodated with a Passage to Europe on the Ships of the ensuing Season.

As it will be necessary that the Officers, whose Names are inserted on the Return, should be acquainted that accommodations will be provided for them in the Ships of the Season, in order to be prepared, I beg leave to suggest the propriety of your Secretary transmitting them the usual leave under a flying Seal, in order that it may be registered in the Adjutant General's Office.

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir &c. &c. &c.
(signed) Mathew Horne

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Return of Officers on Leave of Absence, and of Invalids and Discharged Men of His Majesty's British on the Coast of Coromandel, to Embark for Europe on the Ships of this Year.

Corps.	Officers Commissioned: Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Staff: Adjutant	Quarter Master	Surgeons	Mates	Non Commissioned: Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & File
19th Regiment of Light Dragoons	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
36th .. Regiment of Foot	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	38
52nd .... Ditto .... Ditto	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	78
71st .... Ditto .... Ditto	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	65
72nd .... Ditto .... Ditto	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	44
74th .... Ditto .... Ditto	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
76th .... Ditto .... Ditto	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Total	.	1	.	.	8	1	.	.	.	.	3	.	252

Officers

36th Regiment	Lieutenants	Jeremiah Delany	72nd Regiment	Lieutenants	Evan McLennon
		William Armstrong			Edmund Kent
52nd .. Ditto	Ditto	Robert Cole Bowan	74th Ditto	Lieutenant	John Wallace
		Sylvester Mainson		Ensign	Calvert Briston.
71st .. Ditto	Ditto	Lieut. Col. John Elphinstone			
		Lieut. John Forbes Senior			

Return of Officers and of Discharged Men and Invalids in the Honble Company's Service, to be accommodated with a Passage to Europe, in the homeward bound Ships of the ensuing Season.

Corps	Commissioned Officers: Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Total Officers	Non Commissioned of Rank & File: Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Total non Commissioned	Total including Officers
Artillery	.	.	1	.	1	2	1	1	1	17	18	20
Infantry	1	.	1	2	2	6	1	6	.	95	102	108
Total	1	.	1	2	2	6	1	6	1	112	120	126

List of Officers Corresponding.

Names & Rank	Cause of Application for Leave
Colonel Eccles Nixon	On account of urgent and Material business in Europe, which cannot be transacted without his personal presence, and by neglecting which he must suffer considerably in his small fortunes.
Captain Daniel MacNeile	On account of Health.
Lieutenant William Knuckle	
Lieutenant David Leigh	Permitted to retire on Lord Clive's Bounty
Ensign William Neale	On account of Health.
Ensign Herring Martin	

Abstract

	Colonels	Lieut. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Total Officers	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Surgeons	Mates	Sergeants	Drummers	Privates	Total non Commissioned Rank & File	Total including Officers
His Majesty's	.	1	.	3	1	10	3	.	.	.	.	25	5	225	255	265
The Honorable Company's	1	.	1	2	2	6	1	6	1	.	.	112	.	120	120	126
Total	1	1	1	5	3	16	4	6	1	.	.	112	375	391		

(signed) Mathew Horne
Brigr. Genl. Commanding
on the Coast

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Return of Officers, discharged Men &c. who are to proceed to Europe, delivered in by General Horne, be forwarded to Bengal, agreeably to the Instructions of the Governor General in Council under date the 20th July last.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor &c. Council at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt requests further Leave of absence of 3 years.

The three years Leave of absence which you were pleased to grant me on the 19th September 1786, to adjust my private affairs, having near-ly elapsed, I have necessarily left Lucknow, and come to this place, in order to embrace the first favorable opportunity of returning to my Duty, under your Presidency; but it is with no less regret than reluctance, that I inform your Honble Board, that alths' I have been for these last Sixteen months past at the Court of the Nabob Vizier, and have hardly ceased one day during that Period personally to solicit payment of the Arrears due to me; He, until I was on the eve of leaving Lucknow, uniformly pleaded his inability to dis-charge what he owed me, on account of his obligations to the Company not being fully satisfied:

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But on that occasion, he said said these Engage-
-ments being now nearly fulfilled, he hoped he
would have it in his power in the course of two
or three Years to liquidate his private Debts; and
strongly presed my remaining with him for the
purpose of receiving my arrears. This however,
your orders, and my Duty as a Soldier equally
forbid my paying any attention to, and I accord-
-ingly, much against his inclination, may person-
-al entreaty, left Lucknow; altho' my Claims
were in no respect satisfied, and altho' I had the
best grounded hope that a compliance with his
Wishes would have put them in a Train of recove-
-ry: and notwithstanding I have the most
thorough Conviction that all the property I
possess in the World depends on my own personal
presence with him. — Thus circumstanced, I
am once more Compelled, to throw myself upon
the Indulgence of your Honble Board for a
renewal of my leave of absence for three Years
to adjust my Private Concerns in Bengal, but
to draw no allowances 'till I return to my Duty
on the East. Should my concerns be adjusted
before the expiration of that period, I shall
rejoice in being left at liberty to return so much
sooner to join my Corps.

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

Fort William
20th August 1789.

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Minute thereon

Agreed to refer Colonel Mordaunt's
in answer to the foregoing, to the letter addressed
to him by the Secretary, under date the 20th Instant.

Read the following Letter from Brig-
-adier General Horne.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Brigadier General Horne waives for the present any claim for retaining the Rank of Brigadier General; and requests he may be permitted to return to the Command of Trichinopoly.

As the period is approaching, which, in conformity to the orders of the Honble Board of the 29th August 1768, directs the exercise of my Commission of Brigadier General to cease on the 29th Instant, I beg leave to acquaint your Honble Board, that, as I pledged myself to Lord Cornwallis on making a reference to his Lordship on the subject, that I should implicitly obey the final Decision of the Supreme Board, which they have thought fit to announce in their Letter under date the 8th of October 1788; I of course, waive for the present every claim for retaining that Rank above the period men-
-tioned.

As I consider a divided and seperate Command of each army would be prejudicial to the public Service, and weaken the authority of the Senior Officer; and as I conceive my Services may be otherways usefully employed, I beg leave to request that I may be permitted to return to the Command of the Southern Army, and the Station I held

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held previous to Sir Archibald Campbell's Departure, not doubting but your Honble Board will take an early opportunity of reinforcing that Division of the army, which is so necessary for the security of the southern Countries.

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September 24th. 1789.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Mathew Horne

Minute thereon

The Board very much approve the Sentiments expressed by General Horne on the subject of the orders published on the 29th. May 1788, and shall have great satisfaction in meeting his Wishes respecting his reappointment to the Station to the Southward, which he quitted in the beginning of the year.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Beale.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

From Lieutenant Beale with an account of the disturbances occasioned by marauding parties in the Palnaud and in the district adjoining.

Honble Sir

I think it my Duty to state the following Facts to you, which relate to the incessant marauding parties that Infest this Country, the means, & Persons by which they are supported.

The Remains of the Family of the Rajah's of this Province, which are now represented by a Woman, & who were dispossessed upon His Highness the Nabob getting

getting Possession of it, have since that period as frequently as they were able sent in Parties of Peons to plunder and commit every species of inhuman Depredation. In order to ensure the means of furnishing out these Parties, it is her Custom to solicit the aid of some of the Petty Jemidars in the Nizam's or Dupaid Country, who in consideration of a share of the Plunder to be collected by them, grant permission to her to raise a number of Peons. Her Agents, & Leaders on these occasions are two Men of Desperate Fortunes; the one is called Ramras Rajisoroo, who was formerly in authority here, and turned out by His Highness for Misdemeanors; The other Moodeen Jaib, who stands in a similar Predicament with the Jemidar of Pootulchooroo Garapillee in the Guntoor Country, the same Man who not long since entered the Guntoor Circar and plundered it.

Nor are their Depredations confined to this: Solely actuated by a desire of plunder, or spirit of Revenge, they enter the Doopaud Country, and exercise the same Cruelties there. a Complicated cause of Misery to this District, a great part of which is traversed by them previous to their entering the former, the injured Jemidars of which fit out parties of reprisal, who also in their way to the Western Bank of the Kistnah, take the same Route. It's a matter of little consequence to what end they are fitted out, for the Inhabitants of the parts they pass through, equally suffer in their Persons & property: their Cruelties however have left but few in

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in those parts, so that large Tracts of Lands, capable of the highest Cultivation, are permitted to run to Jungle; and the Revenues of the Country become materially affected.

Merriallu Narsingarauidoo, Semidar of Chintra-Pallium, a place about Six Miles from this, is the Person who gives protection at present to these freebooters; who, in consequence of my having detained some Cattle they were unable to pass over the Kistnah and restored to the owners, has had the insolence to threaten to fall upon a Guard Stationed on a pass of the River opposite to his Country. I take the liberty of suggesting, Sir, that this ruinous System may be in some measure, if not totally suppressed by a Representation to his Highness the Nizam. The Chintrapallium Jemidary is subordinate to that of Nelgunda, of which Munsoor Jung is the head.

On the other hand the people of the Doopaud Country are very averse to these Measures, and extremely desirous of living in peace with those of the Palnaud.

I must beg leave to represent the Conduct of His Highness's Manager of this Province, and the Servants in Subordinacy to him, who so far from endeavoring to put a Stop to this Predatory War, are to be regarded as auxiliaries in it, since they are in the practice of purchasing the Cattle from the Parties, and further seem to favor their Motions by having struck off a certain number of Peons which the Circar furnishes to the Commanding Officer to give him intelligence of

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such movements, and which formed a part of the Establishment, till the arrival of the present Renter, two months ago.

As I consider the above Detail, Sir, a matter of some moment, the subject set forth in it affecting the peace, property & Lives of those you have done me the honor of appointing to the protection, I beg leave to submit it to your Attention; & the same time, that you will be pleased to give Rules for the Conduct to be observed by me, which shall be implicitly attended to. —

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

Anth. Beale
Lieutenant Commanding

Teinery Cottah
17th September 1789.

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to Captain Kennaway, and that he be requested to make application to the Nizam for the purpose of quelling, as far as may be in His Highness's power, the disturbances complained of in the Palnaud, & in the Districts adjoining.

Minute thereon

Agreed also that the President be requested to speak to the Nabob on the same subject, that he may issue the necessary orders to his Aumildars and Renters.

Ditto

Read the following Letters (entered in M13 Nos. 140. 141.)

From the Commanding Officer at Walanjabad — enclosing —

From the Commandant at Walanjabad.

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enclosing the Engineer's and Barrack Master's report of the state of the Barracks and Quarters.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Chief Engineer be desired to lay before the Board an Estimate of the Expence which will be required for the above repairs.

From M. Vaughan

From M. Vaughan — enclosing a statement of the cash received by him since the 12th July, on account of the Shevigungah Expedition &c.

Disbursed

Minute thereon

Agreed to direct M. Vaughan to send an account of all that he has received and Distributed on account of the Expedition to the Shevigungah Country, which account must be forwarded to the Presidency forthwith.

Captain Andrew Read appointed to the Command of the 28th Battalion, vice Taylor deceased.

The President proposes that Captain Andrew Read be appointed to the Command of the 28th Battalion of Native Infantry, vice Taylor Deceased.

Ordered.

Ordered accordingly.

John Holland

Edwd Jno Holland

Exd Geo. Stratton Secy

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Diary

26th Dispatched the following Letters

To George Andrew Ram Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore — to call upon the Managers to give an exact account of the produce of the Country, and to submit their Accounts to public Investigation — To put the person of Shevarow under Restraint, if such a Measure shall be found necessary — and to allow for five a small Guard of Company's Sepoys — a letter to the Rajah respecting the adopted Boy inclosed.

Upon taking into consideration the state of the Rajah of Tanjore's Affairs, as described in the late Letters from His Excellency and yourself, the Board have formed resolutions which I am now directed to Communicate to you.

They have considered, that, it was last year found expedient to adopt Coercive measures for enforcing the liquidation of the Rajah's Balance, and for securing the growing Kists, in consequence of His Excellency's having manifested a disposition to extravagance & an inattention to his own Affairs. They have further adverted to the Arrangement made, by which Shevarow, Bapthanah, and Gunna Petty Sorbiah were appointed to the manage-ment of the Country, who became joint Securities, with the Rajah's Sanction, to pay into the Honble Company's Treasury the whole produce of the Tanjore Country, until the Kists of the Year were discharged, allowing 10000 Pagodas per month for the Rajah's Expences.

As the Kists have not been made good; it is incumbent upon the abovementioned Managers, to give an exact account of the produce of the Country — This you are directed to insist upon, and to call upon them to

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26 to submit their accounts to public Investigation.

A Refusal to acquiesce in this Requisition is justly liable to be considered as an indication of an Embezzlement of the Revenue; and if the Managers, therefore, persist in refusing to render their Accounts of their Management, you are directed to put Shevarow under Restraint until he acquits himself of the trust reposed.

It is not thought necessary to confine at this time the other two Managers Baphanah & Gunna Petty Soubiah, which, at the time Shevarow is under confinement, might be attended with Inconvenience

If the Trustees or Managers should persist in their refusal to give you the Information required of them, and thereby occasion, by such an evident breach of their Duty, the necessity of an immediate interference and inspection of the public Accounts of the Collections, conformably to the Tenor and Spirit of the late agreement, you are to avail yourself of the opportunity afforded by their Contumacious Conduct, of carrying into Execution the Instructions of the Court of Directors for obtaining information Concerning the Grants of Land by the Rajahs; for which purpose you are to investigate the Accounts kept by the Curnums and other Native Officers, from which a Report may be framed of the Valuation of the Country, in the same manner as was practised by the Committee of Circuit in their Valuation of the Possessions of the Rajahs in the Northern Circars.

In carrying the above into Execution, you are to procure a List of all the Grants of Land, whether in Jaghire or Enaum, or other alienation of the Revenues that

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26 that have been made since the accession of the late & present Rajah; subjoining the names & Descriptions of the Persons enjoying these Donations, and the reasons assigned for Granting them.

In respect to the Paddy of the Cam-Crop, mentioned in your Letter under date the 12th. Instant, you may take possession of it as a Deposit to be disposed of on the Rajah's account, as well towards the liquidation of Arrears, as for the payment of the growing Kists of the ensuing Year.

The Rajah having been frequently addressed on the subject of his Arrears, you may revert to what has been written, in speaking to him respecting them.

I now forward a Letter to be delivered to the Rajah in regard to Serfojee, a copy of which is also enclosed for your Information; and you will accordingly make a requisition of the Commanding Officer for a small Guard, not exceeding 12 Sepoys, to attend at Serfojee's House.

I am Sir Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
28th. September 1789.

signed/ John Shore
Secy

To the Right Hon.ble Charles Earl Cornwallis
K.G. Governor General in Council
at Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal — with a Return of Officers, Discharged Men &c. of His Majesty's & the Hon.ble Company's Service, who require Passages to Europe upon the Ships of the ensuing Season.

We have the honor to enclose a Return of Officers, Discharged Men &c. of His Majesty's and the Hon.ble Company's Service who are to be accommodated with

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26 with Papages to Europe upon the Ships of the season, agreeably to the Instructions contained in your Letter of the 20th. July last.

We have the honor to be

Sir Sir Sir

Fort St. George
25th. September 1789.—

(Signed) John Holland
Sir &c Council

To Captain Kennaway

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir

To the Resident at Hydrabad with a copy of a letter from the Commandant at Tinnicottah regarding the depredations committed in the Palnaud &c. Districts. Hope he will obtain from the Nizam the exercise of his authority over those who are subordinate to his Circar.

The Officer Commanding at Tenericottah in the Palnaud District, having stated to Government that great disorders and Cruelties have been the consequences from the Marauding Parties which infest that District, I am directed to enclose to you a copy of Lieutenant Beale's Letter, in the hope that you may be able to obtain from the Nizam the exercise of his authority over those who are subordinate to his Circar.

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir Sir

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(Signed) John Chamier
Secy

To Brigadier General Horne

Commanding the army on the Coast.

To Brigadier General Horne — the Board very much approve the sentiments expressed by him upon the subject of the G.O. the 29th. August 1783 — will be reappointed to the station which he quitted on the departure of Sir Eyre Coote Campbell.

Sir

The Board have received your Letters dated the

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26 the 24th Instant, and very much approve the Sentiments you have expressed upon the subject of their orders published to the army under date the 29th August 1788,—

They have great satisfaction in being able to meet your Wishes of returning to the South-ward, and will accordingly re-appoint you to the Station which you quitted in the beginning of the Year.

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
26th September 1789— (signed) John Chamier
Secy

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. Nos. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150.)

To Mr Hugh Vaughan

To Mr Hugh Vaughan, late Paymaster in the Shevigunga Country — The Statements enclosed in his Letter of the 20th Instant, are by no means what was required from him — To state immediately the whole of what he has received and Disbursed on account of the Detachment.

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts

To the Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts — Enclosing Extract of a General Letter, with some other Papers received from the Court of Directors respecting the Claim of Mr Bird, which they are to send to the Nabob's Agents.

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave — The Board have ordered the Payment of 60 days Batta to Lieutenant Douglas for his Passage to Bombay; and the Payment of a Bill for the Passage Money of the 4 Invalids of the 72nd Regiment. The former, however,

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26th is not to be understood as an Established Allowance for the Passage to Bombay

To the Committee of Stores — To the Committee of Stores — stating the Board's observations upon their Letter of the 17th Instant.

27th. To the Chief Engineer — To the Chief Engineer — To lay before the Board an Estimate of the Expence which will be incurred by repairing the Offiars Quarters and Soldiers Barracks at Walaujahbad.

To Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt — To Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt at Calcutta — referring to the Resolutions communicated to him on the 20th Instant, from which the Board do not think it necessary to make any Deviation.

To the Commandant at Timricottah — To the Commandant at Temericottah — Application will be made to the Nizam, and to the Nabob, for the purpose of preventing in future the Commission of the Depredations reported in his Letter — To continue to preserve the Peace of the District as far as lies in his Power.

To the Commandant at Vellore — To the Commandant at Vellore — Approving the nomination of Lieutenant William Stephens to the Command of the Hill Fort at Cauverow.

To the King's Paymaster General — To the King's Paymaster General — To advance Lieutenant Douglas 60 days Batta, as an Allowance for his Passage to Bombay.

28th. Received the following Letters.

To John Chanier Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

From the Bengal Secretary — Captain Kennaway has been informed of what has passed respecting the Nizam's Vakeel &c.

Sir — I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acknowledge his receipt of a Letter from the Madras Government

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28 Government of the 9th Ultimo, and to acquaint you, for their Information, that a Copy of their Letter, with a Copy of it's enclosure, have been transmitted to the Resident at Hydrabad, to enable him to explain to Sheam Ally Khan all that has passed relative to the Vessel in question. Captain Kennaway was at the same time instructed to correspond with the Madras Government on the subject in future, for the purpose of obtaining every satisfaction to his Highness's Wishes, that can be expected in the present Circumstances.

I am also instructed to acquaint you, that Captain Kennaway has been desired to inform the Nizam of the directions which have been given by the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, in case any of the Zemindars or Ryots from the Talook of Cummum &c. should resort to the Company's Talooks for Shelter.

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

Fort William
2nd September 1789.

(signed) D'Ombelle
Sub Secretary

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council.

Hon'ble Sir

In consequence of your Orders of the 14th of October 1788, having continued to act as a Committee for investigating the Nabob's Debts; and having, since the arrival of the Houghton, been applied to by several of the

From the Committee for investigating the Nabob's debts - have been applied to by several of the Creditors to know if any orders have been received by the Houghton respecting them.

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28 the Creditors, whose Claims are yet improvided for, to know if any orders have been received respecting them. We have avoided giving any answers thereto, until We are favored with the Instructions of your honor on the subject.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
18th September 1789.

Signed { Edw.d Garron
Wm Webb.
James Landon

Received the undermentioned Letters, (entered in M/B, Nos. 151, 152, 153, 154.)

From the Commanding officer at Walanjahbad

From the Commanding officer at Walanjahbad — Has ordered the Guard of Seapoys, Stationed at Trivalore, to return to the Cantonment.

From the Commandant at Ongole

From the Commandant at Ongole — enclosing an Indent of Stores much wanted for the Garrison.

Minute thereon

Ordered, that the Indent be sent to the Committee of Stores for their Opinion.

From Vizagapatam

From Vizagapatam — with an Invoice & Bill of Lading of old Arms shipped for the Presidency.

From Pulicat

From the Chief and Council of Pulicat — Acknowledging the Receipt of the Dutch Books; and expressing their Thanks for the same.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor, President

Tuesday
29th September
1789

James Henry Casamajor
and
Edward John Holland
} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

The Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Bengal — Highly disapproving the Conduct of the Rajah of Travancore in his purchase of Cochin & Cranganore — Those places to be restored immediately to their former Owners — Mr Swiney censured for not having restrained the Rajah from the purchase.

The Governor General has communicated to us your Letter dated the 16th ultimo, which he received yesterday, and We think the subject of it of so much consequence, that We lose no time in declaring our entire disapprobation of the Conduct of the Rajah of Travancore, and in requesting that you will take immediate Steps to restrain him from engaging in any new Connexions either with the Dutch or with the Rajah of Cochin, as they must necessarily be highly offensive to Tippoo, but might just[illegible] be considered as direct infractions of the late Treaty of Peace.

Should Tippoo, in violation of that Treaty, become the Aggressor by attacking the Rajah of Travancore's

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Territories without provocation, We are bound by Considerations of Honor and Interest to protect him with our whole force; But should he provoke Tippoo by making collusive purchases of Forts or Places in the Territories of one of his Tributaries, not only without his Consent, but even at a time that such Tributary was threatened with his resentment; and should he, in particular, interfere in any manner whatever in the disputes between Tippoo and the Rajah of Cochin, who is his acknowledged Tributary, he will justly draw Tippoo's Resentments upon himself, and at the same time forfeit all Right to the Company's Friendship or interference in his favor.

We must beg that you will without loss of time, state these Sentiments in the strongest terms to the Rajah of Travancore, and represent to him that, provided he will observe a strict neutrality in all the disputes amongst his neighbours, he may depend upon the most complete protection from the Company; But that, on the other hand, our Regard to the Faith of Treaties will entirely put it out of our Power to interfere, if he should resolve upon engaging in Transactions which must be considered by all the World as Acts of Violence and Injustice.

If Jacotah and the Fort of Cranganore have been already delivered up to the Rajah, in Consequence of the Negociation with the Dutch, which is mentioned by Mr. Powney, We desire that you will insist that the Rajah shall immediately restore those Places to their former owners, and leave them to their fate; and if Tippoo should, without

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without making any reference or representation, or without giving you a reasonable time to obtain satisfaction to him for that or any other injury of which he may complain, commit actual Hostilities against Jacottah and Cranganore, or any part of the Territories of the Rajah of Travancore, for the avowed purpose of resenting his Conduct, you are immediately to acquaint Tippoo that, as you highly disapprove of the Step that the Rajah has taken without your Consent or Knowledge, you will, from your regard to the Faith of Treaties, undertake to obtain the restitution of the places in question either to the Dutch or to the Rajah of Cochin, provided he will desist from all further demand of Reparation by Force of Arms. But, should he, notwithstanding your Proposals to accommodate these differences in an amicable manner, persevere in attacking the Hereditary Dominions of our Ally, the Rajah, We cannot, after every reasonable Offer of satisfaction, consistent with a due regard to the Reputation of our National Character, abandon him in a situation of such eminent Danger. and you are therefore, in that case, to consider the Company as at War with Tippoo, according to the Instructions contained in our Letter dated the 29th Ultimo, a Duplicate of which is now Enclosed.

We cannot Conclude this Letter without observing that the Conduct of Mr. Powney, the Resident at Travancore, seems to have been inadvertent and blameable in having so rashly adopted the ideas of the Rajah and his Minister relative to the acquisition of Jacottah and the Fort of Cranganore from the Dutch at this Critical Juncture; and, tho' We are persuaded that his

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his natural disposition would lead him to discharge the Duty of his Station with honor, according to the best of his abilities and Judgement, yet we must recommend to you to lay the strictest Injunctions upon him not only to refuse, in future, his Sanction and acquiescence, but even to take the greatest pains to prevent the Rajah of Travancore from engaging in any new measures of a political nature, until he can have explained the Rajah's wishes and intentions to you, and have obtained your Sentiments and express approbation of them.

On account of the importance of the subject, We have forwarded this Letter by Express, that you may have time to prevent any Mischief that this ill-judged measure might occasion.

We have the honor to be

Hon.ble Sir &c.

Fort William
9th September 1789.

Signed { Cornwallis
Cha.s Stuart
J. Shore

Read the following Letter from Mr. Powney, Resident at Travancore.

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council

From Mr. Powney — states his Conference with the Rajah upon the subject of the Board's orders for restoring Cunittah and Cranganore to the Dutch.

Hon.ble Sir

I arrived here two days ago, and had the honor yesterday

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yesterday of delivering your Letter to the Rajah, and acquainted him that it was the desire of your Government that he should give back to the Dutch the places he had purchased from them, to re-establish matters precisely upon their former footing.

The Rajah after having made himself acquainted with the contents of your Letter, desired me to assure your Hon.ble Board, that, in making the purchases of Cranganore and Jacottah, he had no other view than the Security of his Country, and the importance of them, for this object was conspicuous to every one who had seen those places and their Situation — That when Captain Bannerman was here, he had pointed out, he said, this Circumstance to him, as likewise his intention of negociating with the Dutch for the purchase of them. — That he had desired Captain Bannerman to acquaint the late Governor Sir Archibald Campbell that such was his Intention — That he had understood from Captain Bannerman he had done so; & that the measure had met with the Concurrence and approval of Sir Archibald Campbell — That such having been the line of Conduct he had observed, you would not, he trusted, consider it in the light of his having entered into this Treaty with the Dutch without the consent of your Government. — That he hoped most sincerely, when you were acquainted of the foregoing Circumstances, and in what manner these places were held by the Dutch, and the indisputable right they had to dispose of them, you would not disapprove of his having adopted the measure; & conceiving, at the same time, that the approval of the late Governor justified his concluding the purchase

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without waiting for your Consent.— The Rajah further added that he should reply, Honble Sir, to your Letter shortly, and he hoped you would, until the receipt of it, suspend your Judgement of the Transaction.— That it gave him great concern his Conduct should have given occasion for the most distant Idea of a forfeiture of the Company's Protection; he hoped always to receive it.— That his ancestors only engaged in Commercial Concerns with the Company; but that he had always shewn himself ready, and would upon every occasion, when called upon, render them every aid in his power.— That his Country was theirs; and they might do with it what they pleased.

I have the honor to remain
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Powney
Resident

Cale-Coulon
18th September 1789.

The Board remark upon the foregoing, that they have already sent to Mr. Powney Instructions similar to those now recommended by the Bengal Government; and the President has written to the Rajah of Travancore to the same Effect.

Minute on the above

As it appears from Mr. Powney's Letter, that a Letter may immediately be expected from the Rajah relative to the Requisition made to him for giving back to the Dutch the places he has lately purchased from them, Agreed, that it is adviseable to wait a day or two for such Letter.

Ditto

Read

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Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honorable John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

From Bengal — Hope that the account between the Comp.y & Company may be adjusted with as little delay as possible — regarding the application of the Surplus of Money advanced for the Subsistence of His Majesty's old Regiments — Mr. Burke's Accounts of Disbursements in Detail should be audited at Fort St. George.

We have been favored with your Letters of the 13th. of June and 14th. of July.

With respect to the former, We have only to express our entire reliance on the dispositions of the Gentlemen employed, to accomplish, with all possible dispatch and accuracy, the Investigation committed to them. We are sensible of the Difficulty that must attend ascertaining the Proportion of Extraordinary Charges, and the Expence for victualling incurred for the King's Regiments; But, We hope that the like does not exist with respect to the Amount advanced on account of Subsistence for His Majesty's Troops: and that, that Statement, which is seperately required by the Court of Directors, may be therefore soon finished, So that the Account between the Crown and the Company may be adjusted with as little further delay as possible.

We observe by your Letter of the 14th. July that a question had arisen between your Government, and his Majesty's Paymaster General, relative to the application of the Surplus of Money advanced for the Subsistence of His Majesty's old Regiments; and that, the adverse opinions of the two parties being founded upon the Correspondence of this Government, Reference is made to us for an Explanation.

We cannot pretend to say that any part of our former

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Former Instructions had Relation to the subject in question, since We never entertained a Doubt, until the receipt of the last mentioned Advices from you, that any other Practice obtained in his Majesty's Pay Office, on the Coast, than that of bringing forward, in discharge of future payments for the same purposes, all the Current Surplusages of the Advances on Account of Subsis-tence. We accordingly recommend that, in making your Advances on that Account, a Statement of the Balance in hand may always be called for, and that the Quantum of Supplies may be regulated by the Sums that may be thought sufficient, in addition to that Balance, to discharge the Current Subsistence of the Effectives only, as prescribed by the Honble Court of Directors.

As W. Burke intimates that he has made some remittances from these incidental surplusages, We conclude that the misapprehension of the Intentions of this Government, under which W. Burke acted, was not immediately known to you — We hope that, from the Period when W. Holland's very just conception of them was notified to his Majesty's Paymaster General, and while the Subject has been in reference from you to us, you have adopted your practice, in respect to the advances for Subsistence, to your own Idea of what was regular, and consistent with the intentions of the Govern-ment.

W. Burke appearing to understand that the practice followed by him, relative to the appropriation of the Surplusage, had been sanctioned from hence, We think it a proper opportunity to explain to you that, it never was

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never was our wish or intention to interfere in the Detail of Mr. Burke's Accounts at Fort St. George; but that, all our Letters on the subject of the Accounts of the King's Pay Office have been dictated with a view only to lay down certain General principles applicable alike to all the Company's Presidencies, while the Establishment and Execution of them, as far as they relate to Madras, were to fall under your Direction.

We see reason also to repeat our former intimation that Mr. Burke's accounts of disbursements in Detail, which he intends sending round to this Government, are not required by us, and ought not to be sent us; but, should be audited at Fort St. George: the only information necessary for the Supreme Government being the Amount of Issues on account of His Majesty's Forces, distinguishing, as has often before been mentioned, the Subsistence from the Company's Allowances.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

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Signed { Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart.

Minute thereon

Resolved that an Extract be sent to the Committee for Investigating the accounts of the King's Troops, of that part of the letter from Bengal which relates to them; and that the Military Paymaster General be directed to lay before the Board an account of Advances made to the King's Troops under the respective Heads of Subsistence

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Subsistence & Company's allowances, prior to Mr. Burke's appointment of Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops in India.

Resolved also that Mr. Burke be desired in his future Distributions to forward the Balance in hand; and that he be informed that His accounts are not to be sent to Europe.

Minute thereon.

Bengal

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.
Governor in Council
Honble Sir

From Brigadier General Horne - appeals from the decision of this Government to that of Bengal respecting the Gratuity Fund.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 24th Instant, informing me that your Honble Board cannot Deviate from the Resolutions already formed upon the Gratuity to the Field Officers, which were founded upon various Statements delivered in upon that Subject.

As I conceive those Statements must have been made on erroneous principles, and which I pointed out in my address to your Honble Board, and such as could not have been adverted to when those Statements were drawn out, I cannot therefore admit the justice of them, or acquiesce in an arrangement that would so very materially diminish the proportion of the Gratuity fund I consider myself entitled to; I am therefore

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Therefore under the necessity of appealing from this Decision of your Honble Board, as far as relates to myself, and to request that my address of the 18th Instant may be Transmitted to the Supreme Council of Bengal, together with the Letter I addressed to Government in July 1784, and their Minute on that Subject, alluded to in my address; and to request Earl Cornwallis's Decision on this application.

I have the honor to be

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&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Mathew Horne

Minute thereon

Agreed that General Horne's Letters with the Papers he has mentioned be sent to Bengal, agreeably to his Request; and that a Letter be addressed, noting what has passed on the Subject.

Read the following Letter from General Horne (with Enclosure Entered in M.B. Nº. 155.)

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir

From Brigadier General Horne — Ensign Younge applies for leave to go home on account of ill health — recommends that a Committee of Officers be appointed at Trichinopoly, to inquire into the Claims of 5 Insurgent Subidars & 5th Jemadars at Madura who

I have the honor to lay before the Board an application from Ensign Younge of the 19th Battalion, requesting permission to proceed to England on account of bad Health.

As there appears by Major Clark's return, and

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who have been in the receipt of Subsistence since the Peace

and report, to be no less than 5 Independant Subidars and 19 Zemidars, who have, thro' some mistake, been in the receipt of Subsistence since the Peace: I judge it necessary to recommend to the Honble Board, that these Native Officers should be immediately ordered to Tritchinopoly; and that a Board of European Officers should be convened at that Garrison for a minute Examination into their Claims on the Service for a further maintenance, which report should be laid before the Honble Board for their Consideration.

I have the honorable
&c. &c. &c.

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(signed) Mathew Horne

Minute thereon

Agreed that Ensign Young be permitted to proceed to England on account of ill health, and that a Board of European Officers be convened at Tritchinopoly for the purposes mentioned in General Horne's Letter.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr
Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

From Masulipatam — enclosing a list of Sums advanced to Captain Kennaway, or paid to his Account; including also the Sum of 1000 Rupees paid to Captain Reynolds.

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor of acknowledging the Receipt of the orders communicated to us in your Secretary's Letter of the 9th Instant, which shall be attended to, when the Petty Zemindars arrive.

&c.

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In consequence of your former Directions communicated in your Secretary's letter of the 5th. ultimo, We have the honor of Enclosing a List of Sums advanced to Captain Kennaway, or paid on his account; in which List is also Included a Sum of 1,000 Rupees paid to Captain Reynolds of the Bombay Establishment, in consequence of a Letter which our Chief received from the Resident of Poonah, requesting that what Bills Captain Reynolds might Draw, should be honored on the Public Account.

We have the honor to be
Gt. Sr. Yr. Mo. Obt. Hble. Servts.

Anth.y Sadleir
James Hodges
W.m Dobbyn

Masulipatam
20th. September 1789

[signed]

Account of Cash paid and Remitted to Capt.n John Kennaway at the following Points, on account of the Deputation to Hydrabad.

1788.			Mad.a Rupees As. Ps.
July	10th.	To Cash remitted him this day.	12,000.— .—
August	23rd.	To Cash paid Girderdoss in full for a Bill of Exchange drawn by him on Venkoosaw Gungadoss Moonshidoss at Hydrabad, in favor of Captain Kennaway; including Praemium	16,320.— .—
September	16th.	To Cash paid Balkistnahdoss Comastah, in full for a Bill of Exch.e on his Master Cashavadoss Madanjee's Ho. at Hydrabad, in favor of Captain Kennaway, including Praemium.	10,200.— .—
		Mad.a Rupees Carried forward	38,520.— .—

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1788 Brought forward Mrs. Rupees — 38,520 — —

September — 29th To Cash paid Balkistnadoss Comastah, in full for a Bill drawn by Captain Kennaway in his favor for ——— 9,064 — —

November — 7th To Cash paid George Binny in full for a Bill of Exchange dated 24th October last drawn by Captain Kennaway in his favor for ——— 4,000 — —

December 28th To Cash paid Charles Hoyer, Paymaster of Samulcotah the 27th November last on account of Captain Kennaway. ——— 5,000 — —

1789 March — 8th To Cash paid James Hodges in full for a Bill of Exchange dated 2nd Ultimo, drawn by Captain Kennaway ——— 8,500 — —

April 30th To Cash paid Captain Reynolds, belonging to the Bombay Establishment 8th December 1788; being employed on discoveries with the approbation of the Bengal Government, and furnished with this advance in consequence of the Resident at Poona desiring that what Bills he might draw should be honored on the Public account. ——— 1000 — —

June — 6th To Cash paid George Binny in full for a Bill of Exchange dated 30th May last, drawn by Captain Kennaway in his favor for ——— 5,000 — —

Masulipatam Rupees — 71,084 — —

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(By order) Ann W. Hy

Masulipatam
19th Septem. 1789 —

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Agreed that the Account of the Money advanced to Captain Kennaway be sent to Bengal as desired.

Read the following Letter from General Conway, Governor of Pondicherry.

To His Excellency M.r John Holland.

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a at Fort St. George

Sir

From General Conway – makes the application to Tippoo for the Enlargement of the English Prisoners, and states the Terms offered by him to that Chief

I lose no time in replying to the letter you honored me with on the 21st. Instant. I annex herewith a Copy of a Letter which I have just received from the Compte de Luzerne Minister of the Marine, dated 11th. June. It will prove to Your Excellency that His Majesty has interested himself to procure the liberation of all the English Prisoners in general, who are actually detained with Tippoo Sultaun. I have in Consequence written to Tippoo Sultaun, and as I am certain that every proper Step to determine that Prince, and to hasten the Enlargement of the Prisoners will be approved of by His Majesty – I have taken upon me to offer him two Soldiers, Volunteers, completely armed and equipped, for every English Prisoner who he shall deliver to me. I desire him to point out a Rendezvous upon the Frontiers where the Exchange shall be made in presence of Persons chosen by us for that Purpose. I shall lose no time in acquainting your Excellency with his Answer. I feel myself happy in Conforming to orders dictated by the humanity and

Generosity

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Generosity which characterize the august Sovereigns I have the honor to serve; and being able to assist in procuring Liberty to your brave Countrymen, who have been so long the Victims of unfortunate Events.

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

Pondicherry
25th September 1789.

A true Translation
(signed) F Chase
French Translator

Copy of a Letter from Mons. Le Compte d'Ideaulme to the Compte de Conway, dated 11. June 1789. —

Relative to the English Prisoners detained by Tippoo Saib, whose liberty the Duke of Dorset demands

The Duke of Dorset, his Britannic Majestys Ambassador, has demanded, Sir, on the part of the King his Master, the interposition of the good Offices of our Court, in order to procure the liberty of Messrs. Wentworth, Sage, and other English officers, who may still be in the power of Tippoo Saib, notwithstanding the provisionary Exchange which took place in 1784. I cannot better fulfil the views of this Embassador, than by recommending to you to employ every means, which, from the credit of the Nation, you may possess with Tippoo Saib, to obtain the liberty of Mr. Sage, and the other Subjects of his Britannic Majesty, of whom, neither the names or number are specified ... If the Nabob should acquiesce in your request, it will be necessary that the Prisoners should be conducted to the

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the nearest English Settlement; and that you send me an account of the success of your Endeavors, that I may immediately inform the Duke of Comet thereof. The latest particulars concerning M. Sage are that, he was Prisoner at Mysore, where he had been left by one of his fellow Prisoners, who returned to Europe in February 1787.

I have the honor to be

(signed) De Luzerne

A true Copy/signed/ Conway.

A true Translation/signed/ F. Chase
French Translator.

The President lays before the Board a Persian Copy of General Conway's Letter to Tippoo, sent to him by the General; which being Translated, is found to be as follows.

From the Compte de Conway, to Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder — dated 6th of Mohurrum 1204. or 24th Sept.
1789.

From General Conway to Tippoo Sultaun — requesting he will release the English Prisoners now in Mysore; and offering, for every English Prisoner, two French Soldiers with arms & accoutrements.

At this time the orders of His Majesty of exalted dignity like the resplendent Sun enlightening the World, have been received to this Effect — That I should make a friendly request of the exalted Presence, of the English Officers and Soldiers who still remain the Prisoners of your Circar. — Considering the Friendship that that dignified Sultaun possesses for us, I am in hopes that the Persons herementioned will be set at liberty without Excuse or Delay. I am also ordered immediately to communicate the [illegible] tidings of their liberation —

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And with respect to this manifestation of Your Friendship, from which will result an encrease of your prosperity, which is considered as our own; I have received orders, in return for the English who may be released, and who could be little depended upon by you, to send you certain Effective Men, who will be of great Service to you — In this respect, the present occasion is very favorable for my sending to the presence proper Men with their Arms and Accoutrements; and in return for every Prisoner who may be delivered up, two Soldiers will be given. — In consequence thereof I will send these People to any place on the Confines of your Country that you may appoint for the exchange of these Men — no doubt this will meet with your approbation, as many among them are Workmen and Artificers. I trust, that reflecting on the advantage that will accrue from this Exchange, and the pleasure that it will give the King, the friend of your Circar, you will be happy to accomplish it. But if, which the almighty forbid! this should not meet with your acquiescence, it is without doubt that, the dust of Sorrow & distress will obscure, and the arrow of disappointment pierce the breast of the King. Mons. Luckonut L. McKenzy Major General will be at Conabrinder, or Mahé in the Month of November, and will present to your exalted presence the Presents sent by the King.

May the Sun of Life & Prosperity be resplendent for Ever! ——

Read

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Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board

Read a Letter from Mr Gordon, desiring his Letter of the 22d. Ultimo, be forwarded to Government.

From the Hospital Board — with a letter from Mr. Surgeon Gordon; stating the Unhappiness of his present Situation, and claiming his Rights in the Service.

The Hospital Board, seeing Mr. Gordon unwilling to be awarded by them, have the honor to forward his Letter, and to recommend that, for the reasons specified in their Proceedings of May 10th. 12th. 16th. and 18th. of October 1786, the Circumstance of his being employed on the Service in Tantoor, does not in any respect alter his Situation, nor give them Cause to alter their opinions set forth in the dates above Specified.

It is true, the scarcity of Surgeons at that time made it necessary for Government to accept Mr. Gordon's offer, as they had no doubts of his acquaintance with the Field Detail, which was the Duty that appeared principally necessary on that Service.

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signed { Ja. Anderson Physician General
Colley Lucas C.S.
William Duffin Head Surgeon.

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

Gentlemen

I find myself deeply concerned (I am again forced

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Forced to the disagreeable necessity of renewing my addresses to your Board, on the subject of my grievance as a Servant of the Honble Company of upwards of 30 years standing: I will not repeat the representations I have so often made to you, since the Year 1786, of the Injustice I conceived to have labored under, as you are in full possession of them, as well as the respectful (tho' formal) Protests I have thought it my duty to make against the opinions of some of your Board to my prejudice on these occasions; and altho' the Claims were not attended to with that Candor and justice, I must say, they were entitled to, they never were made without a tender of my services, and I have it my Duty to my Honble Employers to follow the same line of Conduct as often as I saw that I could continue my services to them with Effect to the publick, and with honor to myself.

In pursuance of these Sentiments, I offered my Services to take under my charge the Field Hospital of the Detachment prepared to take possession of the Fort & Circar in august 1788, which were accepted by you with Marks of approbation for my alacrity & zeal for the Service; it was natural for me on this occasion to flatter myself, those Bars that were before opposed to my pretensions to a General Hospital, as well as to every other emolument incident to my Rank in the Service, were meant by you to be removed, and by this appointment, you had consented to my being restored to those Rights I had so long been contending for; and as I have not them, nor can I now, have any reason to believe that

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that I was placed in this high trust, merely from views to serve me without an attention to my capacity to discharge that trust, and a full conviction that I was in every respect qualified for it.

Notwithstanding, I found at my return from this Service in May last, that Doctor Anderson, the Director of your Board, did not allow of my pretensions to have been any way advanced by this appointment to the Detachment on the Coast on actual Service (consisting of a Regiment of European Infantry, a Detachment of artillery, and one of Horse, and Three Battalions of Sepoys) and refused to countersign my Salary Bills for May, June, and July, as Hospital Surgeon, saying that, I had no Right to draw any allowance, but that of a Major of Infantry.

It is from this opinion of Doctor Anderson that I appeal, upon the grounds of Seniority and equal merit, which are the Claims admitted by the Honble the Court of Directors, and by the Honble Board for Promotion; and I do not conceive, by the Rules of the Service or of Justice, I can be deprived of my Right to a General Hospital, or of the Salary annexed to that Employ in case I am not appointed to it, while so many of my Juniors are in Possession of these advantages.

I cannot presume, you were influenced by any view in your appointment of me to the Medical Charge of the Guntoor Detachment, than to the benefit and advantage of the Public Service, and I am confident you will not disallow, that the Charge of a Field Hospital requires no small share of abilities, as accidents are more

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frequent, and disorders often of amore varied and critical nature in the Field than in Garrison, the Duty of which is neither attended with fatigue or personal Danger; and I hope I may be allowed to suppose a person qualified to have Charge of a Field Hospital, is in every respect capable of the Charge of one in Garrison. I do not complain of the Hardships of the Field: I have been used to it since the Year 1759; I have been upon actual Service whenever it occurred during the whole time; and have always been ready to undertake any Duty the nature of the Service has made it necessary for me to be called upon. I scorn to draw Comparisons of the service of others who have been preferred to what is my right; as I dare rely upon the whole Board acknowledging that no one in the professional Line of my Rank, has gone thro' so continued and unremitted Course of Duty.

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I hope therefore, that I may be allowed to make a respectful, tho' serious, complaint of the Injuries I labor under by the injustice done me in refusing me the liberty to draw the allowances annexed to my standing in the service. Had any Complaints returned with me after the late Service was over; or had any complaints of inattention or inability been laid to my Charge during my walk in the Service from the Year 1759. I should be put to the difficulty of apologizing, or entering into a Justification to do them away; but, instead of this Task, I have the Consolation of being able to refer you to the testimonies of many Commanders in Chief of my Care & attention, and I may, with truth, add, successful manage-

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management of the Sick & Wounded under my Charge at different times when I have been on Service with them.

I believe it is unheard of in any Service whatever, to deprive a person of his Rank, Station, and Emoluments annexed to it while he is able and willing to serve in it; and, I hope I may assert with equal confidence, that it has not been at any time the intention of our Honble Employers, or of this Government to deprive any of their Civil or Military Servants of their Rights, according to their Standing; or that they should suffer by any misrepresentation or consequent error in fixing allowances, which appears to have been the case in the approval of the Honble Board upon the Proceedings of your Board of the 26th September 1788, after I had proceeded to the Northward.

It gives me great Concern to be even the disagreeable necessity of this nature of address to you; but I trust that Men of your Experience in life, who are in possession of your full Rights in the service, and who, by station, are the Arbiters of the Rights of others, will make it a conscientious duty to do by me as you wish others should do by you, and that you will do your utmost to procure me that Justice, I must believe, you think me entitled to, by assenting to my appointment to a General Hospital, or assent to my drawing the allowances of that appointment until a vacancy may occur.

I have the honor to be

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23rd August 1789.

&c. &c. &c. (Signed) William Gordon

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The Board do not think any particular Reso=
=lution necessary on the Subject contained in the foregoing
Proceedings

An additional Muster Master for the Centre Division proposed by the President, at the recommendation of Colonel Capper

The President proposes that Colonel Capper's application for an additional Muster Master for the Centre Division of the Carnatic be complied with (as mentioned in his Letter of the 2d. of June last) — and, accordingly recommends Mr. Edward Atkinson for the appointment.

Mr. Ed. Atkinson Appointed.

The Board approve the President's recommendation, and Mr. Atkinson is accordingly appointed

Agreed that the usual Notice be given.

Mr. Valentine Connolly proposed by the President & appointed Secretary to the Hospital Board.

The President takes this opportunity of there being a Vacancy to the Employ of Secretary to the Hospital Board, to recur to the late Orders from the Court of Directors (Para. 92d.) in the General Letter per Houghton, in which they authorize the appointment of a Professional Man to the above Office; and having also adverted to the recommendation made long ago on this Subject by the Hospital Board, proposes, that Mr. Valentine Connolly Assistant Surgeon, be appointed Secretary to the Hospital Board.

approves —

Ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne (with Enclosures entered in Mss. Nos. 156. 157. 158.)

To

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The Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Brigadier General Horne reports the death of Captain Eagle, & again proposes Captain Westroppe for the vacant Battalion — Observations in consequence of the Board's setting aside his Recommendation of Captain Westroppe on a former occasion.

I have the honor to report the death of Captain Eagle Commanding the 18th. Battalion of Native Troops at Ganjam, on the 13th. Instant.

Your Honorable Board having been pleased to lay aside my recommendation of an Officer to succeed Captain Taylor in the Command of the 28th. Battalion, without assigning any reasons that has come to my knowledge for Rejecting that Recommendation: it is under a Conviction of what is due to my own Station, to the army at large, and to your Honorable Board, that I recommend to Government an Officer to succeed to the Command of a vacant Battalion.

For the reasons assigned in my letter of the 16th. Instant, I beg leave to recommend that Captain Westroppe be appointed to the Command of the 18th. Battalion, vacant by the Death of Captain Eagle.

I should consider myself materially wanting to the Duty of the Station I have the honor to hold, were I to omit requesting, with every Deference to your Honorable Board, that you will be pleased to take under consideration the orders of the Honble Company, that have been twice published to this Army, as expressed in the 47th. Paragraph of their Instructions under date the 29th of March 1774.

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Although the act of Parliament of the 26th. Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, respecting the better regulation and Management of the affairs of the East India Company, does not allow the Commander in Chief a seat in Council, unless specially appointed thereto, it does not appear to me that the nature and Extent of the Duty is otherways changed; I am therefore induced to believe that the Influence and authority of the Commander of the Army, in filling all Vacancies, as expressed in the orders of the Honorable Company, was not meant to be diminished; although a variation must necessarily take place in the mode of recommending what he may see expedient to submit to the Consideration of Government regarding Military Appointments or any other Military matter.

Considering the subject in this point of view, and at the same time, the line your Honorable Board has been pleased to adopt when the 28th. Battalion was reported vacant, accompanied by the Recommendation of a Successor to Command that Corps: I shall hope for the indulgence of your Honble Board in taking the present opportunity of stating my sentiments, as the Officer entrusted with the Command of the Army, on finding my recommendation of a deserving Officer not only rejected with silence, but another Officer named to the vacant Battalion, whose application did not come through the Channel prescribed by the Standing orders of Government

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Government, and the invariable Rules of Military Service, for maintaining Discipline and Subordination in the army. The orders of this Government that I allude to, will be found under date the 2nd. April 1785, and enforced under date the 13th. October 1786.

I cannot avoid availing myself on the present occasion of the highest Civil as well as Military authority in India, by transcribing part of a Minute of Earl Cornwallis in Council: His Lordship has thus expressed himself — "I think it incumbent on "me to declare that in my opinion it will always be "wise in the Civil part of this Government, unless called "upon to prevent gross partialities or evident abuse "of Power, to abstain from interference in the Detail "of Military Appointments, and to leave it to the dis= "-cretion of the Commander in Chief."

Although it is not my intention to reflect on the Military Character of the Officer your Honble Board has been pleased to nominate to the Command of the 28th. Battalion; and although I am sensible that the power to appoint to all vacancies is in Government alone: yet, I will not so far disregard the Situation I have the honor to hold as the Commanding Officer of the army, or the Rules and Regulations that are established, and absolutely necessary for Military Discipline and Subordination, as to decline my Duty by remaining silent on any matter that I am of opi= =nion affects them.

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It is from a conviction that the necessary power of the Commander of the army will be deeply wounded, and Military Discipline be materially injured, if Officers are selected for Military Appointments independant of the Commanding Officer, that I have now considered it my indispensible Duty to lay before your Honble Board my Sentiments on the Subject. Situated as I am at present, I trust that your Honble Board will see my motives for this address in their real point of view; and that when I beg leave to express my reliance on the Justice and wisdom of Government to support the influence and authority of the Officer at the head of the army, I am not actuated in doing so by any selfish or interested considerations; and I must freely acknowledge, at the same time, that I should have quitted the Command of the army with infinitely less regret had not the Circumstance occurred that has given rise to this long address; but as it happened, I have conceived it my Duty to represent the matter to your Honorable Board.

Although I have judged it expedient to recommend to your Honorable Board the nomination of Captain Westropp to the vacant Battalion, yet in justice to the merits of several very deserving Officers, I beg leave to lay before the Board for their consideration the enclosed Applications.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Mathew Horse

Fort St George
September 28th 1789.

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Altho' the Board are very desirous of shewing

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every respect and attention to General Horne, to whose Merits and Character they have given public Testimony, yet they by no means Concur in the opinions he has given respecting the admission of every recommendation for Military Appointments which may be made by the Officer in Command of the army upon the Coast.— At the same time, to shew their attention to General Horne's Recommendation in the Letter now before them, it is

Captain Westroppe appointed to the Command of the 18th. Battalion.

Agreed, that Captain Westroppe be appointed to the Command of the 18th. Battalion, vacant by the death of Captain Eagle.

Agreed that these Sentiments and Resolutions be communicated to General Horne.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

From Bengal — Recommending that Brigadier General Horne be not Deprived, upon his return to the Rank of Colonel, of any allowances he may have enjoyed as Brigadier General.

We were induced by a consideration of the General principles which has been established at home for removing all grounds for Jealousies between the Officers in the King's, and those in the Company's Service, to direct that Brigadier General Horne should cease to exercise the Rank of Brigadier on the Madras Establishment upon the day that had been fixed by his Majesty for recalling the Brevets of local Rank

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which had been given to Field Officers in the King's Service; But as We have reason to believe that General Horne is an Officer of great merit, as well as a very old Servant of the Company, it is by no means our wish that He should be deprived of any part of the allowances which he drew as Brigadier General.

We therefore recommend to you (unless you shall receive different orders from the Court of Directors) to continue the usual allowances of a Brigadier General to General Horne after the 29th of this month, when he will cease to exercise that rank, and become a Colonel on your Establishment, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.

This indulgence however is to be considered as personal to General Horne, and to constitute no precedent for the admission of a similar Claim in favor of any Officer who may in future become the Senior Colonel of the Company's Troops at Fort St. George.

We have the honor to be

Sr. Sr. Sr.

Fort William
5th September 1789

(signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
J. Shore

Minute thereon

Although the Instructions contained in the foregoing Letter will not be productive of any particular advantage to General Horne, whose Rank

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of Brigadier did not yield him any extra Pay or allowance above what is allotted to a Colonel of Infantry, yet the Communication of the favorable Intentions of the Bengal Government must be acceptable to him, and it is therefore Agreed, to furnish him with a Copy of the foregoing Letter.

Read the following Letter from the Executors to the late Mr. Savage.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

From the Executors to the late Mr. Savage — stating the Balance due to him as Military Storekeeper, & requesting Payment thereof.

As Executors to the Estate of George Savage Esqr. late Military Storekeeper, We beg leave to apply to you for payment of the Balance which appears due to him on the 31st. August last, being Pagodas 38,956. 26.55, as certified in the Enclosed Letter from his Successor Mr. Linds.

The Import Warehousekeeper has a Claim on the Estate for Goods delivered to the Deceased for the use of his Employ, amounting to Pagodas 855.— and the Civil Storekeeper for Pagodas 4512. 23. 35; in all Pagodas 5,367. 23. 35. — If these Sums are transferred by these Employs, the Nett Balance will be Pagodas 33,589. 3. 20.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. / signed { James Taylor
Geo: Moubray
Jno. Cockburn
for Dupré Porcher

Madras
25 26th Sept. 1789 —

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To Messrs Taylor, Moubray, Porcher, & Cockburn.

Executors to the Estate of W. George Savage.

Gentlemen

Agreable to W. Cockburn's request, I now acquaint you, that the Balance due to the late W. George Savage as Military Storekeeper, to the end of August 1789, as appears on the Books, amounts to Pagodas 31,956.26.65.

I am Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

Madras
24th September 1789.

(signed) Wm Lind
Military Storekeeper

Minute thereon

Agreed, that Copy of the foregoing be sent to Colonel Capper, and that he be desired to audit and report upon the late Military Storekeeper's Accounts. — The Sums due to the Employs of Import Warehousekeeper, & Civil Storekeeper, may be transferred to them from the Balance due to Mr. Savage's Estate.

Read the following Letters (entered in M.B. Nos 159. 160. 161)

From the Chief Engineer

From the Chief Engineer — recommending the raising the Wall at the Water Works, in order to make a Shed for the reception of the Pipes &c. — the Expence of which is estimated at about 70 Pagodas.

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Minute thereon

As Colonel Ross considers the above Work necessary, it is Agreed, that it be executed.

From Mr. Willis

From Mr. Willis — stating that he has a Bond of the Nabob's in his possession, which he requests may be registered by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

Minute thereon

As the Indulgence requested by Mr. Willis has been extended to others, it is Agreed to permit his Claim to be referred to the Nabob's Agents, through the Channel of the Committee.

From the Accountant General

From the Accountant General — Stating that he has not sufficient Documents to enable him to execute the orders of the Board, relative to the making up the Claims of Messrs. Martinz, Redhead &c. &c.

Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Extracts of the Company's late Orders on the foregoing Subject, be sent to the Committee for Investigating the Nabobs Debts; and that they be desired to make up the Accounts in Conformity to the Orders from England.

The allowances enjoyed by General Horne granted to Colonel Musgrave, on whom the Command of the army this day devolves.

As the Command of the army this day devolves upon Colonel Musgrave, who becomes the Senior Officer upon the Coast, Agreed, that the allowances enjoyed by General Horne be granted to Colonel Musgrave, desiring him at the same time to execute a Bond of

Indemnification

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A Bond of Indemnification to Lieutenant Lyth from Colonel Musgrave for the Table allowances.

Indemnification, eventually making himself answerable for such Sums as he may receive for Table allowance, if not approved by the Court of Directors: in the same manner as required from General Horne.

Messrs. Grant, Carpenter, & Fullarton take the oath of Secrecy as assistants in the Military Office.

Messrs. Grant Fullarton & Carpenter, assistants in the Military Office, being introduced by the Secretary, now take the usual oath of Secrecy, which is administered by the President.

John Holland

Edwd Jno Holland

Ens. Geo. Fullarton &c.

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Diary

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Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in No. 13. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174)

To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer — To raise the Wall of the Water Works as recommended.

To the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops

To the Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops — with Extract of a Letter lately received from Bengal, respecting the Service entrusted to their Management.

To Colonel Capper

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — In consequence of his Recommendation for an additional Muster Master for the Centre Division of the Army, the Board have appointed Mr. Edward Atkinson to that Station. — To examine and report upon the Accounts of the late Military Storekeeper; and Transfer to the Employs of the Import Warehousekeeper and Civil Storekeeper the Sums due to them.

To Mr. Edward Atkinson

30th To Mr. Edward Atkinson — His Appointment of Muster Master vacates the Stations of Secretary to the Hospital Board, and Assistant in the Military Secretary's Office — to deliver over Charge of the Secretaryship to Mr. Valentine Conolly Assistant Surgeon.

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board — Advising of Mr. Connolly's appointment.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Mr. Secretary Hay — Enclosing a Statement of Sums advanced to Captain Kennaway, or paid on his Account by the

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30 the Chief & Council at Masulipatam.

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores — Colonel Musgrave being in the Command of the army, is to be President of their Committee; and Lieutenant Colonel Piels a member in the Room of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenhams.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — with a Communication similar to that to the Committee of Stores.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General — To lay before the Board an account of Advances made to the King's Troops under the respective Heads of Subsistence & Company's allowances prior to Mr. Burke's appointment of Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops in India.

To Ensign John Young

To Ensign John Young — with permission to proceed to Europe for the Re-establishment of his Health.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — informing him of the late orders sent to the Northern Subordinate Settlements respecting Draught & Carriage Bullocks.

To the Committee for Investigating the Nabobs Debts.

To the Committee for Investigating the Nabobs Debts — enclosing Extracts of the late General Letter from England; and desiring that, the Accounts of the Claims which the Court have ordered to be put upon the same footing with those of Messrs. Cosby &c.a, be made up to the 31.st December 1784. — To refer a claim of Mr Willis's to the Nabobs Agents.

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave — enclosing Extract of a letter from Colonel Hume — and desiring he will issue the necessary orders for assembling a Committee of Officers at Tritchinopoly for the

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30 The purposes expressed in the abovementioned Extract.

To Colonel Capper

To Colonel Capper — Colonel Musgrave being in Command of the Army, is to draw the same allowances as were enjoyed by the Officer late in Command of the Army upon the Coast.

To the Military Paymaster General.

The same to the Military Paymaster General.

Received the following Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos. 176 177. 178. 179.)

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham — Enclosing a Return of the artillery and Lascars doing duty at the Mount for the Month of September; and reporting his having delivered over the Charge of that Cantonment to Lieutenant Colonel Giels.

From Mr. Vaughan

From Mr. Vaughan Paymaster at Madura — Vindicating the Charge against him, of not complying with the Regular Indents before he drew on the Paymaster General; and enclosing Copies of three Letters from the deputy Military Paymaster General on the Subject.

From Major Clark

From the Commandant at Madura — Enclosing the monthly return of the Troops in that Garrison, and reporting some Intelligence respecting Tippoo and the Mundahs.

From Major Yeunge

From Major Yeunge — Stating that every necessary precaution is taken in Consequence of Government's Orders to him of the 30th Ultimo.

From Colonel Kelly

From Colonel Kelly — submitting to Government a Letter received from the Amildar of Gingee, on the subject of Cattle for the public Service.

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30th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters.

To the Right Hon.ble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William.

My Lord

To Bengal — referring for their Decision Colonel Horne's late Letter with Enclosures on the Subject of his Gratuity, with this Government's observations thereon, — mentioning the small advantage that will arise to Colonel Horne by a continuance of his Brigade's allowances

We have lately received a Letter from Colonel Horne respecting the Decisions of your Lordship upon the Gratuity to the Field Officers of this Establishment; by which the Colonel conceives that a less Sum is allotted to him than his proper Share. As our Resolutions on this Subject were conformable to your Lordship's Instructions, We acquainted him in answer to the Letter, that We could not deviate from the Resolutions formed on this Subject, which were founded upon various Statements, after minute Investigation.

Colonel Horne has in Reply declared himself "obliged to appeal from our Decision to the Supreme Council," and requested we would transmit his late Letters and Enclosures to your Lordship: and as the Subject of Reference is connected with the Decision of your Lordship in Council, We have thought proper to comply with his request.

Altho' We have complied with Colonel Horne's request abovementioned, We think it necessary to remark that, We are not sensible of his having given any new lights upon this Subject, which has already undergone so much Discussion. Colonel Horne's application to Government in the Year 1784, when he complained of

Colonel

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30th Colonel Nixon's Having to his Prejudice, was noticed by him in his Letter of the 25th of March last, and of course that Circumstance was before your Lordship when you decided on the Subject.

We have been honored with the receipt of the Letters from the Bengal Government under date the 2nd and 5th Instant, to which We shall pay every attention.

We have communicated to Colonel Horne the Contents of the latter, which cannot but be satisfactory to him; altho' the Instructions contained therein will not be productive of any particular advantage to him, as his former Rank of Brigadier did not yield to him any extra Pay or allowances: he only drew the Pay of a Colonel of Infantry.

We have the honor to be

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

Fort S.t George
30.th September 1789

|signed| John Hollond
&c.a Council

To Colonel Horne

In Colonel Horne — acquainting him of the foregoing Reference — permitting Ensign Young to proceed to England; and mentioning that Orders have been issued to Convene a Board of Officers at Vellore to examine the Claim of Subidars & Jemidars; of Captain Westropp's appointment to the 15th Battalion, but disclaiming the discussion of every Recommendation for Military Appointments that may be made by the officer Commanding the Army.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 26th and 28th Instant, and to acquaint you, in reply to the former, that your Letter of the 18th Ult.o, with the Papers enclosed in it, and those that relate to other Subjects, will be referred to the Consideration of the Governor General in Council, agreeably to your Request.

The Board permit Ensign Younge to proceed to England

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30th England on account of ill health, and will order a Board of European Officers to be convened at Tritchinopoly, for the purpose of examining the Claims of the Subidars and Jemidars mentioned in your Letter.

The Board, as a mark of attention to your Recommendation, have appointed Captain Westroppe to the Command of the 18th Battalion: at the same time, they direct me to observe, that they by no means concur in the Opinion laid down in your Letter of the 28th Instant, respecting the admission of every recommendation for Military Appointments, which may be made by the Officer in Command of the army on the Coast.

The Board have received a Letter from Bengal on the subject of Your situation, which the Governor General in Council supposes may, in a pecuniary point of view, be affected by your Ceasing to exercise the Rank of Brigadier: I enclose a Copy of the letter for your Information.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Chamier
Secretary

To Colonel Musgrave
Commanding the army on the Coast

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you that

To Colonel Musgrave
Intimating to him Situation
the same allowances as were
enjoyed by the late Officer
Commanding the army
but desiring he will execute

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a similar Bond of Indemnification on account of Table allowance, if it should be disapproved of by the Court of Directors —

30th that they have annexed to your present situation the same Allowances as were enjoyed by the Officer late in Command of the army upon the Coast.—

These allowances consist of 5,000 Pagodas pannum, (the sum fixed by the Court of Directors to be enjoyed by the officer in Command of their army, as Field allowance) and of Pagodas 600 pr month for the Expences of a Table.

The latter was granted to Colonel Horne, when in the Command of the Army, in consideration of his Predecessors having usually been Members of Government, and thereby entitled to a Salary; and because he could not be permitted to receive any Gratuity beyond the proportion allowed to a full Colonel of the army. In lieu therefore, of the Sums enjoyed by former Commanders in Chief either as Salary or Gratuity, Colonel Horne's allowances were fixed as above mentioned that he might be able, to maintain the Expence to which his Station made him liable.

But, as the Court of Directors have not made any provision for the situation in which Colonel Horne was, and you are now, placed, the Board were sensible that the Table allowance was subject to a Refund, and they therefore desired Colonel Horne to execute a Bond of Indemnification, by which he should make himself eventually answerable for a Reimbursement of such Sum as he might receive for Table allowance.

The Board accordingly desire that you will execute a Bond of Indemnification, by which you will eventually make yourself

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30th yourself answerable for a Reimbursement of such Sums as you may receive for Table Allowance, if it should not be approved by the Court of Directors.

The Paymaster General will receive the necessary Directions respecting the Payment to be made to you.

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
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(signed) J. Chamier
Secretary

To William Burke Esqr.
Paymaster General to the King's Troops
in India

Sir

To W.m Burke requesting that in his future Distributions he will bring forward the Balance in hand; and informing him, that his Detailed Accounts of Disbursements are not to be sent in future to Bengal, but to be audited at this Presidency.

In consequence of a Reference made to Bengal, an opinion has been given by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, respecting the mode of making Advances to your Office for Payments to the King's Troops, and I am now directed by the Board, in Conformity to the abovementioned opinion, to desire that you will, in your future Distributions, bring forward the Balance in hand.

The Governor General in Council has particularly expressed, that he does not require your Accounts of Disbursements in Detail, which are to be audited at this Presidency, and of course, are not to be transmitted to Bengal as you intended.

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant J. Chamier
Secy

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30th Received the following Letter from the officer commanding at the Changama Pass.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

From Lieutenant Hope Stewart reporting that 8000 of Tippoo's foot with 3000 Horse and 5 Guns have arrived at Tatteul, and of his consequent retreat to Amie

I have the honor to acquaint you, I have this minute received ~~received~~ an Account of 3,000 Horse, and 8000 foot with 5 Guns having arrived at Tatteul; and that they mean to plunder this Country. Tatteul is on the other side of the Pass, and 15 Miles from here. — I intend retreating without delay to Amie.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Hope Stewart

Lieutenant Commanding at Changama.

Changamah

27th Septemr. 1789 —

at 4. P.M.

Immediately on the receipt of the foregoing the following Circular Letter was written to the Commandants of Amie, Tiagar, Vellore, Arcot, & Ranet Vellore.

To Lieutenant MacKerras Commanding at Ranet Vellore

Captain Flint Commanding at Tiagar

Colonel Kelly Commanding at Amie

Colonel Nixon Commanding at Vellore

& Major Young Commanding at Arcot

To Lieutenant Mc. Kerras Captain Flint Colonel Kelly Colonel Nixon & Major Young — informing them of the above Intelligence, and directing them to be upon their Guard.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that

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30th that they have received an Account of 3,000 Horse, 8000 Infantry, with 5 Guns, having arrived at Tateul, about 15 Miles from Changamah.

This is Communicated to you that, you may be prepared if the above Force should enter the Carnatic, of which they are said to have the Intention.

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I am &c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Chamier
Secy.

October — 1st. Receives the undermentioned Letter from his Majesty's Paymaster General.

John Chamier Esqr.

Sir

From W. Burke requesting Copy of the Letter from Bengal respecting the advances to his Office

I am favored with yours of yesterday, respecting the mode of making Advances to my Office; but no Copy of the Letter alluded to from the Right Honble the Governor General & Council, which I have just now begged the Honble Mr. John Holland to direct that I should be furnished with, and he has been so good as to comply with my request; I must therefore beg you to order such Copy to be sent me.

I have already received the Governor Generals directions to abstain from laying before him my official Disbursements in Detail, which it was certainly never necessary to trouble His Lordship with. Colonel John Murray himself, after 12 months squabble in detail, is pleased to avow that he never saw any occasion for their being "exhibited."

There

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1st There never existed with me a Doubt, that the audit of my accounts lay here, at Madras, and here only.

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant

signed William Burke

Madras
1st October 1789.

Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Travancore.

To Mr. George Powney

Resident at Travancore.

To Mr Powney – Informing him of the Supreme Government's disapprobation of the purchase from the Dutch; and their disavowal of Protection, should the Rajah of Travancore incur Tippoo's resentment by interfering with his Tributary the Rajah of Cochin, or by making Collusive purchases within the Mysore Territories. – directing him to insist upon the Rajah's evacuating the places purchased from the Dutch – enclosing an Extract of a Letter from Bengal, relative to his (Mr. Powney's) Conduct; and desiring him to be more careful in future.

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter under date the 18th. Instant.

Altho' you have been fully acquainted with the Sentiments of Government Communicated to you in my Letters of the 18th. and 30th August, respecting the late purchases of the Rajah of Travancore from the Dutch, it is judged expedient now to inform you that, the Governor General & Council of Bengal have declared their entire disapprobation of the Rajah of Travancore's Conduct, and requested this Government to take immediate Steps to restrain him from engaging in any new Connexions with the Dutch, or with the Rajah of Cochin: as they must not only be highly offensive to Tippoo, but may justly be considered as direct infractions of the late Treaty of Peace.

The Supreme Government have also Observed that, should Tippoo in violation of that Treaty, become the Aggressor by attacking the Rajah of Travancore's Territories without provocation, they are bound by considerations of

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honor and Interest to protect him with their whole force; but should the Rajah provoke Tippoo by making Collusive purchases of Forts or places in the Territories of one of his Tributaries, not only without his Consent, but even at the time that such Tributary was threatened with his Resentment; and should he, in particular, interfere in any manner whatever in the Disputes between Tippoo and the Rajah of Cochin, who is his acknowledged Tributary, he will justly draw Tippoo's resentment upon himself; and at the same time forfeit all Right to the Company's Friendship or interference in his favor.—

As tho' the President purposes fully to state the above with his Sentiments with the Rajah, it will be necessary that you also do so, and represent to him that, provided he observes a strict neutrality in all the disputes amongst his Neighbours, he may depend upon the most compleat protection from the Honble Company; but that, on the other hand, the regard which the English Government pays to the faith of Treaties, will entirely put it out of their power to interfere if he should resolve upon engaging in Transactions which must be considered by all the World as acts of Violence and Injustice.

The President has already requested the Rajah will restore to the Dutch the places he has purchased from them: this measure is now to be insisted upon, and the places must be left to their fate — This you must signify to the Rajah, at the same time acquainting him that, if Tippoo should commit actual hostilities against Jacottah and Cranganore, or against any part of the Rajah's Territories, for the purpose of resenting his late Conduct, he will be informed that as this Government have disapproved the transaction, they

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they will give no countenance to it; and if he will with-
-draw his Force, the places will be restored to their former
possessors. - But that, should he persevere in attacking
the hereditary Possessions of the Rajah, measures will im-
-mediately be taken for his effectual Defence.

I enclose an Extract of the Letter from the
Bengal Government, which relates to your conduct in
the course of the late Transactions. You will no doubt
be careful not to subject yourself to similar Remarks in
future. -

I am Sir
your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
1st October 1789.

(signed) John Chamier
Secretary.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable John F. Holland Esqre
Governor. President

Friday
2nd October 1789

James Henry Casamajor
and
Edward John Holland
} Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read and
Approved.

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

To

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John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George.

Sir

From M.r Secretary Hay — inclosing Letter & Translation to the Nabob, and List of Letters which accompanied the one from His Highness now replied to —

I have orders from the Governor General, to transmit to you the enclosed Letter to the Nawaub of Arcot, from his Lordship, and to request it may be given to the Governor of Fort St. George, to be forwarded to His Highness: a Translation of it is enclosed for M.r Holland's perusal. Lord Cornwallis has not thought it necessary to trouble M.r Holland with a Copy of the Papers that came with the Nabob's Letter now replied to, as they consist of a Correspondence which has passed between His Highness, and M.r Holland, but he has been pleased to give orders that the List, in which I enclose them, should be forwarded to you, to facilitate a Reference to the originals in the Governor's Possession.

I have the honor to be

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

E. Hay

Secry to the Govt.

Fort William

8th. September 1789.

(signed)

To His Highness the Nabob Walaujah

Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic &c.a &c.a &c.a

I was honored with your Highness's Letter dated July 26th. by the hands of Lieutenant Cahrane.

The Court of Directors have taken it so entirely upon themselves to decide upon the Treaty which was Concluded between your Highness and Sir A. Campbell,

and

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and upon the proposition, which, upon a Comparative Statement of your Revenues, it was equitable to expect from you towards the general Defence of the Country, in addition to the Sum set apart for the liquidation of your private Debts, that I am sure You would see the impropriety of my interfering, even if I was possessed of more Minute information respecting the situation and resources of Your Country, than it is possible for me at this distance to obtain.

I have the most perfect reliance on your Highness's Honor, and the uprightness of your intentions; but all Princes are exposed to be deceived by the misrepresentations of designing Men; and I cannot help suspecting that the oppression and Ruin of your Ryots is much more likely to proceed from the Rapacity and dishonesty of your Aumils, than from your attempt to fulfill your Engagements to the Company, which were Calculated only upon Your receiving such a Summa, as your Country under good Management, could easily bear, and upon Oeconomical arrangement of your private Expences.

I must likewise take the liberty of observing to your Highness that, the Persons who are entrusted with the Government of the Company's Affairs, will always be found most proper for your Confidence, as their Character and Reputation are concerned not only in the prosperity of the British Settlements, but also in that of an Ally whose Interests are so nearly Connected with our own; and that the Individuals of our Nation who

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who busily intrude themselves upon your Highness, and wish to meddle in the administration of your Affairs are more generally actuated by Motives of private advantage, than a Regard for your real Welfare.

If I had not believed that his Conduct proceeded only from inadvertency, I should have been highly displeased with Lieutenant Cochrane for presuming to undertake the delivery of a Letter to me of such serious import from your Highness, without the Knowledge or Sanction of the Madras Government, which I am sure, upon a little Reflection, Your Highness must agree with me in thinking the only regular and proper Channel of Communication between us.

Fort William
4th September 1789

A true Copy /signed/ E. Hay
Secretary to the Govt &c

List of Enclosures in the Nabob's Letter to Bengal.

No 1. Copy of Extracts from the Company's Letter to the Government of Fort St. George, delivered to the Nabob 19th July 1789.

2 Copy of a Paper delivered to Governor Holland by the Nabob's Signature 23rd July 1789.

3rd Copy of a Paper received from Governor Holland & delivered on the 25th July 1789.

4 Copy of the Nabob's reply to Governor Holland's Paper of the 25th July 1789.

/signed/ E. Hay
Secy to the Govt

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be requested to deliver to the Nabob, the Letter addressed to His Highness.

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The President lays before the Board Copy of the Paper which he delivered to the Nabob some days ago, accompanied by the ~ Paragraphs of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated the ~ (entered also in C. C. N.o 89.)

The President lays before the Board Copy of a Paper which he has delivered to the Nabob.

Paper delivered to the Nabob.

The Governor having explained to His Highness the Nabob, the terms proposed by the Honble the Court of Directors for forming anew arrangement, and relieving him from the difficulties of which he complains by diminishing his immediate payments to the Honble Company Stipulated by the present Treaty, it gives him much concern to find by his Highness's answer under date the 9.th Instant, that he still continues in the same sentiments on this subject:

In order to avoid the possibility of any misunderstanding of the directions from the Honble the Court of Directors, the Governor now Encloses an Extract of their Letter; and requests His Highness will favor him with his final determination to be Communicated to the Honble the Court of Directors. ~

Substance of a Paper sent to His Highness the Nabob expressive of concern that His Highness still objects to the new arrangement proposed by the Court of Directors: & enclosing Extracts from their Letter on the subject

16.th September 1789.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave.

To the Hon.ble John Hollond Esq.r ~

Governor in Council

Sir

I am sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you with a complaint, which has been received by me from

From Colonel Musgrave complaining of the Calastry Amildar, and requesting the Nabob may be spoken to on the subject.

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From the Officer Commanding at Tripassore, stating that his Highness the Nabob's Aumildar for the Palastry District (named Abdullah Saib) has prevented a supply of Grain which had been provided for the Consumption of the Soldiery at that Garrison, from being brought thereto.

As it cannot possibly be His Highness's intention that any Station of the Troops should be in this manner unnecessarily molested, from private motives of the Aumildars, I request you will be so obliging as to make mention of the Circumstance; when I doubt not His Highness will immediately give orders for no farther interruption on the part of his Servants.

I have the honor to be

Gardens 30th September 1789. &c. &c. &c.

signed Thomas Musgrave

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be requested to speak to the Nabob on the Subject of Colonel Musgrave's Representations.

Read the following Letter from Major Young of the Cavalry

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

From Major Young enclosing his account of Disbursements for the purchase of Horses - applying for a supply of Cash for the purchase of those Horses now in the Market.

The several supplies of Cash granted to the Agency for purchasing Horses being expended, I have the

honor

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and on the Road — also for the ensuing Fair at Tripetty — stating that 120 Horses are wanting to compleat the Statical Cavalry.

Honor to transmit you a Statement of the Disbursement of these Sums; and I am willing to hope that the Account will prove Satisfactory. As perhaps it may appear that the Purchases in this Statement exceed on an average those made by the former Agency, I beg you will be pleased to observe that Major Campbell bought the greatest number of his Horses to the northward, and of course at a cheaper rate than can be purchased at Madras; however you will find I have no doubt, that when every Charge attending the northward purchases are included, the Horses bought by me will, upon the whole, not appear at a higher price, than those purchased by the former Agency, and I will confidently assert, that the Horses are as unexceptionable in every respect.

There are now in the Madras Market about 70 Horses which are in every respect fit for the Service; and near 80 more on the Road. as those Horses are brought hither by the dealers authorized by Major Campbell & myself: and as the breach of our Engagements with these People may prove highly detrimental to the Service at a future period should Horses be required for the Cavalry, I take the Liberty of making application for a further sufficient Supply of Cash; and I flatter myself that the consideration of the circumstances which I have now mentioned, and which I had the honor of more fully explaining in my former Letter, will induce your Honble Board to favor me with your early attention to this request.

I also beg leave to observe to your Honble Board that, the Tripetty Fair is on the eve of commencing, which offers a large and in all probability a cheaper supply of Horses than any other Market; this consideration I hope may have some weight, and may lead your Honble Board to oblige me by grant-
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granting an additional supply of Cash to make the requisite purchases.

The Natives Cavalry still require about 120 Horses to compleat the 5 Regiments, & I flatter myself that the circumstances which I have had the honor of representing to you, & the advantages that will arise to the Service from the Natives Cavalry being compleat with Horses, will lead your Honble Board to deem this a favorable opportunity of compleating the same.

Arcot 24th Sept. 1789 –

I have the honor to be –
&c. &c. &c. (signed) Wm Young.
Major of Cavalry & Agent –

The Honble Company's Cash

Dr.

Sundry Accts. Cr.

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Sept. 1 To Cash paid for 161 Horses, as per Particular account, and Receipts
To Contingent Expences of Purchasing the Horses at different times at Madras, Provisions & Cash for Camp duty &c. &c.
To allowance for the Chaluck's Servants
To Paid for English Writer
To Balance in hand

Cr.

1789
Sept. 1 By Cash received this day out of Major Young's Agency &c. &c.
By the amount of Bills drawn by Lieutenant Stevenson this date
Lieut. on the above account
By ditto ditto
Lieut. on the above account
By ditto ditto

Errors Excepted
Wm Young.
Major of Cavalry & Agent.

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Minute thereon

Before the Board come to any Decision upon the Subject of the foregoing Letter, it is Agreed to desire Colonel Musgrave will lay before them a Return of the Native Cavalry, particularizing their present State.

Read the following Letters from Colonel Stuart.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Stuart - reporting that all the Troops ordered to assemble at Tritchinopoly have arrived excepting the 16th Battalion. Colonel Martin applies for 500 Stand of Arms from the Cantonments in Tritchinopoly & Tanjore.

I have the honor to acquaint you that all the Troops ordered to assemble at this place are arrived and Cantoned, some in Tents and others in Quarters, except the 16th Battalion, which has been delayed in its march by the badness of the Gun Cattle, but may be expected on the 27th. The movement of the 20th from Tanjore, and of the Troops that are to replace them from hence, will be ordered as soon as the present Feast is over, or early in the beginning of next Month.

I take the liberty at the same time to transmit to you the enclosed Letter addressed to me by Colonel Martin, Commanding his Highness the Nabob's Troops for the present in the Nevigunga Country, containing a Request with which, tho' entirely reasonable, I have not thought proper to comply without first Communicating it to the Honble Board for their approbation.

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

Head Quarters
Tritchinopoly Plain
25th September 1789.

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To Colonel James Stuart

Commanding the Southern Division

Sir

The 16th. Battalion of Native Infantry agreeable to orders, marched off this day from this place. You are well acquainted with the nature of this Country, and so am I with the troublesome disposition of its Inhabitants. Had the above mentioned Battalion remained in this Country, my apprehension would not be so great; but as matters stand it is necessary to have a small Body of Troops ready to move about the Country at the very first notice of any Disturbances. from the Subandies that the Nabob's representatives has recruited, a small Battalion of 500 Men may be put in order, and made fit for Service; to effect which, I request you will be so good as to order the Storekeeper at Vitchinopoly or Tanjour to deliver 500 Stand of arms out of those that have been Cast by the different Corps, and which may repairable - I hope that this my request will meet with your approbation, and hope you will consider it to be for the good of the public Service.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) M.c Martinz

Calarcoil
17th. September 1789.

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To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you, at the request of Captain Torrens Commanding the 2.nd Revenue Battalion, a Letter addressed to Captain Glendoning at present in Command of the Garrison of Tanjore, and forwarded by him to me for that purpose.

— from Colonel Stuart — enclosing a Letter from Captain Torrens to Captain Glendoning — which states the necessity of allowing his Corps of Sibundies the same Pay as the regular Sepoys — with his (Colonel Stuarts) observations thereon.

I shall not trouble you, Sir, with any Remark on this Letter, further than to say that, the Revenue Battalions in the Tanjore Country were not assembled by me in the Garrison for the purpose of doing Duty, but for the purpose of being disciplined: His Excellency the Rajah having signified to me that he would have no occasion for their Services in the Country for two Months.

To remove the load of Responsibility which Captain Torrens seems so apprehensive should fall upon him in the event of the Sepoys of the 2.nd Revenue Battalion adopting an irregular mode in procuring themselves Redress on what they may think Rights in case of a Refusal, I have given the Officer Commanding at Tanjore orders "forthwith to discharge "from the Service such Sepoys of the 2.nd Revenue Battalion as "appear and are dissatisfied with their Situation of the Service, "and to enlist others in their Room; first explaining fully to "them the nature of the Service, and the footing they are to be upon". which I hope will meet with the approbation of the Honble Board. — not considering myself authorized, without the Board's Instructions, to comply with Captain Torrens's request

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request of putting the men of his Battalion upon the full Pay and allowances of the Regular Sepoys, and not thinking them in their present situation entitled to it; But, on account of the very high price of Rice at Tanjore, and the very small Pay of the Revenue Troops, I consider the part of Captain Torrens's Letter, respecting their having Rice issued to them from the Company's Store, worthy of the attention of the Honble Board.

Head Quarters
Toitchinopoly Plain.
28th September 1789.

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

To Captain Charles Glendoning
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

Pursuant to the orders of Colonel Stuart signified to me thro' the Fort adjutant on the 8th Instant, to call my Battalion into Garrison (with the exception of the Sivgarapettah Detachment) I have the honor to acquaint you have been complied with, a few Men excepted, whom I expect in in a few days. In compliance to the application made to me again this morning by the Revenue Sepoys thro' the Channel of the Native Officers, in presence of yourself, to be placed on full Pay and allowances conformable to the Government orders of the 10th February 1787, and explained to them when entering into the Service; I beg leave to lay the same before you, and to request that, if on reference to them, you think the application just, you will be so good to issue such Garrison Orders as you may judge

necessary

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necessary for their receiving the Pay and allowances set forth therein, which they consider to be their just due on being called into or kept in Garrison, whether for the purpose of Drill or Garrison duties either in Peace or War. The daily issue or allowance of Paddy from the Company's Stores at this time of dearth & dearness of that Commodity in the way all other Sepoys have received it here till the end of the present month, and the immediate Provision of Puckallies &c. for supplying the Battalion with Water, is absolutely and indispensably forthwith necessary, and which I beg (in the name of the People and from a Conviction of their Distresses and wants of these articles) you will be so good to order to be furnished immediately agreeable to the Custom of the Service and the present sudden necessity of the Case, in order to obviate the great inconveniencies which so much requires, and which calls loudly for Relief — the want of Rice and Water. — The positive Denial of all and every one of these Articles to my Battalion heretofore, was the cause of the irregular behaviour of the Revenue Sepoys a few days ago, in refusing to go to Drill. — In justice therefore to myself, and for the information and satisfaction of the Honble the President in Council, and the Commanding Officer of the Troops on this Establishment (by whom you have told me this Claim is to be determined) I beg leave to declare, that I am not at all to be looked upon as responsible or blameable in any shape or Sense whatsoever, for the misapplied and irregular mode adopted by them to procure themselves redress in what they might think their Rights, on receiving such refusal of them. I beg leave, Sir, here to transcribe a Paragraph of the orders above alluded to, and on which the complainants "found their Claim — Viz.t — "On the raising and forming of "the Revenue Battalions, the Sebendies are to be informed, that "in

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"in the Event of War, they will be drawn into the Garrisons of the
"Districts to which they belong; on which, they will be placed
"on the same footing and Pay in every Respect with the regular
"Battalions of Sepoys." This Paragraph, in my own opinion,
very explicitly and incontrovertibly establishes their Claim;
as they observe to me, it is a matter of no consequence to them,
whether they are ordered into Garrison to take their Tour of
it's Duties, in rotation with others, (which they only wait
for orders to do) or to attend laborious drill morning and
evening: adding, that, altho' no Recruit in the Service is
ever desired to mount Guard &c. for the time he is training
up at Drill for 4 or 5 months to a regular Discipline,
yet he receives his full pay from the day he entertains
until he joins his Battalion to do all other Duties; and in
the same light the Revenue Sepoys look upon themselves equal-
-ly entitled to the public allowances of the Service whilst in
Garrison, and on whatsoever Duties employed. Another
Paragraph of the orders alluded to is "Such of the Sibben-
"dies as can be spared from time to time from the Collection
"Duties, are to be disciplined; and for this purpose, the Com-
"=mandant at each Station will on application, give the
"necessary Assistance from the Regular Battalions" - altho'
the former part of this Paragraph indicates that the Revenue
Sepoys may be called into Garrison occasionally for the
benefit of discipline, yet it affords no sort of intimation
that the force and efficacy of the former Paragraphs (placing
them on full Pay and allowances) shall cease on such occasion.
on the contrary, if I may be allowed to judge, I think it the
strongest possible Confirmation of their Claims to all it's benefits.
If however, Sir, you should not think yourself authorized

from

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From the orders referred to, to establish them in their Claims to what these Paragraphs Direct, I have to beg you will do me the favor to refer to the Commanding Officer of the Southern Division, and to request, that if he cannot grant redress in these Instances, he will do me the honor to lay their Claim before the Honble the President in Council for their Decision, in such manner as he may think proper.— As the Revenue Sepoys not being ordered to mount Garrison Guards &c., is assigned as a reason for their not being put on full Pay on that account, I have only to remark thereon that, for the space of nearly 20 years to my own certain Knowledge, the Honble Company have always allowed full pay to their Soldiers (Recruits) for learning their Duty, previous to their Requiring any of the executive duties of a Soldier individually from them. From hence I may reasonably conclude that the Revenue Sepoys in Question being directly in the same Predicament with those just described, are equally entitled to full Pay &c., whilst training up to a more regular discipline for the public service.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient & very humble Servant
Francis Torrens
Captain 2nd Revenue Battalion

Tanjore
20th September 1789.—

Minute on Colonel Stuart's Letter of the 28th September

The Board approve the opinions given, and the Steps which Colonel Stuart has taken respecting the 2nd Revenue Battalion, which is to be put exactly upon the same footing with the other Native Corps, as far as relates to being supplied with Grain from the public Store.

The Consideration of Colonel Stuart's Letter of 25 ultimo postponed.

Agreed to defer the Consideration of Colonel Stuart's letter of the 25th Ultimo.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Deputy Accountant

To John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir

from the Deputy Accountant reporting on the Abstracts received from the Resident at Tanjore; and enclosing copy of the Rajahs Account Current from 1st May 1788, to 30th April 1789 and from 1st May to 31st Augt 1789.—

I am favored with your Letter of the 16th Instant, informing me of the directions of the Honble Board to report on the abstracts received from the Resident at Tanjore.

The amount in November and December 1788, and in January 1789, brought to the Rajah's Credit by the Resident, was accounted for previous to the Balance of Pagodas 118,993.21.6 as stated by Mr. Petrie 23rd November 1788; being the Sums received from him in Bills on Buckenjee and Pateapah Moodely. falling due in the Month of December; and therefore makes a difference of Pag.s 215000 twice Brought to the Rajah's Credit.— From which time, that is 1st February to 31st August, the Resident has stated the amount received from the Rajah Pags 194260.— Whereas by the account received from Tanjore, and our Treasury Journal, the amount received from the Rajah is Pagodas 335,000— The Resident has stated the amount of Kists due from the Rajah for one Year, that is from 30th November 1788, to 30th November 1789, at Pagodas 670,000. This is the amount of the annual Kists; but if both the Kists of

30th

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30.th November 1788. and 30.th November 1789. are added, the amount will be encreased to Pagodas 700000.

Taking the Sums as they appear stated by the Books in this Office, the Balance due from the Rajah on 31.st August 1789. is Pagodas 3,54,376.27.57. without Debiting him for Kists as far as 30.th November 1789.

You will please to observe I have stated to the Rajah's Debit only 50,000 Pagodas on account of his private Creditors, but as the two Years are expired that he was allowed by Government the Remission of 30,000 Pag.s pannum - on this account I wish to receive Instructions from the Honble Board, whether the full Sum of 80,000 Pagodas pannum for his Private Creditors, is again to be stated to his Debit.

I am Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Accountant General's Office
29.th September 1789.

(signed) Robert Woolf.
Deputy Accountant

P.S. In order that the Resident may understand how the difference in our accounts arises, I enclose a Copy of the Rajah's Account Current from 1.st May 1788. to 30.th April 1789. - and from 1.st May to 31.st August 1789. - taken from the Books of this Office —

D.o

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Dr.— The Rajah of Tanjore — in Account

				Pagodas	F	C
		To Balance due on 30th April 1788		2,50,480.	18.	58
1788	May	31 To His Kist due this day		45,000.	—	—
	June	30 To Ditto	Ditto	60,000.	—	—
	July	31 To Ditto	Ditto	50,000.	—	—
	August	31 To Ditto	Ditto	40,000.	—	—
	September	30 To Ditto	Ditto	25,000.	—	—
	November	30 To Ditto	Ditto	30,000.	—	—
	December	31 To Ditto	Ditto	60,000.	—	—
1789	January	31 To Ditto	Ditto	60,000.	—	—
	February	28 To Ditto	Ditto	1,00,000.	—	—
	March	31 To Ditto	Ditto	1,00,000.	—	—
	April	30 To Ditto	Ditto	1,00,000.	—	—

Pagodas 9,50,480, 18,58.

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		To Balance due on 30th April 1789		2,43,377.	3.	57
1789	May	31st To His Kist due this day		45,000.	—	—
	June	30th To Ditto	Ditto	60,000.	—	—
	July	31st To Ditto	Ditto	50,000.	—	—
	August	31st To Ditto	Ditto	40,000.	—	—

Pagodas 4,38,377. 3.57

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Current with — The Honble Company. — Cr.

					Pagodas — Fs. C	Pagodas Fs. C
1788	May	31st	By	Treasury Journal received at Madras	40,850.— .—	
	June	30th	By	Ditto Ditto	9,000.— .—	
	July	31st	By	Ditto nothing	" " "	
	August	31st	By	Ditto nothing	" " "	
	September	30th	By	Ditto nothing	" " "	
	October	31st	By	Ditto received at Madras	129,698.35.24	
	November	30th	By	Ditto Ditto	53620.— .—	
	December	31st	By	Ditto Ditto	86,280.— .—	
1789	January	31st	By	Ditto Ditto	28,500.— .—	
	February	28th	By	Ditto Ditto	45,000.— .—	
	March	31st	By	Ditto Ditto	50000.— .—	
	April	30th	By	Ditto Ditto	126,200.— .—	569,148.35.24
1788	May	31st	By	the Resident at Tanjore	13,894.29.10	
	June	30th	By	Ditto Ditto	4871.10.57	
	July	31st	By	Ditto Ditto	6784.5.40	
	August	31st	By	Ditto Ditto	11,543.31.—	
	September	30th	By	Ditto Ditto	9556.10.20	
	October		By	Ditto Ditto	11,324.1.10	
	November / December		By	Ditto Ditto	20000.— .—	
			By	Ditto Ditto	10,000.— .—	
1789	January		By	Ditto Ditto	8000.— .—	
	February		By	Ditto Ditto	11,800.— .—	
	March		By	the acting Resident at Tanjore	10,000.— .—	117,774.15.57
			By	the amount Sale of Horses received by Mr. Petrie, and Credited in his Account of 5th October 1788	5,180.— .—	
			By	the amount received in Grain at Tanjore in 1788, by Mr. Macleod; to be debitted to the Commissary General	15,000.— .—	
					707,103.15.1	
			By	Balance	243,377.3.57	
				Pagodas	950,480.15.58	

30th April 1789.

1789	May	By	Treasury Journal		53,800.— .—	
	June	By	Ditto	nothing	" " "	
	July	By	Ditto		" " "	
	August	By	Ditto		" " "	53,800.— .—
	May	By	Resident at Tanjore		4134.— .—	
	June	By	Ditto	Ditto	6066.— .—	
	July	By	Ditto	Ditto	10,000.12.—	
	August	By	Ditto	Ditto	10,000.— .—	30200.12.—
					84000.12.—	
		By	Balance		354,376.27.57	
			Pagodas		438,377.3.57	

31st August 1789 — Errors Excepted (signed) Robert Woolf
Deputy Accountant

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Copies of the above to Resident at Tanjore

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing with the Account Current annexed be forwarded to the Resident at Tanjore.

Read the following Letter from Captain Speedinman

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Hble Sir

Some Captain Speedinman requesting Payment of a Letter from Mr Welch on the Paymaster General in favr of Captain Kipper and offering indemnification if the order is again found

Sometime in the year 1786, I received from Captain Kipper of the artillery an order on the Military Paymaster General, drawn in his favor by Mr. Thomas Welch for Pagodas 390; being for amount of arrears of Pay due to him — By some accident this order was lost — I find since my return to my Station that my attornies Messrs. Fancher, Redhead & Co. have not been able to recover the amount: I do therefore take the liberty of soliciting payment in a Bengal Certificate, and am ready to give any indemnification you shall think necessary against the future appearance of the Order in question — I solicit this favor with the more confidence having on a reference to the Paymaster General, found that said Order has not been discharged, tho' it will appear by Mr. Welch's Accounts that the Hble Company have been Credited for the amount.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) R. Speedinman
Captain artillery

Fort St. George
26th September 1789

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to report whether the above Claim is outstanding upon the Books of this Office.

Minute thereon

Read

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Kelly

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

from Colonel Kelly — reporting the state of the Garrison of Arnee, and recommending certain repairs and reforms.

Being entrusted with the Command of a Frontier, which from it's situation and extent would be of the utmost importance, in case of a War in the Carnatic, were it's fortifications in repair, I hope it will not be deemed improper, if, at this important Crisis when rumors of Wars are daily coming in from the Mysore Country, I should suggest to the Honble Board the necessity of paying immediate attention to the state of the Fortifications and Garrison of Arnee, it's Stores, Provisions &c: a brief general Statement of all which I now take the Liberty of laying before the Honble the Governor in Council; and shall hold myself responsible to him for the particular measurement, quantity, and number of every article set forth, as well as Plans and Sections of the Works if necessary.

First — as to the extent of the Fortress, it measures from the north East to the South East angle, within the Parapet of the Curtains of the East face ——— yards 636 —
From the South East to the SW angle Ditto Ditto of the S. face 620 —
From the SW. to the N.W. angle. —— ditto —— Ditto of the W. face —611 —
From the NW. to the NE angle —— ditto —— ditto of the N. face 554 —
Total within the Parapets —2421 —

exclusive of 26 Tower Bastions, 7 Cavaliers, and the Complicated and extensive Traverses of 3 Gateways.

As to it's Strength, it's Ramparts are either too low or too thin, and all it's parapets too high, without banquettes,

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and too thin; and its Ditch for the most part dry and easy of accep - But, to be more particular, where the Ramparts are anything of a tolerable height, they are so thin that were they raised to the level of the Parapet, both together would not make a modern Parapet; and in other parts, where their breadth might do tolerably well, they are not above three or four feet above the level of the Streets. Then, as to the Parapets, the old ones are only from a foot to a foot and a half thick, and those that Hyder repaired of the Curtains, they are from 2 to 3 feet thick, and from 5 f. to 7 feet high; without a Banquet that can be made any use of. The Ditch requires no other Description than that already given of it.

It may be easily imagined that a Fortification requiring so many and solid repairs, cannot be put in a decent state of defence in less than a Year, if Masonry is employed for that purpose. But, as our time may be very short, I would take the liberty of suggesting an expedient that may answer our purpose for the present much better. - Let me be furnished with a reasonable number of Artificers, Lascars, Comattis and Coolies, with the Tools requisite for such People to work with; and with them I will undertake to strengthen such places as are most likely to be attacked, or retrench such as may be breached. This requires no other preparation than the collection of a great number of Bamboos and other Wood to make Gabions, Fascines, Stockades, Pickets and the like; for which Money must be sent; all other materials we shall endeavor to find on the Spot.

The Governor in Council will observe by the Returns that, I have only 12 Iron Guns in the Walls that can be made use of; and for them there is only about a Week's allowance of

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in case of a Siege.— Therefore, the sooner Weare supplied with more Powder and Shot, as well as Musquet Ammunition the better. Had I a few Carpenters and Smiths with the ne-cessary apparatus, We could repair two old Carriages here, so as to be of Service; but, the shortest way would be to send spare Carriages from Madras.

I need say nothing with respect to the arti-cle of Provisions, as Government is well acquainted with their Deficiency, and seems to be already desirous of laying in a stock as soon as possible.— I fear however, that there can be no reliance on the means hitherto taken for that purpose.

It only now remains to speak of the Garrison. There are 400 of the European Battalion, and 50 of the Sepoys generally fit for Duty.— The Store Serjeant, one other of that denomination good for nothing, and 6 Gunners & Matrosses who are little better. I shall not presume to suggest what addition may be necessary to the two latter Corps: That will depend on the Service expected of this Garrison.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Robert Kelly

Arni
28th. September 1789.

Minute thereon ——————

The Board do not think it necessary at this time to incur any Expence for Repairs or Reforms to the Fortifications at Arnee.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Colonel Kyd enclosing an Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Harrowsian & Sepoy Barracks & for 2 Sepoy Sheds in the Black Town

Agreeably to your desire, I have the pleasure to

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to lay before you the Estimate of Expence for the Repairs wanted to the Hanoverian Barracks in the black Town, most of which was included in the annual Estimate for Repairs to Buildings, but not executed. Likewise the Estimate of Repairs wanted to the Sepoys Barracks on the Island; and for the two Sepoy Sheds within the North West angle of the black Town Wall.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut. Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
24th September 1789.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Ross's Estimates for Repairs to the two Sheds for Sepoys, and to Sepoy Barracks &c. in the Island, be sent to the Committee of Works, desiring them to order the execution of them by the Contractors.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Secretary Hay.

To John Cha[illegible]mier Esq.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

The Gover[illegible]nor General in Council adverting to the 4th Paragraph of the [illegible] letter dated 31st ultimo, from Fort St. George, in which the Sum required for the Kings Troops from 1st May 1789. to 30th April 1790 is estimated at Pag. 5,40,022. his Lordship has directed me to request that an account of the particulars thereof may be transmitted to Bengal.

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

From Mr. Secretary Hay - requesting that an account of the particulars of Pags 5,40,022 required for the Kings Troops from 1st. May 1789. to 30th. April 1790, may be transmitted to Bengal.

Fort William
28th August 1789.

Agreed that Edmd. Burke be requested to deliver in the particular account required, in order that the same may be sent to Bengal.

Mr. Burke to be called upon for the above Statement.

Read

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Read the following Proceedings of the Committee of Stores (with Enclosures entered in M.B. marked A and B, before No. 1.)

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Committee of Stores — Enclosing Letter from Colonel Bruce to their Clerk, with the proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Tritchinopoly, with observations thereon, orders of the Board —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letters of the 16th. and 20th. Instant, and have requested the Commissary General of Stores, at our next meeting, to report on the several Enclosures therein Contained.

We transmit herewith (No. 1) Copy of a Letter to our Clerk from Lieutenant Colonel Bruce, with the proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Tritchinopoly. — As the proposed alterations in the two Carriages can be made without much expence, We are of opinion that they should be immediately undertaken and finished without delay.

approved and ordered accordingly

In regard to making an application to the Nabob for Bullocks and Aswanny Pagoda, We think that the Engineer at Tritchinopoly should be desired to make out an Estimate of the expence that will arise from repairing the present Laboratory at that Garison, and if it can be done without any considerable expence, We are of opinion that it should be effected, as the Laboratory now in use is in a much safer place than the Choultry therein recommended.

Approved & ordered Accordingly

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

signed
Mathew Horne
Fras. Lind
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
J. Moorhouse

Fort St. George
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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Nabob — (entered also in B. B. No. 90.)

From the Nabob Walaujah Bahauder
To the Honble John Hollond Esq.

Dated 7th Moharrum 1204, or 27th September 1789.

From His Highness the Nabob — stating that he has directed his Writers to attend and compare the accounts of his Kists with the Company's Accounts — requesting a Receipt for the amount; and that Government will afford him their assistance in recovering his property from the Tinnevelly Poligars.

I have received your Letter dated the 21st Sept. or 1st of Moharrum, respecting the examination and Adjustment of the accounts of my Kists: I have given directions to my Writers to attend you with my accounts, and compare them with those of the Company. You will be so good as to give directions to the Gentlemen in the Company's Office to examine them, and adjust any differences with my People. After they are examined, you will be so kind as to send me one Receipt for the whole amount, in the same manner as Sir Archibald Campbell always did, and who, had he remained here longer, would have continued to do.

With regard to what you wrote me that I should consider well of the payment of the July Kist, and that the sooner it was paid the better; my Friend, you yourself have seen the drought of my Country for some years, more particularly the last, and the present Year. the situation of my Country and of myself is well known; and my Friend is well acquainted with my inability to pay these heavy Kists; and which is greater than I can express: nevertheless, until my Friends the Company are made better acquainted with my situation than hitherto they have been, and

decrease

decrease their Kists in such a manner as not to injure me in my rights, my dignity, or my Government, by the help of the almighty: I will endeavor to the utmost of my power to pay the Kists. — Agreeable to the 14th. Article of the Treaty, you will be so kind as to lend me your assistance in Tinnevelly &c.; for much of my property is dependant on the Poligars of that Country; and such aid will be of great service to me in the payment of the July Kist. — The Revenues of my Country are of three kinds, of which one third is dependant on the Poligars: if then, the Governor & Council do not lend me assistance according to the Treaty, what can I do? — I acquiesced in the idea of the Company's maintaining an army under the supposition that I would have their assistance whenever I might stand in need of it — otherwise, whatsoever Sum the Revenue of my Country should fall short on this account, so much less would be the Kists to the Company — Until this time the different Governors have lent me assistance in these matters: do you also, my Friend, lend me your aid — in the like manner that Sir Archibald Campbell shewed me favor in this Respect — such favor and and attention do I request of you; for did these these Payments depend merely on the Revenue of my Country, I should not make this request of you — since the payment of great part of these Kists is very distressing to me on account of the weight of Interest on Money Borrowed, I therefore make this request of you.

What can I write more? —

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

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

2730 Fort St. George 2nd October 1789.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Nabob. (entered also in B. B. No. 90.)

From the Nabob Walaujah Bahauder
To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Dated 7th Moharrum 1204. or 27th September 1789.

From His Highness the Nabob — stating that he has directed his Writers to attend and compare the accounts of his Kists with the Company's Accounts — requesting a Receipt for the Amount; and that Government will afford him their assistance in recovering his property from the Tinnevelly Polygars.

I have received your Letter dated the 21st Sept.r or 1st of Moharrum, respecting the examination and Adjustment of the accounts of my Kists: I have given directions to my Writers to attend you with my accounts, and compare them with those of the Company. You will be so good as to give directions to the Gentlemen in the Company's Office to examine them, and adjust any differences with my People. After they are examined, you will be so kind as to send me one Receipt for the whole amount, in the same manner as Sir Archibald Campbell always did, and who, had he remained here longer, would have continued to do.

With regard to what you wrote me that I should consider well of the payments of the July Kist, and that the sooner it was paid the better; my Friend, you yourself have seen the drought of my Country for some years, more particularly the last, and the present Year. The situation of my Country and of myself is well known; and my Friend is well acquainted with my inability to pay these heavy Kists; and which is greater than I can express: Nevertheless, until my Friends the Company are made better acquainted with my situation than hitherto they have been, and

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decrease their Kists in such amanner as not to injure me in my rights, my dignity, or my Government, by the help of the almighty: I will endeavor to the utmost of my power to pay the Kists. — Agreeable to the 4th. Article of the Treaty, you will be so kind as to lend me your assistance in Tinnevelly &c.; for much of my property is dependant on the Poligars of that Country; and such aid will be of great service to me in the payment of the July Kist. — The Revenues of my Country are of three kinds, of which one third is dependant on the Poligars: if then, the Governor & Council do not lend me assistance according to the Treaty, what can I do? — I acquiesced in the idea of the Company's maintaining an army under the supposition that I would have their assistance whenever I might stand in need of it — otherwise, whatsoever Sum the Revenue of my Country should fall short on this account, so much less would be the Kists to the Company — Until this time the different Governors have lent me assistance in these matters: do you also, my Friend, lend me your aid — in the like manner that Sir Archibald Campbell shewed me favor in this Respect — such favor and attention do I request of you; for did these these Payments depend merely on the Revenue of my Country, I should not make this request of you — since the payment of great part of these Kists is very distressing to me on account of the weight of Interest on Money Borrowed, I therefore make this request of you.

What can I write more? —

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

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

Lie on the Table.

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To the Honble John Holland Esqre

Governor &c. &c. in Council

Honble Sir

From Mr. Cockburne — enclosing Copy of a letter from the Storekeeper at Palamcottah — and recommending that the Exchange of Grain in that Garrison be deferred until the Crop comes in; as also the measurement until that Exchange takes place.

I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Palamcottah; and beg leave to observe that, as the Grain now in Store (exchanged in the Month of May 1788.) is in perfect preservation, no detriment can arise to the Honble Company by deferring the Exchange until the new Crop comes in: which, from every Account, is expected to be a favorable one.

In regard to what Mr. Torin states in his second Paragraph, no Wastage appears to have been charged by Mr. Oakes — however, as the Measurement at present will be attended with an Expence, and as it will be necessary again to measure it, when Exchanged, I beg leave to recommend that it remain in it's present State until that period — when, any Wastage that may have arisen can be stated as usual.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Madras
29th September 1789.

To Thomas Cockburn Esqre

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Sir

I beg you will take an opportunity of informing the Honble Governor in Council, that the Grain in the Pagodas

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Nabob's Manager produced to me this Year, to make the usual Exchange with that in store, was, from the poorness of the Crop, far inferior to the Grain already in my possession, which is only a year old, and not the worse for keeping — as, I was well informed, better was not to be procured, I declined making the Exchange.

A Circumstance however came to my knowledge, which I beg leave to report: — The Store Grain of Palamcottah has never yet been used since the specified quantity of 30 Para — 166 Measures — 9 Seers was first lodged in the Garrison, alth' it has been once Exchanged; in which operation I learn the Manager did not supply the Deficiency from Wastage, but replaced the exact Quantity he received: the Wastage for 3 Years must therefore be deficient, alth' Mr Oakes has been accustomed to Return the original Quantity.

I beg for permission to have the Grain measured, or to be exempted from the Deficiency by the usual allowance for Wastage.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Storekeeper

Palamcottah
25th September 1789.

A true Copy signed / Tho.s Cockburn Commissary Gen.l of Stores & Provisions

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Recommendations of Mr. Cockburn respecting the postponing the measurement and Exchange of Grain at Palamcottah.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Burke.

To

2734 Fort St. George 2nd October 1789.

To the Honble John Holland Esqre

Governor in Council

Sir

From Mr Burke — on the Subject of his accounts — which he requests may be referred to Bengal — — enclosing Copies of a Correspondence on the subject —

I am favored with the Copy of the Right Honble the Governor Generals Letter to you in Council of the 2nd Ultimo — as the subject does not seem to affect my office, I do not trouble you upon the Head "of the difficulty that must attend ascertain- "ing the proportion of extraordinary Charges, and the Expences "for Victualling incurred for the King's Regiments"

In regard to the account of Subsistence, which his Lordship mentions next, I believe the Company's offices and mine scarcely differ; so that, "the account between "the Crown and the Company may, I trust be adjusted with "very little further delay".

In regard to the question, whether the inci- -dental surplusages on the issues to my office should be considered as ore funds, and be applied to defray the future Disbursements, or whether they are to be considered as so much received on account of the Crown Debt, I must, with great deference to his Lordship, think it my Duty to assert the right of the Crown for that sort of application that I have made of such Surplusage. I do, with the fullest respect, defer to his Lordship's authority, and to his Judgement, wherever I find myself at liberty to conform to his Lordship's pleasure; but, with submission, I stand here as Agent for the Right of the Crown, and I am not justified to surrender that right to any authority whatever, in a case where, in my own poor Judgement, the decision goes in wrong of the Crown, whose Agent I am.

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As to the practice of my office "being founded up-
"-on the correspondence of this (viz.t the Bengal) Government,"
I have nowhere affected any order from that Government, for
that practice. — No order is necessary, for I must beg leave
to say that, the practice is founded upon the common course
of Money business in all countries; in all such Dealings
where there stands a confessedly considerable Balance against
one party; and that, in the course of a continued dealing,
incidental partial Balances, on certain Transactions, appear
in the favor of the other party ultimately the Debtor. —
Such partial Balances (unless otherwise ordered by mutual
consent of the Parties) naturally, justly, inevitably, and, I
believe, without one example to the Contrary in the whole
Mercantile Transactions of the World, are always applied
towards the General Balance in favor of the Creditor-Party.

The argumentative use, I made of the Correspon-
=dence, was, and is that, when for the first time I was
called upon by this Government, to apply the remnant
of a preceding Issue to the Disbursement-purposes of a subsequent
period, I shewed you, Sir, that the non application of it
in the way you seemed to expect, but as a part-payment
towards the discharge of the Crown Debt, had been the regular
and avowed practice of my office from the instant that the
practice could obtain — I think I cited my Letter to
Lord Cornwallis of the 26th June last year, to prove the
uncontroverted practice of carrying such partial inci-
dental Surplusage towards the discharge of the Crown
Debt.

My first Letters on that Subject argued the Crown
right of retaining these partial Balances in part discharge
of her Debt.

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My public Accounts submitted to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, and sent by His Lordship to the Bengal Accountant Officers, and transmitted home by me, were all drawn upon that principle of applying those incidental Balances as a part payment of the Crown Debt.

The Crown Balance was necessarily diminished by such application of these partial Balances: my accounts are gone home to my principals with the Balance diminished by that practice.

The accounts drawn on this principle, and the argument supporting the practice, have been before Colonel John Murray. That Gentleman's Industry, his Knowledge, and his experience: qualities that sincerely belong to him, have never been exercised to discountenance the argument, or to Disproue the principle of the Account.

If such Application, so avowed in my argument, and so carried into practice by my Accounts, had been irregular or unjust, I must with great submission believe that; the Company would have contested such application in favor of the Crown, at the time the application was first avowed. No Glimpse of such Contest has anywhere appeared. Colonel Murray's own Decision like mine is that "the differences between the account of Company's "allowances, so passed, and the actual advances made to me, is "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."

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I must, too, beg leave to mention that my Office Charges themselves or the Brown side (which necessarily lye on the Brown) are defrayed out of such Balances; and those Charges are not I believe subject to the Company's Control, nor are they audited by the Comptroller General.

When I take the liberty to state to you, Sir, that the Offices expences on the Brown side are not subject to your Comptroller General's Audit, I do not at all presume to affect the least desire of concealment from you. My Office Expences Book shall attend you at a moment's warning. They would have been shewn you before, if I had not considered it as a needless trouble to you to be applied to on a matter already settled and Established; for an uncontroverted admittance of a practice, is, I must say, a Consent to it, & an Establishment of it.

To prove to you that the avowed use I make of part of these temporary Balances, towards the defraying my Office Expences, was no Clandestine use, I must trouble you with Copies of Letters that passed on this subject, and of a Memorandum inserted in my Correspondence Book at the time: all which prove the undisturbed practice of my Office, in carrying these incidental Balances towards the General Discharge of the Brown Balance.

You will see by my Letter to Lord Cornwallis, and to Sir Archibald Campbell, and Colonel Ross, that neither they nor I deemed it offensive that, I should consider these Office Charges on the King's side as subject only to the Decisions of the King's Paymasters General. I have no reason to believe that Lord Cornwallis considered them as unreasonable. I learnt from Colonel Ross, as the Memorandum shews-

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thews you, that, His Lordship "did not see that he had any "thing to do with the Office Charges of the King's side." Sir Archibald Campbell, under the term "Contingent Charges", does me the honor expressly to approve them "as fair and moderate". But you see that both the Governor General, and the Governor of Madras were apprized that these Portial Balances were the fund for defraying these Office Charges. They were a natural fund applicable to that purpose, upon the principle of considering those Balances as Money receiv-ed on account, in discharge of the Crown Debt. That ap-plication of them has been notorious to both Governments, and acquiesced under by both Governments. So that, with the truest submission and Deference to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, I must presume to Claim his authority as the sanction both of my opinion and of my Conduct.

With all humility, but with a just confidence too, in his Lordship's Justice, I must therefore beg leave, Sir, to refer this matter to his Lordship's re-consideration; desiring at the same time, that my Letter may make part of your Honor's General Letter to the Court of Directors.

defer to Wallis

No one can more cordially wish than I do, to the desires of your Board, as well as to Lord Corn-wallis's; but this is a question of Duty in my Conduct; & without instructions from my principals, I do not hold my-self at liberty to conform to, what I must beg leave to call an Innovation, to the prejudice of the Crown.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c (signed) William Burke.

Madras
1st. October 1789.

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Mr. Burke to Earl Cornwallis.

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

My Lord

Hay before Your Lordship, for your Inspection, my Office Charges, on the King's account; as well as Office Expences incurred on the Company's side of my office. In the one, and in the other, I am not conscious of charging a penny, that has has not really been Money out of my Pocket; and, as I receive no Salary from the Company, it will not I imagine be thought unreasonable, that I should reimburse myself what that Branch of my Office has really stood me in.

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Calcutta 23rd June 1788

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. (signed) William Burke

N.B. The above was enclosed in the undenwritten to Colonel Ross.

Dear Sir.

The enclosed is not I believe perfectly official.— The Office Expences on the King's side is defrayed from the Money paid in part discharge of the Balances due to the Crown. I consider them, I own, as a matter lying between my Principals and me; at the same time, there neither ought, nor can be, any Idea of concealment of them; and a sense of propriety seems to call on me to lay them before Lord Cornwallis. I don't know that I can expect the credit of His Lordship's approbation: that approbation would indeed be a Credit and an advantage too; for it would cut off all Civil Cavils at home, and such Cavils are possible. But, I am

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am so confident of my charges being expressly confined to Money out of Pocket, that I have no fear of establishing them at home: on the Decency of their own Merits you will however do me the favor of laying them before his Lordship; and I think I do so as to Earl Cornwallis, or at least to the Commander in Chief, not to the Company's Governor General. But I am sure you will not suppose me so Idle as to have any opinion on the subject. If Lord Cornwallis wishes it I shall present them to the Board: for my opinion shall undoubtedly in every matter defer to His Lordship: but I should not wish, being a brown Officer, to refer my dis-posal of the Money of the brown, to the Discussion of John Company.

I am Dear Sir
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Wm. Burke

Calcutta
23rd. June 1788.

Memorandum in the Office Book

Mr. Burke had no answer from Lord Cornwallis; but he had an hour's conversation with Colonel Ross yesterday Morning, upon the subject of the Balances. on the head of the Office Charges on the King's side, the Colonel told Mr. Burke that Lord Cornwallis did not see that he has any thing to do with the Office Charges on the King's side; they seemed to his Lordship a matter between the King's Paymasters General, and Mr. Burke.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Burke to Sir Archibald Campbell, &c. &c. &c.

I had Down, on the subject of these Balances

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"so much despaired (but I must I fancy say that in your
"Car) of any orders from home, that I left the settlement of
"my office Expence to a Discussion whenever I should
"be able myself to return home; and indeed when I
"left you, my best confidence in the justness of my
"representations to my principals on the necessity of my
"offic Expences did not leave me without apprehensions
"that either I or the Office or both would be removed, and
"of course that my return home was at hand:"

"My principals have really done wisely in
"preserving the office. There is no official privity between
"the King's Pay office and the Company's office. That they
"continue me in it is handsome. I find myself therefore
"in a sort of new situation, where my office and functions
"take more firm root, than belonged to it before; and in
"making out my accounts, I do not now admit any
"Charge that I have been at; for I think it reasonable
"that I should to the last — do it, reimburse myself.
"Office at home is very little apt to admit any Charges that
"are not reasonable; and were my friend Edmond's affairs
"to take so unlucky a turn, as that he should return to
"Office. I think you well know that I should not find
"Official indulgence in a farthing more than a perfect
"Stranger would; tho' from his own Pocket, I should be
"freely welcome to a larger portion than I dare profess. I think
"however that Lord Cornwallis and you will consider it almost
"natural to leave my official Charges on my principals to
"the discretion of those principals themselves. They go for
"so much in discharge of the Brown Balances, and do not lie on
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"on the company; nor is the company in my poor opinion
"Concerned in them"

Calcutta
27th. June 1788.

His Excellency Major General Sir A. Campbell K.B.

To

William Burke Esqr.

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Although a variety of circumstances have intervened to prevent my replying to your Letter of 27th. June, I cannot, tho' late, refrain from expressing the satisfaction I felt on seeing the full and clear manner in which you have stated the whole Accounts of your Important Department. I went over them all with Mr. Mitford; and, tho' I cannot be supposed to examine them with the inquisitorial Eye of an auditor, I must say that the Plan on which they are kept appears to me Extremely satisfactory: and Contingent Charges which they contain, seem to be as fair and Moderate as the Plan of doing business in this Country will admit. If you should on any future occasion call upon me, as Commander in Chief on this Coast, to give any further Declaration on the subject of your public Accounts, I shall have great pleasure in rendering you that impartial Justice which your unremitting zeal for the good of the Service, gives you a just claim to expect.

Your Deputy Mr. Mitford brought forward an application for a small additional Allowance for Writers to keep up the Books and accounts of your Department now greatly encreased by the additional Kings Regiments arrived here. I thought the Demand just and reasonable; but my Colleagues thought differently, and would not give it their Sanction without a Reference to Bengal, where I am sure you will have ample justice done you.

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

Fort St. George
31st. October 1788.

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Horne.

To The Honble. John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

Note Colonel Horne recommending that Ensign Haycock may be pensioned on his full pay — and that Captain Lieutenant Hall be recalled to the Effective List.

Colonel Brathwaite having represented, in consequence of the Reports transmitted to him, that Nature has denied to Ensign Haycock of the 18th. Battalion both the mental and personal requisites that are fit to qualify him for the station he holds; and as the young man himself has on this account applied to be placed on the Pension List, I beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board that Ensign Haycock may be pensioned in consideration of his Infirmities.

This young Man is the Son of a very old and faithful Servant of the Honble Company, who died several years ago a Captain of Invalids, leaving a Widow & Family, who have no other means of Subsistence than the Son's Commission — The Son having been introduced to the service has prevented his turning himself to such line of life as he might have been qualified for, and by which he might have supported himself and distressed Mother — These considerations will, I trust, induce your Honble Board to pension him on his full pay.

By the Death of Captain Eagle, Captain Lieutenant Hall, (being the Senior Captain, and whose Leave of absence ceased on the 27th. Instant) has been called upon Officially by the Adjutant General, to signify his Resolution respecting his Return to the Effective List; and in consequence I have to acquaint the Honble Board that, Captain

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Captain Lieutenant Stuart Hall requests to be promoted to a Captain of a Company, and immediately Transferred to the Invalided List

I have the honor to be
Fort St. George
September 29th. 1789 — Yr. Yr. Yr.
(signed) Matthew Horne

Minute thereon — Agreed that an Extract, containing the last Paragraph, be sent to Colonel Musgrave; and that he be requested to call upon Captain Lieut. Hall to return to the Effective List.

Read Letters (entered in the Miscellany Book for the month of October Nos. 1 and 2.):

From Captain Flint — From Captain Flint — giving an account of some Works, stated by the Engineer's Agent as necessary to be carried on at Tiagar.

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Minute thereon — The Estimate sent in by Serjeant Balfour, being irregular, cannot be attended to.

From Mr. Hollamton — From the Persian Translator — reporting the Proficiency attained by Ensign Leith in the Persian Language.

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

The President Communicates to the Board

Intelligence respecting Zeyds. — Intelligence received from Canoul & Coimbetoor

John Hollond

Edwd. Fr. Hollond

Ens. Geo. Jul. Martin

2745 Fort St. George, October 1789.

Diary

To Mr Burke — 2nd Sent a Letter to Mr Burke (as entered in Mr B. marked A, between Nos 2 and 3.) directing him to give in an Account of the particulars of the Sum required for the King's Troops, from 1st May 1789 to 30th April 1790.

3rd. Ordered that the following Extract from the Records of the public Department be entered hereunder.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated the 30th Sept.r 1789.

Mr. Joseph Garrow appointed Persian Translator, and Mr Haliburton Paymaster at Chandernaghurry.

"Agreed that Mr. Joseph Garrow be appointed Persian
"Translator; and that Mr. Haliburton be ordered to deliver
"over Charge of the office to him; and to proceed to his
"Station as Paymaster at Chandernaghurry with all
"convenient Expedition."

A true Extract.

Received the following Letter

From Bengal with Copy of the Mint Master's Report on the accounts Coinage of Gold consigned to Madras on the Ships Manship, Dublin & Phanix

John Shaw Esq.r

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, the accompanying Copy of the Mint Master's Report on the accounts Coinage of Gold.

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3rd. Gold consigned to your Presidency by the Ships Manship Dublin, and Phenix.

I am Sir, Your most obedient Servant

Council Chamber
September 11th 1789

(signed) Jno White
Sub Secy

To Edward Hay Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir.

I have examined the accounts Coinage of the Gold received from Madras, and find them right

The amount of Mohurs of full Weight received from the Treasury equal Ct. Rupees, 346,826. 13. 8.

The Net Produce Pags. 81801. 5. 752 } 347,196. 13. 5
the Exchange of 393 Arcot Rupees }
for 100 Pagodas, is

Current Rupees 369. 15. 9

The remittance has therefore turned out fully what was expected

I am, Sir, Your most obedient Servant

Mint Office
7th September 1789

(signed) Herbert Harris

A true Copy (signed) Jno White Secy

To John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General — with an Estimate of the probable disbursements of His Majesty's Pay Office from 1st May 1789 to 30th April 1790.

Sir

Will you be so good as to inform the Honble Board that the Documents from which the enclosed Estimate was prepare

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2747 Fort St. George, October 1789.

3rd. Prepared, are the Disbursements of His Majesty's Pay Office from the 25th. October to 24th. December 1788, which amounted to Pagodas 79,662.- multiplied by 6 produces the sum of Pagodas 477,972.- and as the greatest part of the 15th. Hanoverian Regiment was at that time in the Guntoor Circar, and a part of the 74th. and 76th. Regiments were not then arrived, tho' daily expected, the former was put upon the same footing as the 14th. of Hanoverians: and the two latter clapes with His Majesty's 36th. Regiment, which caused an annual encrease of Pagodas 62,050.- that added to 477,972. make the amount of the Estimate.

I am, Sir,
your most obedient servant
(signd) R. Mitford
D. M.P.G.K.S.

King's Pay Office
3rd October 1789.

Estimate of the probable Disbursements of His Majesty's Pay Office from 1st. May 1789, to 30th. April 1790. delivered to Mr. Woolf Deputy Accountant General on the 6th. June 1789.

Subsistence to the 5. British Regiments under the Parliamentary Act of 1781.	}	131,125.-
Company's Allowances to Ditto		117,822.-
King's Subsistence and Company's allowances to the Hanoverians, 74th. and 76th. Regiments, Staff Allowances &c.	}	291,072.-
	Pagodas	540,022.-

(signd) Robert Mitford
D.M.P.G.K.S.

Fort St. George
King's Pay Office
6th. June 1789.

2748 Fort. St. George, October 1789.—

3rd Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. et.s 3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.)

From the Commandant at Vellore — From the Commandant at Vellore — Is of opinion that Tippoo has not any serious Intentions of commencing Hostilities at Changamah Pass. shall be prepared to resist any attack and requests that 400 Draft Bullocks for Guns may be collected with all convenient speed.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — requests orders respecting the 400 Draft Bullocks indented for by the Commandant of Vellore.

From the Commandant at Palamcottah — From the Commandant at Palamcottah — The Nabob's Order to his Aumildar regarding Cattle, contains only General Instructions to be upon his Guard; and to direct the Inhabitants to bring their Cattle & Paddy &c.a under the protection of the Fort, in case there should be a necessity for such a Step.

From Colonel Stuart. — From Colonel Stuart — all the Extra Followers have been discharged except the Lascars attached to the Detachment of the 72.nd Regiment, and to such of the Native Troops as are under Tents.

From Captain Knox at Travancore — From Captain Knox at Travancore — enclosing the Proceedings of a Board of Officers held for the purpose of ascertaining the Claims, for Negapatam Prize Money, of Persons residing in the Travancore Country.

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam — the several Paymasters in the District have received the necessary Orders, regarding Draft Carriage Bullocks.

From the Committee of Works — From the Committee of Works — requesting that the

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3d the Office of their Clerk, may have an addition to his Monthly Pay of 5 Pagodas.

From Major Wynch — From Major Wynch at Guntoor — with Intelligence of a Body of Troops belonging to Tippoo being within two Days Force march of Innicondah; and stating the defenceless Situation of the District.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. et.ux 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23.)

To the Barrack Master to the Centre Division — To the Barrack Master to the Centre Division of the Carnatic — to send in a State of the Quarters, Guard Rooms, Storehouses &c.a at Walaujabad; particularizing the Alterations & Deficiencies

To the Deputy accountant — To the Deputy accountant — the annual Sums to the Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore, are to be carried to His Excellency's Debit, agreeably to the existing Arrangements.

To the Commandant at Arnee — To the Commandant at Arnee — the Board cannot at present consent to incur any Expences for Repairs & Reforms to the Fortifications at Arnee.

To the Committee of Works &c — To the Committee of Works — enclosing Two Estimates for Repairs, which are to be executed by the Contractors.

To the Resident at Tanjore — To the Resident at Tanjore — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Deputy accountant, with his Statement of the Account Current between Government & the Rajah of Tanjore.

To Colonel Musgrave — To Colonel Musgrave — to call upon Captain Lieutenant Hall to return immediately to his Station on the Effective List, as his request to be promoted will otherwise be considered inadmissible. — To lay before the Board a Return of the Horses in the Native Cavalry, stating the present State of the Regiments, with what is wanting to complete them in Horses.

To

For Kings.

6th June 1789

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To Lieutenant Colonel Stuart

3rd. To Lieutenant Colonel Stuart — approving the opinions he has given, & the Steps he has taken respecting the 2nd or Reserve Battalion, which is to be put exactly upon the same footing with the other Native Corps, as far as relates to their supplies with Grain from the public Stores.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General — with Copy of a Letter from Captain Speedeman; and to report whether the Claim mentioned therein is outstanding upon the Books in his Office.

To the Paymaster at Walaujabad

To the Paymaster at Walaujabad — to deliver over Charge of the Employs of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Chandernagore to Mr. David Haliburton.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — approving his recommendations respecting the deferring the Measurement and the Exchange of Grain at Palamcotah until the new Crop comes in.

To the Commandant at Vellore.

4th To the Commandant at Vellore — the last Intelligence respecting the Movements of Tippoo having been contradicted, it is not judged necessary to collect the Bullocks recommended by him.

N.B. Notification of the above to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

Vide

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Mr. Secretary Hay — with Copy of a Letter from the Deputy accountant, accompanied by an Estimate of the probable Disbursements of the King's Pay Office, from the 1st. May 1789, to the 30th April 1790.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor, President

Tuesday
6th October 1789 James Henry Casamaijor } Esqrs.
and
Edward John Hollond }

Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Musgrave Expressive of his thanks for the allowances granted him will execute the Bond of Indemnification.

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 30th Ultimo. containing the Resolution of this Board with respect to the Allowance granted to me for the Expences of a Table, as Commanding the army on the Coast; & beg leave to express my acknowledgements for the liberal terms in which Government have conveyed to me their Sentiments thereon.

I accept of these allowances on the terms you propose, being similar to those required of my Predecessor in Command; and shall accordingly execute the Bond of indemnification as soon as it is presented to me.

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

Madras 2nd October 1789.

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Company's Solicitor be directed to draw out a Bond of indemnification and present it to Colonel Musgrave, that it may be executed and Deposited in the Cash Chest.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Board of Revenue recommending that the Nabob be again applied to to dispatch a Person on his Part to settle the subject in dispute between the Inhabitants of Nairapilly and Pandalapilly.

We beg leave to acquaint you that We have received a Letter from Mr. Hughes, informing us that the subject in dispute between the Inhabitants of Nairapilly and Pandalapilly still remains undetermined. Syed Mahomed Cawn, the Person named by His Highness the Nabob for the Investigation on his part, not being yet arrived at Pandalapilly, altho' near two months have elapsed since the intimation of His appointment was Sent to us.

As Mr. Hughes represents that the Ground in dispute will yield a Revenue of 4,000 or 5,000 Pagodas Yearly, the Cultivation of which must of Course be much neglected by the property not being exactly defined. We take the liberty to recommend that His Highness the Nabob be again requested to dispatch a Person on his part to settle this Difference in conjunction with Mr. Hughes.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedt. Servts

Fort St. George
30th September 1789

(Signed)
Edwd Jno Hollond
Edwd Saunders
Geo: Moubray

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Minute thereon

The President informs the Board that the Nabob has appointed Meer Mohumed Bauker instead of Seid Mahomed Caun; and that the former will proceed immediately to execute the service Committed to him.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave.

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Musgrave regarding officers quarters on the Island of Seringham

I have the honor to send herewith a Letter which has been forwarded to me by Lieutenant Colonel Bruce, who at present Commands the Garrison of Tritchinopoly & its dependencies: enclosing one from Captain Brown relative to the repair of officers quarters on the Island of Seringham: the state in which Captain Brown reports these quarters certainly merits the attention of Government, if they propose to continue that as a station for Troops.—

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

Madras 3rd. October 1789

To General Horne

Sir

The accompanying Letter from Captain Brown, whose Battalion is now quartered at Jumbakistnah, I was favored with a day or two ago. The Quarters he complains of were never considered as Company's, but trifling temporary buildings erected by the officers formerly stationed there, which could not be supposed to be very substantial, as they were never allowed any thing for them; and of course when uninhabited may be supposed to go fast to ruin. Tho' Invalid Sepoys were

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were stationed for their protection under the Barrack Master Serjeant. they are now certainly very bad; but as Captain Brown's proposal for making them habitable is exceedingly reasonable I am in great hopes the Honble Board will be so indulgent as to allow it to the Officers of the first Battalion as well as to those of the 16th who will shortly be in the same situation; I am therefore to request you'll be so good as to lay it before them.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
signed Thos. Bruce

Fitchinopoly
28th September 1789

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Bruce
Commanding Fitchinopoly and Dependencies

Sir

Finding the quarters at Jumbo Kistna allotted for the Officers of the 1st Battalion of Native Infantry in an uninhabitable State, and thence a necessity of continuing to them the Covers of Tents until the Quarters can be repaired - to remove Difficulty as far as with me rests, I have, with the Assistance of Lieutenants Comer and Foulis, the two Senior Subalterns of the Corps, made a particular Survey of them, and also of the Quarters at Scringham, of which I have the honor to enclose a Report, with a request that you may be pleased to order the necessary Repairs, or to permit me to assure the Gentlemen that they will be allowed for the expence, which I will answer for their undertaking at 15 Pagodas p quarter: a Sum not exceeding the amount of three months House Rent.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
signed Archd. Brown
Capt. 1. Bn. N.I.

Jumbo Kistnah
23rd September 1789

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Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Offer made by Captain Brown, as mentioned in Lieutenant Colonel Bruce's Letter of being answerable for the Repairs of the Quarters at Pagodas 15 each be accepted; and that the necessary information be given to Colonel Musgrave, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce, and Mr. Johnston the Paymaster at Sritchinopoly.

Read the following Letter from the Bengal Secretary.

John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George —

From the Bengal Secretary — enclosing Extract of a Letter from Rajah Aum Pundit of Cuttack, to the Vackeel of Ragojee Bonsla at Calcutta; and desiring that the application therein contained may be complied with —

Sir

I am directed to desire you will submit to the Governor in Council the accompanying Extract of a Letter written by Rajah Ram Pundit of Cuttack to the Vackeel of Ragojee Bhoorlah at Calcutta; and communicate his Lordship's request that orders may be issued to the proper officers for the application contained in it to be complied with.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient Servant

Jn. White
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Council Chamber
11th September 1789 —

Extract of a Letter from Rajah Aum Pundit to Bipsember Pundit

You must procure a letter from the Governor General to the Chief at Ganjam to the following purport — "that Durpe Sing "taking with him an Elephant and Horses and other articles which "were stationed with and allowed him from the presence, together "with his Family, has put himself under the protection of the Zemindar "of

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'of Helykost anthea Gur Khomipser &c.' under the Chief of Ganjam'. — As a friendship subsists between the Maha Rajah, and the English, His Lordship will be pleased to order the Rajah and his Family and Elephants and Horses &c. to be given

Received 6th Sept. 1789 — up to Rajah Ramspundit.

A true Translation (signed) P. T. Cherry
P.T. —

A true Copy (signed) Jno. White
L.T.

Minute thereon

Agreed, that the necessary Information be given to the Chief and Council at Ganjam, agreeably to the foregoing Letter.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosures entered in Mis. Nos. 24. 25: 26.)

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir and Sirs.

From the Committee of Stores respecting the length of Line for Pendulums for Artillery practice; and experiments made for the purpose of finding the proper length of line to vibrate Seconds in the latitude of Madras: and recommending that Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham's Bill for making two Cranes and Elevators be discharged by the Military Storekeeper

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 25th Ult.; and in consequence We have sent to Mr Topping an Extract of that part of it which regards himself.

Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham at our last Committee laid before us a Letter addressed to him by Captain Hall Sub-Director of the Laboratory, respecting the length of Line for Pendulums for artillery practice; and at the same time Colonel Sydenham laid before us a report of some Experiments made for the purpose of finding the proper length of Line to vibrate Seconds in the latitude of

Madras

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Madras — Copy of Captain Hall's Letter, and the Report We herewith have the honor to annex, (Nos. 1 and 2.) and to inform you that We desired Captain Hall to attend us at our last Committee with the apparatus for making the necessary Tryals: when after many Experiments made before us with Balls of various sizes, We found them to correspond in every respect with the Report; and We think it a justice due to Captain Hall to express our sense of his particular attention and perseverance in suggesting and bringing forward an improvement of consequence in his immediate Line, and to the practise of artillery in general; as it effectually explains the reason why the time of Flight of Shells in this Country differed from the Tables in Europe, and removes the idea entertained by many Officers of Artillery that it was occasioned by the Effect of the Composition altering with the Climate.

Approved

We enclose (No. 3) Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham's Bill for making two Coins and Elevators made mention of in our Letter of the 17th. September; and We beg leave to recommend that the Military Storekeeper be ordered to discharge it.

Agree that this Bill be discharged by the Military Storekeeper

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

Fort St. George 30th. September 1789.

signed
Mathew Horne
Jno. Lind
Wm. Sydenham
J. Moorhouse

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The following Appointments are now made.

Lieutenant Colonel Biels to be Director of the Laboratory at Fort St. George.

Lieutenant Colonel Biels to be Director of the Laboratory

Lieutenant Morris of the Artillery to be Commissary of Stores at Walaujahbad — vice Captain Skipper resigned that Office

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The President informs the Board that Colonel Musgrave is desirous that Lieutenant Hart of the 20th Battalion of Native Infantry be appointed his Aid de Camp; and that Ensign Charles Simpson be permitted to act as Adjutant to the 20th Battalion during Lieutenant Hart's absence.

Ordered accordingly.

Lieutenant Hart of the 20th Battalion of Native Infantry appointed Aid de Camp to Colonel Musgrave.

Ensign Simpson to act as Adjutant to the 20th Battalion during Lieutenant Hart's absence.

Ensign Haycock is now ordered to be put on the Pension List at 15 Pagodas pr month, agreeably to Colonel Horne's recommendation in his Letter of the 29th Ultimo.

Ensign Haycock pensioned on 15 Pagodas pr month.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Nixon.

John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the only proposal received for furnishing Materials for the intended Repairs of 4 Captains and 12 Subalterns Quarters to be done in this Garrison: which I request the favor of you to lay before the Board for their Information, and to obtain their Decision thereupon.

From Colonel Nixon — enclosing Mr. Tonians proposals for furnishing Materials for the intended Repairs of 4 Captains and 12 Subalterns Quarters at Vellore

I have the pleasure to be
Sr. Yr. Mst. Obt.
(signed) E. Nixon

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Colonel Eccles Nixon

Commanding at Vellore.

Sir.

In consequence of advertisement affixed at the Gates, I beg leave to offer the following Proposals for furnishing building Materials.

300 Cullums of Chunam	at 17 Parrahs p. Pagoda	
360 Large Bamboos	at 15 ditto p. ditto	
50 Bundles of small Bamboos	at 10 Bundles p. ditto	
300 Matts	at 11 ditto p. Ditto	
50,000 Bricks	at 1000 p. ditto	
10 Load of Addiam	at 1/4 Pag. p. Load	
6 Ditto of Beams	at 1/4 Pag. p. Load	
1000 Country Ropes 2 fathoms	at 800 p. Pagoda	
50 Bundles of Matchady	at 10 Bundles p. Ditto	
300 Water Pots	at 3 for 1 fanam	

I am, Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Vellore 30th September 1789 (signed) W. H. Torriano.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Torriano's proposal for furnishing Materials for the Repairs at Vellore, be accepted; and that this be communicated to Colonel Nixon.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave.

To
The Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Herewith I have the honor to enclose two Recommendations for Native Promotions; and take the Liberty of reminding

From Colonel Musgrave stating that 2 Men of the 76th Regiment have deserted to Tulliat, & have not been delivered up agreeably to the terms of the Cartel.

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reminding you of the two Soldiers of His Majesty's 74th Regiment [Natives of Britain] who deserted to Pulicat, and are not yet delivered up according to the Terms of Cartel established between this Government and the Dutch: Should the present infringement of it be overlooked, I am fearful it may be the means of encouraging others to follow the example of the Soldiers alluded to.

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

Madras 4th October 1789 —

Agreed to inform Colonel Musgrave that application has been made to the Dutch Government at Pulicat for the Deserters from the 74th Regiment; and that an answer has been received, declaring that they are not in that place.

Minute thereon

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. [with Enclosures entered in M.B. Cons.os 24. 28.]

Hospital Board — 5th October 1789.

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing an Extract from the General Letter from England of the 8th April 1789; signifying their permission for Mr. Berry to resume his former Station of Secretary to the Hospital Board — but that Government have thought proper to nominate Mr. Valentine Conolly, Assistant Surgeon, to that post.

Read a Letter from Mr. Berry; expressing the sense he entertains on being passed over

From the Hospital Board — with Letter of Complaint from Dr. Berry in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Conolly — animadversions of the Hospital Board on the appointment — recommending that the refusal be dispensed with of Pay received by two Assistant Surgeons of the Country — reporting the death of Mr. Booth; and proposing some appointments —

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over in his appointment; a Copy of which they forward to Government for their perusal

The Hospital Board finding that Government have been pleased to appoint Mr. Connolly their Secretary, are happy to find they have made choice of a Person well qualified for that Station; at the same time cannot helps observing that they think Mr. Berry's Complaint not only well founded, but that the recommendation to the Station should have come thro' the Hospital Board, as in all such cases they must be the only competent Judges.

Mr. Berry has charge of the Nopalry with a salary annexed to it, the President in Council did not think it nea pay to appoint him to his former post — it being judged unreasonable that he should fill both Employs — with respect to the animadversions of the Hospital Board, Government highly disapprove of them as being irregular and improper. — Agreed that this disapprobation be communicated to them.

Read a Letter from Messrs. Ramsay and Inglis, Assistant Surgeons of Cavalry, a Copy of which they also beg leave to recommend to the perusal of the Honble President in Council.

The Hospital Board are well aware how impracticable it must be for Assistant Surgeons to refund pay which they have Bona fide received, and which they conceived to be their Right, until the late notification from the Commissary General; another Government will dispense with their refunding, seeing they are in future to be considered on Infantry Pay.

The consideration of this Paragraph deferred.

The Hospital Board are sorry to acquaint the Honble the President in Council that Mr. Booth, Assistant Surgeon under orders to join the first Regiment of European Infantry at Tritchinopoly, died on the 3rd. Instant in consequence of Fever and inflamation of the Bowels. — Mr. Bannantine, Assistant Surgeon

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Approved

Surgeon lately returned from Bengal is recommended to do duty with the 16th Battalion of Native Infantry.

Mr. Johnson, Assistant Surgeon, with the 3rd Battalion at Tiagar, finding his health very much impaired at that Station, the Hospital Board recommend that he be appointed to do duty with the General Hospital at Madras; and that Mr. George Anderson lately from Europe, may be appointed to the 3rd Battalion of Native Infantry at Tiagar, in his Room.

Approved

(Signed) { Jas Anderson Physician General
Colley Lucas C.S.
William Duffin Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer, accompanied by Sundry Estimates.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Chief Engineer — respecting Repairs wanting at Chingleput.

Agreeably to your Desire I have the honor to lay before you the report of the Engineer sent to Chingleput to examine and Estimate the Repairs to the Granaries, with his remarks on the state of the Works and Buildings.

As the season is too far advanced to undertake any material repair at present, I could wish your permission

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permission to execute the temporary ones without delay, and to make a provision of materials for the more permanent ones to be finished when the rains are over.

I remain, Sir,

Yr. a. & a. &c.

(signd) Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort S. George
30th Sept. 1789

To the Hon.ble John Hollond Esq.r
Governor in Council
at Fort S. George

Hon.ble Sir

From the Chief Engineer regarding Repairs to the Export Warehouse; and to certain Quarters in the Fort

I have the honor herewith to lay before you for approbation an application from Mr. John Mitford, for Repairs to the Export Warehouse; Likewise one from the Barrack Master for Repairs to Quarters &c.a together with the Estimates of Expence that will attend these Repairs.

And remain most respectfully
Yr. a. & a. &c.

(signd) Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel & Chief Engr.

Fort S. George
3rd October 1789

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Chief Engineer

Agreed to inform the Chief Engineer that the repairs to the Granaries of Chingleput, estimated at Pag.s 23.12.48 are to be executed; as also those to the North Bomb Proof Cazerns amounting to Pagodas 27.32.40; Likewise the Repairs to the Commanding Officer's Quarters at Chingleput, estimated at Pagodas 6-1-4.

With respect to the Repairs recommended for the Export Warehouse, it is agreed, that such only as are absolutely necessary to the Terraces to prevent their leaking be

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be executed, previous to the Monsoon.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council

Recd from Colonel Musgrave requesting Captain Lieut. Hall.

Honble Sir

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 3rd Instant, containing the directions of the Board to call upon Captain Lieutenant Hall to return immediately to his Station on the effective List, as his request to be promoted will otherwise be considered inadmissible.

for me.

I take the liberty to observe that as Captain Lieutenant Hall is a supernumerary Officer upon Half Pay there is no particular station to which he can return, I should therefore be glad to know whether it is the intention of Government in case Captain Lieutenant Hall should not now be promoted, that he is to retain the Priviledge of asserting his pretensions to preferment on any future occasion, or if he is to be desired to make his final option either to return to his Military Duty, or abide by the Profession he at present practises.

I am also to inform the Board of the Death of Ensign John Brodie of the 8th Battalion of Native Infantry on the 4th Instant.

I have the honor to be

Madras 6th October 1789.

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Tho. Musgrave

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Lieutenant Hall be allowed a further Leave of absence of 6 months, from duty, without Pay or Allowance.

from Mr. Sahagan Head Surgeon

Read a Letter from Mr. Sahagan Head Surgeon, (entered in M.13. N.29.) requesting that his Commission may be exchanged for one of a date conformable to the late Decision from Europe respecting his Rank on the List of Surgeons.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Commission be given to Mr. Sahagan, fixing his Rank next below Mr. Duffin.

Intelligence

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence from Raichore and Carroor.—

John Holland

Edwd. Fr. Holland

Ens. Gustl. Martenz

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Diary

7th Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos. 30. 31.)

From the Commandant at Tiagar

From the Commandant at Tiagar — stating that Chiel Naig has entered into Tippoo's Service; and was at Kistna Sherry with 2,000 Horse and 3,000 Infantry, from whence he had detached two Parties to strengthen the Passes of Singerapet and Pahtoor.

& guard

From the Commandant at Ranet Nellore.

From the Commandant at Ranet Nellore — with Information regarding Chiel Naig.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. Nos. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45.)

To Colonel Capper

To Colonel Capper — To state to what period the assistant Surgeons doing duty with the Native Cavalry had drawn the Pay of Cornets of Cavalry, when his objections were made to their Bills.

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To the Committee of Works

To the Committee of Works — the Board have not any objection to the addition of 5 Pagodas to the monthly Pay of

Francis

7th Francis De Silva, a Writer in the Office of their Clerk.

To the Paymaster at Pitchinopoly — To the Paymaster at Pitchinopoly — to pay to Captain Brown the Sum of Pagodas 15 for each Quarter which he has engaged to keep in Repair on the part of his Officers.

To Colonels Musgrave & Horne. — Notification of the preceding Letter to Colonels Musgrave & Horne.

To the Resident at Nagore — To the Resident at Nagore — to pay to the Commander of the Snow Hope one Pagoda for each Cask and Bale of Stores landed by him on account of the 72.nd Regiment.

To Mr. Terence Tahagan — To Mr. Terence Tahagan — Enclosing a Commission of Rate anterior to that of Mr. Binny.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble John Holland Esqr:

President. Governor

Friday
9th October 1789. James Henry Casamaijor
and
Edward John Holland } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Pulicat.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Pulicat — Count Byland entrusted with a commission to the Government of Madras

We have nominated and appointed the Honble William Hendrick Count van Byland, who is a member of our Council and Chief of Jaggernaickporam, to conduct a Commission, the Objects of which he will have the honor to detail to you.

We beg leave to request that your Honor &c. will consider the subjects which the Count has to bring before you as coming immediately from us, and as having fully obtained our Sanction and Concurrence.

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed
N. Tadama
W. H. G. Van Bylaus.
J. W. Blaeme
J. L. DeKaeff.

Pulicat 5th Septr 1789.

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The President informs the Board that Count Byland has waited upon him, and left the following Paper.

From Count Byland to the Governor — desires to know if the Dutch may expect assistance from the English in the event of a War with Tippoo Sultaun; and whether the Governor has any reason to expect a War with Tippoo.

Count Van Byland presents his respects to His Excellency M.r Holland, and has the honor to observe that the first audience he had on the part of the Council at Pulicat, was to converse with your Excellency on the Rumors of a War with Tippoo Sultaun, and which makes it necessary for us to know if you on the part of your Nation will succour us: for as the 6.th Article of the last Treaty does not particularly specify a War with the Natives, urges us to desire a satisfactory reply on this Subject, and as Pulicat is very near Madras, We wish to know whether you have any reason to expect a War with Tippoo.—

A true Translation / signed / J. Chase French Translator

(Madras 9.th 1789)

Minute thereon

Agreed that the President be requested, in answer to the Explanations desired by Count Byland, to refer him to the Letter written by this Board to the Government of Columbo a short time ago, and to furnish him with a Transcript of it.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To the Honble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

From Bengal — the British Government in India must adhere to the 6.th Article of the Treaty concluded at the Hague, in case the British possessions are attacked or menaced with an attack by the French — Enclosing

The Secretary has laid before us a Letter which he has received this morning from M.r Secretary Chamier, enclosing an Address, dated the 5.th ultimo from the Governor

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Inclosing Letter on the subject of the Government of Columbo.

Governor and Council of Columbo, accompanied by a copy of one which they had written to your Government. We enclose our answer to their Letter to Bengal; and request you will give orders for dispatching it. We also think it proper to furnish you with a copy of it; by which you will observe that any requisitions made to you by the Government of Columbo to defend their possessions, if attacked, or menaced with an attack, by the French, are to be immediately complied with to the utmost extent of your power both by Sea and Land.

We think it very improbable that the Designs of France, in moving a great part of her Military Force from Pondicherry, are hostile, in any respect, to the Interests of the States General; but if the reverse should be the case, the 6th. Article of the Treaty concluded at the Hague points out the part to be taken by the British Governments in India.

We have the honor to be
Yr. Hble. Servts.

Fort William
19th. September 1789.

(signed) Cornwallis
J. Shore

To
The Honble W. I. Vande Graaf Esqr.
Governor and Director of the Island of Ceylon, with all its Dependencies &c. &c. &c.
and to the Gentlemen of the Council at Columbo.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen.

We have the honor to acknowledge
the

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the Receipt of your Letter dated the 5th of last month, which arrived this morning from Madras, with a Copy of a Letter written by your Government to the Governor in Council at that Presidency; and are much obliged to your Excellencies for having afforded us an opportunity of testifying our regard for the Interests of the States General, and our earnest desire to pay the strictest attention to the 6th Article of the Treaty Concluded at the Hague on the 15th of April 1788, between their High Mightinesses and His Majesty the King of Great Britain.

Altho' We have no official information of the intention of the French Government to withdraw the greatest part of their Military Establishment from Pondicherry, and to station the Troops at the isle of France, yet We have heard it from such authority that We can hardly doubt of the truth of it.

We are inclined to believe, with your Excellencies, that France is at present disposed to a Continuance of Peace; but We beg leave to assure your Excellencies that, if, contrary to these appearances of pacific Intentions, the Representatives of France in India should either Hostilly attack, or even menace with an hostile attack, any of the Possessions of the States General in this Country, You may be assured that no exertion shall be wanting, on our part, to afford you the most speedy and effectual assistance according to the 6th Article of the Treaty Concluded at the Hague; and We are authorized by the Commanding officer of His Majesty's Ships, to say that you may rely upon his hearty and zealous co-operation. — Any requisitions therefore, that you may

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may make to the Government of Madras, in the Events We have mentioned, will be instantly complied with to any extent in their power. To prevent a possibility of Doubt upon this subject, our Instructions to them shall be positive and immediate.

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

Fort William
19th September 1789.

(signed) Cornwallis
& Council

A true Copy
(signed) C. Hay. Secy to the Govt.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Letter addressed to the Government at Columbo be forwarded by the Viper Cutter.

Read the following Letters from Ganjam,
(with Enclosures entered in M.P. Nos. 46.47.48.49.50.
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To the Honble John Holland Esq.
Governor - & Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Ganjam on the Alteration of affairs in that District - Military Operations suspended for the present in Consequence. Lieutenant Colonel Frost has been recommended to deprive the Bouzasinghie Rajah of his Zemindary & Liberty - Bapoo Gundoo Martah, the Murderer of Narrainder Deo, escapes from Confinement in the Fort of Ganjam - Lieutenant abd Barton appointed Field adjutant - Mr. Manro enters a minute in opposition to the Sentiments of the Majority - reply thereto.

We have had the honor to receive your address of the 5th Instant.

In our address of the 16th ultimo, We acquainted you, and We beg leave to repeat, that until the receipt of your orders under date the 7th July. We had conceived Mr. Maxwell only responsible for the interior oeconomy of his Department, nor do We imagine that he recognized any controuling power in us. From the Circumstance of his never having sought our Sanction, nor did We extend it

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it to him, for retaining an additional Establishment of Peons; and We have now required of him to discharge them immediately, as superinduced upon your Orders. The Rains are in themselves a sufficient security at this time: We shall be careful also that no such irregularity takes place in future.

Our Letter of the 14th ultimo also intimated to you that We had furnished Lieutenant Colonel Trent with a transcript of our Chief's Minute of the 9th July, which had been previously forwarded to you; and We have now the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter Lieutenant Colonel Trent has addressed us on the occasion, and of one from Lieutenant John Lee, recounting the particulars of an Expedition to the Hills.

We cannot but lament the failure of Lieutenant Lee's attempt to dislodge the Enemy, and the loss he sustained; and We sincerely regret that in the opinion of Lieutenant Colonel Trent the prevalence of the Rains will so long obstruct the further prosecution of Field Service: the more especially as you have repeated your Hope for the speedy restoration of tranquillity in this District.

We declined entering upon a Retrospect of past transactions with Lieutenant Colonel Trent upon a conviction of its inutility; and We have expressed our concern to him that, our Chief's proposition for Employing Guzzepetty Doo and his Peons, has not consorted with his opinion, persuaded that the pursuit of Banades by your own Troops unassisted by native Peons will be equally destructive and

and inefficacious; and that those of Guzzeputtey Coo stimulat-
-ed by his presence, and aided by that influences which
he possesses with our own Zemindars, would be the most
efficient to that End, our disappointment at Lieutenant
Colonel Trents not assimilating with us in this particu-
-lar is the greater, from the apprehension of the necessity
that may exist hereafter of acting upon the latitude you
have given us, of commencing Hostilities with such
Zemindars as may have been the indirect means of
contributing to Sanadeo's long resistance, as in such an
Event our small force might experience the want of an
auxiliary, whose assistance We now forego upon a punctu-
-lio of Idea.

We do not recognize the justness of Lieutenant
Colonel Trents allusion to that encouragement which
he supposes our Zemindars have derived from pusilan-
-imity in the support of Sanadeo, except in its appli-
-cation to the Bourasinghe Zemindar; and as he has
long been obnoxious to Punishment, which indeed was
but suspended in the first instance by your restraining
orders of the 5th. May, and in the next by want of oppor-
-tunity subsequent to the enlarged discretion you have
more lately entrusted to us; and as he has recently
dammed up the Water Channels, which by natural course
and ancient Custom flowed into Mundesaw, and are nece-
-ssary to its Cultivation, by which a Defalcation of Re-
-venue is likely to be induced, We have thought that
it has now become as expedient, as it was before politic

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to deprive him of his Zemindary and Liberty; and have accordingly particularly recommended these objects to Lieutenant Colonel Trents adoption the first favorable opportunity that may offer; but in their Execution We have left to him the means either by the Company's Troops, by the Peons of our own Zemindars, or by those of Guzzepully Doo.

The keeping possession of Bouradinghie We hope may have a monitory influence upon the Rajah of Vezianagur, and contribute to those endeavors at conciliating him to the views of Government, which We have desired Lieutenant Colonel Trent to make, which in consideration of Munnedoo's weight and consequence, and of the regularity of our Collections, We have held in every respect preferable to the forcing upon him the alternative of open hostility, to justify which it were required that the facts of Crimination against him were better established than from the vagueness of Report We at present believe them to be. In the event of Lieutenant Colonel Trents being unsuccessful in this negotiation, We have desired that he will furnish us with such proofs as he possesses for his suggestion that Munnedoo had afforded assistance to Sanadeo, and takes such Interest in his cause.

We have also on this occasion addressed a Letter to Munnedoo in our Collective Capacity, Copy of which We enclose, and intend to await his answer ere We adopt the Suggestion of our Chief for calling him to the Factory.

We have recommended to Lieutenant Colonel Trent

and inefficacious; and that those of Guzzeputty too stimulated by his presence, and aided by that influence which he possesses with our own Zemindars, would be the most efficient to that End, our disappointment at Lieutenant Colonel Trents not assimilating with us in this particular is the greater, from the apprehension of the necessity that may exist hereafter of acting upon the latitude you have given us, of commencing Hostilities with such Zemindars as may have been the indirect means of contributing to Sanaleo's long resistance, as in such an Event our small force might experience the want of an auxiliary, whose assistance We now forego upon a punctilio of Idea.

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to deprive him of his Zemindary and Liberty; and have accordingly particularly recommended these objects to Lieutenant Colonel Frents adoption the first favorable opportunity that may offer; but in their Execution We have left to him the means either by the Company's Troops, by the Peons of our own Zemindars, or by those of Guzzepulty Doo.

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We have also on this occasion addressed a Letter to Munnedoo in our Collective Capacity, Copy of which We enclose, and intend to await his answer ere We adopt the suggestion of our Chief for calling him to the Factory.

We have recommended to Lieutenant Colonel Frent

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Trent to exert himself to obstruct Sanadeo's intercourse with the neighbouring Zemindars and for the depriving him of every possible resource, but apprehending that in the assistance of the Conds / Hill People / he will experience a support the most prejudicial to the Interest of the Company. He has intimated the expediency of attempting to detach them from his Cause.

Mr. Munro having differed from us in opinion upon some of the foregoing points, We have the honor to enclose Transcript of his Minute and of our first reply.

It was our intention to apply the terme Insurgents to the Conds / Hill People / and to Sanadeo's more immediate Adherents; and he we understand is daily joined by Peons to the number of 2,000 who were formerly in the Service of his Family, and who at the same time the Company took assignments of Moherry Districts, sought Subsistence in the neighbouring Zemindaries, their return from whence may have suggested the Idea that those Zemindars were contributing to his opposition; but We have conceived that until their disaffection is better established by proof of Facts, that it were unjust to adopt the extremity of Punishment in depriving them of their Countries.

We are concerned to acquaint you that, on the night of the 16th ultimo, Bapoo Gundoit Martah, the Murderer of Narrainder Doo Rajah of Moherry, accompanied by Thoma a Palankeen Bearer, confined for the murder of Captain Bacon's Dubash, broke from Confinement,

and

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and eluding their Sentinal passed the Wall and Ditch of the Fort, and that Bapoo Gundoit Martah effected his Escape: the Palankeen Bearer however was recaptured by our Cutwall's People the next day.

Colonel Brathwaite having permitted Lieutenant Alexander Denton to do duty with the Troops in this District, and Lieutenant Colonel Trent having applied his Services to the Department of Field Adjutant, We have acquiesced in allowing him the appointments of that Station, which We hope will meet with your approbations.

Herewith We have the honor to transmit to you an Indent for Military Stores for the use of this Garrison and District.

We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir &c.a &c.a

Morgan Williams
R.D.r Munro
Geo. Wynch.

Ganjam – 23.rd Sep.r 1789

signed

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r
Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs.

From Ganjam – Inclosing a Minute of Mr. Munro's and of the reply by the Majority. —

Though We cannot approve of the Mode, and are aware that it is repugnant to your Orders, yet at Mr. Munro's particular request, We have the

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the honor to forward to you Transcript of a Minute which he entered upon our Proceedings subsequent to the close of our other address of this date, together with Copies of those which it has induced from the other Members.

We have the honor to be
Yr. Mo. Ob. Hble.

Panjaim 23rd September 1789. — (signed) { M.r Williams / A.t Dr. Munro / Ro. Wynch

Lieutenant Denton's appointment Confirmed

Agreed that the appointment of Lieutenant Denton as Field Adjutant in the Ganjam District be Confirmed.

Further Consideration of the Ganjam Letters deferred

Resolved to defer the further consideration of the foregoing Letters until next meeting.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council at
Fort St. George

From the Resident at Travancore enclosing a Letter from the Rajah requesting to know whether the Places lately purchased from the Dutch are to be considered as forming Part of the Travancore Country, and to be defended by the Company's Troops in case of an attack from Tippoo.

Honble Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit you a Letter from the Rajah in further Explanation of the purchases he has made from the Dutch.

Having now laid before you the reasons which induced the Rajah to conclude this Transaction, and the Right the Dutch had to dispose of Jacottah & Cranganore, I take the liberty to request to be informed whether

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whether these places are to be considered now in the same point of view as the rest of his Possessions in the Travancore Country; and whether in the Event of any emergency, the Honble Company's Troops are to be employed in their Defence.

The Rajah yesterday received accounts from Coimbetour, confirming that which I had the honor of transmitting you in my Letter of the 12th Instant, that Tippoo had Collected his army at Coimbetour. - as I find I can with greater facility procure Intelligence at Tanjour than at this place, I intend to proceed there immediately.

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

Cali-Coulon
29th September 1789.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

Read also a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (enclosed in the foregoing, Entered in C.C. No. 91.) assigning many reasons in justification of his late purchases from the Dutch, and asserting that this measure had the Concurrence of Sir Archibald Campbell.

Minute on the Resident's Letter

Agreed, in reply to the Resident's Letter, to acquaint him that, the Instructions contained in the Secretary's Letter to him of the 1st Instant, are to be his guide with respect to the points upon which he has desired to be informed.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Honble John Holland Esqr.

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

From Bengal — with Abstracts of the several Statements shewing the exact sum to be charged to the Nizam for the Force which the Government Council have agreed to supply this Govt upon his requisition —

Honble Sir

Your Secretary's Letter of the 8th ultimo, and the Statements enclosed in it have been laid before us.

Having ascertained from these materials the exact Sum to be charged to the Nizam for the Force which We have agreed to supply to him on his requisition, We have transmitted abstracts of the several Statements to the Resident at Hydrabad; with Directions to Communicate them at a proper opportunity to His Highness and the Minister, the amount that will be charged to him from the Day on which the Force that may be applied for enters his Country, and for one month prior to it, according to the terms of the agreement, will be as follows.

	Pagodas — fo-6
To the monthly Expence of 2 Battalions of Native Infantry compleated for Field Service —	8,366 . 42 . 75
To the monthly Expence of a Detachment of European Artillery & Gun Lascars for the Service of 6 Six pounders	1,401 . 16 . 77
To the use of 6 Brass Six pounders, and in consideration of the Company's engaging to keep them properly and constantly prepared for the Service of the Two Battalions, including the supply of Carriages, Tumbrils, Ammunition & Stores of all Kinds	83 . 14 —
Pagodas ..	9,851 . 37 . 72

Copies of the Abstracts forwarded to Captain Kennaway are enclosed.

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

Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart

Fort William
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Ordered that the Papers lie lodged in the Office.

Read the following Letters from Colonel Capper.

the Papers to be lodged in the Office

John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From Colonel Capper — applying for certain Papers to enable him to audit Mr. Digby's accounts —

In consequence of your Letter & Enclosures of the 24th. ult., permit me to trouble you for the following Extracts from the Records of your Department.

Copies of the orders of the Select Committee to Colonel Fullarton, relative to Cattle and Artificers on the peace Establishment, dated the 31st. of August, 2nd. and 8th. September, and 2nd. of October 1784.

Mr. Digby reporting in his Claim of Pagodas 5524. for Artificers and Cattle, "that all the Cattle and Followers of the Army could "not be collected till near the end of September 1784, and that "the above order did not take place till the 8th. of that "month, that he requested permission to charge for 15 "days in September, which by Mistake was granted for "August."

To enable me to Report to Government finally upon the above Paragraph, it is necessary for me to request of you to ascertain the date of this order. — Mr. Commissioner Jackson's Audits on the Accounts of the Southern Army, not being lodged with the B[illegible] of the Board of Commissioners, I must also trouble [illegible] them.

I have, [illegible] to be,

Sir, [illegible] obedient humble Servant

(signed) J. Capper
C.P.A.C.A.

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To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Capper – requesting allowance made by Mr. Binny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam for 29 days travelling Batta; and by Ensign Getty of His Majesty's 72d. Regiment for 60 Pagodas on account of House Rent.

In examining the accounts of the Paymaster at Masulipatam, I find that Mr. Binny Head Surgeon of the Hospital has drawn Travelling Batta for 15 days in July and 14 in September 1788, — an explanation being demanded of him, he sent the enclosed Letter (No. 1) to the Paymaster: but he appears to me to have taken the orders of the Honble Court of Directors in too general a sense, for it never could be their intention to allow the Surgeons, or any other persons, to put themselves upon Batta when they think proper; nor without the order, or at least the express permission of the Officer Civil or Military Commanding the District. In this Instance indeed it appears to have been paid by the authority of the Chief & Council: but I beg leave to know whether a Copy of the order of the Chief & Council, or the Commanding Officer of the District, is not in all cases for the future to be considered as the only regular Voucher for the Charge.

The enclosed (Nos. 2 and 3) are papers I received from Ensign Getty of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment, in answer to an application from me to refund 60 Pagodas, drawn by him for House & prepaid while on Duty at the Presidency. He was upon full including & it is not usual to give House Rent and full Batta at munitio metime to the same Person; but he pleads in his bet order from Sir Archibald Campbell, of which the enclosed. a Copy. – I beg leave to receive your Commands on this Subject.

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

Fort St. George
8th October 1789

(Signed) J. Capper
C.G.