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Diary

The following Letters received, from the Resident at
Travancore, are entered hereunder.

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

On the 15th Instant Tippus Sultaun's Vackell
had his audience with the Rajah of Travancore. The Rajah of
Cochin, the Ministers of the respective Rajahs, Captain Sknor,
Myself and some confidential Servants of the Rajah of
Travancore were present.

After the Letter from Tippus was delivered, and
read, the Vackell said, he was to add Instructions which he
had received from the Sultaun, as these in general were, a
recapitulation of the Contents of the Letter, it will be unnecessary
to repeat them, as the Translation of the Letter goes an enclosure
(N^o 1) in this Packet. The manner in which the Vackell
delivered himself was both disrespectful and indecent, so
much so, that it had the appearance of being purposely done
to irritate the Rajah and it had the effect for he was visibly
agitated. I therefore recommended to the Rajah to break up
the Conference, which he accordingly did and the Vackell
was informed, after due consideration he should, carry
back a reply to the Sultaun, the Vackell acquainted the

From the Resident at
Travancore, detailing
the particulars of a
conference between the
Rajah and Tippus's
Vackell, reporting of the
latter being within 25
Miles, and of the hostile
appearance which he
displays, and his (the Resident's)
Expectation of
his attacking Travancore.
enclosing Copy of a Letter
from the Governor of Cochin
to Tippus, with one from
the latter to the Rajah.
of Travancore.

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I Rajah that the Sultaun, had directed, him not to wait any time for the reply, he therefore, should be under the necessity of returning soon, and hoped, the answer would be speedily given to him.

The Rajah of Travancore told me that he could, very easily make an answer to the Letter he had received, which he would immediately proceed to do, and after having done it, he should request my Sentiments on it — I told the Rajah that he must take into Consideration, his Situation, with the Honorable Company and the protection he received, from them, therefore, as his reply to Tippoo might eventually affect them, and probably ultimately involve them in very serious Consequences, I remonstrated, against any final resolution, on his part being adopted with respect to the demands, until the whole of the Business was laid, before your Honorable Board, and your acquiescence obtained, to the replies that he proposed, to make and indeed, that he must ^{be} guided, entirely by your Government, as Tippoo's late operations justified, the Idea, that he intended, to support his demands by force.

The Rajah said, he should certainly be guided in every respect by your Honorable Board, that he led to propose making a reply to the Letter in consequence of the Vackeel acquainting him that he was under necessity of returning soon, and he had much to attend if he were to go without one — I told the Rajah

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this might be obviated by writing now only, an explanatory Letter to Tipproo, and acquainting him that he should have his ultimate reply to it in a short time, as he never adopted any measures without consulting the Honorable Company, and that he had written to your Honorable Board on the Subject of his Demands.

The Rajah immediately agreed, to my proposition, and has determined, to write to Tipproo a Letter in explanation of his Conduct and has left the matter open, in order to be guided, in his Conduct by your Honorable Board. The Substance of his answer is to the following Effect.

For the sake of perspicuity, I have thought it best to recapitulate those Paragraphs of Tipproo's Letter which relate to the demands he has made, and to arrange the Rajah's explanation, respectively in the same order.

Paragraphs of Tipproo's Letter. Rajah's Explanation.

For these 25 years the
 Chougars and dunneldars
 of my Country have been
 complaining to me, that
 the Rajahs of Calicut, —
 Cotumgherry, Cartinaud &
 Cherical, and many other
 refractory people are indebted
 large Sums of Money to the
 Circar, and that these had
 received protection, in your
 Country,

With respect to the Rajahs
 of Calicut, Cotumgherry, Cartinaud
 and Cherical, it is true they have
 been long in my Country — some
 of them, have been 23 years — they
 are all related, to me and I gave
 them an asylum — no demand
 for them was ever made me before,
 but to win the disposition, I
 have, to comply with every thing
 which is reasonable and proper,
 as you say they are indebted to the

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Country, by which you the Circas large Sums of Money, have been the Cause of I have directed, them to depart from giving much Trouble my Country, and, they have no to the Circas, - you have longer protection in it - I have never given protection, to the given, protection, to Thieves or to any Calicut Rajah, to Thieves other of your refractory Subjects - and others of my refractory they might have come into my Subjects in the Travancore Country, - you must Country but without my knowledge, deliver up to me those of my Subjects who have given me trouble. -

I purchased Cranganore. When I was + from the Dutch but not without obliged to go to Calicut having first ascertained, that they two different times in two had an indisputable right to Months to subdue that Country, during that, - dispose of it, - I knew that they had pinned you purchased, possessed, that place more than Cranganore from the Dutch, 100 years, and I never heard they which is in the Circas Country, paid Tribute to any Rajah - all you have stationed your this I knew before I purchased the Troops in this Fort, the Dutch extend into an agreement place, - since you have desired, with the Calicut amirans me to withdraw my Troops, I have to pay them a Revenue for applied to the Governor of Cochin, this Territory, agreeably on the Subject of the right he had to which, they annually, to sell it. - he confirmed, what I paid, it, you must with. draw these Troops, you knew before, and he tells me that, have in Cranganore, - he has received a Letter from you on the Subject, and that he was fully explained to you the whole Business.

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Business, and I make no
doubt you will now be
Satisfied, with his Explanation,

The Cochin Rajah has been
my Tributary fifty or Sixty
years after I possessed the
Calicut Country you erected
Lines on a part of the Cochin
Country - This Conduct is not
proper - you must demolish
the Lines which you have
erected on the Cochin Country -
You say I have erected
Lines on a part of the Cochin
Country, and that the Rajah of
Cochin has been your Tributary
fifty or Sixty years, and you
desire me to demolish the Lines
which are in the Cochin
Country - that part of the Country
whereon the Lines are erected,
was given to me for that
purpose before the Cochin
Rajah ever paid Tribute to you
I assisted the Cochin Rajah many
years ago with Troops, who was
at War with the Zamorin, by
which he was drove out of his
Country which the Zamorin
had invaded, and in return
for this assistance he gave me
that part of the Country and other
portions of Land, which I now
occupy - These Lines have been
erected 25 years, no demand all
that time was ever made for
that part of the Country, you
know I possessed it and had
Lines erected on it when I was
included

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included, in the Treaty of Peace
which the Honorable English
Company made with you. If I
had not a right to it, why did not
you then demand it;

The foregoing is the Substance of the Rajah's
reply to Tipproo - he concludes with saying, that he desires
this Letter might be considered, only as an explanation, how
he became possessed of those places he desires him to retire
from, and that as he never took upon himself to adopt any
measure without the knowledge and concurrence of his
allies and Friends the Honorable English Company, he had
communicated with your Government on the Subject, &
that when he had received your advice, to guide his
Conduct, Tipproo should forthwith be made acquainted
with his ultimate decision upon what he had demanded.

The Rajah intends to dismiss the Vakeel
tomorrow with the above Letter, when he means fully to
write to you, Honorable Sir, and to enter particularly on
the Subject, of Tipproo's Letter, what I have now written is the
Substance of what will be communicated, to you by
the Rajah, and, I hope this concise relation, will suffice to
give you a general Idea of the most material points
of this Embassy, and will serve to assist you in your
determination, on the line of Conduct which the Rajah
is to adopt.

If I may venture, to form any opinions
regarding

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* regarding Tippoo's present plan of operations I should imagine that he is preparing for a scene of warfare; He is at present with the greatest part of his army at Ins hour, only 25 Miles from the Rajah's Lines - and the concurrent and repeated Intelligence which is now brought in, says, that large Bodies are joining him daily - an advanced party of 4000 men with 10 Guns are within 6 miles of the Lines, and he is spreading desolation within a mile of them. It would appear that he only waited, for the return of his Vackell in order to commence Hostilities - The Rajah, tells me that he has intelligence from his Camp, which says that his designs are to make three attacks at the same time - Two at different parts of the Lines, and the other at Cranganore -

I presume I am warranted, from the Instructions which I have if a Call of assistance of the Honorable Company's Troops, should be made by the Rajah, for the defence of his Lines, to grant it - for altho' the Rajah requests that Tippoo will wait until he receives the Boards Instructions on the Subject of his demands, and not consider his Letter as an ultimate decision, yet I cannot but be of opinion, that if he intends to commence Hostilities, he will begin his operations before an answer can be received from you.

I have been able to procure a Copy of the Letter which the Governor of Cochin has written, to Tippoo, the Translation of it is an enclosure in this Packet (N^o 2) - It will serve to shew his disposition, towards the Dutch, and will explain to you on what grounds he has claimed Cranganore;

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As Circumstances have occurred & demands made by Tippos which could not have been foreseen, consequently unprovided, for in my Instructions, I hope my Conduct will meet with the approval of your Honorable Board, and that I shall receive your explicit Instructions on the subsequent line I am to pursue - my advice to the Rajah has ever been dictated, by Circumspection, and, I was watchful that he should, not commit himself by any act, which might involve disagreeable Consequences, but that he should entirely be guided, by your determination.

Parour,
18 December 1789

I have the Honours be, W. H.

Wm George Cowney
Resident

Translation of the Letter delivered to the Rajah of Travancore
by Abdul Cawder Vakil to Tippos Sultaan,
Dated 14 Suffer or 2 November 1789

Usual Introduction,

For these five and Twenty years the Chozudars and amildars of my Country have been complaining to me that the Rajahs of Calicut, Coteingerry Cartinal and Chirical, and many other refractory People were indebted large Sums of Money to the Arcas that they had received protection in your Country, by which you have been the cause of giving much trouble to the Arcas.

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I did not attend to their Complaints as I did not believe them, - as you are a sensible man and know the Customs of Countries I did not think you capable of doing this.

When I was obliged to go to Calicut two different times in two Months to subdue that Country during that period you purchased Cranganore from the Dutch which is in the Circars Country.

The Dutch entered into an agreement with the Calicut Amuldaars to pay them a Revenue for this Territory, agreeably to which they annually paid it - you have stationed your Troops in this Fort, you have given protection to the Calicut Rajah's, to Thieves and other of my Refractory Subjects in the Travancore Country. - This makes me believe that the Complaints made to me formerly by my Chougdaars and amuldaars to have been founded in truth, - The Cochin Rajah has been my Tributary fifty or Sixty years - after I possessed the Calicut Country you erected Lines on a part of the Cochin Country - This Conduct is not proper - you must deliver up to me those of my Subjects who have given me trouble, - you must withdraw those Troops you have in Cranganore, you must erase the Lines which you have erected on the Cochin Country, - At your own Frontiers you are at liberty to do what you please - Abdul Cawder will explain to you more particularly on the Subjects - I have sent you a Mahataby
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Helaut which I hope will arrive safe.

What can I say more.

Translation of a Letter from W. Van Angelbeck

Gouverneur at Cochin to Tippero Suttaun, Dated 13th Dec^r, 1789

Some days ago the Rajah of Cochin informed me that you had sent a Letter by an ambassador to me. Abdul Cawder accordingly arrived at Cochin, and I received him in the Fort with every Compliment I observe to all Ambassadors, who are sent to me from Rajahs & Princes, who are friends to the Honorable Dutch Company. The Letter from you was not put in a Purse and sealed as usual, The ambassador when he delivered me the Letter informed, that you had heard, I had left Cochin, & that another Gouverneur had not arrived, when he set out, and that the Letter was addressed to the Gentlemen, who might be conducting the Business there, and that had you known of my having been still at Cochin, you would have transmitted the Letter and presents to me, therefore requested I would excuse the manner in which it had been sent and receive the Letter. In consequence of his saying this, I received the Letter, and replied to the Questions he put to me by your desire. The day after, your Letter was translated for me, and upon reading it I found it written, in terms disrespectful to the Honorable Dutch Company and very different in Style to the Letters you ever sent before, and unlike that which you sent.

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A few days ago by Cornaul Mahommmed Dien - The great Rajahs and all the Princes are very well acquainted that the Honorable Dutch Company came to the East Indies more than two hundred years ago, ever since which period they always paid them the highest respect and cultivated their Friendship, and have continued to do so, above a Hundred years ago, the Honorable Dutch Company were engaged in a war with the Kings of Spain and Portugal - and at that time took from the latter Cochin & Cranganore, Forts since the Capture, of these places none of the Rajahs on this Coast, particularly the Rajahs of Cochin and Cranganore have had the least right to them, and which appertained only to the Honorable Dutch Company - you have therefore no right whatever to interfere in the Concerns of the Honorable Dutch Company, and their Governor, The Honorable Dutch Company have a right to do what they please with their settlements on the Malabar Coast and to dispose of them as they may think proper, and they are not accountable to any body for their Conduct, I think it a Duty incumbent on me to inform you of this.

Abdul Cawder acquainted me that the Honorable Dutch Company had for a long time paid a Revenue for Cranganore to the Circar, this is ill founded, - The Honorable Dutch Company never paid Revenue either to you or to the Cranganore Rajah, or to any Rajah on the Malabar Coast. - The

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Muckaws and the Toddy People, Inhabitants and Cranganore, rented some Lands of the Circar, adjoining to the Territory belonging to the Honorable Dutch Company, which they cultivated, and paid a Revenue for, This has given rise to the Idea that the Company paid a Revenue to the Circar - I cannot account for what you have said in your Letter, that the Fort of Cochin, belongs to the Circar, all the world knows that the Honorable Dutch Company have been the sole Masters of this place for more than, a Hundred and odd years, and that the Rajahs of Cochin and Cranganore have ever been under their protection, which these Rajahs cannot disavow - I do not understand, why you should have written, in such a disrespectful Manner of the Honorable Dutch Company in a Business in which you have no right to interfere,

Signed J. J. Van Angelbeck.

To the Honorable John Holland Esq.
Governor in Council,

Fort St George,

Honble Sir,

Tippoo Sultan's Vackell has just now received his Letter and has taken leave - The Intelligence which has been brought in to day mentions that Tippoo has moved with his Army 5 Miles to the South of Trishore, - which is towards this Country.

Yrs

From the Resident at Travancon, advising of the departure of Tippoo's Vackell from Travancon, with Intelligence of Tippoo's Movements towards the Country.

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In addition to what I wrote yesterday respecting what took place at the Conference with Tippu's Vackul, it will be necessary to mention, which escaped my hearing, that the Vackul said, it was a part of his Instructions to inform the Rajah that if he did not withdraw his Troops from Cranganore, and demolish the Lines that were erected on the Cochin Country - he should bring his army against him.

Barour,
19th December 1789

I have the Honor to be Sir, Yr.

Signed George Bowney
Remains

The Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

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From the Resident at Travancore - will transmit the Documents respecting Cranganore and the Rajah's Lines on the morrow of Tippu's having advanced within 10 Miles of the Travancore Country.

Honble Sir,

I have this Instant have the Honor to receive Mr. Secretary Channice's Letter of the 8th enclosing one for the Rajah which I have delivered to him - The Documents respecting Cranganore will be transmitted tomorrow, and those regarding the Lines which Tippu Sullaiman asserts to have been made on half the Country belonging to the Cochin Rajah will be transmitted as soon as they arrive here - they are at present at Gudnaporam, a Fort in the Southern part of the Country - the latter will explain at what period the Cochin Rajah made over to the Travancore Rajah that part of the Country wherein the Lines are erected.

Tippu

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Tippoo has advanced within ten miles of the Lines with his Army - respecting his force the accounts which have come in I believe to be very exaggerated - I hope to-morrow to receive some Intelligence on this head which may be depended upon - Tippoo's Vackel left this morning, he will reach the Sultaun tomorrow, when it is probable he will adopt some decided measures.

I have the Honor to be, with the highest respect,

W^m W^m

Signed George Bowney
Resident

Parour
20th December 1789

To the Honble John Mollond, Esq^r
Governor in Council

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Honble Sir,

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Barour
22 December 1789

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Resident

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The Governor Van angelbeck on behalf of the Dutch Company proposes, and the Minister Kesa Pulli on the Part of his Master agrees, that the Sum of 300,000 Surat Rupies shall be paid, by the King of Travancore for the Fort of Cranganore and the Port of Syacottah - for the Cannon and artillery ammunition, thereunto belonging, Fire Arms, & Musket ammunition, (not included) and
for

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Tippoo has advanced within two miles of the Lines with his Army - respecting his force the accounts which have come in I believe to be very exaggerated - I hope to-morrow to receive some Intelligence on this head which may be depended upon - Tippoo's Vackel left this morning, he will reach the Suttaun tomorrow, when it is probable he will adopt some decided measures.

Parour
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Wth Wth

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for the following Farms and Gardens, —

The Island of Mistkuten at present rented by Bellote —		
ausups Cails for	—	— 390 Ruppes —
Kito Barkis Garden which rents for	—	115 D°
Ascensus De rosas D°	D°	— 190 D°
Magasittys	D° D°	— 164 D°
Henrick Muiens D°	D°	— 230 D°
Bappes Brobo's	D° D°	— 64 D°
Alewijns	D° D°	— 310 D°
Damas Nopas	D° D°	— 1220 D°
Arket Itlopis	D° D°	— 119 D°
Konoto Barkis	D° D°	— 115 D°

The said Purchase and Sale are agreed upon and concluded, on Condition, that the King of Travancore do not hinder or molest any Ship, vessel, raft, or wood work, belonging to the Dutch Company, or to the Rajah, of Cochin, or his Subjects, from passing & repassing the river opposite the Fort, or exact any new Tribute, for any articles whatsoever, so passing and repassing the said River, —

The King of Travancore, expressly stipulates that the articles of Firwood procured from Situations beyond Cranganore, shall pass to Cochin free from all Customs or Duties, and without let or Hindrance on the part of the King or his Subjects, —

The Hospital near Balliports, with its adjoining Buildings, Garden &c. to continue in the full possession of the Company — The Roman Churches at

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at Cranganore and Iyacottah, having for a long Time been under the Control of the Company, must Consequently remain so - The King shall not interfere, with the Churches or with the Priests.

The Christians are still to be considered as Subjects of the Company, and are not to be burthened, with any new Taxes.

The Badri's House at Pallipore built by Order of the Honorable the Governor, is presented as a free Gift to the Church - The King agrees that it shall remain so, and that, it shall be free from any new Contributions.

The Inhabitants, as well natives as Christians, shall remain in possession of the Houses, Gardens, and Lands, which they at present enjoy - no new Taxes shall be imposed upon them, but they are to be in future, responsible to the King for such Taxes, as have hitherto been collected by the Company.

It is agreed, that before the Delivery of the abovementioned Places, the King of Travancore, shall pay in Cash, the Sum of 50,000 Rupees - The Residue being 250,000 Rupees shall be discharged, in Pepper, by equal Payments, the four ensuing years, which brings the yearly Demand of Sixty Two thousand, five hundred Rupees, and for which David Rhabby, Ephraim Chinn, and antasetty Merchants, are Securities.

Thus executed in the Fort of Cochin, the 31st July 1789,

Signed J. C. Van Angelbeck

By

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Van
By John Gerard Angelbeck

Gouverneur and Director of the Possessions of the Dutch East
India Company on the Coast of Malabar

N^o. N^o. N^o.

Be it known, to all whom it may concern, that, in consequence of a Requisition, made to the Council of Cochin, on the 25th of July by the Illustrious and Mighty King of Lord of Travancore, Marjo Mala Martanada Rama Waram, to be put in Possession, of the Fort of Cranganore & the Post of Iyacottah, with the Cannon and Artillery Ammunition, thereunto belonging, the same was acquiesced, in, and the Contract signed on the 31st of July last, by one, in behalf of the Council, and by the respectable Kusa Pille, Minister and Duwan of the said King, and carried into Execution, on the 5th Day of August last past, —

Be it also known, that the said King of Travancore, having demanded, a Letter of Acknowledgment - Wido, by this Public Instrument declare, that the Delivery of the Fort of Cranganore, and the Post of Iyacottah &c. is made with the free will and Consent of the said Council of Cochin - and it is to be understood in the most extensive sense that, the Company, from henceforward, resign all Claims and authority over the aforementioned Places, which are now become the legal Property of the King of Travancore, & are to remain so forever.

Thus executed in the Fort of Cochin the 16th November 1789

Dutch Company's
Seal

[Signed] J. G. Van Angelbeck
By order of the Governor

[Signed] Arnold Lunenburg

By

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By these presents John Gerard Van Angelbeck, Governor of the Malabar Coast under the Council of India acquaints the present King of Travancore that having received an order from the Council of Battavia to sell to your Majesty the Fort of Cranganore, Ayacottah, and the places under them, with all the Guns, Ammunition, &c, which the Honorable Dutch Company had in them; This is to certify that I have before this, sold to your Majesty The abovementioned places, and the places under them with all the Guns, Ammunition &c in them, for the Sum of three Hundred Thousand Silver Rupes - That the Fort of Cranganore, Ayacottah, and the places under them have been in the possession of the Honorable Dutch Company for many years, without any other people having any right to them - likewise that they never paid any Tribute for these places, either to the Cochin King, Tippoo Sultan, or to any other King, I therefore, made over these places to your Majesty with all the property which the Honorable Dutch Company had in them - I wish you long life - This Paper is written in Cochin on the 13th December 1789

Signed J. G. Van Angelbeck

Received Letter from the Rajah of Travancore,

(entered in C. C. N^o. 1.) upon the same subject as the foregoing Letter from W. Bowney and enclosing Copies of his Letter to & from Tippoo. - In consequence of the receipt of the above

Letter the President sent in Consultation, the following Minute, The

Substance of an
Letter from the
Rajah of Travancore,

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The President's Minute
upon the foregoing Letters,
stating his opinion
upon the Conduct of the
Rajah, and the immediate
measures necessary to
be pursued.

The President observes that he thinks it extremely
improper for the Rajah to hold any conferences with the Vackals
of Tippoo Sultaun - that any demands that are made by the
latter or any negotiations respecting the Travancore Country, should
be carried on immediately by the Authority of the British
Government, on such points only as shall be directed by them -
The Rajah is undoubtedly very reprehensible in having negotiated
the Purchase of Cranganore and Ayacottah without the
concurrence of this Government, which it might be naturally
supposed would justly give umbrage to the neighbouring
Power - as well might it be supposed that the Dutch could
assume the Power of selling Sadras or Pulicat to the French, as
that they can dispose of Cranganore to a dependent Tributary
of the Carnatick, included in the late Treaty with Tippoo - In
the present situation of affairs however under the circumstances
of the late advices received from W. Bowney that Tippoo is
in Force within ten miles of the Travancore Country - some
immediate measures may be necessary - It must be
observed however the Southern Forces have already been
Collected, and drawn into Cantonments at Trichinopoly
from which the 72^d Regiment of Europeans have been
returned, to Tanjore on account of the Monsoon and a
Detachment has lately been employed to quell the Distur-
bances in the Sheringunga District - The President proposes
that the Commanding Officer be called upon for his opinion
in regard to the most advantageous disposition of the Troops
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with the least possible Expence, attending at the same time to the general defence of our Possessions - If it should become necessary to put the Southern Troops in motion, it must be observed, that the main Body of the army must also be prepared to act with Effect as any invasion of the Travancore Country, can only be considered, as an act of Hostility leading to a General War. - The operations of the main Body will of course be directed as Circumstances may require either in the immediate defence of the Travancore Country or to make a powerful impression, in some vital part of the Enemy's Possessions - It may not however be improper on this occasion, to remark that it appears from the experience of the two last Wars with Mysore, that the first invasion, as well as the principal scene of action was in the Arct Countries being those of the Center Division of the Army. - It is proper at the same time that a Letter should be written, to Tippoo Sultaun, declaratory of our Sentiments, in which he should be informed, that we are willing to meet any deputation, he shall think proper to appoint, for the purpose of an open and fair discussion of the points of difference - that it is not our intention, to infringe, his Rights or to recede from our own, but that if he thinks proper to have recourse to Force in an invasion of the Rajah's just rights we shall be prepared to resist him.

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With respect to the Forts the Board originally expressed their disapprobation of the Rajah's Conduct, & ordered them to be restored, not thinking them an Object of the smallest import to the General Strength of the Empire. It is highly inconsistent to suffer the imprudent rash and absurd Conduct of their Tributary to be a cause of Contention, and it is advisable to avoid precipitating Public Affairs into a Precipitament that might eventually involve a War. Tippoo's near approach to the Forts appears to render it impossible effectually to Defend them should it be his intention to attack them without risking the loss of the Reinforcement against the whole Body of his Army, or without being precipitated into measures that would render further forbearance or inaction, discreditably; they must be left therefore, to the defence of the Rajah's Troops until the Bengal Government can be consulted; The Conduct of the Rajah has been unwarrantable on every principle of Policy and Justice, and it is therefore entitled to the Support of Government and the most fair and Honorable mode of adjusting all differences is with return, the Forts to the Dutch or if they will not receive back to raise them to the Ground.

If Tippoo Sultann actually invests the in question, the Resident should be directed Confo to the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to send a Flag of Truce to him

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desiring him in the name of the Company to desist & informing him that if he is desirous of settling the points in Contest by the investigation of Commissioners Government will appoint one or more to meet such Persons as may be appointed on his Part at any convenient Place on the Borders of our respective Countries - It does not appear that he has yet committed any act of Hostility, and it may be repeated, to the Rajah that it is the positive order of the Board that he shall cautiously & scrupulously avoid giving any just cause of offence to Tippoo Sultan either by harbouring his Subjects and dependents or by extending his Limits - The Rajah should also be informed that he is to enter into no negotiations whatever either with Tippoo Sultan or any other Power, without the concurrence of this Government - The Resident should also be informed as well as the Rajah that as the purchase of Cranganore & Syacottah has been transacted without the concurrence or approbation of the Board the Honor of Government ought not to be committed by taking part in the defence of these Places furtively obtained, that the Rajah therefore is to be left to take his own measures for their defence but that the Battalions are not to be employed for that purpose as the Purchase of these Places are considered, as a transaction in which they have no concern, -

If however Tippoo Sultan notwithstanding the Equity and moderation of the Conduct that has been

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I have observed towards him should persist in attacking the ancient possessions of the Rajah Captain Knox is to be referred to his former instructions and to use his discretion in the defence of the Country in conjunction with the Rajah's Troops.

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Agreeably to the recommendations contained in the foregoing the following Letters were sent to Tippoo Sultaun, Colonel Musgrave, and to the Resident at Travancore (the former intend also in C.C. N. 2.)

To Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo Sultaun—
regarding his present
Conduct towards the Rajah
of Travancore; desiring that
the dispute occasioned by
the Rajah's purchase of the
Forts may be determined
by the Government of
Bengal and stating his
attacking them, will be
considered as a commence-
ment of Hostilities with
the English.

We wrote to you on the 1st declaring our
Intentions of Enquiring into the Grounds of your Claims
concerning the Forts of Cranganore and Iacottah & assuring
you if they should appear to be equitable that we would
cause these Forts to be returned to the Dutch and placed
on the same footing on which they were previous to the
late purchase of them by the Rajah of Travancore. We have
now heard that your Army has approached to the
neighbourhood of these Forts and that the Rajah is under
alarms from an idea of its being your Intention to take
them by Force, you are not unacquainted with the circum-
stances of the Rajah being an ally of the English and you
are no doubt sensible that any Hostility towards him
would be contrary to the Faith of the Treaty so
between us. The Forts in question are of no

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1st us but we think it necessary to inform you that we shall consider any attempt to take them by Force on the present footing of affairs as an act inconsistent with the fair and liberal Sentiments of honor and friendship subsisting between us and tending to create hostilities between the two Governments. It is our fixed intention to do you justice on this occasion and it is scarcely necessary for us to say that we are equally determined, to do justice to our own Reputation and honor and it will be well for you to wait the issue of a fair Enquiry - If you are desirous of settling the points in question by the investigation of Commissioners we will appoint one or more to meet such persons as may be appointed by you at any convenient place on the borders of our respective Countries and you will then judge whether our intentions are fair. - In the mean time we shall state the whole of these proceedings to the Superior Government in Bengal and wait their Orders on them on the Justice and Equity of their decision you may safely rely as well as on the firmness of the British Government to retaliate with their whole force any Injury they may receive either on their Honor or territories and possessions. -

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To Colonel Musgrave.

Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

As Circumstances may eventually render a

To Colonel Musgrave Informing him of the prospect of a rupture with Tippu, and desiring he will transmit to them the consequent dispositions of the Troops - with Instructions respecting the necessary preparations -

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2^d a rupture with Tippoo Sultaan unavoidable - I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to request you will furnish them with such a disposition of the Forces under this Presidency as you think best adapted to obviate the ill Effects of any sudden invasion as well as to defend the Travancore Country and to support the Battalions stationed there - The Board consider it essentially necessary to avoid all expences that are not indispensable It is therefore their intention that only such a disposition should be made and orders issued as may be done with the least possible expence and to favor an early and secure Junction of all the Troops of the Southern and Center Divisions of the Army respectively so as to enable them to act with the greatest Effect the Military Strength of the Establishment will admit The Mares and Bullocks of the Establishment may be so disposed as shall appear most expedient for this purpose and it is presumed there are already sufficient depots of Military Stores at Wallajahbad as well as to the Southward for immediate Service - In the Arrangements of the Troops you will take into your View that an invasion of the Travancore Country by Tippoo will be considered as a declaration of War, in which event the Security of the Carnatick being the primary object of attention, you will consider how far it will be expedient to weaken the Center or main Division of the Army in order to strengthen that to the Southward. —

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The operations of the main Body will of course be directed as Circumstances may require either in the immediate defence of the Travancore Country or to make a Powerful impression in some vital part of the Enemy's Possessions - It may not however be improper on this occasion to remark that it appears from the experience of the two last Wars with the Mysore, that the first invasion as well as the principal scene of action was in the Arcot Countries being those of the Center Division of the Army -

The Commissary of Grain & Provisions will have directions to keep up the Stores of Grain to its full Complement, which in the event of certain Hostilities will be immediately ordered to be increased as far as can be accomplished. — Jan, 8. 90

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Yours
John Charnock

To Mr. George Bowney

Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore
Concerning the Rajah's late
Conduct in Conspiring with
Tippu's Vackell & Brothers
using the Forts which cannot
be sanctioned by Government
referring him to Instructions
sent to Captain Knox - if
Tippu invades the Travancore
Country with further directions
for his guidance in his
conduct towards Tippu
& the Rajah. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your several Letters of 18. 19 & 20. December together with the enclosures - In reply to which I am further directed to inform you that Government considers it extremely improper in the Rajah of Travancore to receive or hold any Conferences with a Vackell

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2^d Vackeil from Tippoo Sultaun - that any demands that are made by the latter or any negotiations either with Tippoo Sultaun or any other Powers respecting the Travancore Country should be carried on immediately by the Authority of the British Government on such points alone as shall be directed by them - that in future all demands from Tippoo or other Powers either by Letter or otherwise are immediately to be referred to the Presidency - and no Deputations are to be received but with their previous directions.

The Board consider the Conduct of the Rajah as very offensive and reprehensible in having purchased Cranganore and Iyacottah without their previous Concurrence which it might be naturally supposed would justly give umbrage to the neighbouring Powers whatever may be the nature of the Tenure by which the Dutch held these Places it is evidently contrary to the Law of Nations to dispose of them at their option to the aggraviation of their neighbours. You will please therefore to inform the Rajah that Government can by no means give their Sanction to the transfer that has been made to him by this Purchase, in respect to which such future measures will be adopted as the exigency of affairs may render expedient.

In the present Situation of Affairs under the

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2^d the Circumstances of your late advices that Tippoo is in Force within ten Miles of the Travancore boundaries, Government think it necessary to refer you to the instructions that have already been furnished to Captain Knox. - If Tippoo actually invests the Place in question you are to send a Flag of Truce to him, desiring him in the name of the Company to desist and informing him that if he is desirous of settling the points in Contest by the investigation of Commissioners Government will appoint one or more to meet such Persons as may be appointed on his Part at any Convenient place on the Borders of our respective Countries and you will refer him to the Letter which we have addressed to him on this occasion by way of Trichinopoly a Copy of which we inclose for your information, by which he will be advised of the line of Conduct it is our intention to observe. - If notwithstanding he should invest the Forts of Cranganore and Iyacottah you will immediately forward advices of it to the Presidency It does not appear that he has yet committed any act of Hostility - and it is the positive Orders of the Board that the Rajah shall cautiously & scrupulously avoid giving any just cause of offence to Tippoo Sultan either by harbouring his Subjects and dependants or by extending his limits. - The purchasing of Cranganore and Iyacottah having been transacted without the Concurrence or approbation of the Board, The Honor of Government ought not to be committed by taking part in the defence of

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2^d of Places that they consider to have been furtively obtained, the Rajah must therefore be left to take his own Measures for their defence. The Battalions are not to be employed for that purpose as Government considers the Purchase on the present footing of Affairs as a transaction in which they have no Concern. If however Tippoo Sultan notwithstanding the Equity and Moderation of the Conduct that has been observed towards him, should proceed to attack the ancient possessions of the Rajah, Captain Knox is to be referred to his former Instructions, and to use discretion in the defence of the Country in Conjunction with the Rajah's Troops.

I am, &c. &c.

Yours John Charnier

Received Letter from Colonel Musgrave
as entered in M. B. N. 1 enclosing Return of Discharged
Men, and a List of Officers, that should return to Europe
by the Ships of this Season. Recommending the attention
of Government to the Invalid Officers and Men, and
requesting to be informed what number of both can
be sent on the General Goodard also that the usual
allowances may be ordered.

Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered
in M. B. N. 2, 3, 4, 5.

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From Colonel Musgrave

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To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave - acquainting him that the Captain of the Honorable Company's Ship General Goddard, will be ordered to receive on Board - Lieutenant Colonel Elphinstone and 3 other Officers also 40 Invalids of which 20 are to be from the Kings and an equal number from the Company's Troops, the usual allowances of Embarkation will be ordered, both for the Officers and Men.

To Captain Foxall

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship General Goddard directing him to prepare his Ship for the accommodation of Lieutenant Colonel Elphinstone and 3 other Officers also for 40 Invalids.

To Colonel Nixon

To the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly - directing him to dispatch an Express Mercarah, with an accompanying Letter to Tippu Sultan.

To Mr. Cockburn

To the Commissary General of Grain &c. ordering him to lay in the full quantity of Grain allotted for the Garrisons in the Center and Southern Divisions - enclosing orders to the Nabob's amildars - if necessary Grain from the new Crops to be purchased.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob -

Received Letter from His Highness the Nabob, [as entered in C. C. 8th 3] Stating the distress of the Inhabitants of his Country from the heavy demands made on them, promises to pay 1,20,000 Pagodas on the 6th Instant - in Cash and by Treps - and also to begin his payments on account of his November Dist, requesting that the State of his Country may be reported to England, and that in future Letters no time be mentioned

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3^d mentioned, within which he is to give an answer, —

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Right Honorable Charles Earl Cornwallis K. G.
Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal. Informing
them of the foregoing Intelligence
from Travancore respecting
Tippoo, and of the measures
& resolutions of Government
in consequence, also enclosing
Copies of the authenticated
papers received from the
Resident of Travancore
upon the subject of
Cranganore & Jyacottah,

Since we last had the Honor to address
your Lordship in Council on the Subject of the Rajah of
Travancore and his late purchases from the Dutch we have
received some important intelligence from that Quarter
which we deem it necessary to communicate to you, —

By the Letters lately received from Mr. Bowney
we learn that a Vakeel from Tippoo Sultan has had an
audience with the Rajah of Travancore at which he deli-
vered a Letter from Tippoo stating that the Rajah had
given protection to the Rajahs of Calicut Cottingerry &c. who
were indebted to his Circar — that he had purchased
Cranganore from the Dutch — that he had erected Lines on
a part of the Cochin Country dependant on Calicut — that
he must withdraw his Troops from Cranganore, must
destroy the Lines he had erected, and must deliver up the
rebellious Subjects of the Circar, —

Mr. Bowney added that the Conduct
of Tippoo's Vakeel was very disrespectfull, tending much

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3^d to irritate, and that he told the Rajah that if the Troops were not withdrawn from Cranganore and the Lines destroyed, Tippoo would bring his army against him.

In reply to the above mentioned Letter the Rajah with the acquiescence of Mr. Bowney sent an answer to the following Effect— That the Rajahs of Calicut, Chumgherry &c. &c. had been long in the Travancore Country, that they were all related to him and that no Demand was ever made for them before— but that as Tippoo asserted they were indebted to him the Rajah would direct them to depart from his Country— that he had never given protection to Thieves, or to refractory Subjects— That he had purchased Cranganore— after having ascertained that the Dutch had an indisputable Right to sell it— that— since Tippoo had desired the Troops to be withdrawn he, the Rajah, had written to the Governor of Cochin on the Subject of his having a right to sell it, and that the Governor had fully explained the whole Business to Tippoo—

That with regard to demolishing the Lines in the Cochin Country— he had to observe that part of the Country whereon the Lines were erected was given to him— before the Cochin Rajah were paid Tribute to Tippoo— that this part of the Country and other portions were given in consideration of assistance given that the Lines had been erected 25 years and no Demand was made— that if he had not a right to the Country, why did not Tippoo come forward when the Rajah was included in the late Treaty made between the English & Tippoo— The

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The Rajah added that the foregoing was only an explanation, that his ultimate decision could not be given until he had received the advice of the English Government for the regulation of his Conduct.

We have also received a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, enclosing Copies of all the Papers relating to Tippoo's Demands and the Resident has transmitted the original Papers, of which copies are enclosed which were executed at the time, and after Cranganore & Yacottah were delivered over by the Dutch to the Rajah.

As it appeared from the intelligence transmitted by Mr. Bowney that Tippoo with a very large Army was encamped at about 10 Miles from the Rajah's Lines, and had every appearance of proceeding to Hostilities We judged it necessary to take some steps which We hope will be approved by your Lordship in Council.

We immediately directed an Answer to be drafted to the Resident at Travancore, stating that We disapproved of the Rajah's Conduct in receiving and holding Conferences with Tippoo's Vakeel - that any Demands made by the latter or any Negotiations either with Tippoo, or any other Powers respecting the Travancore Country should be carried on by the authority of the British Government on such points alone as might be directed by them - that - in future all Demands from Tippoo or other Powers either by Letter or otherwise should

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3 should be referred to the Presidency, and no Deputations received but with their previous Directions,

We observed, that it might naturally be supposed that the purchase of Cranganore and Iyacottah would give umbrage to Tipper, that, whatever might be the tenure by which the Dutch held these places it was contrary to the Law of Nations to dispose of them at their option to the Aggrandisement of a neighbouring Power that we could not give our Sanction to the transfer that had been made to the Rajah, in respect to which such future measures would be adopted as the Emergency of Affairs might render expedient.

We referred Mr. Bowney to the Instructions furnished to Captain Knox, and directed him in case Tipper invested Cranganore or Iyacottah to send a Flag of Truce desiring him in the name of the Company to desist, and informing him that if he wished to settle the points in Contest by the investigation of Commissioners, we would appoint one or more to meet such Persons as might be named on his part at any convenient Place on the borders of our respective Countries - If notwithstanding he should invest the Forts in question - advice should be instantly forwarded to us.

As it did not appear that Tipper had yet committed any act of Hostility we desired Mr. Bowney to warn the Rajah - not to give any Cause of Offence to
Tipper

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3^d Tippoo either by harbouring his Subjects & Dependants or by extending his Limits.

As the Purchase of Cranganore & Jacothak was made without our Concurrence or approbation, We observed to M^r. Cowrey that the Honor of Government ought not to be committed by taking part in the Defence of Places that We considered to have been justly obtained - We therefore directed him to inform the Rajah that he must be left to take his own measures for their Defence - for, the Battalions in the Travancore Country were not to be employed for that purpose.

We further acquainted M^r. Cowrey that, if Tippoo notwithstanding the Equity and moderation of the Conduct that had been observed towards him should proceed to attack the ancient possessions of the Rajah, - Captain Knox must be ordered to use his discretion in the defence of the Country in Conjunction with the Rajah's Troops.

Our President addressed Letters to Tippoo & to the Rajah of Travancore, recapitulating the Contents of former Letters, and stating that the Rajah was under alarm from an idea of its being his intention to take Cranganore and Jacothak by Force - that he must be sensible that any hostility towards the Rajah would be Contrary to the Faith of the Treaty subsisting between this Government and his Circus - that the Forts were of no value to us, but that We should consider any attempt to take them by Force as an act inconsistent with the friendship subsisting between

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3^d between us and tending to create Hostilities - That we were anxious to do justice to all parties, and that it would be wise in him to wait the issue of a fair Enquiry - That if he were desirous of settling the points by the investigation of Commissioners We would appoint one or more to meet Persons to be named by him - That in the meantime We should state the whole to your Lordship in Council, and wait your Instructions - That he might rely on your Justice and on the firmness of the British Government to retaliate with their whole Force any Injury they might receive either on their Honor, or Territories and Possessions. —

Our President's Letter to the Rajah was to the same purport as that addressed to Mr. Bowney. —

We judged it necessary, as Circumstances might eventually render a Rupture with Tippoo unavoidable to desire Colonel Musgrave would furnish us with such a disposition of the Force under this Presidency as he might think best adapted to obviate the Effects of any sudden Invasion as well as to defend the Travancore Country and to Support the Battalions stationed there - at the same time to avoid all Expences that were not indispensable such a disposition should be made and orders issued as might be done with the least possible Expence and might favor an early and secure Junction of all the Troops of the Southern and Central Divisions of the Army Respectively so as to enable them to act with the greatest effect the Military Strength of the establishment will admit. —

We observed in the Letter to Colonel Musgrave that

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3. That an Invasion of the Travancore Country by Tippoo - would be considered as a declarative of War in which Event the Security of the Carnatick being the primary Object of Attention it must be taken into Consideration how far it would be expedient to weaken the Center, or main Division in order to strengthen that to the Southward observing to him that it appeared from the experience of the two last wars with Mysore that the first invasion as well as the principal Scene of action had been in the Arcot Countries or those of the Center Division of the Army.

We informed Colonel Musgrave that We had issued the necessary Orders for keeping up the Stores of Grain to their full Complement, and that in the event of certain Hostilities We should order them to be increased as far as could be accomplished.

With respect to the Forts we originally expressed our Disapprobation of the Rajah's Conduct and ordered them to be restored to the Dutch and we do not think them an object of any importance to the General strength of the Empire - It would be highly inconsistent to suffer the imprudent rash and unreasonable Conduct of a tributary of the Carnatic to be a cause of contention and we are of Opinion it would be rather advisable to avoid if possible precipitating Publick affairs into a predicament that might eventually involve a War - Tippoo's near approach to the Forts appears to render it impossible effectually to defend

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3^d defend them should it be his intention to attack them— without risking the loss of the Detachment against the whole body of his army or without being precipitated into measures that would render further forbearance or inaction discreditable. The Conduct of the Rajah has in our opinion been unwarrantable on every principle of Policy & Justice it is not therefore entitled to the Support of Government & the most fair & honorable mode of adjusting all differences is probably either to return the Forts to the Dutch or if they will not receive them back to raise them to the ground. The Dutch might perhaps with equal propriety claim a right to transfer Pulicat or Sadras within a few miles of this Presidency to the French as to assign Cranganore & Lyacottah to the Rajah of Travancore upon a principle of their being unconditionally at their own disposal.

We take this occasion of informing your Lordship in Council that having lately received from the Officer in Command to the Southward an account of some Disturbances in the Thovigunga District & the Depredations committed by the Colliers. We directed him to act according to the discretionary Powers given to his Predecessor, the late Colonel Horne, by which he was to employ such Force as might be necessary to prevent depredations using the requisite precautions for supplying the Troops with provisions. We have the Honor to be, &c.

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Yours John Mollond
Council

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Received the following Letters from Colonel Stuart and Major Burr.

To the Honorable John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council N. H. N.

Monte Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit the enclosed letter this day received from Captain Knox at Tanjore, containing the latest Intelligence from that Quarter.

Since my last Communication to Government through Colonel Musgrave I have received no accounts from the Chevungunga Country - But expect daily to hear from Captain White - whose report will enable me to determine on the further measures that may be necessary to put a speedy end to the Disturbance prevailing there, agreeably to the Instructions that were given to the late Colonel Horne on the Subject and which have been just communicated to me through Mr Secretary Charnier.

I have the Honor to be,

N. H. N.

Yours J Stuart.

Lieut. Col. Commanding
Colony

From Colonel Stuart.
enclosing Letter from
Captain Knox - which
advises of the near
approach of Tippu to
the Lines of Travancore
and of their Situation
& Strength.

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Colonel Mathew Horne

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you, that late last night an Officer belonging to the Detachment, came in from the Rajah's lines, and reports that about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, above Twenty Horsemen (seemingly of rank from the appearance of their dress, and number of attendants) came very near the lines as if to reconnoitre. That before sun set they went off, and he perceived several Tents pitched in a Tote, at no great distance from that part of the lines, where those Horsemen made their appearance, that some Infantry and more Horse were in sight, but did not approach so near; They are supposed to be an advanced party of Tippoo's army.

The Rajah's Troops are much dispersed from the immense extent of the lines, many parts of which are little more than a defence against Horse, and his people appear to be a good deal alarmed and confused, never before now having had occasion to apprehend so immediate and serious an attack. The Rajah has a great many Guns, but is deficient in Carriages and Artillery men, and his Powder is so bad, that some Blunt Cartridges served out to the 13th Battalion (in order to save the Powder in our General Stores) were returned after two trials as unfit for use.

The Indent a Copy of which I had the Honor to transmit to you on the 22nd Instant has only yet been

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in part complied with, and which has unavoidably prevented the Detachment moving ground: -

I shall observe the Instructions you sent me some Months ago, to give every Countenance to the Rajahs people, consistent with the safety of the Detachment.

Baron

24th December 89

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c.

[Signed] F Knox

The Honorable John Mollond Esq.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

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Worshipful Sir,

From Major Burr.
with Intelligence
respecting Tippoo

I have the Honor to inform you that Coote a Mercarrah of Colonel Nixons has written information Dated the 30th Ultimo which says that the head man of the Cuddapah & natam Country Pyretlie Trunmapah Govandam, has received Intelligence from some of his Relations in the Madavaeul Country that Tippoo had sent an order to the aumildas of that place and Sarnellagundah to assemble all the Poligars and Country peons round about in order to plunder Cuddapana, lam and Gulivinaidos and has likewise ordered they should plunder under the name of Chel Naig - The Cavalry & Infantry formerly mentioned remain still encamped near the Barries of Cuddapana natam and the Mercarrah who writes from thence says that it is generally believed that the Plunders will commence their devastations in a very short time.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c.

[Signed] Daniel Burr

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered
in M B. N. 6. 7. 8.

From Colonel Musgrave - enclosing an application
from Ensign Meate, for permission to go to Europe on account
of his health.

Minute thereon.
Agreed that leave be given to Ensign Meate
as requested.

From Mr George Anderson - requesting an
Order for being received on Board the Honorable Company's
Ship General Goddard as a passenger for Europe.

From Mr Cockburn
From the Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions requesting that Letters be written to His Highness
the Nabob to the Board of Revenue and to the Resident at
Tanjore, upon the Subject of Grain to be laid in, at Arnee Tiagar,
Pernacoli, Ravet Mellore, Chingleput & Tanjore.

4th
Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered
in M B. N. 9. 10. 11

To the Board of
Revenue
To the Board of Revenue - desiring them to
give the necessary Orders for the Supply of 170 Gance of Paddy
of the new Crop, to be laid in at Chingleput.

To Mr. Ram
To the Resident at Tanjore - directing him to
apply to the Rajah, 1100 Gance of Paddy being the quantity
necessary for Compleating the Store of that Garrison - which are
to be delivered over to the Storekeepers.

To Mr. Cockburn
To the Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions - informing him of the above orders having been
issued, and that an Application will be made to the Nabob
for an Order to Supply 130 Gance, at Arnee, 150 at Tiagar &
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4th 7³/₄ at Ravelonellon and 15¹/₂ Garci at Permacort - desiring that Instructions may be sent to the Storekeepers to give receipts for such Grain as they may receive from the Nabob's or Rajah's Amildars.

At a Consultation Present,
The Honorable John Mollond Esq.
Gouverneur President,

Tuesday
5th January 1790

James Henry Casamajor
&
Edward John Mollond } Esq^s

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

Read the following Letter from M^r Powney,
Resident at Travancore,

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.
Gouverneur in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Undoubted accounts have this Instant arrived that Tippoo is encamped with his army about four miles from the Lines, and his frequent Guard at the distance of two Miles - a party of about fifty Horse came within Musquet Shot to day in order as it is supposed to reconnoitre.

I have the Honor to be V^r V^r

Signed George Powney Resident

From M^r Powney -
with Intelligence of the
near approach of
Tippoo and of his hostile
Intent towards the
Rajah.

Baron
10. B. M.
24th December 1789

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To the Monorable John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Monble Sir,

From M^r. Powney.
upon the same
subject.

accounts have just come in that Tippoo is erecting a Battery close to a part of the Lines - His main Army continues encamped at the distance of about 4 Miles from them - it is said, by the best Intelligence, I have been able to procure, to consist of about 40000 Infantry and 4000 Cavalry.

Barour

25th December 1789

I have the Honor to be, V. R.

Yours George Powney Resident

To the Monble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Monble Sir,

From M^r. Powney.
with further Intelli-
gence.

Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit you Copy of Tippoo Sultans answer to the Letter written him by the Rajah of Travancore, which has been just received, and of the Rajah's reply to it. From the tenor of Tippoo's Letter, we have every reason to apprehend that he does not mean to attend to any Explanation, but that he will support his pretensions by force. - The Rajah sent one of his Servants a Jernidas with Abdul Cawder to present Tippoo a Khe laut. - he would neither see the man nor receive the Khe laut, but ordered him to quit his Camp without delay. - This man could

form

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form no Idea of what his Army consisted of, as his stay was so short, but I have the Honor to transmit an account of the force which Tippoo had in the Malabar Country to the south of Tellicherry - all which have joined him and have formed the Army he has now brought with him - the number of Guns I have not been able to ascertain - Reports say he has fifty or Sixty.

There is every reason to expect an immediate attack on the Lines - The Company's Troops have every thing prepared to move as emergencies may require - If Tippoo carries the Lines and makes his way into the Country, Our Detachment must act in conjunction with the Rajah's Troops, for it is too small to be here unconnected with them.

I do not hear that he has proceeded in any operation since yesterday, I believe the report of his having erected a Battery close to the Lines to have been premature.

Barour,
26th December 1789

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

Yours George Powney Resident

Copy of Letter from Tippoo Sultann,
without a Date.

I have received your aras daskit, and understand the whole of what was represented - For a length of time it has been known to the Presence from the representations of the Phouzdars and amildars, that you have given protection to the Rajahs of Cherikul &c. and the Thieves belonging to the Calicut Country, and been the cause of disturbances in the

Circars

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Circar's Dominions - but from your wisdom and ability I never could imagine this could be true - therefore when I in person turned my attention to the examination of the situation of the Country and remained for four months at Islamabad - having particularly enquired into the situation of the People in those parts more particularly those of Cochin & Cranganore who have been my Servants for these four and thirty years, I required a compliance with three points from you which I shall again enunciate - that you should remove the Lines & the Ditch that you have made in the Country of the Rajahs of Cochin & Cranganore - that you should deliver up to persons belonging to this Circar the Rajahs of Calicut Kottanaggar, Chakkil &c who are largely indebted to the Circar and to whom you have granted protection - thirdly that you should recall your Garrison from the Fort of Cranganore which is situated on land belonging to the Circar, when the Dutch built themselves a Fort, but constantly paid the Revenue for the land yearly to the Circar - you without enquiring particularly into these matters or looking to the consequences, have replied that, that twenty five years ago, prior to the time that the Cochin Rajah became a dependant on this Circar, you made the Lines and Ditch, with his Consent - this appears to be entirely wrong and owing to your not having examined into the matter - with respect to the Rajahs of Calicut &c you have replied, that they are related to you, that therefore they had fled to you, that on receipt of my orders those Rajahs had been sent away from these parts - I understand this & it has caused me much astonishment - it appears from what you have written

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written that you have afforded these Rajahs who are indebted
Lacks to the Circar means to escape, you therefore must become
answerable for the immense sums due from them - or you must
deliver them up to the Servants of the Circar - with regard to
Cranganore you have written that you received it three or four
months since from the Dutch, and that you had not
protected the Robbers belonging to my Country - The Fort of
Cranganore is Situated in the Country and on Ground belonging
to this Circar, how could you then think of purchasing it from
the Dutch without making me acquainted with it - as of all
mankind your prosperity and tranquility is my chief desire
to see I have therefore written to you on these necessary subjects,
or otherwise there was no necessity so to do - It will be for your
benefit to attend thereto - as you are a person of wisdom & experience
no doubt you will in future do whatever may be proper. —
May prosperity attend you, —

Copy of answer to the above to Tippoo Sultan.

Dated 11th Rabyulsany - 29th December 1789

Praise and thanks giving to the almighty, your Letter in answer
to the aras dast which I formerly wrote regarding these circumstan-
ces having been received, I was highly honored thereby - Immediately
on receipt of your former orders I wrote a particular account of
every circumstance to the Governor of Madras - so soon as an
answer is received from thence I will instantly represent every
thing to you - you have written that from what I represented of
the Rajahs of Chirikul &c - being sent away from hence that
I should become answerable for the large sums due from
them.

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them or deliver them up to the Servants of the Circar, in this respects I beg to represent that those Rajahs dreading the power of your Circar of their own accord came hither, I gave them orders not to remain in these parts - how then can there be any possibility of my becoming answerable for Turns due from them - I trust that you will look with a favorable eye upon my Situation.

What more but reverence,

An account of Tippoo Sultaun's Troops Stationed in the Malabar Country -

With the Nabob at Chavoghaut

4 Coosim ^{men} 8000, one of them Commanded by Regar Cawn,

4 Russalas of Chelas ^{men} 4000, 3 or 4000 Cavalry & 8 Heavy Guns,

Belapatam 2 Coosim 4000 - Shaik Elnam Mus Goolamally Subedar

Cudrot now Called Burtulabad } Mus Mahomed Tajet Khan Subadar
2 Coosim 4000

Paragumy 2 Coosim 4000 - Cadis Khan, Buckshie
Ahmed Boy } Subadars
Syed Coosim }

Byat mulla 2 Coosim 4000 Hussan Khan Boyce } Subadars
Sut By - - - }

Callicut 1st Thougdar - Esoph Cawn

2^d Do - Mus Kydot

Subadar - Abdel Cawder

1 Coosim - 2000 men.

2000 Carnateks

Baypore, or Fero by Hussan Khan Thougdar

Hussan Cawn Lowndy Subadar

1 Coosim of 2000 men -

Vincatacottah

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Vincatacottah, 2 Coosim, 4000 men,

Muhammadally Buckshey

Gullam Asim, Bugganna, Subadars

Mons^r Sally with 100 Europeans

Tho' the Coosim or Brigade is generally rated 2600 strong it often does not exceed 1500 - This account is given by a Portuguese who left Tippoo's Camp about 20 Days ago, and before these Coosims had joined him - he has been long in Tippoo's Service, is an intelligent Man, gave the above Information with much promptitude, and not having any Interest in deception, as he is returned with his Wife and family to Cochin his own Country, it may be considered as pretty exact respecting the number of Troops Tippoo had in this part of the Coast.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Musgrave
with a General Plan
for the disposition of
the Forces under this
Presidency - & his
Opinion of the
measures that
should be adopted
against Tippoo in the
event of hostilities.

In compliance with the request of the Board communicated to me in M^r Secretary Charnier's letter of the 2^d Instant, I have now the Honor to lay before you a general Plan for the disposition of the Forces, under this Presidency, such as I think best calculated to obviate the ill effects of any sudden Invasion of the Carnatick, & to support the Travancore Country.

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Aware of the uncertain State of our Politicks, with respect to Tippoo Sultaun, it has been my constant study ever, since the line of my Services were directed to this Coast, particularly to inform myself as to the Subject which is now referred to me, - I think it therefore necessary to premise, that I shall advance no one Opinion, which is not the result of frequent and mature deliberation.

The Letter which I have received from Government, points out among its first precautions, that they consider it essentially necessary to avoid all expences that are not indispensable. It is avowedly my desire in the course of the following arrangements, to abstain from any needless expenditures in the Prosecution of the Publick Service, - at the same time I feel confident, that the wisdom of Government will readily discern, the numberless evils that cannot fail to ensue, should the promptitude and Emergency of our Military Operations in the critical period of Commencing Hostilities, be cramped or rendered abortive, by an ill timed System of Parsimony. -

Former experience in our Wars with the Mysore Prince, has made evident the bad policy of confiding so much in our internal Strength as patiently to wait an attack within the limits of our own Territories. It is therefore from a full conviction of the fallacy of that measure, and the Concurring Opinion, of others whose local information and Professional Abilities stand unquestioned, that I am led to pronounce a defensive Plan of Operations certainly the most impolitic we could pursue, more especially as the alteration which has taken place in the face of the Carnatick itself, and the immediate Situation of the Enemy's principal Army, render their attack

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attack on the Center Division less to be apprehended than on any prior occasion - Arcot and the Provinces in its Vicinity, the early scene of their former devastations, does not now hold forth the same prospect of riches and fertility as an Enticement to the Invaders, and the main efficient Body of Tippos's Army being at this Juncture assembled considerably to the Southward of any of our Possessions, enables us to take such steps, as I doubt not, will if properly sustained, effectually prevent his giving any annoyance in the Center Districts, more than by flying Parties of his Irregulars, who would inevitably be equally troublesome, even was our whole Army assembled for their defence.

These being my Sentiments, I readily embrace the more active proposition suggested by Government, of making a powerful Impression on some vital part of the Enemy's Possessions; such a project appears to me, fraught with every good Consequence of our Arms, while it must occupy so much the attention of our adversary, as will render it very difficult if not impracticable for him, to spare the smallest Division from his Army to be employed in molesting the Company's Territories.

My Disposition therefore, for the Forces under this Presidency is briefly as follows - In the event of Hostilities an Army ought to be assembled, with the least possible delay upon Trichinopoly plain, to consist of four Regiments of Europeans, eight Companies of Artillery, four Regiments of Cavalry including

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His Majesty's Dragoons, and at least Twelve Battalions of Native Infantry - This force completely equipped in Guns, - Artillery Stores, Provision, Lascars, Draft and Carriage Cattle, and every other requisite for immediate Service, being the utmost that can at present be spared from the defence of our Territories, I consider as sufficiently respectable to answer the purposes proposed, by Proceeding to such Operations in the Mysore, as would prove a Certain Security to the Country of the Travancore Rajah and the Battalions stationed there, but until this Plan can be carried into effect, the defence of that District, by nature extremely strong and unfavorable to Assaultants, must be left to the Joint Executions of the Rajah's Troops in Union with the Detachment, together with such Aids as Circumstances may enable us to send to their assistance.

Independant of this Body for the purpose of immediate action, it will be indispensably necessary to leave our Principal Garrisons in the Center and Southern Divisions amply Provided with a sufficiency of Troops and Stores to preclude the smallest apprehension of Capture - as well as to enable them to make head against such Predatory Parties of the Enemy's Irregulars, who taking advantage of our Main Army being absent may venture to disturb the Country with their Inroads - In the Center Division I naturally point out the Presidency; with Vellore, Arcot, and Trigar, as the principal Stations, and to the Southward the Garrisons of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madurai, are evidently best Calculated for the above mentioned purposes.

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To complete this arrangement, various movements of Troops, especially from the Center to the Southern Division will be requisite - I shall not however enter into the minutiae of that detail in this letter, but am preparing a particular Sketch of the whole, in case it should be required by the Board; - The Artillery and Stores deposited to the Southward, with those now ready to be dispatched thence (in executing which no time should be lost) are, I rejoice to find in all respects adequate to the Field and Garrison Service. -

The Supplies of Grain, and Draft & Carriage Cattle, are so essentially requisite to the movement of an Army in this Country, that I take the liberty in the next place to request the attention of Government to these objects, and trust that if matters are brought to a hostile issue, the Board will take measures to obviate every Idea of Impediment, by directing without delay the necessary augmentations in these Departments to be provided. -

Government in their Letter, having in general terms directed my attention to the disposition of the Forces under this Presidency; it is incumbent upon me to add my opinion relative to what may be required for the defence of our Northern Territories - The Troops that are now stationed there, appear to me fully adequate to the Security of these Districts - It will however be proper to Concentrate them as much as may be, at Ellore or any other Eligible and Convenient situation, from which in the event of Emergency their Operations

might

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would Commence. But on the whole, I am inclined to think, that so far removed as they would be from the Principal Scene of Action, and the attention of Tippoo being so completely drawn towards his own defence, would prove a sufficient safeguard to these valuable Provinces.

Previous to the Conclusion of this Important Subject, I beg leave to mention the deficiency that exists in Artillery & Native Infantry for Active Operations, in proportion to the number of Europeans on this Establishment, The necessity of increasing these Corps in case of Hostilities will be obvious to Government, or, that recourse must be had to Bengal for a reinforcement thereof.

Notwithstanding the disposition & arrangements, which I have now laid before you, have been with me Subjects of repeated Consideration, yet my wish to reply to the Letter of Government with the least possible Delay, may, (I am sensible) have occasioned Error, or a want of Elucidation in some of the foregoing Statements, should such be the case I shall be happy to be honored with the Commands of the Board as to any particular parts which they may conceive to require a farther Explanation, and beg them to be assured there is no object I have so much at heart as the honor and interest of the Company's Service, which on every Occasion I shall study to promote with my best

Head Quarters Endeavors. — I have the Honor to be &c. &c.

Madras
4th January 1790

Signed Thos. Musgrave,

The

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The President delivers in the following
Minute.

The assembling the greatest part of the Force
of this Establishment on the Plain of Trichinopoly at the
Southern extremity of our possessions and consequently
precluding the possibility on an emergency of a Prompt
Support and Protection of our Center and Northern possessions
is an object of serious Importance. The President however,
does not mean to object to the Plan suggested by Colonel
Musgrave in the event of actual Hostilities, and of Tippoo's
directing his whole force against the Southern Countries, but
he conceives it at present necessary to be only so far prepared
as to obviate the ill effects of sudden invasion, and It is his
desire therefore that such an arrangement should be
formed as to secure a Speedy junction of the Troops of the
Center and Southern Division of the Army respectively,
Colonel Musgrave is requested to prepare accordingly such
a disposition of the Troops as may be necessary for this
purpose, that the necessary Orders may be issued for them
to hold themselves in readiness to move at the shortest
Notice to the general rendezvous of their respective Divisions
The President hopes that the Center or main Division of
the Army may be formed of sufficient Strength to
enable them to pursue any plan of operation that
shall hereafter be thought expedient which in the
event of certain Hostilities will of Course depend upon
future,

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on Colonel Musgrave's
Letter.

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future Contingencies, but in the present Situation of affairs he cannot think it expedient to remove the whole Military Strength of the Establishment to so great a distance. He leaves it however to the discretion of the Commanding Officer to strengthen the Southern Division as far as can be done, leaving the main Army sufficiently in Force to act offensively.

Mr. Casanvaigor desires to minute that his

Mr. Casanvaigor's
Minute in the same
subject.

Sentiments correspond entirely with those of the Commanding Officer of the Troops as to the Suggestions in his Letter. From the nature of the Intelligence received, he thinks the Board should adopt the measures recommended as far as may be practicable.

Colonel Musgrave
to be requested to lay
before the Board the
detail mentioned
in his Letter

Agreed that Colonel Musgrave be requested to lay before the Board, the Detail mentioned in his Letter, that every information may be prepared, in the event of its being necessary to order the Army into the Field.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter received from the Rajah of Tanjore / as intended in C.C. N. 4)

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the

From the Rajah of
Tanjore upon the
Subject of his Feuds,
and the distress of
his Country. —

Honble J. Holland Esq. Governor & President W. B.

25 December 1789

In the Letter which I addressed to your Excellency on the 30th October 1789 to explain the unhappy Situation of my affairs, I prayed you to shew me favor by carrying

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carrying into execution the Honorable Company's Orders, I have derived great pleasure from the communication of my Vakil, who informs that your Excellency having in consequence taken into consideration the Subject of a remission of my Rent, and having according to the Company's instructions adjusted my accounts for the year beginning in November 88 and ending with October 89 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ Lacks Bagodas $\text{\text{per annum}}$, had settled the balance outstanding against me at 20,000 Bagodas.

As I was unable to adhere to the Treaty concluded by Sir Archibald Campbell, there remained against me at the end of October 88 a Balance of 10,413 Bagodas for that year. I earnestly requested your Excellency, as it was unjust to demand immediate payment of that Sum, to refer the matter to the Honorable Court of Directors, and to postpone the receipts, untill an answer could arrive, my Vakil informs me that, as your Excellency was not pleased to favor me, you insisted that 23,333 Bagodas only should be postponed, as was agreed to in Sir Archibald Campbell's time, untill the year 1791, and that the remaining 84,138 should be paid. I am further informed by my Vakil that he has in consequence made a Settlement of the above balance of 84,138 and of the balance of 20,000 Bagodas for the last year by procuring from Soucas Chinniah. Modely a trip for 10,4138 Bagodas, which he has presented to your Excellency. I requested to have credit for 11,528 for my Claims

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claims on account of Caricabth; but I am extremely surprised to learn from my vakeel's letter that your Excellency refuses to give me such Credit; and that you have taken from him an agreement to pay the above Sum together with the November Kist.

The proportion of my Kists, as settled by the instructions from the Honorable Court of Directors at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sacks of Annam, is 20,000 Pagodas of November last. In part of that Sum I have paid to the Resident, W. Bram, 10,000 Pagodas for the expences of this Garrison; and have forwarded his receipt to my vakeel for your Excellency's Information. For the remaining 10,000 Pagodas I have procured from Soucar Chinniah Moodely a Bill upon ^{Munnally} Penniah, & Moodely, which is enclosed; your Excellency will do me the favor of presenting it for acceptance and after the receipt of entering it in the Company's accounts, all other information will be communicated to your Excellency by my vakeel Trimbuck Sumbajee. Believe me always your Sincere Friend.

To a Friend who should write more.

A true Translation

/signed/ J Webb

M.T.

Minute of the
Board on the
longgoing Letter

The Board observe that his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore has accomplished his Payments as stated in the above Letter and in his Letter of 30th

October

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October he has particularly detailed his distressed situation and his total inability to make good his debts stipulated by the Treaty with Sir Archibald Campbell. Having granted Bills of undoubted security for one Lack. & four thousand one hundred and thirty eight Pagodas and having also given a Bill for the further Sum of 11,521 Pagodas on account of the Calacoul transfer, there can be no further demand on him as stated in the Rajah's Letter Confirmable to the Arrangement ordered by the Court of Directors. In the adjustment of the last years accounts for 1788 according to the arrangements by Mr. Petrie - Government then thought it expedient to remit the Sum of Seventy thousand Pagodas when the Rajah was still under the necessity of borrowing money to liquidate his arrears. Two thirds of the above Sum are provided for as well as the Calacoul Transfer, by the above Bills. Having thus enforced the Rajah's Payments in full liquidation of his arrears for the year ending in September conformable to the Orders by the Swallow, and in liquidation also of arrears for 1788, as above mentioned it may be thought a severity not intended by the Court of Directors to proceed to Extremities who have declared that the Rajah's assessment is too considerable & have in consequence directed a Considerable remission and Government also thought proper to allow a remission in his Payments for the last twelve months. The Rajah in his Letter having appealed to their Superior authority it is agreed to wait their further orders.

M^{rs}

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*Mr. Casanvier's Minute
on the same Subject*

Mr. Casanvier declares that he is unacquainted with any existing Agreement with the Rajah of Tanjore in force, but the stipulations of the Treaty entered into with Sir Archibald Campbell and that he considers the Rajah accountable for the whole of the Arrears, Conformably to the abovementioned Treaty - that - he has invariably held no other opinions regarding the Rajah of Tanjore than what are detailed in his Minute of the 11th August, and that he now again recurs to those opinions.

Read the following Letter from Colonel

Musgrave. -

The Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

*From Colonel Musgrave.
enclosing Copy of a Letter
from Major Bonnevaux,
which solicits his
appointment to the
Command of Cuddapah*

Accompanying this I have the Honor to forward a Letter from Major Bonnevaux, in order that his request therein stated may be submitted to the Consideration of Government. - I have the Honor to be, Sir, Yr^{ts}

Madras

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/Signed/ Tho^s Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding His Majesty's and the Honble

Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel.

Sir,

Being informed Major Tolson will be promoted

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promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in Council, tomorrow, in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Patterson, who is to be Invalided, I take the liberty to solicit your recommendation of me to the Honorable Board to succeed Major Tolson in the Command of Condapilly.

I have served the Honorable Company since the 6th of May 1768 the Date of my first Commission, with all the zeal and faithfulness, an honest Soldier can pride himself with, during which time I have twice been severely wounded in the performance of my Duty - I have suffered two years imprisonment with the Maharattas with considerable loss of property, and my conduct in that important instance met the approbation of my Superiors, and every other instance of my Services have been equally approved by every Officer under whom I had the honor to serve - I have even often been particularized in the Thanks the Commanders in Chief thought proper to return to the Army after action - I trust these circumstances will induce the Honorable Board to grant my request which will lay me under infinite obligation to them and you.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

Yr^{ts} V^{ts}
Signed J^o Bonneraux

Major 4th Regt

Resolved that Major Bonneraux be appointed to the Command of Condapilly.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper,

To

Fort St George
28th December 1789

Major Bonneraux
appointed to Condapilly

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To the Honorable John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council &c

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Capper—
upon the Subject of
Mr. Digby's Claims
on account of artificers
and Secret Service
Money—

In obedience to your Commands of the 9th Instant, directing me to ascertain whether other artificers were retained in lieu of those who were sent to Dindigul; I have referred to the accounts of the Southern Army for that period, and do not find that Mr. Digby entertained any additional artificers, when he sent those in question to the Garrison of Dindigul.—

I have been also honored with a subsequent Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamber of the 22^d of this Month, ordering me to Report if Bagodas 4927. 19. claimed by Mr. Digby for Secret Service Money; is well founded, & which was not stated by me as money due to him.—

In your Instructions to me of the 24th of September last, you are pleased to direct, that those Charges which are admitted by the Honorable Court of Directors shall be passed; and therefore I was silent on this Claim, of which the Honorable Court of Directors expressly say, that "Bagodas 4927. 19. for which vouchers are produced by Mr. Digby should be allowed him." +

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I have the Honor to be, with great Respect,
Sir, Yr^o

Yours Obedient Servant,
Colonel Capper

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Minute thereon,

As it appears that a portion of the Secret Service Money, in Mr. Digby's accounts amounting to Pagodas 4927. 19. is admitted by the Court of Directors, it is Agreed that a Certificate for that Sum be granted on the Bengal Government.

D^o

Resolved also that the Sum of Pagodas 1182, 25, 40. in Mr. Digby's accounts for Artificers employed at Dindigul be admitted, and a Certificate granted, as it appears from the Comptroller General's Report, that no Extra Artificers were charged, in consequence of those sent to Dindigull.

Read the following Letter from Mr Cockburn.

To John Chamier Esq^r.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

In Compliance with the directions contained in your Letter of the 30th Ultimo I have the Honor to send you to be laid before the Honble Board, a Statement shewing what is due to the Bond Holders lately admitted on the footing of the Creditors of the Cavalry Loan on account of the Dividend Issued on the 1st of December last. I am, Sir, &c.

Yours faithfully
Thos Cockburn

Register & Transfer accountant of
His Highness the Nabob's Debts.
Statement

From Mr Cockburn -
enclosing a statement
shewing what is due
to the Bond holders
lately admitted on the
footing of the Creditors
of the Cavalry Loan on
account of the Dividend
issued 1st Dec^r last -

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the necessary Orders be given, for issuing, in Company's Bonds, the amount due to the Creditors lately admitted on the footing of the Cavalry Loan, on account of the Dividend made to the Publick & Private Creditors of the Nabob on the 1st December last.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Elphinston, —

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

President and Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Elphinston, requesting an Order for the discharge of his Gratuity arrears.

Your Honorable Board having been pleased to order me a Passage on the General Goddard, I take the liberty to express a hope that you will direct my Arrears of Gratuity to be discharged, previous to my departure, as that claim constitutes a considerable Proportion of the little Property I am possessed of.

I have the Honor to be,

Y^r O^b

John Elphinston.

Lieut. Colonel

Fort St George,
4 January 1790

Minute thereon

Lieutenant Colonel Elphinston being on the point of embarking for Europe, on account of ill health, it is Resolved, that the Paymaster General be directed to discharge in Cash, the Arrears of Gratuity due to him to the 30th April 1789 agreeably to the accountant General's Statement.

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Read the following Letter from Bengal.

The Honble John Holland Esq

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal - will
honor Bills upon
themselves for discharging
the Demands of the
Nizam desiring that
the Pusheash may be
paid with the greatest
regularity, by Draughts
upon Bengal. Enclosing
Copies of Letters, respecting
the payment of the
Nizam's Bills at
Masulipatam, in Gold.

We have received your Letter Dated the 22nd Ultimo, and as we have the Concern to learn from it that the funds of your Presidency will not admit of your discharging any part of Nizam Ali Khan's demands upon the Company, we shall be prepared to honor such Bills as you shall have occasion to draw upon us, in order to enable you to fulfill the engagements which have been Contracted with his Highness by this Government.

Although we did not Specifically mention in our Letter the periods at which the Current Pusheash, is to be discharged, we conceived that you would have Considered the Official Copy, that was transmitted to you on the 22nd of August, of the Agreement concluded with his Highness's Vackeel, Meer Abdul Kaseem, which confirms of course the periods settled by the Treaty as Containing Sufficient instructions to you upon that head, and we must now request that you will always take measures to discharge the Pusheash with the strictest regularity, according to the terms of that Agreement, drawing upon us for the amount at the different periods, when your own funds prove insufficient to support that degree of correctness and punctuality which for the sake of the national

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national Character, ought to be observed in all similar transactions.

We enclose Copies of Letters that have been written by the Governor General to the Resident at Hydrabad and the Chief at Masulipatam, on the occasion of the payments having been offered by the latter to the Nizam's Vakeel in Gold, and objected to by the Vakeel, as well as his Master, that you may be fully acquainted with our Sentiments on the manner in which all payments to his Highness should in future be made.

Fort William,
15th December 1789

We have the Honor to be,

Yr. H^{ch}
H^{ch} Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart

Captain Kennaway

Resident
at Hydrabad,

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter Dated the 1st of Ultimo, the answer to which will in a great measure have been anticipated by the Letter that Mr. Secretary May wrote to you by my direction Dated the 28th of Nov^r.

But in order to obviate all risk of misapprehension on a point of so much delicacy & importance, I have thought it right to inform you without loss of time, that in my Opinion the least appearance of cavilling on our part with the Nizam either regarding the

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the sort of specie, or the rate of Batta between Gold and Silver, in discharging the balance due to his Highness upon the Settlement of the public account, or in making the future Payments of the Pesheush due for the Northern Circars, would be no less unworthy of the dignity, than it would be incompatible with the real interests of this Government.

I therefore desire that you will take the earliest Opportunity to see the Nizam and his Minister, and give the most positive assurances to both of them, that they shall never experience from me the least deviation from any part of the agreements that have been concluded between his Highness and the Company, that until the late representations were transmitted by you I had never apprehended that there was a Scarcity of Silver at Masulipatam, or in the event of its not being practicable to obtain a sufficient number of Rupees, that there could be any Difference of Opinion between the Chief of that place and the Nizam's Vakil respecting the rate of exchange at which Pagodas should be received by the latter to complete the different Payments as they might fall due, and that although no particular Sort of Specie was ever mentioned in any of the Conferences between me and Muzulab Kassim, yet that it is my determination that all the Sums which are declared to be due at different periods to the Nizam by the Company, shall always be regularly discharged to their full amount either in Silver Rupees, or by making

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making a reasonable allowance of exchange for such part of them as it may be found indispensibly necessary to pay in Gold.

I am persuaded that you will be able to place the above decision in an advantageous point of view to the Nizam and his Ministers, as being a proof of the liberal disposition of this Government, as well as of the friendly and conciliatory Spirit which I am desirous of exhibiting in every transaction with his Highness.

I shall be glad to know your Sentiments in answer to Mr. May's letter, respecting the Mode in which the payments could be made in Silver to the Nizam with the least possible loss to the Company, and should you in the first or any future Conference on this Subject, perceive his Highness to be disposed to agree to receive such parts of his payments at Masulipatam as cannot be made in Silver, in Pagodas at a fixed and reasonable rate of exchange, I should approve of your making an explicit and final agreement upon that point, as being the most effectual Mode for preventing a Subject of so trivial a nature from furnishing grounds, on any future occasion, for altercation and ill humour between the two Governments.

I have enclosed a Copy of this Letter to Mr. Sadler, that He may be fully acquainted with

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with my earnest desire that all the Payments to the
Nizam may be made in such a manner as to give
him in no Shape whatever the Smallest cause for Complaint
and I likewise inclose to you a Copy of the letter that I
have written to Mr. Sadleir. -

Fort William
10th December 1789

I am, &c. &c. Yours &c. Cornwallis

a true Copy

Yours &c. J. Fombell Gadsden

Anthony Sadleir Esq.

Chief at

Nasulipatam,

Sir,

I trust that the first Bill which was
drawn in favor of the Nizam by this Government, has been
paid to His Highness's Satisfaction in consequence of
Mr. Secretary May's Letter Dated the 28th Ultimo, which
was written to you on that Subject by my Orders; &
I now enclose a Copy of a Letter which I have written
to Captain Kennaway, from which you ^{will} observe, that
I do not, by any means, consider the loss that the Company
can sustain either by obtaining Silver, or failing that
Specie, by making a liberal allowance of exchange
upon Gold, as an Object of sufficient importance to be
put in Competition with the risk of our being exposed,

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by starting difficulties in any shape in making the payments to the Nizam, to the imputation of want of Sincerity or punctuality in the performance of our engagements.

It would no doubt be desirable, in order to leave no opening for Dispute, that those payments could be made entirely in Silver. But should you find it impracticable to obtain so considerable a number of Rupees, and should no specific rate of exchange for Pagodas have been agreed upon between his Highness and Captain Kennaway, My desire is, that you shall at all the periods of payment settle the rate of exchange between Pagodas and Silver Rupees, either by the assistance of Captain Kennaway's opinion or of that of the Sheriffs of Masulipatam and Hyderabad, but in such a manner that the terms shall evidently be reasonable and liberal. I am persuaded that I need hardly recommend to you to be at pains in all your personal intercourse with any of the Nizam's Vakils to manifest by your civility & attention to them, the friendship and respect which is entertained by the Company for their Master.

I am, &c.

Yours Cornwallis

Attest

John Forbells

Sub Secy

Resolved

Fort William,

10th December 1789

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Minute then on

Resolved that the Directions Contained in the
foregoing be complied with.

The President communicates to the Board

Intelligence

Intelligence from Dindigul. &c.

Ed^d Joseph Mouton Esq

" Col^l Jⁿ Holland

" Jⁿ M^{rs} M^{rs}

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Diary

5thFrom the Hospital
Board.

Received Letters from the Hospital Board, as entered in N. B. N^o 12, Soliciting Leave for Mr Bowie to visit the Presidency and for Mr Briggs to proceed to Europe for the Restoration of his Health.

Substance of a Letter
from the Nabob.

Received Letter from the Nabob, as entered in C. C. N^o 5, respecting the Villages of Pandalipilly of the encroachments of Tippu upon the Boundaries of the Carnate, enclosing Papers relative to these Subjects.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters, as entered in N. B. N^{os} 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board - Permitting Mr Bowie to visit the Presidency - Mr Briggs must address Government himself for Leave to go to Europe.

To Ensign Neate

To Ensign W. Neate - Permitting him to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

To Mr Cockburn

To the Register and Transfer accountants - advising him that payments are to be made to the Creditors lately admitted on the footing of the Cavalry Loan, on account of the Dividend of 1st December last in Company's Bonds - and directing him to furnish the accountant General with the necessary Orders for issue of such Bonds.

To the accountant
General

To the accountant General - informing him of the above and desiring him to issue the Bonds accordingly.

To

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To Mr George Anderson

To Mr George Anderson - Cannot order him a passage on the General Goddard - but will give Captain Foxall a permit to receive him on Board. -

To Mr. Porcher

To Mr. Porcher - Attorney to Mr. Digby informing him that Certificates on Bengal, will be granted for that portion of Secret Service money that has been admitted by the Court of Directors - also that the Charge of Bagodas (1182.25.40) for artificers at Dindigub is admitted. -

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Received Letter from the Nabob / as entered in C.C. N.C. / desiring directions may be sent to the Collector in the Guntors to order the zemindar of Innicondah, to pay to him the amount of the Customs from the time they were kept to the present period. -

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel

Musgrave.

To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Army on the Coast

To Colonel Musgrave - desiring him to - transmit the detail for forming a Speedy Junction of the Troops of the Center & Southern Division with discretionary directions for his guidance

Sir,

The Board have received your Letter Dated the 29th Ultimo 1st 84th Instant - Major Bonnycastle is appointed to the Command of Condapully, and Ensign Neale has permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health. -

The Board at present conceive it necessary only to be so far prepared as to obviate the ill effects of Sudden invasion They desire that you will lay before them

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5th Thus as soon as possible the detail for forming a speedy Junction of the Troops of the Center and Southern Divisions respectively that the necessary orders may be issued for them to hold themselves in readiness to move at the shortest notice to the general rendezvous of their respective Stations. The Board leave it to your discretion to strengthen the Southern Division as far as can be done leaving the main army sufficiently in force to act offensively which at present it is not thought expedient to form at so great a distance but they desire you will lay before them as soon as possible the Detail mentioned in your Letter of the 4th Instant, that every information may be collected if circumstances should render it necessary to order the Army to take the Field.

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I am, &c. &c.
Signed John Chamier
Lieut

Substance of a Letter
to the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore / as entered in C. C. N. 7 / advising of the receipt of a Trep and promissary Note - will inform the Court of Directors of his inability to fulfill his Agreement.

Sent the following Letters as entered in N. B.

N^o 19. 20.

To Mr. Maubray

To the accountant General to prepare and lay before Government without loss of time, the Statement required on the 2^d November last.

To Captain Massey

To Captain Massey Informing him that the Nabob has been requested to cause strict inquiry to be made, respecting the Murder of the Fapral Beg, and

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and directing him to use every means in his Power for discovering the Robbers.

From Mr Job Bulman

Received Letter from Mr Job Bulman - as entered in M.B.N. 21) requesting permission to proceed to Europe on the General Goddard, enclosing Certificate of his ill Health - and desiring to be recommended Home to be allowed passage money, and that an Order be sent to Captain Foxall to receive himself and Family on Board.

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8 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26.

To Mr Job Bulman

To Mr Bulman - with permission to proceed to Europe, Captain Foxall will be furnished with a permit to receive him on Board the General Goddard.

To Captain Foxall

To the Captain of the General Goddard - permitting him to receive on Board Mr Job Bulman.

To Mr Robert Milford

To the Deputy Kings Paymaster - directing him to advance 6 Months Subsistence to Lieutenant Gordon and Norman of the 11th Regiment.

To Mr Cockburn

(M.B. 29) To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - enclosing an Order from the Nabob to his Managers at Trichinopoly to furnish the necessary Quantity of Grain.

To Captain Knox

To Captain Knox - directing him in future to Correspond with Government relating to the Operations of the Troops under his Command.

Dispatched

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8th

Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident
at Travancore,

To Mr George Bowney

Resident at Travancore,

Sir,

To the Resident at
Travancore directing
him to inform
Government what
part of the Rajah's
Lines have been
attacked and in
future to transmit
Specific Intelligence
respecting Tipper.

The Board have received your Several Letters
the last Dated the 29th Ultimo - you will be pleased to
inform them what part of the Rajah's Lines has been
attacked, and to transmit in future, Specific Intelligence
as to the operations of Tipper.

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I am, Sir, Your Obedt Servant
John Chambers

At a Consultation, Present,

The Honble John Mollond Esq.

Gouvernor President

James Henry Casamajor

Edward John Mollond } Esq.

Friday
8th January
1790

Minutes of last Consultation read
and Approved.

Read the following Letters.

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To the Honorable John Mollond, Esq^r
Governor in Council

Honible Sir,

From Colonel
Musgrave enclosing
the Disposition
of the Coast Army

On my return from the Mount
this night I received the Letter of Government
Dated the 5th Instant and have herewith enclosed
the Disposition for the Coast Army mentioned,
in mine of the 4th - The request of the Board,
in their Letter above alluded to, shall have my
Reply with as little delay as possible.

I have the Honor to be,

Honible Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Madras
6th January 1790
East 8 P.M.

Yours Tho^s Musgrave,

Army

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Army on the Coast

and a proposed Disposition of it in the event of War with Tippoo Sultaun

	Effectives						Revenue Invalids	
	Europeans			Natives			Troops	Invalids
	Regiment of Cavalry	Troops of Drills	Corps of artillery	Companies of Dr	Corps of Infantry	Companies of Dr	Regiment of Cavalry	Troops of Drills
His Majesty's Troops	1	"	"	8	"	"	"	678
The Honorable Company's Troops	"	2	4	5	30	30	8	3
Total	1	2	12	5	30	30	8	678
Fort St George	"	"	"	3	"	2	"	3
Boondamallee	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Tripassore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Chingliput	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Cuddalore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Arnee	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
Vellore	"	"	1	2	2	4	1	1
Arnlott	"	"	"	1	"	"	3	"
Tiagar	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	"
Advet Nellore	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	"
Pernacott	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"
Angole	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"
Nellore	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
Punter Cicar	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"
Tumricottah	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"
Garrisons in the Center	"	"	1	6	2	8	4	1
Trichinopoly	"	"	"	1	"	"	2	1
Tanjore	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6
Madura	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"
Tallamcotah	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	678
Callicott	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"
Garrisons south of the Coleroon	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	"
Masulipatam District	"	"	1	"	"	2	3	4
Nizagapatam District	"	"	1	1	"	4	4	678
Panjam District	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	1
Total in the Northern Division	"	"	1	1	"	4	3	1/2
Total for Garrisons	"	"	2	8	"	6	4	2
	"	"	2	8	"	2	16	8

MP 200 Non Commissioned and Private Invalids of artillery not included,
but to be Stationed in the Garrisons where their Services may be required

Proposed Disposition

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Proposed Disposition, Continued,

	Effectives						Revenue Invalids		
	Europeans			Natives			Troops	Europeans	Natives
	Regiments of Cavalry	Troops of Dr	Cops of Artillery	Companies of Dr	Cops of Infantry	Companies of Dr	Regiments of Cavalry	Troops of Dr	Cops of Artillery
Field Army South of the Coleroon	1	1	3	4	3	14	22	8	3
Total For Field & Garrisons	1	2	12	5	30	30	8	678	3

NB— The 76th Regiment is considered as a complete Corps on a Supposition, that the three Companies of it that are in Bengal will be ordered to join in the event of War.

NB. Fourteen Battalions are proposed for the Field Army on the Supposition that the Travancore Detachment are included,

Signed *Thos. Musgrave*
Colonel Commanding the Army

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Gouverneur in Council the foregoing

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Musgrave with a detail for forming a speedy junction of the Forces in the Center Division and requesting a personal interview with Government.

I have last Evening received the Letters of Government Dated the 5th Instant, and have now in Compliance with their directions, the honor to lay before them a detail for forming a speedy junction of the Forces in the Center Division, Wallauyambad on account of its Central Situation, and the respectable Cantonment already formed there, I propose as the General Rendezvous, to which should there be occasion I likewise propose to add the 1st Battalion of artillery from the

Munit

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For the arrangement of the Troops to the Southward I beg leave to refer the Board to the Steps taken by Colonel Stuart on a late Occasion, than which, I see none more proper to be again put in practice; and as they have left it to my discretion to Strengthen the Southern Army, as far as can be done leaving the main Body sufficiently in force to act offensively; - I take the liberty to represent, that it is necessary I should be more minutely informed as to the line of Offensive Operations meant to be pursued, before I can ultimately decide thereon. But in the mean time, the Succours most required by the Southern Army, and which can be most easily spared from the forces of the Centre Division is One Company of Artillery, One Regiment of Europeans, and One Regiment of Native Cavalry. - If however it should be resolved to adopt a System of active Operations with the Main Army against the Mysore Country; it would be highly impolitic to part with even the above Detachment.

In the foregoing Statements, I have endeavored to reply as Satisfactorily to the Board's letter of the 5th Instant, as my Comprehension of its Contents has enabled me, but beg leave to Submit to their Consideration, whether in the present Critical posture of Affairs, a personal Interview while the Subject is in discussion before them, would not tend to prevent all misconceptions, abbreviate Epistolary Communication, Expedite the necessary Orders for the Dispatch of the Publick Service; more especially, as I am given to understand, various Precedents to this effect, are now upon the Records of Government, while under similar apprehensions. I have the Honor to be &c.

Yours^t Thos^r Musgrave

Head Quarters
Madras
January 1790

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To the Honble John Holland Esq

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Bowney
enclosing Letter from
the Rajah of Travancore
Solicits a further
Supply of Troops -
Intelligence of Tippoo
Sultans.

I have the Honor to transmit you the
accompanying Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, which
you will perceive is Soliciting a further assistance of
Company's Troops - you will in your wisdom, determine
whether it is expedient to comply with his request. If Tippoo
should make an attack on this Country, I fear the Rajah's
Troops altho' very numerous, yet from their never having been
accustomed to War, and being quite undisciplined, they would
from very incompetent to resist such Troops as Tippoo would
bring against them.

Tippoo continues still encamped about
four miles from the Lines - two Miskarahs come in to day
from his Camp they say that he has been joined by more
Troops with heavy Guns.

Parour
27 December 1789

I have the Honor to be V. V. V.

Yours George Bowney Esq

The Honble John Holland Esq

Governor in Council V. V. V.

Honble Sir,

The enclosed Letter is just received from
Captain White together with one from Colonel Martin
(an Extract of which I have the Honor to enclose) bearing

From Colonel Martin, enclosing
Letter from Captain White
Colonel Martin has ordered
a Detachment to be formed
at Trichinopoly for the
protection of the Sheringunga
Country under Col. Goldhamer
with Intelligence from Coonoor
reporting the Death of Tippoo.

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no room to doubt of a Reinforcement being absolutely necessary to restore the Tranquillity of the Sheringunga Province, and the Protection of its valuable produce requiring that measure to be taken without delay, I have judged it expedient to Order a Detachment to be formed immediately at Trichinopoly, consisting of the remaining Companies of the 1st the whole of the 7th Battalion of Native Infantry and a Troop of Cavalry with four Six Pounders and to proceed without loss of time to Tripatore under the Command of Lieutenant Col. Aldham,

That Officer who is perfectly acquainted with the Country will have directions as soon as he has collected all our Troops there to act in the most vigorous manner against the Rebels and I cannot help flattering myself that the effect of this will very soon justify to Government the employment of so respectable a force at once, in preference to occasional and more partial augmentations.

The Intelligence from Bannu contained in Captain Knox's Letter of the 27th Ultimo / herewith also transmitted will I presume further recommend to the approbation of Government, the measure here proposed with respect to the Sheringunga Disturbances which in case of Hostilities with Tipper Sultan, it is of the utmost Consequence to have settled, and even in that event the Central Situation of the Troops under Colonel Aldham will be convenient enough for a Junction with what other force it may be necessary to assemble.

I have this morning received accounts of the Death of Foudiman, which happened upon the 31st Ultimo

and

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and has been followed by a dispute for the Succession
between two of his nearest Relations - This has caused a good
deal of confusion in the Country, the entrances to which are in
the mean time blocked up - But I hope soon to be able to
inform the Honble Board of matters being amicably settled,
as troubles there at this time are by no means to be wished for.

I have the Honor to be,

S^r S^r

Yours I Stuart

Lieut. Colonel Commanding

Tanjore
4th January 1790

Colonel Stuart

Commanding the S. Division of the Army

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that Lieutenant
Corney with a Detachment returned here yesterday Morning
with 20,000 B. N. Bag^s which I have taken under my
Charge - and have directed every thing due to the Company's
Troops with me to be paid out of it - the Remainder I will
cause to be conveyed to Trichinopoly - I am sorry that I
cannot give you such information from hence as may
prove Satisfactory - Muddah's principal place is Sengreppoy,
Strong by nature and Art - and Colonel Martineau and myself
are of Opinion we are not Strong enough to force him there -
nor Sufficient in numbers to divide and protect the Inhabi-
tants and Villages that may come in - a few Villages have
joined, as we are near them, but they apprehend the Consequences
upon our moving - The Nabob's Manager proposed
furnishing

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furnishing some Villages that are near, and have not joined, but as they are rather in a State of neutrality, I oppose it, and mean to do so, as unnecessary destruction until I hear from you, and that we are prepared to act rapidly & vigorously, to enable us to do this at least five Companies more, the three pounds I mentioned to you, and a howitz, should be sent.

The Corn is now ripening fast, and we supply ourselves plentifully, and no danger can be apprehended, for Troops if they have only time to cut it - but no magazines are yet formed we mean the Day after tomorrow to put into Calacod 100 Bullocks load of Rice and 50 Bullocks load into Callangoody, which will Supply both places for 30 Days from that Date.

Yesterday sent Lieutenant Macdonald, at Tripavannum a party of about 350 foot from Tondamans regulars, and from the nabob's best Sepoys, & three Bunder, but no turnbrill, and 20 Cavalry, and requested with his two Grenadier Companies he would endeavor to possess himself of the Fort of Paupannum about 12 Miles S. W. of Tripavannum - which Murdah makes a point D'appui to Mostpetty - and from thence clearing the Country of Mamandur to come to Batinalour. I am in great hopes he will be able to effect the first, and of the latter there is no doubt.

We are at present collecting of Grain & bringing it in - and propose to make a movement after Calacod is Supplied on the 3rd of January, but the direction it will be in, must be governed by Circumstances - it is almost needless for me to observe that Murdah has his Nakul at

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at Madras and other places, and by their means and other extensive Correspondents - he receives hopes of being restored to the Government of ^{the} Country - and by reading such accounts publickly the People uncertain who is to be their future Governor, are prevented from joining the Nabob's manager.

I propose to issue Six Days working money to the 16th Battalion, viz. three Days for all General extra and fatiguing Duty, and three Days for Clearing and burning the Jungles at Calacoil, on three different Days - and there is not an officer in the Corps, but can declare that they deserve it well. —

Pasimpinar Shewengunga,
31st December 1789

I have the Honor to be, with Respect V. Y.

Yours Edw. White

Extract
Colonel Stuart
Commanding V. Y.

My Dear Colonel

I cannot express to you my anxiety and vexation at seeing this unhappy Province in such a state of destruction as it is in at present - It is really melancholly and instead of a proper force being ordered at once, to put matters to rights which could be done in the course of a few Days, here we are obliged to go about ~~maximizing~~ for Provisions to subsist ourselves, the Detachment not being Sufficiently Strong to attempt those parts of the Country where China & Murdah continue.

Yours

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There is plenty of Paddy now about the Country and daily will be more and more, the only thing wanting is a proper force to dislodge Chinna Murdah from his Situation and drive him out of the Country, without which it is Labour in vain to think that the Country can come to Subjection - Captain White addresses you by this opportunity and I refer you to his Letter for further particulars, —

Signed M. Martineau

A true Extract

Signed J Stuart

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

Since I did myself the Honor to address you in the morning I have received the enclosed Letter from Captain Knox at Baroor. —

In consequence of the important Intelligence they contain I shall postpone issuing Orders for the March of Colonel Oldham's Detachment until I am honored with the further Instructions of Government. —

I have the Honor to be,

Y^r Obedt^{servant}

Signed J Stuart

Lieut. Col. Command^g

Colonel

From Colonel Stuart
with Letters from
Captain Knox in
consequence of which
Colonel Oldham's
Detachment is detained

Tanjore

4th January 1790

5 o'clock P.M.

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Colonel. Mathew Horne,

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that the Rajah has received another letter from Tippoo by a Chubdar, repeating his former requisitions, and warning him to reflect upon the consequences of a rupture with him. Tippoo refused to see one of the Rajah's Imedars who accompanied Abdul Cader, nor would he receive a dress which the Imedar had in charge to deliver from the Rajah.

I returned from the lines last night, I observed parties of Horse patrolling about a mile and half from the place where I stood, but could not perceive any encampment from the best information I could procure, Tippoo is encamped about eight miles from the Vellyacottah Gate.

I was promised by the Rajah's Minister some days ago, that three Battalions would immediately join the Detachment, but not a man has been sent, and their Troops are so much dispersed, that they have no force collected in one place, to oppose an enemy who may at first be successful. I have the Honor to be, Sir, Yr. Obedt. Servant.

Yours, J. Knox,

I have often recommended to the Minister of the Rajah to collect the regular Battalions in one place, in order to move where their exertions would be serviceable.

Colonel

Barout
27 December 1789

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Colonel Mathew Mome

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that from accounts received by two Hircarrah's who came in yesterday, Tippoo is encamped about the distance from Willyacottah, mentioned in my last, waiting for some heavy Artillery.

The Rajah /contrary to every advice/ has resolved to morrow to return to Trivandapuram, which must discourage his own people, and will probably determine Tippoo to act with decision.

In addition to my Letter of yesterday, I beg leave to mention the purport of a report, I have this Instant received from two officers who went to the lines last night "we have this morning observed a work /made in the course of the night/ about half a mile to the left of the hill Battery, and about 500 yards from the lines, but whether intended for a Battery or not we cannot as yet determine - we however perceive a great concourse of people some with & some without arms passing to & from that spot - we see Cavalry in much greater numbers than when you was here - we are just setting off for Ramessurum."

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c.

/signed/ J Knox To

Parour
28th December 89

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To Colonel Mathew Morne

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

The following is the Substance of a Report which I have this instant received from two Officers at the lines the report is Dated at 7 o'clock last night. We have traversed the lines as far as Ramasram, and had a strong desire to trace them to their extremity but a remonstrance from the Palanquen boys obliged us to drop the Plan. We shall defer giving you our Sentiments on the State of the lines until our return to Barrer, but think it necessary in the mean time to inform you, that opposite to Perookey (a small fortified place about three miles from Villiar; collah gate) we discovered a large encampment. It appears to be about three miles distant from that place. On our return from Ramisram we agreed in opinion that many of the Tents had been removed since the morning and the people appeared to be busy in quitting that ground. During the Day we were able to obtain no information from the people on the works. They seem to view the preparations before them without the smallest sollicitude. It is pretty evident that the work which was raised last night and with which we acquainted you this morning is meant to be turned against this part of the Rajah's lines. The crowd has greatly increased since the morning and a mud work is raised some feet above the level of the ground. The Rajah's Troops have taken the alarm and are now strengthening the

Garapet

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"Parapet of the bastion opposite to the Spot of the apprehended
 "Attack - They have also carried down some heavy Guns,
 We propose remaining here till the morning, when, if we
 "find that Tippoo's operations have advanced we shall
 "immediately return to the Cantonment."

Barout
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I have the Honor to be, V^{re} &c

Signed J. Knox

P. S. accounts are this moment come in that he has
 attacked the Lines in three different places and we
 distinctly hear the Canonade, I shall write again this
 evening.

To the Honble John Holland Esq^r

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Tippoo has this morning opened three

Batteries against the Rajah's Lines - the nearest to our
 Cantonment is about Six miles. - I have the Honor to

transmit the Translation of a Letter which the Rajah has
 addressed me, and the Copy of one I have in consequence

written to Captain Knox - which I hope will meet with
 your approval. - The Honorable Company's Detachment has

every thing prepared to move as Emergencies may require.

Should the Enemy carry the Lines, they will yet have a very
 difficult country for military operations to come out, &
 likewise a Broad River to pass before they can arrive at

Barout - The firing from the Lines is very distinctly
 heard here.

I am,

From Mr. Bowney - advising
 of Tippoo's having
 opened 3 Batteries
 on the Rajah's Lines -
 enclosing Translate
 of a Letter from the
 Rajah & his
 answer of the Rajah's
 removal to his Capital

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I am sorry to inform you that the Rajah has come to the resolution of leaving this, just at this critical period to go to Travandaporam to perform some religious annual Ceremony there. he tells me he is to return in ten Days, I have used every argument in my power to dissuade him from this measure, but the Brahmins have such Influence over him contrary to his own Conviction, that he has at length suffered them to prevail on him, and he leaves this Place today. — His Successor and the Ministers remain here, and I hope his going will not be attended with any bad Effects on the minds of his Troops.

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

Signed George Bowney Assistant

Parour
29th December 1789
10 A.M.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore

Dated 29th December 1789

To Mr. George Bowney

Sir,

Tippoo has this morning brought his Army close to the Lines, and has opened his Batteries upon them. I therefore request the assistance of the Honorable Company's Troops in the defence of my Country.

To Captain Thomas Knox

Commanding the Detachment of the Honorable Company's Troops in the Travancore Country.

Sir,

The Rajah of Travancore has called upon me

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for the Assistance of the Honorable Company's Troops in
the defence of his Country, which has been attacked by the
Troops of Tippoo Sultaun - I conceive I am warranted from
my Instructions to attend to the Rajah's Requisition, I beg
leave to call upon you to act with the Detachment as the
Emergency may require - The nature of the Services to be
performed by the Detachment must be left entirely to
your Judgment and discretion.

I request to know whether you are now
Supplied with every thing necessary to move,

I am, Sir, &c.

Yours, &c.
Signed J. Bowney

To the Honorable John Mollond, Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George,

Honorable Sir,

Accounts have just been brought from a
part of the Lines where one of the attacks is directed, which
mention that the Rajah's Troops have been very much
pressed there - I very much fear they will not hold out long -
The Rajah has at last consented to remain here some days
longer. - I have the Honor to be,

Sir, &c.

Signed George Bowney

Resident The

From Mr. Bowney
with further intelligence
of Tippoo's approaches

Received
29 Decem^r
9. B. & Co.

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The above Letters being taken into Consideration, it is Resolved that the following be sent to Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of 6th & 7th Instant. In the event of Hostilities it is understood that it will be necessary and is consonant to the plan of Military operations recommended in your Letter of the 4th Instant to march to the Southward the additional Force to complete the army to the Strength you propose. The Board approve of the arrangement suggested in your Letter of 7th Instant, and as it appears from the Disposition of the Troops enclosed in your Letter of the 6th Instant that it will be necessary to Order a Battalion from the Guntoor District to Complete the Force you propose, the Board to save time request you will state to them, the Orders you think it necessary to issue in respect to marching down the Battalion from Guntoor, or any other Battalion you think expedient from the Northern Division and for the purpose of expediting a junction of the Center Division of the Army, you will also be pleased to state the Orders that are necessary to concentrate all the Southern Force either at Trichinopoly or in any other Situation you think it better adapted for future operations, which may be reinforced, by the Detachment from the Center Division, which you have suggested, in your Letter of 7th Instant. Orders have already been issued to complete the Stock of Grain to its full Complement at the different Garrisons & the Bullocks of the Establishment, may be disposed of as you think most for the advantage of the Service.

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To Colonel Musgrave -
approving his arrangement mentioned in his Letter of the 7th Instant, requesting he will state to them the necessary Orders respecting the Battalion to march from Guntoor or any other Battalion, from the Northward - also the Orders necessary for assembling the Forces at Trichinopoly or any other Situation - Orders have been issued about Grain, the Bullocks &c. to be arranged as he thinks proper. Requesting in Indent of Grain wanted at Trichinopoly &c. and the Number of Bullocks. —

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The Board wish to be favored with an Indent of the quantity of Grain that will be required at Trichinopoly, & other Garrisons, as also of the number of Bullocks that will be required stating particularly to what Draft or Carriage they are to be attached.

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I am, Wth Wth

Yours, John Chambers

Ordered that a Letter be drafted to the

Bengal Government advising of the Intelligence received & the measures taken in consequence.

Intelligence from the
Southward, to be
communicated to
Bengal.

Ed^d Joseph Marten

Ed^d Wth Holland

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Diary

9 Received the following Letters as Entend in No. 27. 28)

From Mr. George Anderson.

From Mr. George Anderson requesting that the usual passage money be allowed him, informing the Board that he is going on a Foreign Ship - Complaining of the accommodations being taken up on the General Goddard, and requesting his Letter may go a messenger in the Packet.

From Mr. Briggs

From Mr. Briggs requesting permission to go to Europe, and an Order to be received on Board the General Goddard.

Received the undermentioned Letters as intended in C.C. No. 8, 9, 10 & 11.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

From the Rajah of Travancore, giving intelligence of Tippoo's approach and requesting two more Battalions with some Artillery.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

From His Highness the Nabob - Sends in part of the Balance of his Kists ^{Rs.} 40974. 38. 8 stating that 40000 Rs. remain due, requesting an account of the Arnie Revenues tending also a Trep for a Lack of Pagodas on account of November Kist - requesting that his distress may be represented to England.

Substance of a Letter from Amudutal Amrah.

From Amudutal Amrah - Sending the accounts of the Nabob's payments of 7039025. 3. 72. Stating that

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There are few mistakes in the Company's accounts to the amount of 67,332.10.56. paid at out Garrison, which he requests may be placed to the Credit of the nabob.

Substance of a Letter
from the Rajah of
Travancore.

From the Rajah of Travancore - Informing that Tippos is directing works opposite his Lines - Requesting immediate directions for his guidance.

Received the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave.

The Honble John Mollond Esq
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Musgrave.
Enclosing J. C. for
Concentrating the
Southern Forces &c.
and getting the Troops
in readiness in the event
of a War with Tippos -
with his observations
upon the proposed
Arrangement of Troops.
Enclosing Letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Stuart

I had the Honor to receive late last night your Secretary's letter of yesterday's Date, and in Compliance with the directions it contained for Concentrating the Southern Force, For expediting the Junction of the Center Division, and for drawing one Battalion from the Guntoor Circle, and another from the Northern Division to Malajabad I have the Honor to enclose a Draught of an order that I am of Opinion will answer the purposes intended by the Honorable Board. - I think it my Duty at the same time to express to the Honorable Board, that as the directions contained in your letter of the 8th Instant, relative to the movement of Troops, are neither upon the principle of the Arrangement of our Force,

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9th Force, the outline of which was stated in my letter of the 4th Instant, and the Disposition since at large under Date the 6th, nor according to the Detail laid before you in my letter of the 7th in Conformity to your instructions of the 5th - it consequently follows, that the disposition of the Force on the Coast proposed by me to the Honorable Board, cannot be considered in the same point of view as if it were to be connectedly carried into Execution; - But as it is in the Province of the Honorable Board to make such alterations as they may think proper, I only mean to point out for their information, the effect that the alterations will have previous to the final resolutions of Government being passed on the Subject of the Movements detailed in the enclosed Draught of an Order. -

Although the disposition of the Army laid before you on the 6th Instant stationed no more than one Corps of Native Infantry in the Guntoor an addition of Force was intended to be in readiness at Ellon for the defence of that province if required - your Honorable Board will observe in the proposed disposition that the force allotted to the Masulipatam District, consists of one Corps European Infantry, one Company of Artillery, Four Battalions of Native Infantry, Two Revenue Battalions, and the Invalids present in that District. It was my idea at the time that Masulipatam should be garrisoned, by one of the Native Corps, Four Companies of Revenue Troops, and the Invalids, that the Remaining Six Companies of Revenue Troops should

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I be Stationed at Condapilly, Samulcottah, and Rajahmundry, and consequently they would have remained at Ellore the European Effective Troops of the District, and three Corps of Native Infantry, ready to Protect the Gunter, if required.

Under this view of the Subject I am induced to Submit to the Consideration of Government, as a Battalion is now ordered to be drawn from the Gunter and another, from the Northern Division to Wallajahbad, how far it may be necessary to adopt a movement of Troops in the Northern Division on the principle that I have just now Explained regarding the Gunter Crisis.

I have the Honor to acquaint you, that the part of the enclosed Draught of an Order, that relates to the Southern Troops, is adopted under the Principle laid down in your Secretary's letters of the 5th and 8th Instant.

I must likewise beg leave to state to the Honorable Board, that as no information has ever been afforded me, pointing out the Complement of Grain fixed for each Garrison, and now ordered to be accordingly Completed, I am unable to pronounce what quantity is farther required to be indented for - agreeable to the Honorable Board's instructions of the 8th Instant, till such time as I am furnished with the previous insight above mentioned.

As I understand the Present Establishment of Bullocks are already fully employed in carrying on the Public Service at the Several Stations - I do not therefore conceive that any alteration is necessary in this disposition, And before it is in my Power to state what additional

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9th number will be required, according to the Honble Board's directions, under Date the 8th Instant it is necessary I should be informed, whether they are to be provided upon the Principle of the Force proposed to be assembled in my letter of the 4th Instant, or for what other particular number of Troops, Government Intend them.

In consequence of the enclosed Letter from Colonel Stuart, and the important Intelligence recently received from the Travancore Country. They leave to recommend that Two Battalions of Native Infantry from Wallajahbad may be added to the Southern reinforcement pointed out in my Letter of the 7th. & that the whole may be ordered to march there, with as little Delay as possible.

Head Quarters
Madras 9th January
1790

I have the Honour to be V. R.

Signed Tho: Musgrave

Colonel Musgrave

Commanding in Chief V. R.

Sir,

As from accounts yesterday transmitted by me to Government, and no doubt confirmed by an Express forwarded from hence this Day, it appears that Tippoo has actually commenced Hostilities against Travancore, which there is reason to suppose will soon extend to our own Provinces, it becomes my Duty to call your attention, and through you that of Government

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I Government to the State of the Southern Division of the Army
at present under my Command.

When in the month of September last Orders
were given for assembling all the Troops that could be
spared from the Southern Garrisons, Government was
informed that the whole that could be so collected amounted
only to a Regiment of Native Cavalry, four Battalions of
Native Infantry, and about One thousand Europeans
including 120 Artillery men, and that to bring even that
Number together the Strength of the different Garrisons was
reduced to the lowest possible Standard - Since that time
no addition has been made to that force, and unfortunately
the Disturbances in the Chevungga Country at this moment
employ a Considerable part of it - But it is obvious that
were it all as ready to be assembled, as could be wished,
it is, as it's best, inadequate to any purpose of Offence, or
even of defence against so powerful an Enemy as now
threatens us, and that a Speedy Reinforcement both of
Native Infantry and Europeans will be necessary to
give us even the appearance of Respectability at this juncture.

I beg leave at the same time to observe, that tho'
deficient in every Species of Troops, we are particularly so
in Artillery men - having Scarcely enough to man as they
ought to be the Guns of the few Corps that are in readiness to
move - and I must take the Liberty to repeat my requisition
for the immediate return of the Company of the 2^d Regiment
of Artillery, and the Mascars attached to them, at present on
Duty at Malanjahad, Lieut. Colonel Lydenham
Commanding

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I Commanding that Regiment in a Letter to me under Date the 4th Instant mentions in the Strong terms the necessity of this addition to his Strength.

I content myself at present with laying before you Sir, those of our wants that are most urgent and at the same time most easily & readily supplied. We have other deficiencies, particularly in the Article Provisions for the Garrison which it must be the wish of some time to provide, and which also, under the present circumstances, are but Secondary Objects compared with the others. - I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c.

Yours faithfully
James Stuart
Lieut. Col. Comm.

P.S.

I am using every exertion to bring up the 2^d & 4th Land at Negapatam, and which have been hitherto detained there by the Extreme badness of the Road. - true Copy signed Jas. Campbell

The President proposes that the seven recommendations contained in Colonel Murg's Letter of this Date now received be complied with and that Orders be accordingly issued. It is not however understood that Bullocks are to be provided for Ordnance at Wallajahabad till further instruction which to avoid mistakes should be expressed in Orders - a Letter should be written to Colonel Murg accordingly.

President's Minute on the above Letter & Enclosure proposing that the 2^d & 4th be published, except that Bullocks at Wallajahabad are not to be provided until further Orders. -

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9th accordingly informing him that the Incident required for Bullocks & Grain to be laid up in Store is to be formed upon the Plan of Military Operations he proposes in the event of Hostilities - The Commissary of Grain may inform him of the full Complement already ordered to be Completed a Letter may be written to the Commanding Officer of the Southern Division approving of his having suspended a further Detachment to the Murava Districts. -

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Post 5 of Lock P.M.

Signed J. H.

Major's Minute
to Ordnance
that should
atly be Com.
with Bullocks

I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that I think immediate directions ought to be given to collect the necessary Complement of Draught & Carriage Bullocks, for the Ordnance proposed to be in readiness at Malajahbad, and for the Troops ordered to be in readiness for Field Service, in consequence of the recommendations of the Commanding Officer of the Troops. Signed Jas. H. as a Major

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Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Musgrave.

To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

Musgrave -
of his recomms.
the foregoing Letter -
to be published,
the Bullocks are
provided at Malajahbad
and until further
the Incident for Grain
is upon the plan
Operations -
any General will
of the full
approve Colonel
location of the
Detachment.

The Board have received your Letter of this Days Date, and will publish the proposed General Order - they approve of the recommendations contained in the above Letter and the further Order will accordingly be issued respecting the Disposition of the Troops in the Juntoor & Masulipatam Districts

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9th District and the marching of the Corps to join the Southern Division. they direct me however to remark that it is not to be understood that Bullocks are to be provided for the Ordnance at Malayanbad till further Instructions.

I am further to observe that the Indent required for Bullocks & for Grain to be laid up in is to be formed upon the Plan of Military Operations which you have proposed in the Event of Hostilities. The Commissary General of Grain & Provisions are instructed to inform you of the full Complement Ordered to be Completed.

I am also directed to mention that Board approve of Lieutenant Colonel Stuart's for suspending the reinforcement to the Detachment in the Sheringunga District.

I am &c. &c.
Signed John Cham

In Consequence of the foregoing Letter the following G.O. was published.

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G.O.

The following Troops to be held in readiness for Field Service on the Shortest Notice & in order to prevent delay, care must be taken that all Indents are made out Strictly in Compliance with Regulations.

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G.O. for certain Specified Corps to be in readiness to March at the Shortest Notice to their respective destinations - all Indents to be made Strictly in Compliance with the Regulations &c.

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Cavalry

The 19th Regiment Light Dragoons.

The 1st

3rd

4th

5th Regiments native Cavalry

Artillery

The 1st Battalion of Lascars

The Company of the 2^d Battalion at Malayahtad & Lascars

Infantry

The 36th

52nd

71st

74th

Regiments

The 2^d

4th

5th

6th

9th

14th

25th

Battalions of Native Infantry

The 27th Battalion of Native Infantry to march to Malayahtad
with the utmost expedition -

Pioneers

The Detail of these Troops now at Malayahtad

The two Companies of Revenue Troops in the Palnad
and Ongole Districts to be drawn into Timmucottah, &
the 12th Battalion (with the exception of one Company
stationed in Bellurcondah) to be placed in Innacondah.

Ordnance Complicated For Field

Service to be in readiness at Malayahtad.

Four Brass 12 Pounders

Twenty two 2^d 6 Pounders

All except in Trunk -

The

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9 The Troops south of the Coleroon to be assembled immediately on Trichinopoly plain, agreeably to the arrangements made by Lieutenant Colonel Stuart in September last, with such alteration only as may be judged expedient by the Officer Commanding in that quarter, in consequence of the present Situation of affairs in the Gungah and Callicut Districts.

The 76th Regiment will move into Fort St George as soon as the 71st & 74th are ordered to march.

By Order

Despatches the following Letter to Bengal

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
K. G.

Gouverneur General in Council at

Fort William,

My Lord,

We had the Honor to address your Lordship in Council a few Days ago Communicating the intelligence We had received from the Travancore Country, and the Steps We had taken in consequence.

We shall enclose a Duplicate of Letter above mentioned, and shall proceed to inform you that within these few Days several Letters have been received from the Residents at Travancore, announcing the approach of Tippoo Sultan's Army to the

To Bengal - Reporting the intelligence received of Tippoo's movements and the measures taken in consequence. Enclosing Copies of Papers relative to the subject - will draw upon Bengal for the necessary Supplies.

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9th of the Travancore Country - The Dispatch of the latest Date from Mr. Bowney is the 29th Ultimo & mentions that Tippoo Sultaun had opened three Batteries upon the Lines, the nearest of which was about 6 Miles from Basour the Cantonment of the Company's Battalions, -

Mr. Bowney reports that the Detachment of the Company's Troops have every thing ready to move as Emergencies require, and that should the Enemy Carry the Lines they will have a difficult Country for Military Operations to traverse, and a Broad River to pass before they can reach Basour. -

We informed of our Lordship in Council of our having called upon Colonel Musgrave to furnish us with such a disposition of the Troops as he might think best adapted to obviate the Effects of any sudden Invasion &c. &c. &c. and We have now to report that the Colonel has laid before us a Return of the Army upon the Coast with a proposed Disposition of it in the Event of War with Tippoo Sultaun. -

Colonel Musgrave has proposed the Cantonment at Wataiyambad as the General Rendezvous for a speedy Junction of the Forces in the Centre Division, and has reported what Succours can best be spared from the Centre Division, for the Southern Army. -

We approved of the arrangement suggested by Colonel Musgrave, and requested, in order to save time that he would state the Orders he might

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I might think it necessary to issue in respect to the many Battalion from the Northern Division and to the expediting a Junction of the Centre Division. —

We also requested he would state the Order necessary to concentrate all the Southern Force, either at Trichinopoly or in any other Situation, to be reinforced by the Detachments he had recommended. —

We informed him that Orders had been issued to complete the Stores of Grain to their full Complement. We requested he would furnish us with an Indent of the Quantity of Grain that will be required at Trichinopoly and other Garrisons as also of the number of Bullocks would be necessary. —

A Dispatch from Mr. Bowney of the 11th Ultimo is just received announcing that Tippecoo's Army made a Breach on the 29th which they storm carried, but were afterwards driven off with great slaughter. —

Mr. Bowney reports that Tippecoo had withdrawn his Troops from opposite the Lines, and that he imagined he meditated an attack on some other part of the Country — he also mentions that none of his Troops yet appeared either before Cranganore or Payacottah.

For the more particular information of your Lordship in Council we have the Honor to enclose Copies of Letters and Papers that have passed on this subject and you will perceive from Colonel Minsgraves's account & disposition of the Forces of this Presidency the necessity there will be in the Event of Hostilities of ordering reinforcements.

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9^m reinforcement of a Battalion of Artillery and some additional Native Corps your Lordship being well acquainted that the Revenues of this Presidency are totally inadequate to the Expences of a War we shall avail ourselves of all opportunities of drawing on Your Government as far as it can be accomplished and the Publick exigencies may render necessary relying on your Lordship's declared intentions of affording all the assistance that can be supplied from Bengal - The accounts however from Travancore are not so specifick as to enable us to judge what Tippoo's real intentions may be - It is not improbable that his Views may be limited to the Fort of Cranganore and Port of Lacotah - as you had ordered these Places to be returned to the Dutch and had expressed your disapprobation of the Purchase of them by the Rajah which was duly notified thro' the Resident to the Rajah and is probably not unknown to Tippoo it may not unreasonably be presumed that Prince's Movements have been directed alone to the restitution of the Places in Dispute -

We have the Honor to be,

S^r V^r

Yours John Mollond

J^r Council

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Signed John Chamier
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And the undermentioned Letters as entered

N. B. N^o 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34.)

To the Commissary General of Grain
Provisions, directing him to transmit to Colonel
Musgrave, a Statement Shewing the full Supply
of Grain for the Garrisons in the Carnatick, —

To Mr Cockburn

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To Colonel Nicolson:

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Forces - approving of Colonel Stuart's detention of the Shevengah Detachment.

To Captain Foxall

To Captain Foxall - permitting him to receive on Board the General Goddard, M^r Briggs &c.

To M^r Briggs

To M^r Briggs with Information of the above

To M^r George Anderson

To M^r George Anderson - His request for Passage money cannot be complied with.

To M^r Moutbray

To the Accountant General - directing him to examine and report, whether the terms for which the Nabob says he has receipts have been entered in the Company's Books - Enclosing the accounts.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore -

Received the following Letter from M^r Bourny with Enclosure (as entered in C.C. N^o 12) from the Rajah of Travancore, stating the Particulars of Tippoo's attack upon his Lines.

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.
Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Resident at Travancore - enclosing the above mentioned Letter from the Rajah - and reporting the successful attack by Tippoo on the Rajah's Lines.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit you the enclosed Letter from the Rajah - it is to explain the Circumstance of the manner in which Hostilities were first commenced by Tippoo Sultaun.

The Enemy yesterday on a part of the Lines near the Mills made a breach, which they stormed & carried - they possessed it but for a short time - the Rajah's Troops returned to the attack and drove the Enemy from it with great slaughter.

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10ⁿ - The Rajah had about 200 men killed & wounded, and it is said more than a thousand of the Enemy were killed - some Horses & prisoners were taken - Tippoo has withdrawn his Troops from opposite the Lines to day - It is imagined he is meditating an attack on some other part of the Country - none of his Troops have yet appeared either before Cranganore & Jacottah -

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Yours &c
Signed George Bowney Resident

Barons

30th December 1789

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr Bowney
with further Intelligence
of Tippoo's movements

Tippoo has drawn off all his Troops from the Rajah's Lines - The accounts which have come in to day from his Camp say, that he has crossed the Chikwa River with his Army, and is coming down by the Sea Side with the Intention of attacking Cranganore and Jacottah -

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Yours &c
Signed George Bowney Resident

Barons

31st December 1789

In Consequence of the receipt of the foregoing Mr. Casanajor Sent in Circulation the following Minute -

From

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At Cassamajor's
Munick upon
the foregoing
Letter —

Madras
10th January 1790

From the Intelligence received yesterday from
the Resident at Travancore Dated the 30th Ultimo, there
can exist no doubt, but that the Ancient possessions of the
Rajah have been attacked. — I therefore beg leave to suggest,
and offer it as my opinion, that a Letter ought to be
written without delay to Tippoo Sultaun, informing him
that we consider his Conduct as an Infraction of the Treaty
of Peace. — Signed Jas^{ts} W^{ts} Cassamajor

Dispatched the following Letter to Bombay

To the Honorable Major General Meadows
Governor in Council at Bombay

Honorable Sir,

To Bombay - advising
of the above Intelligence
respecting Tippoo -
and the measures
adopted in consequence

We have lately received advices from
Travancore announcing the approach of Tippoo Sultaun
with a large Army, and we have been furnished with
Copies of Letters, which have passed between him and the
Rajah of Travancore containing on the part of Tippoo some
Demands with which the Rajah could not comply &
he has in consequence submitted the whole to the decision
of their Government, and requested Tippoo to wait until
answers from this Presidency could be obtained.

It appears by the last Despatches, of the
30th & 31st Ultimo, that Tippoo Sultaun has notwithstanding
attacked the Rajah's Lines, from whence he has driven
off with Considerable Slaughtering - after which he is
reported

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16th reported to have crossed the Chitwa River, and to have moved with his Army towards Cranganore and Iyacottah.

In this Situation of Affairs We have thought it expedient to adopt preparatory measures towards sending our Army into the Field in the event of Hostilities, and to advise the Bengal Government of the Intelligence received and the Steps taken in consequence.

We must however observe that the accounts from the Resident, and Rajah of Travancore are not so specific as to enable us to judge what Tippoo's real intentions may be - it is not improbable that his Views may be limited to the Fort of Cranganore and Port of Iyacottah which the Bengal Government had ordered to be returned to the Dutch from whom they had lately been purchased by the Rajah - This Order was notified to the Rajah and is probably not unknown to Tippoo so that it may not unreasonably be presumed that, his movements are directed alone to the restitution of the Places in Dispute.

We shall again advise you if our Army should take the Field, that you may be prepared to cooperate with us in the mode of attack which it may be thought advisable to adopt - Our preparations are now tending to a considerable Reinforcement of our Troops Stationed South of the Coleroon.

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

Lieut^{nt} John Holland & Co. Dispatched

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10thDespatched the following Letters / as entered in
C.C. No. 13 & 14)Substance of a Letter
to Tippoo SultanTo Tippoo Sultan - acquainting him of the inroads
of Chel Naick, Chinna mudah & Marudra, also of some
disputed Boundaries near Trichinopoly.Substance of a
Letter to the Rajah
of TravancoreTo the Rajah of Travancore - Disapproving of his
Conduct, in Confering with the Mysore Vackul - any demands
from Tippoo must immediately be Sent to Government -
refusing the Sanction of Government to his late purchases; to
be cautious in his Conduct towards Tippoo - His application
for a larger force to be hereafter Considered - desiring him to
advance 1 Lack of Pagodas to assist in the Warlike prepara-
tions making for his defence.

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Bowney

To Mr. George Bowney

Resident

at

Travancore

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a Letter for

To Mr. Bowney -
inclosing the above
for the Rajah, & desiring
him to explain to the
Rajah the necessity of
his Contributing towards
the Expenses that have
been incurred.the Rajah of Travancore, accompanied by a Copy for
your Information - you will be careful to explain to
him the necessity of his contributing towards the expenses
that have been incurred.

I am, Sir, &c.

Signed John Charni

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Received the following Letter from Captain
Disson, as entered in M. B. N. 35

From the Kings
Adjutant General

From Captain Disson reporting that
besides Colonel Elphinstone Captain Brown of the
19th Dragoons Lieutenant Muirson of the 52nd
Regiment and Lieutenant Norman of the 71st
Regiment are permitted to go home on the General
Godard.

Sent the following Letters as entered in M. B.
N. 36. 37. 38

To Captain Foxall

To the Commanders of the General Godard
to receive on Board his Ship the before mentioned
Officers as Passengers for Europe, and informing him
of the Instructions Sent to the Kings Paymaster
General.

To the Kings Deputy
Paymaster General

To M^r. Mitford directing him to pay to
Captain Foxall, the usual Allowance of Passage Money,
for the Officers mentioned in Captain Disson's Letter.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue - desiring they will
Order the Collectors to lay in Grain in the Contiguous
Forts.

From the Commissary
General of Grain & Provisions

Received Letter from M^r. Cockburn as entered
in M. B. N. 39) enclosing one from M^r. Toriano
with a Letter from the amildar of Sautgur.

Received Letter from the Resident of Travancore

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To the Honorable John Mollond, Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir

From Mr Bowney
reporting that some
small parties of
Horse have been seen,
but that he has gained
no further intelligence
of Tippoo.

I have the Honor to transmit you the accom-
panying Letter from the Rajah - Nothing has occurred
to day worthy your notice, nor have I been able to procure
any intelligence from Tippoo's Camp. Some small parties
of Horse only have been seen at a distance from the Lines.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

Signed George Bowney Resident

Casour

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At a Consultation, Present,

The Honorable John Mollond, Esq.

Governor President,

James Henry Casamajor

Edward John Mollond

Esq.

Tuesday
the 12th January
1790

Minutes of last Consultation read and

Approved.

General Letter to
England read

The General Letter to the Honorable Court
from the Military and Political Departments to
go by the General Goddard, being drafted, are now
read and approved and Ordered to be Copied fair

Read the following Letter from Bengal

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The Honorable John Mollond, Esq^r.

Governor in Council

Fort S^t George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal - No advance
but what is necessary for the
regular payments, to be
issued to the King's Paymaster
General any request for
Money to liquidate the
Balance due to the Crown,
to be referred to Bengal -

Upon inspection of the Accounts received
from you of the Money issued at your Presidency
to the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces in
India, and of the Statement of the Disbursements thereof
by him, for the use of the King's Troops, we remark
that it has frequently happened that larger Sums
have been issued than were necessary for that purpose.
We therefore repeat our recommendation to you to give
directions, that no larger advances of Cash be in future
issued on account of His Majesty's Forces than may
be necessary for the regular Payment of King's subsis-
tence and of Company's allowances to the effectives of
the respective Corps serving under your Presidency,
and if applications should at any time be made to
you for Payment of any Sum in liquidation of the
Balance said to be due to the Crown we request that
you will be pleased to refer them to this Government.

We have the Honor to be S^r &c

Lieut^{nt} Cornwallis
Chas^r Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William,
1st December 1789

Minute thereon

The Board observe upon the foregoing,
that it is the Custom to advance Money upon the
Indents for Subsistence for Effectives, and to cause
the

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the Balances to be brought forward - The Balance alluded to by the Bengal Government is of a very old Standing - agreed that a Letter be written to Bengal to inform them what has passed upon this Subject -

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore -

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

President and Governor in Council

Fort S^t George

From M^r Ram - stating
that there is no Carry
at present fit to lay up
in Store -

Honble Sir,

I received a Letter from M^r Secretary Chamberlain of the 4th Instant directing me to apply to the Rajah for 1100 Garce of Paddy to be delivered over to the Charge of the Storekeeper - In answer to which I have to acquaint your Honor that having made particular enquiry I find there is not at present any Paddy in the Country fit to lay up in Store - 1st There being no Old Paddy remaining in the Country - 2nd what remains of the Carr Crop having been so much damaged by the over quantity of Rain, is totally unfit for keeping, and is only at present eat by the poorest Inhabitants - The Lumboc and Peshamum Crops will begin to come in the Beginning of next month, but it will require two months more viz: to the End of March before the Quantity mentioned in the above Letter can be all laid in.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

W^m W^m
Signed J^s Ram Resident
Agreed

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The Honorable John Mollond, Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

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tence and of Company's allowances to the effectives of
the respective Corps serving under your Presidency,
and if applications should at any time be made to
you for Payment of any Sum in liquidation of the
Balance said to be due to the Crown we request that
you will be pleased to refer them to this Government.

We have the Honor to be Sir,

Yours
Signed Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
Peter Spike

For William

1st December 1789

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To the Hon^{ble} John Mollond Esq^r.

President and Governor in Council

Fort S^t George

From Mr. Ram - stating that there is no Paddy at present fit to lay up in Store.

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

W^m H^m
Signed J. Ram Resident
Agreed

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Minute to them,

Agreed that M^r. Karm be desired to procure immediately the Grain of the Carr Crop, that can be Supplied, observing to him that it can be returned to the Rajah, when the Turnboe & Beshamum Crops come in.

Read the following Letter from Colonel

Musgrave. —

The Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Musgrave with his Opinion of the quantity of Grain to be laid up in the different Garrisons and the Number of Bullocks to be employed in the Field —

I have now the Honor to reply to your Secretary's letter of the 9th Instant, after having made myself acquainted with the several matters it contains, as fully as the Exigency of the moment would admit. — The Commissary General of Grain & Provisions has laid before me a Statement of the full Complement of Grain allotted for the different Garrisons; I have now therefore to propose to your Honorable Board that the Garrisons of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, shall be stored with Six Months Provision, over and above the allotted Statement fixed for them in the General arrangement, (and which Statement I understand is not yet Completed) this makes an addition of 1204) Twelve hundred and four Gance of Baddy the quantity required, beyond the arrangement to be laid up in these Garrisons. —

With respect to the Deposits of Grain in the

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the Center Division, I submit to the Consideration of Government, that as the Garrisons of Vellore, Arnee, Tragar & Chingleput, are Provided with ample Conveniences, for the laying up of Grain, whether it would not be proper that these Stations should be Supplied over and above the Statement allotted, with as much Grain as they can contain, my reason for Suggesting this Proposition, is that by adopting it, the grain itself at this favorable Season, will be lodged in these places of Security, safe from the Inroads of the Enemy, and always at hand for the relief and assistance of the Army, in such movements as they may undertake during the Prosecution of Hostilities.

With respect to the Arrangements of Bullocks, I propose to the Honorable Board, that forty Days Provision shall accompany the Army, which according to a Calculation made in Conformity with the Book of Regulations gives Exactly the following numbers of Draft & Carriage Cattle to be employed accordingly. Therewith also State the nature & number of Cattle for the other indispensable Departments of the Army, the whole being drawn out agreeable to the number of Troops Stated as necessary for Field Service, —

	Draught	Carriage
Camp Equipage & Regimental Stores	3073	
Ordinance & Grand Magazine of Stores	2200	1800
Provision for Europeans	604	2357
Provision for Native Troops		8500
Publick followers		11782

Total 2804 27312

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In the above arrangement the several Corps are supposed to be complete to their full Establishment, and the Calculation formed upon that Principle,

The Contractors for Draught, and Carriage Cattle, have requested of me to represent to the Honble Board, that each Days delay in furnishing them with orders to procure the Cattle is of material Importance to the whole Arrangement. Government therefore will I am in hopes lose no time in giving them their Instructions upon this very essential point, on which the whole Success or failure of our Operations in the event of general Hostilities will chiefly depend.

I have the Honor to be, &c

Yours Truly
Thos. Musgrave

Head Quarters
Madras 11th January
1790

The Board acquiesce in Colonel Musgrave's recommendation respecting the additional Store at Tanjore and Trichinopoly and the Storing at Vellore, Arna, Tiagar and Chingleput, as much Grain as the Granaries can Contain, and it is in consequence Agreed that the necessary Directions be given to the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

With respect to that part of Colonel Musgrave's Letter which relates to the provision of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, the Board are of Opinion that the consideration of it may for the present be deferred.

M^r. Casamajor, in Conformity to his Minutes of the 9th Instant, begs leave to express his Opinion, that immediate Orders should be issued for

Minute thereon,

D^o

M^r. Casamajor's Minute
respecting the provision
of Bullocks.

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the provision of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks mentioned in Colonel Musgrave's Letter as essentially necessary, for the most obvious Reasons arising from the present Situation of Affairs, for, in the event of serious Intentions on the part of Tippoo to Commence Hostilities, the difficulty of procuring Bullocks is evinced by former Experience, —

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board, —

Hospital Board.
10th January 1790

Read a Letter from Mr. Briggs Surgeon, intimating his having obtained leave to go to Europe and resigning his Station at Vizagapatam, in consequence of which the

The Promotions recommended by the Hospital Board are approved
Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Brown, Surgeon be appointed to Vizagapatam, Mr. Charles Ogilvie assistant Surgeon promoted to the Rank of Surgeon, and appointed to the 3rd Regiment of European Infantry; vice Mr. Brown and that Mr. Duncan assistants

From the Hospital Board, with proposed promotions in consequence of Mr. Briggs' resignation recommend Mr. Goldie be appointed an assistant Surgeon.

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Assistant Surgeon be pro:
moted to the Rank of Hospital
Mate, Vice M^r. Ogilvie.

M^r. John Goldie, lately
arrived from Europe, having
produced the following Certifi-
cate from the Secretary at the
India House Viz.

"At a Court of Directors
held on Monday the 6th April
1789"

"A Report from the
Committee of Shipping Dates
this Day being read"

"Resolved that John
Goldie be permitted to proceed
to Madras on the usual conditions,
to practise there as a Surgeon, & to
succeed to the post of Assistant
Surgeon, & Sign of Thomas Morton,

The Hospital Board
therefore recommend that he be
considered as an Assistant Surgeon
on this Establishment & do duty
at the General Hospital at
Madras, untill further Orders.

Signed Jas^{ts} Anderson

Physician General

C^s Lucas C^s J.

William Duffin

Head Surgeon

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To be announced in
General Orders -

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The President recommends that Lieut.^o Mackenzie of the Engineers, be appointed to Survey the Guntur Circar.

Lieutenant M. Mackenzie,
appointed to Survey the
Guntur Circar

Approved & Ordered, Accordingly

Mr. Casamajor begs leave to call the attention of the Board to his Minute Sent in Circulation on the 10th Instant, respecting the Opinion he gave of the Expediency of writing to Tippoo, and of stating his late Conduct as an Infraction of the Treaty of Peace. He thinks this necessary, lest Tippoo should consider that the Rajah of Travancore is abandoned by this Government - it being moreover evident from the Intelligence received that the attack was made upon the Lines, which bounded the Dominions of the Rajah, and which existed at the late Treaty of Peace.

Mr. Casamajor's Minute
upon the Subject of addressing
Tippoo, relative to his
late Conduct. —

The Board think it necessary to observe that Mr. Casamajor's proposition that Tippoo Sullaim has been repeatedly and recently apprised that the Rajah of Travancore is considered as an ally of the Company, and under their protection, The Board therefore do not perceive the utility of addressing a further letter to Tippoo, to declare his Conduct an infraction of the Treaty — which

The Opinion of the
Board upon Mr.
Casamajor's Minute

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which is calculated to precipitate the Company into a ruinous, and expensive War, at a time when it would be more advisable by conciliatory measures, to preserve peace, and a Letter has already been written with that intention proposing an amicable adjustment of all differences; Tippoo has perhaps just cause to be offended at the conduct of the Rajah of Travancore, and his operations however apparently hostile, seem to be more in support of what he conceives his own avowed rights than meant as a declaration of Hostilities, or a breach of his treaty with the Company.

Mr Casamajor's
Minute upon the
Board's reply -

Mr Casamajor begs leave to observe that the manner in which the Subject of the Letter to Tippoo Sultann is introduced in the above Minute would indicate, that it was written, after the Commencement of Hostilities on the part of Tippoo Sultann; on reference to the Date of the letter, it will be found that it is Dated previous to the event alluded to.

The President communicates
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to the Board Intelligence received from Dindigul
Canoul and Baichore; —

Cd. Smith

Edw. M. Holland

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Diary

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Received the following Letter from Colonel Stuart.

The Honble John Mollond Esq

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Stuart,
 Enclosing Letter from
 Captain Knox, which
 reports the movement
 of his Detachment &
 Intelligence of Tippoo
 Sultans.

Tanjore,

9th January 1790

I have the Honor to transmit the enclosed
 Letters from Captain Knox received this morning &
 which to save time I have used the Liberty to open &
 taking Copies for the information of Colonel Nixon.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Signed J Stuart

J. S. The letter of the 31st Ultimo addressed to the late
 Colonel Morne which Captain Knox mentions, has now
 come to my hands, I think it is probable Colonel Nixon
 may have received it since his arrival at Trichinopoly
 and that the Honble Board have been made acquainted
 with its Contents. - J. S.

Lieutenant Colonel Stuart,

Commanding the Southern Division of the army

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt
 of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that
 the Detachment yesterday morning took post in the
 manner described in my Letter of the 31st Ultimo,
 to the late Colonel Morne.

I enclose you the Copy of a Letter I
 wrote

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12th wrote to Mr. Powney after coming to the ground, —

I have not been able to procure any authentic information of Tippoo's movements since the attack upon the lines of the 29th Ultimo, but it is generally thought,

Camp on the Bank and reported, that he is gone towards Cranganore & Hyacotah of the Chinnamungalam

received 2^d January 1790

I have the Honor to be Sir, &c.

Yours J. Knox

Lieutenant Colonel Stuart

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

Sir, I have the Honor to enclose you a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. Powney this morning, with his answer thereto, as well as his reply to my letter of the 1st Instant, a Copy of which I transmitted to you yesterday. —

I have not received any authentic intelligence this Day, every thing has been quiet at the lines. —

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c.

Yours J. Knox

Received Letters from the Rajah of Travancore (as entered in C. C. N. 15) with particulars of Tippoo Sultan's attacks upon his Lines. —

Received the following Letters as entered in M. B. N. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. —

From Colonel Musgrave Enclosing an application from Captain James Russell, —

From Mr. Lockburn representing the necessity of sending the usual Orders, from the Nabal to

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore

From Colonel Musgrave

From Mr. Lockburn

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12 to His managers to Supply the Detachment under Orders to March to Trichinopoly with Grain for the Native Troops. —

From the Bullock Contractors —

From the Bullock Contractors, stating that an Indent has been presented for 1184 Bullocks wishing for the Orders of Government to Supply the Extra Number. —

From Mr. Turing

From the Military Paymaster General reporting that there is a deficiency of 300 Dollars in Store, and wishing for an Order to make them up, also that a demand for Beavers is beyond the Number that can be procured. —

From Captain Brown,

From Captain Brown of the 1st Dragoon, requesting an advance of 6 months Pay. —

From Mr. Chace.

From the Secretary to the Committee of Stores recommending that the Stores for the Southward be Embarked, and immediately Despatched on the Yarmouth. —

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Received the following Letter from Mr.

Powney

To the Honble John Holland Esq

Governor in Council,

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Powney —
Tippu still quiet suspects
his waiting for Mons.
Lally and some heavy
Guns previous to his
next attack —

Nothing material worthy your notice has occurred since I had the Honor

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14 of addressing you last. Tippoo's principal Camp is about four miles from the Lines, and from the accounts brought in there is reason to believe he is collecting more Troops, in order to make a Second attack on them, it is said that he has sent for Mons^r. Pally, to make an attack on Cranganore and Jacottah, to Distract the attention of the Troops here. — The Honble Company's Troops have hitherto remained unengaged. they are encamped about three miles from the Parour Cantonment on the Bank of Chinnamungalum River, and have every thing prepared to move and act as the Emergency may require. —

The Rajah left this the Day before yesterday and has promised to return in ten or twelve Days. —

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

Yours George Bower, Resident

Parour
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Substance of a Letter
from the Rajah of
Travancore.

Received Letter from the Rajah of Travancore / as entered in C.C. 846 / referring to Jagernaut Taker, for Intelligence on the Subject of Cranganore & Jacottah - and requesting the aid of the Company. —

M^r. Casamajor sends in Circulation the

following Minute. —

M^r. Casamajor's Minute, thinks that the General Goddard should be detained on account of the present critical Situation of affairs. —

Upon considering the present Situation of Affairs on this Coast, and the uncertainty in regard to Peace or War with Tippoo Sultan, of which our public Dispatches can convey nothing certain, or Specific, I am of Opinion that the Dispatch of General Goddard

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14th January 179014th ought to be postponed for a few Days.

Signed J. Wybasamajor,

Minute of the Board
on the foregoing

As the Governor General in Council have particularly directed that the General Goddard, having a very valuable Cargo on Board, should not be detained, and two other Ships to be immediately dispatched for Europe being daily expected, I am of Opinion the General Goddard should be Dispatched on the 15th Instant - being the Day before fixed in Council for his Departure.

Signed John Mollond

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Edw. In Mollond

General Letter by the
Goddard signed.15th

This Day signed the General Letter to the Court of Directors from the Military & Political Departments.

The following Letters which were Dispatched previous to the Sailing of the General Goddard are here noted / as entered in M. B. N^o. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. —

To the Military
Paymaster General12th

To Mr. Taring - Informing him that Doolies are to be allowed agreeable to his recommendation, and Dooly Boys provided Conformable to the Regulations.

To the Committee of
Stores

To the Committee of Stores - directing them to Embark the Stores for the Southward on the Yarnmouth, and to direct the Military Storekeeper, to Comply with the

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12th the Indent for Carts, from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, to complete the Establishment,

To Mr. Cockburn

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions with Information of the above

To the Bullocks Contractors

To the Contractors for Bullocks - directing them to Supply the Extra Bullocks required for the Detachment ordered to March.

To the Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. Bann - ordering him to Store immediately the necessary Quantity of Grain from the Carr Crop, which can hereafter be returned to the Rajah, when the Lumbah &c. is cut.

To Mr. Cockburn

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - Enclosing Copy of yesterday's G.O. directing him to provide the necessary provisions for the Detachment under orders to march to the Southward - and forwarding the Nabob's Orders to amildars for Supplying the Garrisons with Grain.

To D^o

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - directing him to give the necessary orders for immediately storing the Garrisons of Vellore, Arcot, Trigar, and Chingleput with as much Grain as they can contain, and at Trichinopoly & Tanjore, an Extra Store of 6 months.

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave - Informing him of the above directions having been issued, will inform him hereafter of the measures necessary to be adopted respecting Bullocks.

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board - acquiescing in their Recommendations for the promotion of Messrs. Agilvie and

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and Duncan, and the appointment of M^r. Goldie-
M^r. Ogilvie to do Duty at Negapatam. —

To Major Suppage

To the Commanding Officer at Malajahbad
directing that the necessary Orders be given for adding
two 6 & two 12 Bore Brass Pounders to the Detachment ordered
to march, by the G. O. of yesterday.

To M^r. Milford

To the King's Deputy Paymaster General —
Ordering him to advance 6 Months pay to Captain Brown
of the 14th Dragoons.

To Lieut^{nt}. Colonel Ross-

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To Lieutenant Colonel Ross - desiring he will
Order Lieutenant Mackenzie, to Survey the Guntour Coast. —

To Captain Foxall

To the Commander of the General Goddard —
permitting him to receive on Board his Ship Captain
Rusel, as passengers for Europe. —

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave - informing him, that
Captain Rusel has received permission to resign the
Service. —

To Colonel Capper

To the Commissary General - Informing him
that Doolies and Boys are to be provided for the
Detachment. —

To the Tanjore Creditors

To the Tanjore Creditors - transmitting to them
the resolutions of Government - and Extract of a Letter from
the Governor General in Council. —

To M^r. Milford

To the King's Deputy Paymaster General -
directing him to pay 6 Months Subsistence to Lieutenant
Morrison of the 11th & Lieut^{nt}. Munson of the 52nd Regiment —

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To Mr. Cockburn

13th To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions
approving his Suggestion of Storing the whole Quantity
of Grain at Trichinopoly. —

To Mr. Briggs Surgeon

14th To Mr. Briggs - refusing his application for
passage money. —

To Mr. Secretary May

To Mr. May - Enclosing Copies of Mr. Bowney's
late Letters respecting Tippoo Sultaun, which he is requested
to lay before the Governor General in Council. —

To Major Darley

To Major Darley - Commanding the Detach-
ment proceeding to Trichinopoly plain - accompanying
the Nabob's Durbars for the purpose of providing
provisions for the Detachment. —

To Captain Foxall

To Captain Foxall - directing him to divide
off a part of the great Cabin for Colonel Elphinstone. —

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
Esq. G.

Governor General in Council at

Fort William

My Lord,

We have been honored with the receipt
of your Lordship's Letter under Date the 4th Ultimo,
and beg leave in answer to observe, that it is the
Custom to advance money to the King's Paymaster
General upon his Indents for Subsistence for Effectives

To Bengal, observing
that it is Customary to
advance money to
the King's Paymaster
General upon his
Indents for Subsistence
for Effectives & that
the Balances allowed
by Lord Cornwallis
old Standing

to /
copy

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14th and that the Balance alluded to by your Lordships as due to the Crown, is of Old Standing - The Indents upon which advances are now made, bring forward the Balance in hand from the last Indent. -

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We have the Honor to be, &c.

Yours John Mollond,
G. General

15th

Dispatched two Letters to Captain Foxall / as entered in No B. N. 68 & 69) enclosing him a list of Charles party Passengers, whom he is directed to receive on Board his Ship, also directing him to detain as Prisoners, Valentine Innes & Alexander Robertson, privates of the 71st Regiment, untill he shall receive Orders from the Secretary at War, respecting them.

To Captain Foxall

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Sent Letter by the General, Goddard, to the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors / as entered in No B. N. 70) enclosing a Paper, which was omitted to be delivered in at the time of Dispatch, and which belongs to the packet in the military Department.

To Thomas Morton Esq.

The following Letters received before the Dispatch of the General Goddard, are here noted as entered in No. B. N. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86.)

From Captain Massey

reporting the Murder and Robbery of the Company's Tappal Peon with the Intelligence he has received on the Subject.

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From Captain Flint

From the Commandant at Tragar - reporting the Damage, Sustained in the Works & Buildings of that Garrison by the heavy Rains.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From Mr. Cockburn - requesting an Explanation of the Order he received to lay in a Store of Six Months over and above the Arrangement for the Garrisons of Trichinopoly and Tanjore.

From Colonel Nixon

From Colonel Nixon transmitting proceedings of the different Board of Officers South of the Coleroon appointed to Investigate the Claims for Nagapatnam prize Money.

From Captain Wright

From Captain Wright on the same subject as the foregoing.

From Captain Massey

From Captain Massey - enclosing the Monthly returns of his Garrison, and reporting his having recovered the Damaged ammunition &c.

From Colonel Capper

From the Commissary General - requesting to know whether Indents which he has received for Doolies &c are to be Complied with.

From Mr. Briggs

From Mr. Briggs - requesting to be allowed Passage money.

From Lieutenant W. Kerras

From the Commandant of Ravello - advising of the Plunders committed by Chul Naig

From Colonel Capper

From the Comptroller General - Enclosing a General return of the Troops, abstracted from the General

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16 General Musters, of the King's Company's Forces. —

From Lieutenant
Colonel Batterson

From Lieutenant Colonel Batterson — enclosing
the returns of Vellore for December, and preferring a
Complaint against the amildars of Arcot, for stopping
some Sepoy Cloathing. —

From Mr Gordon

From Mr Gordon Surgeon — offering his Services
in the Event of War. —

From Lieut. Colonel
Mordaunt.

From Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt, reporting
his intention of setting off for Lucknow, his proceeding
from thence to be regulated by the Orders he may
receive from Madras. —

From the Military
Board —

From the Military Board — enclosing
their Proceedings and Stating their Opinion, that the
Claims of the late Captain Macking are not well founded. —

From Lieut. Colonel
Stuart

From Lieutenant Colonel Stuart — will
Correspond directly with the Board, agreeable to
Instructions. —

From Lieut. John Long

From Lieutenant Long — Enclosing
Papers relative to the Capture of 22000 Columns of
Grain. —

Received the following Extract from
the Civil Secretary's Office — and Letter from
Ganjam.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated the 12th January 1790

Mr. Richard Dillon
appointed Muster Master
in the Chicacole and
Itchapour Districts.

Agreed that Mr. Richard Dillon be
appointed Muster Master of the Troops in the Chicacole
and Itchapour Districts, in the room of Mr. Inow.

Attest Extract

Signed Robert Clerk Esq.

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

President and Governor, &c. Council

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Ganjam - with
Intelligence respecting
Sanadeo.

On the 16th Instant we received —

Intelligence from Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Trent,
that the Company's Troops had attacked and taken
Cavilbudrah, and its Vicinity; Sanadeo and his Sons
having been completely routed and driven from their
Holds. —

Lieutenant Colonel Trent has added,
that Sanadeo's Baggage even to his Cloaths & Bridging
were seized, and, that the Habitations of his adherents
were reduced to ashes. —

We should have made intimation
to you of these transactions at an earlier Period,
had not Lieutenant Colonel Trent expressly
assured

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16th assured us, that in a Day or two he would communicate to us a more particular Detail.

Ganyam,
21st December 1789.

We have the Honor to be, with the greatest
Respect, W^m W^m Lyndes M^{rs} Williams,

R Dⁿ Munro
George Wynch.

Read the following Letters as intended in
M B. N^{os} 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99.
100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105.)

From Lieutenant
Colonel Stuart

From Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, transmitting
an Indent of Military Stores wanted for the Garrison
of Madras.

From Mr Gordon Surgeon

From Mr Gordon Surgeon, offering his
Services in the event of the Army taking the Field - and
enclosing a Memorial, which he requests may be sent
on the General Goddard to England.

From Lieut Morris

From Lieutenant Morris of the Engineers
requesting that an Order may be sent to Mr. James to
allow, the Passars to remain with him / Mr Morris -

From Captain Denny

From the Commandant of Angole -
Reporting that the Plunderers also molest the Palnau
Country, have crossed the Kistnah, and that the Troops
Stationed in the Tanericottah District are insufficient to
protect the Inhabitants. has therefore ordered 2 Companies
of the 8th Battalion to join Lieutenant Deale.

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From the Chief Engineer

From the Chief Engineer - enclosing an Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Granary represented to be in bad Condition by the Garrison Storekeeper. -

From Captain Massey

From the Commandant of Chandernagore reports that 100 Bagodas will be required to repair the 3 Swamy Houses for the purpose of Storehouses. -

From the Deputy Accountant

From the Deputy accountant - The Statements required 21 November will be sent in, when the accounts from some out Settlements are received and stating that the Claim of Messrs Balfour & Holt for Colonel George Smiths Offreckonings should be reported to the Military Paymaster General. -

From Captain Kennedy

From Captain Kennedy of the Invalids - requesting to be Stationed at Cuddalore. -

From Major Wynne

From the Officer Commanding in the Juniors - transmitting the proceedings of a Committee of Inspection of Stores held at Anncondah - also an Indent for Stores. -

From Henry Laurier

From Henry Laurier - requesting that the Governor Pulicat may be informed, that he is not in the British Service, wishing to engage in that of the Dutch & enclosing Captain Dalrymple's acceptance, of his resignation of the Appointment of Volunteer in the 71st Regiment. -

From Lieutenant Colonel Patterson

From Lieutenant Colonel Patterson - Enclosing Estimate of repairs much wanted to some Buildings in the Garrison of Vellore. -

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From Lieut. Branton. —

From the Commandant at Permacoil, preferring a Complaint against the Renters of the Maldaus District and reporting that the usual Charges of 2 Mercarraks & a Lingrest has been Struck off his accounts by Colonel Capper. —

From Lieut. Col. Bridges

From Lieutenant Colonel Bridges - reporting the Quantity of Grain in Store at Palamcottah. —

From Lieut. Linnon

From Lieutenant Linnon astronomer - Enclosing a List of Instruments and Books, wanted for Surveying, and requesting, that the List be forwarded to England with a desire to Supply them. —

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam - enclosing their Consultations for November and December. —

From Lieutenant
McKenas

From the Commandant of Orkut Mullon - reporting that the rains have damaged the Sepoy Barracks, and that it will require 20 Pagodas to repair them. —

From Mr. Brantton

From Mr. Brantton - Enclosing Mr. Daswoods refusal to pay his Bill for House Rent, & requesting to be allowed the same as is received on that account by Civilians at Madras. —

From Colonel Nixon

From Colonel Nixon - Enclosing a request from Captain Cuppage to be appointed Quarter Master General to the Southern Forces. —

From Mr. Tancer

From Mr. Tancer - stating the Difficulty he experiences in procuring Droley Boys &c. & enclosing a general Indent for them from the Corps ordered on Field Service. —

Signed

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Received the following Letters

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council Fort St George

From Mr. Bowney -
Tippoo encamped
within 12 miles of
the Lines. Reports
that Lally has
joined him, expects
another attack.

Honble Sir,

Tippoo's army continues encamped within
four miles of the Lines, and it is reported he has been joined
by Mons^r Lally. - The Minister who is at the Lines has just
written to me that he has reason to apprehend another
attack. - I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

Carour
7th January 1790

Signed George Bowney Resident

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council
Honble Sir,

From Colonel Nixon -
Intelligence of Tippoo
Sultaun - of the
safe arrival of the
Escort at Triplicon,
& the Munda's
movements -

I have the Honor to acquaint the Board
that the latest information from Captain Knox, under
Date the 2nd Instant makes mention that Tippoo
Sultaun with his Army, had fallen back Eight Miles
from the position he took when he attacked the
Travancore lines on the 29th Ultimo, and that it is currently
reported that he is making every preparation for another
assault on some other part of the Rajah's Country.
There are reports circulating that Tippoo Sultaun
has received a wound in the Leg, but it does not appear
by any means to be well authenticated. The

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The last Escort from hence, with ammunition and Provisions for the use of the Troops at Shewagunah arrived at Trepatoré without molestation and it is reported that Chinnud Muddah and his adherents on hearing that Tippoo Sultan had attacked the Travancore Country, left the Calicoil Woods and proceeded towards the Madura District.

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trichinopoly
January 10 1790

I have the Honor to be with Respect,

Y^r H^{ty}

Yours Eccles Nixon

The Honble John Holland Esq^r

Governor in Council H^{ty} H^{ty} H^{ty}

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant
Colonel Stuart, Enclosing
Letter from Captain
Knox, & correspondence
between that Officer
& the Resident of Travancore.

Janjore
11 January 1790

I have the Honor to transmit the enclosed

Letter this Morning received from Captain Knox, and have sent a Copy of the same to Colonel Nixon.

I have the Honor to be, Y^r H^{ty}

Yours J^r Stuart

To George Bowney Esq^r

Resident in the Travancore Country

Sir, Beg you will inform the Rajah, that the greater part of the Stores were left this Morning upon the ground, owing to the desertion of Coolies - you will be pleased
also

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16 also to acquaint him that the position I have taken is, in my opinion, the most eligible for affording the most essential services which the Detachment of the Honorable Company's Troops is adequate to. The Situation of my present encampment will enable me to succour the Island of Apuruvif attacked, or should the enemy endeavor to cross the River at or above Chinnamungalum, I can act with equal facility and effect - you must know, that without a sufficient number of Coolies to convey the ammunition & Stores, it is impossible to carry my plan into execution. I doubt not therefore but you will urge the Rajah to adopt some mode to prevent the desertion of Coolies, & to supply what are now wanting.

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

Copy of a Letter from Captain Knox to George Bowney Esq,

Sir, I think there cannot now remain a doubt of Tippees intention to attack Ayacottah, as the Rajah must be sensible of the very great importance of that post, I beg you will be pleased in the strongest terms to urge the necessity of its being immediately put into a proper state of defence, which it so much requires, I have pointed out to the Rajah's Minister the insufficiency of the works at Ayacottah, and the propriety of getting guns upon the Chinnamungalum Hill, but nothing has been done in either case, the Boatmen are insufficient for

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16^a for the number of Boats with the Detachment, & they
complain that the Circar does not regularly pay them. -
Camp 3 January 1790 (Signed) I have the Honour to be &c.

Copy of a Letter from George Journey Esq. to Captain Knox

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letters of the 1st and 3^d Instant -

In reply to the former I have to acquaint you
that immediately on its receipt I presented to the Rajah
the discription that had taken place amongst your
Coolies, and the Situation you had deemed eligible to
take, to afford the most essential services which your
Detachment was adequate to, at the same time I
requested the Rajah would Supply you with a sufficient
number of Coolies or Boats to enable you to put the
Detachment in motion whenever you judged it expedi-
ent - To this representation I only late last night
received an answer which was no farther relevant to the
Subject of my letter to the Rajah than that he hoped
every thing that was possible would be effected by the
Company's Troops for the defence of his Country. -

To your Letter of the 3^d I have to say, that the
Rajah left Barour yesterday evening without having
advised me of his intention, or having acquainted me
with whom I was to communicate in his absence upon
matters of public Service - and as the Minister is at
present at Vedycottah I am at loss to know to whom

I am

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16 I am to apply, but I have written a letter to the Minister, his reply will determine this point, when I shall do all in my power to accomplish what you have desired me to do. — I have the Honor to be V. V.

Baron
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To Colonel Capper
Sent Letter to Colonel Capper (as entered in No B 8106) advising him of M^r Dillon being appointed Muster Master in the Chicacole & Ichapour Districts
Received the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

The Honble John Mollond, Esq.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Musgrave —
with his Opinion respecting
Tippoo's intended operations,
and his Expectations, that
the attack will be upon
Madura, stating his
reasons for this Opinion
& recommendations in
Consequence. —

after much reflection on the apparent
Inactivity which within the last week has been
remarked in the accounts concerning Tippoo Sultan
received from Travancore — I have adopted the Resolu-
tion of laying before your Honorable Board the following
ideas, as the System, which in the present view of our
politics with that Prince, it strikes me as most
likely he will pursue; in order that your Honorable
Board should, you Concur in my Opinion may
take the necessary Steps for rendering ineffectual as far
as possible, the Suspicious Conduct of our Enemy. —

For some days past the thought presents
itself to me, that the Calm which has succeeded the
late

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16th late attack upon the Boundaries of Travancore, is but the forerunner of a tempest which may fall on some quarter of our Possessions which at present we consider as removed from the Seat of immediate Hostilities; These being my Sentiments, I shall next proceed to State to your Honorable Board, that my apprehension in this instance, is for the Garrison of Madura; It's untenable State in point of defence, it's Situation as the Key of our Southernmost Provinces, and the easy Transition from thence into the Travancore Country, renders me at this moment particularly anxious for the safety of that important Station - It's Vicinity to the Dindigul & Daraporam Districts from whence Tippoo could be furnished with every Species of Supply, & the information received this Day that all the avenues into these Countries are industriously shut up, induces me more and more to give way to the idea, that Tippoo Conceiving a Rupture with us inevitable, in Consequence of his late attack upon the antient Boundary of Travancore, may have it in Contemplation by a sudden movement to possess himself of Madura and the Provinces south thereof; by which means he destroys and lays under Contribution some of our most fertile Provinces, and opens to himself an easy Passage into the opposite end of the Travancore Dominions, while the attention of the Rajah's Troops is occupied in Precautions for defending the other - In addition to the above mentioned reasons, the present unsettled State of the little Marawa Country holds out another inducement

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16th inducement for undertaking such an attempt.—

To guard against this measure I must again refer the Honorable Board to my Letter of the 4th Instant, recommending the assembly of our most considerable force at Trichinopoly, properly provided with every requisite for immediate Service, which appears to me the most advisable mode that can now be adopted for obviating these impending dangers.—

I have thought it my duty therefore to make your Honorable Board acquainted with my ideas of what I conceive most likely to happen, leaving it in their Option to take such measures for the Prevention of the Evil, as they may conceive the nature of the Conjecture deserves.— I have the Honor to be Sir, &c

Signed Thomas Musgrave,

Head Quarters
Madras
14th January 1790

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel

17th Musgrave & Major Sale

To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter Dated the 14th Instant, and to inform you that the late Intelligence received by Government does not appear to require a deviation from the arrangements that have already been made.—

The Board trust that the Garrison of
Madras

To Colonel Musgrave —
Informing him that the Intelligence received by Government does not require a deviation from the arrangement already made, — that orders were some time ago, sent to the Officer Commanding Madras upon the Subject of the defence of that Garrison, and will again be repeated.

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17th Madura is in a sufficient State of Defence to preclude any danger of its being taken by surprise, on which Subject, Orders were some time ago sent to the Officer Commanding, and will again be repeated upon the

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present Occasion. — I am, &c. &c.
Signed John Charnier
Lieut

To Major Sale

Commanding at Madura

Sir,

To the Commandant of
Madura, — directing him
to Inform the Board,
what had been, and
consequence of Orders
sent to Major Clark
25 August & Cautioning
him, to be upon his guard
in the Event of Tippus's
approach.

I am directed by the Board to desire you will inform them what has been done in consequence of the Order sent to Major Clark under Date the 25 August for making Repairs to the Ditch, Counterscarp &c of the Fort of Madura. —

As in the uncertain State of affairs to the Southward it is not possible to determine when Attacks may be made it is recommended to you to be exceedingly on your Guard, and to give the earliest notice of the appearance of an Enemy in the Madura District. —

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I am, &c. &c. Signed John Charnier
Lieut

To Mr. Nam, —

Send Letter to the Resident at Tanjore / as entered in No B. N. 107) directing him to report what Sums he has received from the Rajah since his arrival, & in future to make Monthly Reports of all such Receipts.

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At a Consultation, Present,

The Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor President

Tuesday
the 19th January
1790

Edward John Mollond Esq^r

Minutes of last Consultation read and

Approved - Read the following Letters from the

Committee of Stores

To the Honorable John Mollond Esq^r
President and Governor & Council in Council

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Honble Sir & his

From the Committee of
Stores - Reporting the Orders
they have sent to Lieut^{ts}
Colonel Stuart to detain
at Tanjore 500 Barrels
of Gun Powder at Negapattanam, and to send to
Trichinopoly from
Tanjore 500 Barrels of
the worst Gun Powder

Approved

As we have been
informed that the Gun
Powder at Tanjore is of a very
inferior quality to the Gun
Powder at Trichinopoly, we
have desired Lieutenant Colonel
Stuart to order the 500 Barrels
of Powder at Negapattanam, to
be detained at Tanjore, and to
dispatch to Trichinopoly 500
Barrels of the worst Gun
Powder now at Tanjore, and
that Powder of that description
be used at each of these
stations

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Stations in exercising the
Troops till the whole is
expended. —

We have the Honor to be
Sir, &c.

/s/ Tho. Musgrave

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J Capper
Fr. Lind,
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
J. Moorhouse,

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee
of Stores reporting that
the Stores in the Gunners
do not exceed the quantity
required there, recom-
mending that two
twenty four Pounders
at Angles, which
cannot be got into the
Gate of that Garrison be
removed to Amacandah,

We have the Honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter
of the 23rd Instant and to inform
you that after referring to the
Statement of Stores at Amacandah,
and Considering the quantity &
quality requisite for the use of
the Troops in the Gunners Area,
we find that the Stores now
there, do not exceed the quantity
required for that purpose, on
the contrary there are two
twenty

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The Guns may remain
at Angole until further Orders

twenty four Pounder Guns at
Angole which cannot be got
within the Gate of that place,
and were originally included as
belonging to the Statment at
Innacondah and would be
better to be removed there,

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We have the Honor to Lth Vth Rth
Signed Tho^s Musgrave
Capper
Fr^s Lind
Patrick Ross
J^r Moorhouse

To the Honible John Mollond Esq^r

President & Governor & Council

Fort St George

From the Committee of
Stores, recommending
that the Stores for the
Southward be embarked
& sent thither on the
Oxford enclosing List
of Stores. Recommending
also that the anchors
belonging to the Storehouse
be built up.

Agreed that the
Stores be embarked on the
Oxford when she arrives as
recommended by the Committee,

Honible Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor to
inform you that at our last
Committee the Commisary
General of Stores reported that the
Stores required to the Southward
are in readiness to be sent, but
that there is not any vessel in
the Roads that can be procured
to convey them; We therefore,
with deference beg leave to
Suggest that as the Oxford &
Indiarman is daily expected at
Madras whether it may
not

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not be a favorable opportunity
of sending them by her, —

Inclosed we transmit
your Copy of a list of Stores received
from the Military Storekeeper last
Month, musters of which we
examined & approved. —

We likewise examined 25
Turnbills, and 25 Iron Chain
Traces for Turnbills, 23 Platforms
for 18 Inch Mortars, 2 Platforms
for Gun Carriages, new Construction,
and two Musters for Gun
Platforms, and finding them
made of good materials & well
finished, have ordered to be
received on the Company's Books

The Comptroller General
of Stores having represented to
us that the Storehouse containing
the Quarter Master's Stores is open to the
Arsenal yard, & that attempts have
lately been made to steal Buff Belts &
other Stores, we beg leave to recommend to
your Honble Board that Orders be
given to have the arches belonging to the
Storehouse built up, as it can be done
at a trifling expense, & prevent the in-
convenience. Colonel Moorhouse has
mentioned. We have the Honor to be

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J. W. J. Tho. Musgrave
J. Capper
Fr. Lind
Patrick Ross
Thomas Gills
J. Moorhouse

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List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of December 1789

Empty Barrels for Bombs Iron Foiled	500
Copper Hoops with Rivets	1600
Copper Tubes Empty 18 Bordered	2000
Double Yokes	100
Single Yokes	50
Handspikes Purchasing	64
Coins for Carriages	43
Leather Buckets	100
Leather Haversacks	50
Sponge Staves	250
Wooden Horse	12
Wooden Buckets for Powder	4
Copper Gauge for lead Balls	1
Steel D ^o for D ^o	1
Marline Spikes steel for Quelling Grape Shot	34
Wooden Stands for drying Quick Match	sets 2
Brass axes	4
Brass drives	9
Brass vices	1000
Cartridge Couches	1000
Shoulder Belts	30
Brass Fife Cases	50
Fife	300
Drum Sticks	1000
Hammers	600
Screw Worms	500
Lining Keys Iron for Fuzes	40
Officers Tents Complete	30
Sentry Tents D ^o	51
Cotton Lash	66 1/2
Cotton Rope	100
Acorn for Bell Tents	100
Boles for Bell Tents	100
Ballnets	2000
Tent Pins	245 1/2
Coconut Oil	

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wax Candles	Can	2.3
Spirit Turpentine	Bottles	2
Hard Oil	Measures	20
Lamp Oil	D ^o	1
Lined Oil	Gall ^s	2
Marmoties		1000
Iron Crows		50
Long Cloth Brown	Lines	400
Wax Cloth double	D ^o	150
Grease	Dippers	9
Tar	Bands	1
Tallow	A	37
Loops		22
Glue	A	1
Teak Limmon Plank 5 1/2 Inch thick		6
Teak Artus		5 1/2
Tamirind Timber	Feet	85
Trunkomolly Wood	D	3
Finiwood	Bullets	1500
Arsenick	A	28
Matts		100
Emmery	A	37 1/2
Potts and Bars		34
Brown	Burder	42
Bunter White	Lines	9
Red	D ^o	7 1/2
Blue	D ^o	2 1/2
Copper Nails	A	100
Bambers large		2
Europe Twine	A	24
Country Hydes		28
Cotton	A	18
Bratties		17300
Coi Junk	Ca	2
Charcoal	Loops	960
Paddy Husks	D ^o	10
Flour	Measures	1/2
Dippers for packing		9
Casks for D ^o		1
Chests for D ^o		25
Cases for D ^o		1

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From the Civil Storekeeper

Europe Cordage Coils 2	OW 12.3.4
Hoop Iron	# 18 1/2
Tar	Barrels - 2
Nails of Sorts	# 25
Camp Nails	# 14

From the Garrison Storekeeper

Pig Iron	40
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From the Gun Carriage Contractors

Turnbills	25
Iron Chain Traces for Turnbills	25
Platforms for Mortars 13 Inch	Sets - 2
Do for Guns	Do - 2
Mortars for Gun flat forms	2

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Signed J Moorhouse

C. G. of S.

at true Copy

Signed J Chase

Read the following Letter from Colonel

Musgrave -

To the Honorable John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

of Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From Colonel Musgrave -
with Recommendations
respecting Invalid &
Pension Establishment
for European Non-Commissioned
Officers & Privates

As it becomes necessary that the European
Soldiers who are found upon examination to be unfit for
Field Duty shall be struck off the Effective Corps annually
on the 31st of December I have signified the necessary orders for
that purpose in regard to those that have passed the Invaliding
Committee now sitting at the Presidency, and Extract of which,
as the proceedings are now finally closed, I do myself the Honor

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to transmit herewith, —

Your Honorable Board will perceive my Sentiments on these proceedings at the foot of the enclosed & Extract; but as I conceive the Subject to be of very great importance to the public Service I beg leave in this manner to express them more at large with a view of calling your attention to some points that appear to me to require particular notice and regulation under the authority of Government.

I observe on the proceedings that out of Forty six European Soldiers that have been judged unfit for the Service by the Invaliding Committee there are only Twenty who have served the Honorable Company Five years and upwards; the period of Service of the remaining Twenty Six appears to be as follows, two of the number having been disabled by Accidents on duty Viz^t —

3 Under 5 years

3 D^o 11 D^o

11 D^o 3 D^o

11 D^o 2 D^o

5 D^o 1 D^o

Total 26. Four fifths of which number have not served 5 years. —

I am also induced to recommend to the consideration of the Honorable Board the following Regulations of the Subject of the Invalid and Pension Establishment for European non Commissioned Officers and Privates in this Country. —

1st That no European Soldier shall be entitled to the benefit of the Invalid or Pension Establishment in this Country who has not served Five Years, or been disabled in the Service.

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Second. — That the European Soldiers who have not Served Five years or been disabled in the Service shall be subsisted from Day to Day until an opportunity offers of conveying them to Europe. —

Third. — That the European non Commissioned Officers and Privates admitted on the Pension Establishment in this Country as well as those subsisted from Day to Day, & as many of the Invalids as Government may judge expedient, shall be removed to Europe by every opportunity that offers; and that such of them as have Claims on the Service from having served Five years or being disabled in it, shall be furnished with Certificates to entitle them to the benefit of the Military Fund established by Lord Clive in Europe. —

I beg leave on this occasion to express my Opinion to the Honble Board, that the appearance before the Invaliding Committee of so many European soldiers very lately received from home, shews the necessity of the strictest attention in the Board of Officers, attended by a Surgeon, that is appointed to examine the Recruits on their Arrival in this Country not to approve of any man that is ^{not} perfectly fit for Service. — It ought, I conceive, to be ^a made the Special Duty of this Board of Officers to report every Recruit who from disease age impaired constitution or bodily defect, is unfit for the Service, in order that the Men so reported may not be draughted into the Effective Corps, and that Government may have an opportunity of sending them home without delay and of advising the Honble Company of the deficiency thereby occasioned, in the Number of Recruits, supposed to be fit for their Service.

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Soldiers unfit for his Majesty's Service, others appear to have been disabled from Casual accidents such as the lower order of Handicrafts-men are exposed to, and being unable to follow their usual occupations, have no resource for a Subsistence but the Chance of their being received into the Honble Company's Service, in which they sometimes succeed probably from motives of compassion for their Situation, or if the latter consideration does not operate in their behalf, they will have resource to Dissimulation and art, by assuming a forced exertion of their Faculties in order to Support a Temporary appearance of able bodied men, and thereby Facilitate their reception in the Honble Company's Service - This Circumstance can be witnessed by many Officers of Rank and Experience who have heard many of these men acknowledge and declare, that they were ailing at the time of their being Inducted, but were told that "they would do well enough for India" - Similar Confessions have escaped those whose appearances are objectionable from being far advanced in Years and diminutive in Size, which would seem to evince that the persons employed at home, for the purpose of Recruiting for the Honble Company must have been totally unacquainted with the nature of this Service, or they could not possibly be prepossessed with an Idea, that men of the foregoing description could be useful in a Military Line, where they ultimately become a Burden, and occasion material loss and disappointment, because there may be a pressing necessity for their Services at the very time they are discovered unfit, and they cannot be replaced in this part

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of the World for a considerable length of time, the consequences of which have been often woefully experienced in India; However be that as it may, it can be incontrovertibly proved, by many of the most experienced Officers who have served in different parts of the World, that no Situation upon Earth can be more trying to a Soldiers Constitution than a Campaign in this Country - It therefore reasonably follows that unless we have healthy able bodied men to encounter the various difficulties and harassing Scenes to which they are liable to be exposed, Crowded Sick Lists, and Hospitals, will be the inevitable Consequence in spite of all our Efforts to the Contrary - The most robust and hardy will often fall Victims to a destructive Climate like this, from a Variety of Causes peculiar thereto - Yet it is manifestly certain that such men have the best chance of surmounting the Fatigues and Inconveniences unavoidably induced, in the course of an arduous War, Consequently none should be sent out for this Service but healthy able bodied men - In time of Peace, it is very allowable and proper, to send out youths even at the age of fifteen, who appear to be in the habit of growing, because they have a chance of remaining in Garrison for several years, during which period, they gain strength, acquire a knowledge of their Duty, become inured to the Climate, and will be Seasoned men in every respect, by the Time their Services may be required in the Field - This Circumstance has been fully experienced throughout the Service, and from my own knowledge I can affirm that some of the Healthiest and most able bodied men are at this moment among those who

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who were sent out at an early period of Life, particularly since the Conclusion of last War - From whatever discrimination I may have made, I hope it will not be inferred that any Insinuation is herein implied, that disabled men have escaped detection at home by a careless indifference on the part of those Gentlemen under whose inspection they may be obliged to pass; because an artful man may in some instances - devise the means of Evading the most Vigilant and Scrutinizing Eye, while labouring under defects - for he will play the Old Soldier, and come prepared for a cursey Examination in Order to pass for an Effective man; among these are the Short Sighted and deaf and ruptured Cases of a long standing who are in the practice of returning the protruded parts at their ease, by placing themselves in a recumbent posture; & the impropriety of entertaining short Sighted men, on those who labour under hardness of hearing is too obvious to require any Comment; as they can never be placed as Centinels upon any Sort of Trust - I presume it is unnecessary to add any further enumeration of particulars in support of what I have Stated respecting disabled men sent out for this Service; but if any doubt should arise that my Remarks are not in point, I trust that a reference to the Invaliding Committee will fully Corroborate every Circumstance, because every mans age, size, length of Service, time of admission, why Invalided; and a variety of other particulars are minutely specified therein & lastly if a Comparative view is taken of the non Commissioned and Privates on the Invalid list of his Majesty's Troops serving in the Country, and that of the Honorable Company, it will clearly appear that the latter is unproportionally Crowded - I shall now Conclude Sir, by requesting your

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to lay these observations before the Honorable the Governor in Council; and if any useful intimation can be drawn therefrom, it will afford me infinite Satisfaction, being actuated by no other motives, but a true zeal and attachment to a Service in which I have passed the Prime of my Life. —

I have the Honor to be, with respect V. V.

Yours faithfully
J. Gahagan,
Head Surgeon

Vellore,
January 6th 1790

Minute thereon

The foregoing being upon the same Subject, as that above entered from Colonel Musgrave, it is agreed that it be noted in the next General Letter to the Honorable Court, when the arrangements made, in consequence of Colonel Musgrave's Recommendations, shall be reported. —
Read the following Letter from Masulipatam,

To the Honble John Holland Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We were duly honored with your Orders communicated to us in your Secretary's Letter of the 8th Ultimo, previous to the Receipt of which, we had transmitted our Proceedings in which the Correspondence with Captain Kennaway, and the letter to Mr. Secretary May had been entered. —

We now enclose Copy of a Letter

From Masulipatam, enclosing Copies of Letters from the Governor General in Council, regarding the payment of Bells that may be granted to the Vizars, and stating the difficulty of procuring a large amount in Rupees. —

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Letter which our Chief has had the Honor to receive from the Right Honorable the Governor General, with a Copy of that to Captain Kinnaid, which came enclosed for his information; regarding the payment of the present & future Bills, that may be granted on account of the Nizam for the Purchase, We shall of course strictly attend to what his Lordship has written; and conceive it will appear to your Honor &c. that in case Captain Kinnaid should not be able to succeed in prevailing upon the Nizam to agree to an equitable Exchange between Gold and Silver, it will be necessary that we should receive Supplies of Silver, sufficient to enable us to discharge the amount of such Bills as may be payable to the Nizam at this Place in Rupees; for notwithstanding every exertion to procure Rupees, for the payment of the first Bill, we have not been able to procure more than one Lack to this time; and the Scarcity as was as the Price is daily increasing.

As soon as the three Lacks of Rupees, on the way from Vizagapatam to this Place arrive, they shall be tendered to the Nizam's agent, in payment of the Second Bill, which became due the 31st Ultimo.

Masulipatam,
6th January 1790

We have the Honor to be very respectfully
W^{ts} &c.

Signed Anth. Sadler
James Hodges
W. Dobbins

Memorandum

The Enclosures transmitted by the Chief Council have already been received in a Letter from W^t.
Secretary

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Secretary May and the necessary Directions to procure
Selves for the Payments to the Nizam, have been sent
to Masulipatam.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

The Noble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal -
Setting forth the mode
to be adopted for
ascertaining the
propriety of granting
the assistance of the
Company's Troops to
the Nabob - with
the opinion of the
Supreme Board
on the nature and
conduct of His
Highness's Govern-
ment.

We have received your Letter Dated the
25th of October, with its inclosures; and, as it can now answer
no useful Purpose, we shall, in Reply, to it, decline any
further discussion of the hazard to which the Company's
interests might at any Time be exposed, by your employing
so large a Body of Troops as that which was sent under the
Command of Colonel Stuart against the Renters of the
Shungunga Country, without concert with this Government,
or to repeat our observations on the defects of the Measures that
were taken to insure the Success of that expedition; But
shall content ourselves with giving our General Sentiments on
the mode to be adopted by you for Satisfying yourselves of the
Propriety of the Grounds on which his Highness the Nabob of
Arcot may require the assistance of the Company's Troops on
any future occasion, and with remarking that the case that
we have mentioned appeared to us of a very important
nature, and suggested the necessity of laying the Government
of Fort St George under the Restrictions which were
contained in our Letter Dated the 25th of September last.

However expedient it might have been
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for this Government to have established similar Restrictions at an earlier Period, they were not equally called for by the operations last year against the Calastry Rajah, as that Country is not so critically situated with respect to the Dominions of your Powerful neighbours, as the Country of Shewgunga, and the force employed was very inferior in magnitude. —

We were likewise early apprized of the intention, and particularly approved of the measure, as it was connected with the other previous arrangements which it was thought expedient to make, to secure the acquisition of the Gunttoor Circar, and which had been communicated to Sir Archibald Campbell by the Governor General, before the Expedition against the Calastry Rajah was undertaken. —

We shall always be ready to admit that the Nabob, by the 14th article of his Treaty with the Company, has a right to expect the assistance of the Company's Troops, both for the defence of his Country, and for exacting from his Subjects that duty which they owe to him as their Sovereign; But as our interest and the National Character are essentially concerned in the mode in which that assistance is to be applied, We cannot allow that Consideration — the Nabob should expose us to the risk of sending our Troops to support schemes of oppression and inhumanity; We therefore explicitly declare that, exclusive of the general defence of the Country against external Enemies, We only look upon the Company to be bound to furnish Troops, when demanded, to act against his own Subjects for the sole Purposes of enforcing his just Claims & maintaining his Lawful Authority. —

We do not think it necessary, on the present occasion

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occasion, to examine the relation between Moorish Customs and British Laws, or to describe minutely how far we are to be guided by the Ideas which the Nabob is supposed to entertain of the extent of his Powers as a Sovereign; and, altho' we strictly adhere, in every respect, to the Spirit of our former instructions, we do not conceive that it could be expected, or that it would be proper, in us to attempt to give precise directions for your Conduct in endeavouring to ascertain whether any of his future requisitions for Troops can be complied with Consistently with the general Principles of humanity and justice. —

On that Head we shall only say, that we should highly disapprove of your being in any degree wanting in Personal respect to his Highness, by demanding the reasons for his applying for the Troops in a Magisterial or insulting manner, and that it would be entirely unjustifiable in you to Summon any of his Vassals or Renters to the Presidency, and to erect yourself into a Tribunal to hear the representations of the Parties, and to decide judicially between those Subjects and their Master; But we trust that, at all Times, your President, who must unavoidably keep up much intercourse with the Nabob, will, from respect to his Highness's Station, and a sense of his own public Duty, be at pains to gain his Confidence, and, in the event of that Prince's Complaining on future occasions of failure on the Part of his Renters or Tributaries, either in their obedience to him or in the discharge of their Pecuniary engagements, we trust that the Ideas He may entertain of his Personal dignity or importance, will not prevent him from communicating fully to your President the Grounds on which these Complaints may be founded, so that in a friendly discussion of them He may be enabled to judge whether

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the differences have been occasioned by unjust exactions or harshness in his Highness's officers, or by Contumacy or breach of stipulations on the Side of the Tributaries or Renters; and our national reputation, as we have already observed, being implicated in the use that may be made of the Company's arms, We think it a duty incumbent upon us to require that no application shall be made for the concurrence of this Government, nor any Troops be furnished by you, to enforce rigorous measures, until your Board shall be satisfied, by the explanations given by your President, that they have been rendered just and necessary by the misbehaviour of his Highness's subjects; nor do we think it less proper that the Balance, which may be stated by the Nabob as due to him by those of his Subjects who may be the objects of his displeasure, shall be demanded on his Highness's account by your President, previous to the Company's Troops being ordered to proceed to extremities against them. —

From all that we have heard of the Nabob's personal Character, we believe him to be naturally of a mild and humane disposition; But we are sorry to say that several circumstances put it out of our Power to agree with you in forming a favorable opinion of the mildness of his Government. —

We were in hopes that, long before this Time, we should have discerned, evident Symptoms that the Carnatic was, by the Blessings of Peace, gradually recovering from the Effects of the Miseries and ravages which it suffered during the late ruinous War; But instead of an increase

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of resources, which might have been expected from a train of prudent and humane measures of Government, we find all his Highness's public Letters full of representations of the poverty and distresses of his Country, and pleading them as the Causes of his inability to contribute the Sums, which are due from him, either towards discharging his former Debts, or as the just Proportion of the expences of those Military Establishments which have been instituted for the general defence. —

altho we make allowance for much exaggeration in those Statements, from being aware of the general backwardness in the Princes of this Country to make all kinds of Payments, we cannot but apprehend that Part of them are founded in truth, and our conclusion, upon that supposition, is unavoidable, that his Highness's Affairs have been managed by weak or corrupt Ministers, who have abandoned his unfortunate subjects to the Rapacity and extortion of unfeeling and imprincipled Amdias.

as we have heard nothing further on the Subject of the Nabob's late application for Troops to assist his Collections in the Tinnevelly Country, we are in hopes that more lenient means have proved successful in obtaining Satisfaction for him from that District.

Fort William
26 December 1789

We have the Honor to be, &c.

Lieut. Cornwallis
Charles Stuart
Peter Speke,

Read the following Letter to the Nabob of Arcot

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To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Nixon,
with Intelligence respecting
Tippoo recommending
that Chinnamurda should be
reinstated in Shewagunga

I beg leave to acquaint you that the last advices from Captain Knox under Date the 6th Instant informs me of Tippoo Sultan being encamped within five miles of the Rapak's Lines, opposite to that part which he attacked on the 29th ultimo, that he has ordered a considerable reinforcement of heavy Guns and more Troops to join him, and that it is expected he will or has by this time made a Second attempt in order to carry the Lines, where I am hopeful he will be received as before. —

It appears to me from every Information I can acquire regarding the State of the Shewagunga Country, that the two contending parties there prevent each other from reaping any advantage from the collections, and that at this particular time I judge it would be highly impolitic to add one to the number of our Enemies or a single ally to Tippoo. If therefore His Highness the Nabob could be persuaded to grant the amildarship under certain restrictions, prescribed by him to Chinnamurda — the Country would immediately be settled — the Collections made without any opposition, and his former affection to the Nabob conciliated, and in the event of a successful War against Tippoo should this tributary of the Nabob prove refractory hereafter, he can at any time be compelled

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to do whatever may be stipulated in the Nabob's Cowl
with him. — I am to request your excuse for offering an
opinion upon this business; but from a conviction that
instead of being obliged to furnish the Detachment now there
with Supplies from hence; Provisions for an Army might be
drawn from that Country in case of one being formed south
of the Coleroon which I shall be always proud to have the
honour of Commanding.

I am with perfect Respect, &c. &c.
Signed Eccles Nixon,

Head Quarters
of the Southern Forces
Trenchinopoly
13th January 1790

President's Minute
informing the Board
of his recommendations
to the Nabob, respecting
the Marawa Country,
and of the endeavors of
his Highness to execute
them.

The President Reports to the Board, that
he has strongly recommended to His Highness the Nabob
by a mild and Conciliatory Conduct to endeavor to settle
the Disturbances in the Marawa Countries which His
Highness has assured him is a point that he earnestly
wishes to effect and that he is using every means in his
Power for that purpose. —

Read the following Letters from Colonel
Musgrave, with enclosures as entered in M.B. 8th 108
109, 110, 111, 112.)

The Honorable John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

Herewith enclose a letter from
Lieutenant

From Colonel Musgrave
enclosing Letters from
Major Cuppage and
Lieut. Morris, the latter
offers the Store Rooms at
Malayabad for sale.

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Lieutenant Morris Deputy Commissary of Stores at
Mallajahbad, transmitted to me for the purpose of its being
laid before the Board, by Major Cuppage Commanding at
that Station. — I have the Honor to be V. V.

Signed Tho^l Musgrave

To the Honble John Holland Esq^r
Governor in Council

From Colonel Musgrave
enclosing Letter from
Major Bonneau, which
requests payment of 18
months, Arrears.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to forward herewith an
address from Major Bonneau which he requests may
be submitted to the consideration of the Honble Board.

Madras
14th January 1790

I have the Honor to be, V. V.

Signed Tho^l Musgrave

The Honble John Holland Esq^r
Governor in Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose the application
of Ensign Charles William Gibson for permission to resign
the Honble Company's Service.

I have the Honor to apply for leave of absence
to Brigadier Major Cosby to proceed to Bombay for the reestablish-
ment of his health as recommended in the accompanying
Certificate by Mr Duffin Head Surgeon.

I have the Honor to be V. V.

Signed Tho^l Musgrave

Agreed

From Colonel Musgrave
Enclosing an Application
from Ensign Gibson to
resign the Service, and a
Certificate of Brigadier Major
Cosby recommending his
proceeding to Bombay for
the reestablishment of his
health.

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Minute on the foregoing is Morris at Malayaubad be purchased for Bagodas 250, upon
Letter
Condition of his keeping them in Repair for 5 years. —

D^o

If no Quarters were allotted to Major
Bonnevau while doing duty at Arnee, House Rent is of
course to be allowed. —

D^o

Agreed that Ensign Gibson be permitted to
resign the Service, and that Brigade Major Cosby be allowed
to proceed to Bombay for the recovery of his Health. —

Read the following Letter from Colonel
Nixon with Enclosures as entered in No B. between Nos
112 & 113 Marked G H.

To the Honble John Mollond, Esq^r

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Nixon.

Enclosing Report of
the Committee of
Inspection on the State
of the Magazines &c. &c.
with an Estimate of
Repairs —

I have the Honor to transmit you a Report of a
Committee of Inspection held at this Garrison on the State of
the Magazines, Public Buildings &c. with the Engineer's
Estimate for Repairing the Laboratory, and am to request
you will be pleased to send me the necessary orders for
carrying it into execution should it meet your approval. —

Head Quarters

of the Southern Forces

Trichinopoly

January 18th 1790

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

Signed E. Nixon,

The Report to lie on
the Table

Agreed that the Reports respecting the
Repairs to the Public Buildings at Trichinopoly do, for
the present, lie on the Table. —

Read the following Letter from Bombay

J. J.

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The Honble John Holland Esq.

Governor in Council at

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bombay - enclosing
 sundry Claims for
 Pondicherry Prize
 Money - advising
 Captain Brudenell
 having received 1000
 Rupees advance, &
 enclosing his receipt

We beg leave to enclose an abstract
 of Claims made by Sundry of the Company's
 European Soldiers under this Presidency for their respec-
 tive Shares of Pondicherry Prize Money which they assert
 has never been made good to them We assure ourselves that
 you will cause an inquiry to be made and take the necessary
 measures to Satisfy the demands of the persons in question if
 their assertion proves to be well founded,

Captain George Brudenell of your
 Establishment who arrived here by the London having
 represented to us that he was unable to obtain a passage
 from England on an immediate Madras Ship and
 having Solicited a pecuniary advance, we let him have
 a thousand Rupees as per his Receipt enclosed, of which we
 give you advice that Captain Brudenell may account
 for it when he arrives at your Presidency.

Bombay Castle
 1 December 1789

We have the Honor to be Sir
 Yours
 Wm Meadows
 J. Carnegie
 George Green
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List of men of the Second European Bombay Regiment, who were at the Reduction of Pondicherry on the 16th of October 1788. & have not received their Prize Money

Names	Station	Companies	Number of the Reg ^t
John Taylor	Sto	Captain Fletchers	14 th Regim ^t . Madras
William Hooper	D ^o	" Luchas	3 ^d D ^o D ^o
Thomas Hewett	D ^o	" Erdies	4 th D ^o D ^o
Thomas Brown	D ^o	" D ^o	4 th D ^o D ^o
Earnes Brown	D ^o	" Fletchers	4 th D ^o D ^o
George Eynon	D ^o	" Longs	3 ^d D ^o D ^o
Thomas Reed	D ^o	" D ^o	3 ^d D ^o D ^o
John Cottam	D ^o	" Temple	3 ^d D ^o D ^o
Mathus Mallet	D ^o	" D ^o	3 ^d D ^o D ^o
John Ware	D ^o	" Baturon	3 ^d D ^o D ^o
William Wooden	D ^o	" Holden	2 ^d D ^o D ^o
Meredith, Doves	D ^o	" D ^o	2 ^d D ^o D ^o
A true Copy			Signed Charles Frederick Col ^l
Signed William Page Secy			

Minute thenon,
Agreed that the Claim for Pondicherry Prize money be sent to Mr. Tulloch, Attorney for the agents, and that he be desired to report thereon,

Ordered that Captain Brudenell's Receipt for Rupees 1000 be sent to the Military Paymaster General, and that Bombay Presidency be credited for the amount.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, with Enclosures (as intended in a U.P. between Nos. 112 & 113 marked ABCD.)

John,

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John Chamier Esq.

Military Secretary V. W. W.

From Lieutenant Colonel Stuart. Enclosing the Engineer's Report of the Damages sustained to the Tanjore Fortifications by the heavy Rains, and Estimate of the Repairs - also Report of a Committee of Works held at Villum & Tanjore and an Estimate of the necessary repairs to the Buildings of those Garrisons.

Sir, Both the Fortifications and the Quarters in this Garrison has sustained very Considerable damage from the heavy and Constant Rains that fell during the late Monsoon, and Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit to you for the Information of Government, the Engineer's Report to me of the damage which the Fortifications have sustained, with an Estimate of the Expence of repairs necessary to be made in consequence - also a Report of a Committee of Works held at Tanjore and Villum for the purpose of Inspecting the Quarters, Barracks, Store Houses &c of the two Garrisons, with an Estimate of the Expence, for the repairs wanted to them - These Papers, Sir, I request you will be pleased to lay before the Honble Board - that I may be honored with their Commands thereupon, -

I have the Honor to be V. V.

Signed J Stuart

Lieut. Col. commanding

Tanjore,
31 December 1789

Minute Honors,

Agreed that the Reports & Estimates accompanying the foregoing do lie on the Table, -

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse.

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Lieut. Col. Moorhouse offering a stable upon the Island, as a Barrack for the Pasca new quarters on the plain, provided a Grant - (as given to him of the ground they now occupy)

The Barrack Built on the Bank of the River between M. Casamajors House and M. Taylor's & opposite to M. Chamier's for the Commander in Chief's Guard

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Guard; when that little Corps was reformed, was allotted for the Gun Lascars doing duty in Madras - The distance it is from the Fort makes it a very improper Place for Men who in case of Fire or any other alarm would be immediately called upon, and I am convinced their being quartered there at a distance from any Artillery Officers must be very inconvenient and unpleasant to the Families whose Houses are in that neighbourhood - The Island appears to be the proper place for Barracks for these men, and I have a Stable there which I will convert into a convenient Barrack for them provided your Honor^{ty} will indulge me with a Grant of the Ground and Barrack now occupied by them - I have taken the liberty to enclose Plans of the Ground & of the Place on the Island I propose setting up for the Lascars. —

I have the Honor to be,

with the most perfect Respect,

Y^r H^{ty}

Signed J Moorhouse,

Company General Stores

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January 1790

Minute Book

Agreed to acquiesce in the Proposal of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse on account of the general Convenience that will result therefrom - Ordered that the necessary notification be made to the Superintendants of the Company's Grounds. —

Read the following Letter from
J. W. Lindy — To

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To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Lend-
requesting an Order
for paying him Interest
on Certificates amounting
to 3791. 17. to the 31st
Instant. on a Certificate
on Bengal for &
Principal & Interest
otherwise that an
Interest of 8th Cent
may be allowed
from 22nd February

In my address of the 12th March I informed
you of my having some Certificates amounting to
Pagodas 3791. 18. which had been granted by the Committee
of Works on behalf of the Honorable Company, bearing
an interest of 8th Cent per annum until discharged. I
requested payment of the Interest arising thereon to the 22nd
February 1789 but was not honored with an answer. I now
beg leave to request an Order for payment of the Interest to
the 31st Instant, but should you prefer giving me Certificate
including the Principal and Interest up to the above period
on the Supreme Council for Bills to be drawn on the Honorable
the Court of Directors conformably to the notification published
by Order of the Governor General in Council in the Calcutta
Gazette on the 13th Ultimo, and agreeably to the Instructions of
the Honorable the Court of Directors to this Government to
receive Certificates, running at 8th Cent Interest, provided
that the amount of the Bonds tendered, did not complete the
Sum which they had permitted to be drawn for upon
them, I would accept of it.

In the event of your not complying with
my request, I trust you will deem it but reasonable to
allow me 8th Cent on the Principal and Interest from the
22nd February, particularly as the Sum gained by Government
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in not paying the annual Interest for these 12 years
past nearly equals the Original Debt. -

Fort St George,
29th December 1789

I have the Honor to be, with much respect,
Y^{rs} W^{ch}

(Signed) Fr^s Lind,

Agreed in answer to the above. to refer

Minute thereon

W^{ch} Lind to the Resolution of the Board upon his
former Letter entered on the Minutes of Council the 8th
May 1789. -

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant

Colonel George Campbell. -

To the Honble John Mollond Esq^r

Governor in Council W^{ch} W^{ch}

Honble Sir,

From Lieut^o Colonel
George Campbell -
offering his Services
in the event of War

Having served my King & Country
in the Character of an Officer for thirty four years with
Zeal and attachment, and publick reports holding
forth the Alarms of War in this Country I have to hope
that a tender of my Services will not be unacceptable
at this juncture leaving it to Government to point out,
the line in which I can be of most advantage to the
publick Cause. -

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the 19th January 1790

I have the Honor to be, Y^{rs} W^{ch}
(Signed) George Campbell
Lieut^o Col^o King's Army

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

To the Honble John Mollond Esq.

Governor in Council of Fort St George

From Mr Cockburn

with recommendations
& observations
respecting the Grain
& Provisions to be
laid up in Tanjore,
amounting to 1000000.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before you Copy
(No 1) of a Letter from Mr. Strange Storekeeper at
Tanjore. —

It does not appear from Mr. Strange's
report, if the Sale of the Grain was ordered that the Store
could be soon replaced. His proposal to air the Paddy
now in Store will I hope meet your approbation, with
respect to taking an account remains, as the Grain has
been under Charge of the present Storekeeper since it was
laid up, and an account remains must necessarily be
taken when the Grain is Sold off (which from the State
of it cannot be at a very distant period) it may not
perhaps be thought necessary to incur the double Expence,
unless it is of immediate Consequence, to ascertain the exact
quantity in Store. —

In my Letter to your Honorable Sir
under Date 29 August last I took notice of the imperfect
State of the Granaries at Tanjore; and, I hope from the
Circumstances again stated by the Storekeeper, Steps will
be taken to remedy the defects Complained of before replacing
the Grain in Store, as a certain loss must otherwise be
incurred. —

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No mention was made in my Letter to the Storekeeper of the particular quality of the additional Grain Ordered to be immediately laid up to Complete the Store, as it was natural to conclude the Storekeeper would take care that, the Grain whether received from the Rajah or purchased by himself, was, of the best quality to be procured, and that fittest for Store. — The remark probably arises from the impossibility of immediately procuring Paddy of the Lumba or Lishanum Crop — which will not be ready to lay into Store from 30 to 45 Days hence. — It remains therefore with your Honble Sir to determine, whether, if, Lumba or Lishanum, cannot now be procured, the Storekeeper is to lay up Cat Paddy. —

No arrangement has hitherto been made by Government for laying into Store any other articles of Provision at Tanjore, except Grain and Arrack, the latter I conclude the Agent for Spirituous Liquors has in Store there; If any other articles should be deemed requisite I beg leave to recommend Honble Sir, that the Storekeeper be called upon to furnish an Estimate of what may be absolutely necessary; to be forwarded with the Opinion of the Commanding Officer, — upon the propriety of procuring which you can determine. —

The Storekeeper at Arnee reports that the most effectual mode of Completing the Store of that Garrison will be, to obtain His Highness the Nabob's Orders to his Amil to send in the Quantity required — it
may

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may also be advisable to call upon the Sagherdar to furnish as much as he can from the District of Anna at the Market price which will I doubt not secure the Supply. As yet I have not received His Highness's Orders to his Managers at Tiagar and Countries in the vicinity of Anna, as mentioned to have been applied for in Mr. Charnier's Letter of the 4th Instant.

The Storekeeper at Anna further represents that he is taking immediate Steps to repair the Places pointed out by Colonel Kelly for the reception of the Grain, which he hopes will be approved of, as he will take care that the Expence shall be as moderate as possible.

I have further to state to your Honble Co. that there are no other Articles of Provision at Vittore, but Grain & Amack. If any other should be considered necessary an Estimate such as I have already mentioned may if it meets your approbation be called for.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c.

Signed/ Tho^s Cockburn.

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Thomas Cockburn Esq.

Commissary General of Grain &c.

Fort St George.

Sir, I have this Day received your Letter of the

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13th January 1790

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the 5th Instant, and have in consequence thereof addressed the Resident, in the manner your Letter directs. To judge from former Experience, I have no Scruple to say, that, very Considerable Delay will happen, in laying in so large a Quantity of Grain; and indeed, whatever may be the zeal of those to whom this Service may be intrusted, it cannot but be attended with considerable Duration. I shall not fail to be watchful, if any unnecessary procrastination on the part of the Rajah's Servants happens, and shall immediately take such Steps, as I may judge most effectual towards completing the Store determined, to be laid up in this Garrison.

I think it my Duty to recommend to Government (tho' you) the immediate Disposal of the Grain now in Store, if Circumstances admit of it. In mentioning this matter, it is necessary to observe, that it is nearly two years since it has been laid up. I have before taken occasion to observe, how very inadequate (in their present Condition) the Granaries are, for the proper Preservation of this perishable Article. In the Course of a few Days more, if the weather continues fair, I think it will be proper to air the Paddy now in Store; and I recommend that an account remains, should at the same time be taken. In this however, I shall not proceed, until I have authority so to do, I am the more induced to recommend this measure, from the Circumstance of the present Condition, of the Flooring of

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of one of the Granaries, and which is now Five or Six
Inches under water - as they are all equally under the
Level of the Surrounding Ground, it is probable, that,
after so heavy a monsoon they are all equally in the
like State with that which I have just now mentioned.

I believe the Engineer has taken occasion
Some time ago, to mention the ruinous Condition of the
Surrounding Wall of the Granary Compound - They leave
here to repeat this Defect, and to say, that the late heavy
Rains, have not left a trace of it remaining.

Your Letter does not mention whether the
Grain now ordered to be laid into Store, is to be of the Car
Crop, or, of the Bushamun Crop; - as the former Grain does
not keep for any length of time I therefore presume it is
not what is meant for Store; of this, you will however be
pleased to advise me.

Before I conclude this Letter, I judge the
present moment a proper occasion to mention, that,
there is not a single article of Provision of any kind in
this Garrison belonging to Government.

I have the Honor to be Sir

Yours
Signed Jas^t Strange
Hon^{ble} Keeper

A true Copy

Signed Tho^t Lockburn
The

Tanjore,
9th January 1790

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the Directions proposed to be given to M^r. Strange, respecting the airing of the Paddy &c. - Orders have already been issued for laying in of Car Paddy the quantity of Grain required for Tanjore, to be returned in Exchange for the new Paddy when gathered. -

The President lays before the Board orders to the Nabob's amildars

The President lays before the Board sundry Orders to the Nabob's amildars particularly at Tiagar and Arine for delivering in Grain - Resolved that they be sent to M^r. Cockburn. -

From M^r. Cockburn of the 14. 15 & 17th Ins.

Read also three Letters from M^r. Cockburn Dated 14. 15. & 17th Instant / entered in the M^o B. N^o. 113. 114. 115 / the first desiring to know whether the Contractors are to comply with Indents for Draught Bullocks for the transportation of stores to Malayanabad, and Arrack to Act Garrisons, which cannot be furnished from the Establishment of Bullocks, of which he enclosed a Return, shewing how they were employed. -

Minute on the Letter of the 14th

Agreed, in answer, to acquaint M^r. Cockburn that it does not appear necessary at this time to employ Extra Carriage for the above purposes, as the Bullocks returning from the Service upon which they are now engaged, may be reemployed. - If the business presses, Extra Carriage will be allowed. -

D^o on the Letter of the 15th

The Letter Dated the 15th States that it will be difficult at a short notice to procure agents

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a great number of Bullock Gunny Bags, and requests leave to prepare a Stock of 15,000 in addition to what is now in Store for Service viz^t 5697.—

Ordered accordingly.—

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Minute on D^o

The Board do not think it necessary that the Small Articles mentioned in Captain Read's Estimate should be immediately laid in Store—but it is agreed that Estimates of what may be absolutely necessary be required from all the different Garrisons in the Coast & Southern Division.—

D^o

Agreed that the above be communicated to M^r. Cockburn and that he be directed to lay before the Board an Estimate of the Expence that will be incurred in laying in the Grain which has been ordered, together with a General Return of the Grain in Store upon the Coast.—

Read the following Letter from
Colonel Nixon.

To

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Read the following Letter from
Colonel Nixon,

To

Fort St George 8 January 1790

Mount and his Majesty's 74th and 76th Regiments together with the 9th and 25th Battalions of Native Infantry, which Corps, are now Stationed at Madras and Ponnasale. —

The five Cavalry Regiments at present in the Center Division, including his Majesty's Dragoons, should in my Opinion assemble at Arnee; forming an advance to the Main Army; as well as for the purpose of aving any Plundering Parties of the Enemy, who may molest the western Frontiers with their inroads, and they can at all times form a Junction with the main Body should it be found Expedient for them to do so. —

The proposed Army therefore collectively, amount to
Six Companies of Artillery

Four Regiments of European Infantry

One Regiment of European Cavalry

Four Regiments Native Cavalry

Six Battalions Native Infantry

The Troops here detailed, are the most immediately in readiness to march from Madras the Mount and Ponnasale, and will with ease reach the Station of Rendezvous in five Days from their respective Quarters. —

Thus far, I hope I have fulfilled what is required of me, But to Government in whom the sole Power is vested and who cannot be insensible that the mere array of Forces in the Field is but ill Calculated to obviate the effects of Sudden Invasion, I seriously recommend an early attention to the necessary Supplies of Grain & Provisions, Draft and Carriage Cattle, and the other absolute and indispensable requisites for enabling an Army to act with Effect.