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the Subordinates from 1st May to 30th November 1729

Diagrim Factory Compt[d] from[d]		29[pa]. 23.75
Paymaster in the Pichapoor District		
Accounted Mr Foster		4732. 20. 45
Military Paymaster		800 — —
Civil Paymaster		3714. 10. 23
Export Warehouse Keeper		2285. 25. 57
Buildings		
Paid Mr Charles Motons for the purchase of R[s] Chiefs Garden House by order of Government		4285. 25. 57
Military Storekeeper	1000 — —	
		96277. 3

Ingeram Factory Disbursements

Account Investment		0[pa]. 23. 11
Civil Paymaster		4920. 13. 8
Account Current Fort St George		
Paid Mr Topping & Co for Repairs & Ho Company's Charges Merchandize	222. 12. 48	1132. 25. 46
Nellapillay House & Factory Buildings	710. 11. 56	9583. 1

Cuddalore Factory Disbursements

Warehousekeeper	2400 — —	
Paymaster & Bagar Head Nellore	1400 — —	
Military Paymaster	1890 — —	
Civil Paymaster	1720 — —	
Storekeeper	250 — —	55310 —

B.e Statement of Receipts and Disbursements at the

Nagore Factory Receipts

Rents and Revenues

Received from the Revenue Treasury — 11939.19.

Civil Fund

Received the Amount of Postage — 180 —

12019.19

Maddepollam Factory Receipts

Account Current Fort St George

Received Cowlands from Guntoor — 6,000 —

Received from the Subscribers at Maddepollam on Account of the Civil Fund — 50 —

19019.12

Subordinates from 1.st May to 30.th November 1789

Nagore Factory Disbursements

Account Current Fort St George

Paid to Mr Hugh Baynham Bynauts to the Establishment

Cash in the Company's Country — 6000 —

Paid Captain Welsh being for the Sum due to the

Family for Subsistence this Allowance by Cap.t — 42 — —

Paid Mr Welsh being Family Allowance — 144 — —

To the Amount Gratuities on account of

Trading Cost & the Remaining — 16240.26.66 — 16296.26.66

Civil Paymaster — 2776.6.69

Military Paymaster — 2073.6.45.

Storekeeper — 303 — —

Cuddalore Factory — 1000 — —

Rents and Revenues — 730 — 27968.

Maddepollam Factory Disbursements

Civil Paymaster — 2507.3.17.

Account Investment — 27781.4.38.

Charges Merchandize

for freight &.c paid there — 112.20.32.

General Stores

for Expenditure & Cash this Army paid at Maddapollam — 222.12.44. — 30723.

N.o 3. The amount paid at Nagapatam from 1.st May & 30.th November 1789 on account of Bills drawn from Surat for account & Europe — 1.st Ditto — Ditto at Negapatam from 1.st May to 30.th October 1789 on account of Do — 69702. 2. 02.

2.d Ditto — Ditto at Sangaum from 1.st May to 30.th November 1789 on account of Do — 7339. 20. 16. — 107745.22.96.

N.o 3 — The amount paid at Maddapollam from 1.st May to 30.th November 1789 on account of Bills drawn on this Factory from the Presidency for Contract of Salary Stores &.c Europe — 16413. 12. 24.

Ditto — Ditto at Negapatam from 1.st May to 31.st October 1789 on account of Do for Contract for Salary Stores — 22227.35.23. — 38643.11.47.

Fort St George 6th February 1790

Received the following Letter from Bengal.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr
Governor in Council
Hon'ble Sir
Fort St George

Accordance to the
Letter of the 2d October last, I have made to you in lieu
of the several Sums which I have drawn on you by
a Military Paymaster General in use in the Department of the
to the Enclosure N°8 of that Presidency, and am
April — you will find Colonel Kinney's Letter dated the 2d
inclosing Letter from the Commissioners to whom a Copy of the Letter
of the Military Paymaster General
of the Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General & Council
the same subject and the Paymaster General & Commissioners
Department for the last Copies of the Journal and Ledger of this
Year
already transmitted to you, with the necessary Documents, will enable
the proper Specimen by your Government to form the Books of 1790 for 1791,
&c.

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on the 1st day of May next upon the System of Accounts
which the Honorable the Court of Directors have directed
to be adopted.

Fort William
6th January 1790

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
your most obedient humble
Servants
Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
Peter Speke

Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c. in Council at
Fort William

My Lord,

In consequence of your Lordship's Instruct
to the Military Paymaster General, mentioned in your
to Fort St George of the 2d October last, I have had the pleasure
receiving from him a Letter, Dated the 3d Instant, a Statem
of the Debit of his Duty, accompanied by Sundry Forms
in his Department, and described in his Letter.

2d The Paymaster General has informed
that he has laid before your Lordship a Copy of his Lett
me, and of the Forms thereon alluded to, & he does me the Honour
to your Lordship under Copies of them to be sent, as may be
convenient, to the Governor in Council at Fort St George and
Bombay, together with Copies of the Journal and Ledger of the
Department, for the last year, which the Secretary to the
Government has been so obliging as to get transcribed for the
purpose.

3d Several of the Forms which accompanied
Military Paymaster General's Letter are not

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with be found amongst those which more immediately fall under your Lordships notice with my observations upon the Heads of Inquiry

[illegible] Numbers 5. 6. 7. 9. 12. 13. and 19. There is not any of these among the Papers which have been laid before the Auditor Generals Office of the 7th April 1789. They relate to actual Cash transactions in the Pay Department one of these Papers No 7 appears to be an exact copy of the Cash Book; and the Auditor General has directed that the Form No 12 Statements of Cash and Stock Book, and the Form No 19 General Books in account Current with the Military Paymasters General have been omitted between these Gentlemen

5th Number 1st and 18. the Military Paymasters Journal and Ledger. These necessarily differ from the Journal and Ledger of the Military Auditor General which are intended merely as Checks on the advances of Cash to the Military Department and on the Military Charges of each year

6th In the Military Paymasters Generals account of the mode of receiving Cash from the Treasury mention is made of a Persian Chitta on Surat under stand upon enquiry that the Invoice was Bengal as well as the Persian

7th Having properly corrected this Observation that the Deputies keep their accounts with the Paymaster in with their Principals, but answers to this Head has not been received from the Deputies are necessarily sent from this Department

and

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direct. That Observation that the Paymasters are responsible for the Conduct of their Deputies must not be understood in all the Latitude which the words import. The Pay masters accounts for Establishments, Arrears, Retirements, Allowances and Absolute of Casualties are made up by the Paymasters, and not by the Deputies, they however depute Persons to and are appointed by Government

8th In every reading of the Paragraph mentioned in that which refers to No 16, on the Margin it ought to be stated that the Vouchers as well as the Accounts of Disbursements made out in Duplicate whereas it is not intended to be understood. There is one Copy of Vouchers, which, with Copy of the accounts of Disbursements are sent for audit.

9th In the Close of the same Paragraph, it is said the Paymasters are allowed to with hold Retirements three Months after they are made. The practice is, that Retirements are brought to account at the end of every Official Quarter

10th The Military Paymasters Generals Statements, that the Receipt of Cash notice is given to the Commanding Officers Stations, who forwards to the Rolls and abstracts to the Pay Office. As he has not mentioned forms of these Rolls and Abstracts, it is proper here for them, to No 18 and 19 of the Enclosures laid before your Lordships with my Letter of the 2d April 1789

11th In the Military Paymasters Generals Form, No 7. I observe that the second Entry in the day Cash Book, is expressed in three words Paid Colonel A. Ross Paymaster Allowance for April 1789 S. Rupees 2750. Now as these Forms are intended to be sent to the Presidencies it is proper to mention that

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that the above Sum includes the whole Expence incurred by the Company, for the Post Masters Department, beyond the Income

12th The Military Paymaster Generals Letter, and Abstract with any additions & you may think fit to Append but not the Papers already transmitted to Fort St George, and Bombay, which accompanied it will, from perusal, render it easy for the Public Officers at those Presidencies to adapt the Practice, in their Departments, to that followed under the Supreme Government as far as Local Circumstances may render it proper

and of the Papers mentioned in the Second Paragraph hereof, the Duplicates now they will transmit Fort Saint George and Bombay in due Course of time to enable the proper Officers to open the Books of 1790/91 on the 1st day of May next upon the System of General Uniformity recommended

I have the Honor &c

W. H. Esqr

(signed) John Murray
Colonel & Military Auditor Genl

A true Copy

(Signed) P. Tomkyns
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Read also the Letter from Colonel Capper & Messrs Twining, Hornbuy, and Co & Henry as entered in the Diary with the Several Reports and Papers referred thereon — & after taking the same into Consideration & paying due attention to the Remarks entered by the Members of the Committee, it is Resolved that immediate Steps be taken for carrying the Recommendations of the Bengal Government into Execution

Agreed also that the Papers accompanying the foregoing

Fort William
Military Auditor Generals
Office 16th December 1789

Letter from the Committee for reforming the Bengal Regulations — Read

Resolved that

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foregoing be sent to the Committee, and that they be desired to lose no time to prepare and lay before the Board such orders as may be necessary to issue for the purpose of carrying into Execution the Forms and Plans of keeping the public accounts upon a General Plan of Uniformity

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave
Enclosures entered in the Diary No. 37 to 52

To the Honble John Holland Esqr
Governor in Council

From Colonel Musgrave with Letters from Major Mackenzie and Ensign Pelly of the Invalids the former requesting the necessary Certificate for the Chief Justice the Letter of the former to the Board of Lieutenant Governor

Head Quarters
Madras 4th February 1790

Honble Sir,

Enclosed I forward Letters from Major Mackenzie and Ensign Pelly of the Invalid Establishment, addressed to this Board, which had their request I beg leave to submit to your Consideration and have the Honor to be Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servt
(Signed) Thomas Musgrave

Minute on Major Mackenzies Letter

The Board observe some informality in the Form adopted by Major Mackenzie and with the Form of the Oath which is taken for Lord Clives Bounty — Agreed therefore that Colonel Musgrave be requested to enquire of Major Mackenzie what is taking the Oath in the manner prescribed in the presence of the President in Council, the usual Certificate for Lord Clives will be given to him —

Minute on Ensign Pelly's application

with regard to Ensign Pelly's application, the Board are of opinion that it cannot be complied with, being unusual and irregular —

From Captain Lieut.t Stuart Hall

Read two Letters from Captain Lieutenant Stuart Hall, superintending a Detachment of Bengal Troops in the Field, and the acquiescence of the late Government in the request

request of being permitted to practise as an Attorney in the Mayor's Court — Obtaining permission to resign the Service of the Company's Service and to be entitled with the Confirmation of the Gratuity now granted to him as above mentioned.

Agreed that Captain Lieutenant Hall be permitted to resign the Service.

Lieutenant Henning of the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry attends this Board, and takes the Oath of Qualification for Civil Service Bleiw's Country.

The President communicates to the Board the following Letter from the Superintendant of Salsette Country.

Chas Pr Holland

Simon Taylor

Lieut.t Henning of the Garrison takes the Oath of Qualification for Civil Service Bleiw's Country

Diary

Ordered that the following Letter from the Chief Engineer be entered hereunder.

To the Honble John Holland Esq.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Agreeably to the directions of the Honorable Board I have the Honor to lay before you every information in my power relative to the subjects contained in the Extracts of your Secretary furnished me with from the Genl Letter of the Court of Directors, which I shall take the liberty to answer in the order of the Paragraphs.

Para. 25 It was resolved by your Honble Board to adopt Plan of Major Pringle for Guides be for the present adopted in the and that the Board of Revenue should be desired to make an Establishment for 25 Guides north of the Kistna, for 30 in the and for 25 South of the Coleroon, making one quarter of what Pringle recommended — Here the business seems to have been not having any of the 80 Guides provided for in that and only one now paid in that Line; The Mercanahs also employed by the Company being all under the immediate direction of the Governor Commander in Chief. —

I should in Major Pringle's Plan of recommending Guides, by granting them portions of the waste Lands of received, care should be taken to guard against the Abuse to which it is liable, the Company having already lost many Property by fraudulently obtained Bills of Sale, & fictitious prosecutions

From the Chief Engineer on the Subject of the Plan for the Establishment of a Corps of Guides — Enclosing an Extract of a Minute and Plans & Drawings of the Fort of Dindigul being Plans & Drawings to be sent home

6 prosecutions of Watermen; and this Department will be permitted to occupy their Grounds for the convenience of carrying on those parts of the Company's Business in which they were employed.

Much attention should therefore be given to guard against this alienation from the Families of those who have been rendered Services to the Company in action for this Property, and if it is not meant to convey it to their Heirs, the intention should be specified to whom the Ground is to be entrusted.

In order that every succeeding Officer of Engineers may have the means of informing himself of what has been formerly done towards obtaining a perfect knowledge of the Country, certain printed Forms and Forms should be established for their Reports, which should be regularly recorded and with their Plans lodged in the Engineers Office, to which Officers visiting Information can refer as occasion may require, and it would greatly facilitate our Researches were the Honorable Court pleased to direct the publications of Major Reynold's and Mr Dalrymple's to be regularly sent out.

There is not, I believe, in the public Offices of India any of the Maps or Memoirs which were presented to the Governor General and Council of Bengal by Colonel Kelly and only a few detached Reports and one Plan of Major Pringle's in the Engineers office. They should therefore be applied for.

Para 81st A Register of Plans and Maps made out agreeably to the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, accompanied this, together with the original Survey of the Bay here, and the Copy of Mr Maxtone's Survey of the Coromandel Coast District, which the Honorable Court directed should be sent to me as mentioned

Map

6 Map of the Chingleput District of four Circles of an Inch to a Mile.

With respect to the 4th Article, at least so much of it as relates to Plans of Ground granted to Major Maule Lyford of the Company's Lands in some one, that he is preparing a Plan of Ground granted to Major Maule Lyford and that he is preparing a Plan of all such Ground as has been granted at various times by Government at the same time specifying such as are possessed by Individuals without such Grant, or titles than those which have been approved of by the Mayor's Court in Consequence of Attachment by the Mayor's Court. The Honorable Court of Directors having some time since required Information of this nature. The Superintendant begs leave to lay it before Government before the last Dispatch of the Season.

I have the Honor to remain
Honorable Sir,
your most obedient humble Servant
Fort St George
31st January 1790
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Ordered that the Plans &c. be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the Pigot and that the Register be kept a Number in the Packet

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department
1st February 1790

The President recommends, and it is accordingly agreed
That Mr James Landon be appointed a Spy Master in the room of Mr James Taylor, and that Mr Thomas Reeve do succeed Landon as Deputy Comptroller of Army accounts.

A true Extract (Signed) Robert Clerk Dep. Sec.

Mr Landon appointed a Spy Master

Mr Reeve Deputy Comptroller of Army accounts

6 Sent the following Letter

To the Honble W. G. Vande Graaff Esq
President & Governor &c &c &c
at Columbo

Honble Sir &c &c

We have been honored with the Receipt of your Letter Dated 29th Ulto, also that of the 12th Ulto, addressed to our President by Governor Vande Graaff.

In reply to the above &c, have only to request the declarations made by you in your Letter of the 29th August last of to inform you that We shall steadily Conform to them.

We have Communicated to Military & Revenue the Governor General in Council at Bengal, Copies of the Letters which We have had the Honor to receive from you as above acknowledged.

We have the Honor &c &c &c

Fort St George
6th February 1790

Signed/ John Hollond
W. Cowell

To Colonel James Capper
Commissary General

John Turing Esq
Mr George Moubray
Accountant General
& Mr Thomas Cockburn
Commissary General of Stores & Provisions

To the Committee for Reporting on the Regulations from Bengal

Committee for Reporting on the Regulations from Bengal
Military Department
Revenue Department
Commercial Department
Secret & Committee Department
Orders of Government
Commissioners

Gentlemen, I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter Dated the 23d December, with the several Enclosures, and to inform you that on Thursday next at 11 o'clock

&c

To Colombo – acknowledging the receipt of letters from thence by the sentiments contained in the

6 to Colombo making the necessary Arrangements for carrying into Execution the Directions of the Bengal Government respecting the Establishment of a General System of Uniformity in the Accounts at the different Presidencies in India

after duly weighing and considering the Matters contained in your respective Minutes, the Board have resolved & directed that you prepare and lay before them such Orders as may be necessary to issue for the purpose of carrying into effect the Forms and Rules of keeping the public Accounts, as recommended from Bengal

Inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Governor General & Council, lately received, together with some Papers relating to the above mentioned Subject

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Jam. Gentleman
Your most Obedient Humble Servt
Signed/ John Shawe Jr

Sent the undermentioned Letters for Inclosing &c

Nos 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

To the Commanding Officers at Penang

To the Commanding Officer at Penang – Enclosing an Order of the Nabob taken in Council at Penang respecting the passing of Persons &c Duty free

To Colonel Musgrave – Ensign Martin with the Recruits

To Colonel Musgrave

furnished with a Passage on the Earl of Chesterfield – Commissioned in the Artillery by Major Mackenzie – Thomas Lord Clive's Bounty – Ensign Pitts's application in Answer to his Letter – Captain Lieut. James Stuart Hall has resigned the Service &c

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30th fd day for each Man, as it stands in the Regulation that has been published, was deficient for Victualling the Men in the General Field Hospital; and that the Arrack and Provisions allowed for the European Troops in general, would not only be unnecessary Expence, if issued to the worst cases among the Sick, but a Waste of Articles that it may often be very difficult to obtain in Camp.

A Variation I conceive may be admitted in the Sums to be allowed for Bazar Medicines, on the following Principle, viz.t; that, as the Hospital Board have given their opinion, that the Expence on this head should not exceed, in any case, more than 30 Pagodas monthly for every twenty Men, the average Rate may be taken at 15 Pagodas p.r month for the same Number; which appears to me a more consistent system than to have an opening to charge 30 Pagodas monthly at all times for Twenty Men. The same Sum / 15 Pagodas p.r month / may be allowed on account of Bazar Medicines to a Native Corps, on the principle stated in Colonel Capper's Minute.

As 5 Fanams 70 Cash for each Man p.r day is allowed by the Regulations, as they stand at present, for Victualling the worst Cases in the Field and for Contingencies, and, as it appears that the Surgeon General will not be able to attend to the application of this Sum, without neglecting the duties of his professional Station (on which so much depends) it may be thought advisable to direct the Field Apothecary to take charge of this business as well as of the Medicines. —

(signed) / Henry Watson

A true Copy / signed / Dan.l Ince
Acting Sec.y

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Stores & Provisions — advising that the Bengal Troops have been supplied with Carriage, and will be Victualled in Camp from the 1st. April. — Requesting that orders may be given to issue Pay to the Detachment now at the Mount.

I received your Letter of the 26th. Instant, informing me, that the Bengal Troops were to be considered on the same footing, in respect to Carriage & Victualling, as the Troops on this Coast. — The Bengal Troops have been supplied with Carriage, & will be Victualled in Camp from the 1st. ensuing. I beg leave to observe however that the Troops on this Coast are never Victualled by the Company either in Cantonment or Garrison, but subsist themselves, receiving their full Pay.

If Orders are not yet given, I apprehend they will be necessary, to the Military Paymaster General, to issue Pay to the Detachment now at the Mount, as I understand the Contractor only Victuals them to this day.

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Madras 31st. March 1790 —

Tho: Cockburn

Commissary General of Stores & Prov.

His Excellency Major General William Medows

Commander in Chief & Governor

&c. Council

Fort St. George

From Colonel Kelly — requesting Permission to return to Europe by the Ships of the Ensuing Season. And expressing his Regret at this not having been Contained in the Commander of the Southern Forces.

Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen

Having, in Conformity to a General Order by the Commander in Chief of the 20th. August last, given in my Name

at

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31st alone desirous of returning to Europe by the Ships of the ensuing Season, on three years leave of absence. I am now solicitous to avail myself of that application, and trust the Honble Board will not withhold their acquiescence. — As many Months however may Elapse before an occasion offers for my procuring a Passage, I shall willingly render every Service in my power in the interval, and be happy if my Exertions contribute to the public Good.

From the Circumstances which attended my appointment to this important Command, and the period of my Continuance in it, I did hope to have experienced the Confidence of Government in their permitting me to head the Troops destined for Field Service South of the Coleroon. Since my arrival here, my Efforts to forward every Department of the Service, have been zealous & constant: The Fort of Trichinopoly, which, from a large Breach, was open to assault, has been put in a posture of Defence, without any Expence to the Honble Company; and nothing has been left untried to conciliate the Affections of the frontier Pallygars, on whose Steadiness and Attachment the operations & Supply of our Forces in this Quarter must in some measure depend, and here let me be allowed to say, that in regard to the latter Article, my Experience of Service in the Southern Provinces, and general personal acquaintance with the principal Natives tended to bestow effect upon my Endeavors. But as the Honble Board have thought proper to relieve me

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31st. from so honorable a Charge, by nominating my Successor, I can only offer the sincerest wishes that the Effect of his Zeal and Abilities may prove equal to every Exigence of the public Service.

I remain with respect

Yr. Yr. Yr.

signed Eccles Nixon

Head Quarters
Trichinopoly Camp.
26th. March 1790

To The Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 9th. Instant, enclosing one for the Rajah of Travancore, which I immediately dispatched to him; and as the Minister is the Efficient Person here to transact every Business here in the Rajah's absence, and was upon the Lines, I proceeded there to make known to him the Contents of your Letter, that he might adopt Measures to put in Effect the recommendation contained in it.

The Minister informed me, he expected in a few days a supply of 50 Lacs of Purruhs of Rice, equal to 500 Lacs of Measures, from the Southward, which would prove a sufficient Stock for all the Troops in this Quarter for a considerable time. — I beg leave to assure you, Honble Sir, that this is

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From Mr. Powney — 500 Lacs of Measures of Rice are daily expected from the Southward — Gives an Account of the Retreat carried on by Lt. Col. Kelly from Tippoo's Camp — says that he is every day in the Batteries —

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31st. a Measure I have constantly urged the necessity of to the Right, and which he as often promises to put into Execution as soon the Season admitted of it. When the Boats arrive from the Southward with this supply, there will then be a sufficient number for every Exigency.

I returned from the Lines yesterday: the Enemy, the whole time I was there, were carrying on their Approaches with the greatest Alacrity. Their Trenches are now brought within fifty yards of the Ditch, and five Batteries Completed, which I am almost certain from one extremity of them to the other, must be near a Mile and a half in extent. From the appearance of them, I can't expect they will open in a day or two. Hitherto the Enemy have only fired from Eight or Ten Pieces of Cannon. To oppose all these, there are only two Square Bastions, mounting Six Pieces each, and the Parapet so thin, that it is impossible to stand upon the Rampart when they open. The Right People appear determined to meet the Enemy at the Breach. A Deserter came in Yesterday from Tippoo's Camp—he says that Tippoo is still here, and he is himself every day in the Batteries.

I have the honor to remain

Sir &c &c &c

Parrour 22nd. March 1790

pr. Copy / George Ponney

Resident

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31st Ordered that the following Extract of General Letter from the Board of Revenue (received from the Public Department) be entered hereunder.

Extract of General Letter from the Board of Revenue dated 27th March 1790

Extract of General letter from the Board of Revenue recommending that the Pagoda at Conjeveram be put in a proper state of defence in account of the grain lodged therein.

"The Pagoda at Conjeveram being appropriated as a
"Magazine for Grain, We take the Liberty to suggest the
"Expediency of putting it in a proper State of defence;
"and We request, if you approve of the Measure, that
"you will be pleased to issue the necessary orders for this
"purpose."

"We beg leave also to inform you, that a large
"quantity of Grain has been lodged in the Fort of
"Tripassore:—

A true Extract (signed) Robert Clerk Dep. Secy

Sent Letter to His Highness the Nizam (as entered in Cc. No. 73.) Orders have been given to the Collector in Guntoor to assist Mont. Riviere in the manner recommended by his Highness.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in No. 13. Nos. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192.

To Colonel Musgrave — The Repairs wanting to the Laboratory at

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at Tritchinopoly to be executed in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — To indent for such articles as are in store, and to lay before the Board an Estimate of the Prices of such as are not. The Cattle to be supplied for the Troops at Wallaujanbad; but the Price estimated by him for Slaughter Cattle & Sheep, not to be admitted as the rate to be paid by the publick. — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Macleod. — The Properties of Gunny Bags, claimed by him, to be allowed as formerly to Mr. Corbett.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — Enclosing Copies of Papers received from Colonel Brooke at Vellore, to be reported upon. — The Recommendations contained in their Letter of the 26th. Instant approved and Confirmed.

To Colonel Cappier, Muster Master General —

To the Muster Master General — Mr. Frederick Campbell permitted to resign the Post of Muster Master to the Centre Division, and Lieutenant Thomas Hall appointed in his stead.

To Messrs. Kindersley, Torin, Andrews & Erskine

To the Collectors appointed for the assigned Revenues — Not to remove from their present Stations until further Orders.

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — to audit the enclosed Bills of Mr. Brown, Surgeon to the 72d Regiment — The Revenue Battalions when employed are to be paid as Effective and those not employed as such, are to be paid according to the original Orders entered in the Book of Regulations —

Lindsay

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31st. Enclosing Copy of a Letter received from Bengal – to give the necessary Information to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell on his arrival at Masulipatam. –

To Ganjam – To Ganjam – Mr. Tudor permitted to visit the Presidency.

To Mr. Frederick Campbell – To Mr. Frederick Campbell – Permitted to resign his Employ of Muster Master

To Monsieur Riviere – To Monsieur Riviere. – declining his offer for supplying this Government with Horses.

To Mr. Roger Carvall – To Mr. Roger Carvall. – To continue to pay such of the Revenue Battalions in his District, as are employed on Revenue Services. Such as are drawn into Garrison, or doing the Duty of Regulars, are to be paid by the Paymasters of the Garrisons where they may be Stationed.

To Colonel Kelly – To Colonel Kelly. – Approving his Zeal in recommending such objects as in his opinion will forward the public Service.

To Colonel Musgrave – To Colonel Musgrave – accompanying Copy of the Cypher No. 11. desiring him to acknowledge the Receipt thereof.

To Mr. Chase – To Mr. Chase – with Permission to resign the Office of Clerk to the Committee of Stores.

To Mr. Cowell Garrison Storekeeper – To the Garrison Storekeeper. – The Perquisite of Gunny Bags is to be attached as formerly to his Office.

To Masulipatam – To Masulipatam – A sufficient number of Coolies are to be immediately made up for two Battalions of Sepoys, with a Brigade of Guns consisting of 6 six Pounders, & a proper Proportion of Artillery Men.

To Mr Secretary Hay – To Mr. Secretary Hay – No Letters this year have been addressed to the

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31st Secret Committee — Copies of Letters relating to the Military & Political Departments of this Presidency will be sent in future to Bengal, — agreeable to the orders of the Governor General in Council.

To the Resident at Travancore — To Mr. Powney — Advising him to communicate to the Rajah the wishes of Government, that a Contract may be made with the Gulph of Cambay Traders for the delivery of 400 Horses next year, at an average Price of 100 Pagodas p Horse, & of the description given. — To endeavor to purchase of the Rajah 50 strong good Horses — the Price not to exceed 120 Pagodas each.

To the Military Paymaster Genl. — To the Military Paymaster General — Mr. Colt, who is appointed Paymaster to the Southern Army, is to pay the Troops now Encamped, & Mr. Johnson the Garrison of Tritchinopoly only — the Extraordinary Expences incurred are to be kept seperate, & carried under the head of "Suspense 1789-90" —

April — 1st Dispatched the undermentioned Letter, as entered in M.B. for the Month of April, No. 1.

To the Surgeon Genl to the Army — To the Surgeon General to the Army — The average Rate of Buran Medicines to be Established at 15 Pagodas p month for every hundred men, & the same sum to be allowed on account of Medicines to a Native Corps as the Officers when sick find Wine & Spirits themselves, and the Serjeants whose meed Indisposed are to be sent into the Field Hospital. The Charge of the application of the Sum for Victualling the Sick, may be consigned to the Field Apothecary, as well as the Care of the Medicines, if it be judged Necessary. —

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor - President.

Friday
2nd April 1790.

Edward John Hollond
and
James Taylor } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letter received from the Nabob (entered also in C.C. No. 74)

His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

President Governor & Commander in Chief

Fort St. George

My Friends

Further Nabob Promising to pay into the Company's Treasury, on or before the 4th April, 2 lacs of Pagodas - to give Security for 2 lacs more to be paid within the Month of April 90 - And to pay in April, May & June by equal Payments with the Assistance of Bills, Cash & Jewels &c

I promise to pay into the Company's Treasury, on or before the 4th of April, two (2) Lacs of Pagodas.

And also I promise to give, on or before the 10th of April, Soucar Security to the amount of 2 lacs of Pagodas more, to be paid within the month of April 1790.

And the March Kist viz. Seven (7) Lacs of Pagodas shall be paid in April, May, & June, by equal

Payments

To the Secretary at Bengal — 7 — To the Secretary at Bengal Enclosing Copies of three Letters received from Colonels

To the Contractors for Draught and Carriage Bullocks — 8 — To the Contractors for Draught & Carriage Bullocks — Colonel Nairn will be directed to entertain so many of the Bullocks lately employed to the Southward as may be necessary to expedite the Conveyance of Stores from Negapatam to Trichinopoly

To Colonel Kyffin — To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — Mr Thomas Pearce appointed his Deputy — Mr James Santon

To Mr Thomas Pearce — To Mr Thomas Pearce informing him of his appointment

To Colonel Nairn — To Colonel Nairn Commanding the Southern Force — to convey the Bullocks lately entertained to the Southward, as may be necessary for the Light Artillery to expedite the Conveyance of Stores from Negapatam to Trichinopoly

At a Consultation Present

The Honble John Hollond Esq Governor President

Tuesday the 9th February 1790

Edward Johnson Hollond and James Taylor } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and confirmed —

Read the following Letter from the Lieutenant at Tanjore —

From Mr Lieutenant Taylor — to advise the Receipt of the Board's Letter to the Rajah with the annual Consignment Invoices from the Coromandel Coast 1790 Pagodas — his Compliance to Pay interest for Debt 31st January —

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

Honble Sir

This is to acquaint the Honorable Board, that in obedience to their Orders of the 3d Ultimo received the 3d Instant

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Yesterday about 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon arrived the Dutch Ship the Court of Directors' Letter to His Excellency the Rajah, on Elephant properly Caparisoned the Present by my Order, greater part of the Troops in Garrison attending. Salutes fired as usual. The Letter being brought into the Durbar the first Paragraphs of it were read, by Mr Kuntz in English & Mahrattah, but no further, by the desire of the Rajah; as was certainly proper in a public audience, if the Letter contained any thing derogatory to the Reputation of His Excellency. The other two Letters being only in the Mahrattah Language, Mr Kuntz perused, and conveyed away by His Excellency's Ministers.

All the Gentlemen in the Garrison who were not prevented by indisposition attended, and gave Nuzzers to His Excellency, as did all the Black People of any consequence. These Nuzzers were regularly Booked. In the Evening the Ladies and Gentlemen did me the favor to sup with me in honor of the occasion. After Supper His Excellency honored my House by his Appearance: Brahmin Mutiana the whole day's Ceremony was conducted much to the Satisfaction of the Rajah, who desired me to make his acknowledgements to the Honorable Company thro' the Channel of the Board.

I presume the Honorable Board will favor me with Copies of the Letters abovementioned for my Guidance.

Yesterday received from the Palace the Sum of Nine Thousand (9000) Star Pagodas, which, with the Sum received last month, will complete the Payments for December and January. The Palace People were very urgent that it might be mentioned in the Receipt that it was paid

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Payments in each of those Months

What can I say more?—

[Nabob's Signature]

Chepauk House.
1st. April 1790—

Minute thereon

The Board derive great satisfaction in having from the Nabob before them a proposed Arrangement, in which they can acquiesce without impropriety. They have uniformly wished to avoid any Interference with the Management of the Nabob's Country, and hope that his Highness's punctuality will prevent any disagreeable measures in future. Agreed, that the President be requested to acknowledge the receipt of the foregoing, & to express to the Nabob the acquiescence of Government in what his Highness has proposed relative to the 15 Lacs of Pagodas to be paid within the present Month.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Board of Revenue dating Extract from the Proceedings of the late Committee of Assigned Revenue and requesting to know whether similar Measures would not be expedient in the present case—recommending that (in case of the Assignment) the Nabob be requested to give positive orders to his Zemindars &c. to conform thereto, and that the several Collectors appointed be required to take the Revenues

Having formed ourselves into a Board of Assigned Revenue conformably to your orders notified to us by Mr. Gontier Chamier under date the 25th. Instant, We have proceeded to take into our Consideration the subject of the proposed Arrangement in the Event of the Nabob's failure in the Payment of his Assigns for collecting the Revenues of certain Countries to be assigned over

by him

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Revenue oath, before they are allowed take Charge of their appointments.

by him agreeably to the subsisting Treaty, and upon the Terms therein specified, for the discharge of the amount due; which was communicated to us at the same time, with directions to make out the necessary Instructions for the different Collectors, who are appointed to the Superintendance of the different Districts.

By the 6th. Article of the Treaty, it is stipulated, "that at the appointment of the Superintendant, or Receiver, "the Nabob will furnish the Company with the obligations the "Amuldars of each District shall have given the Circar";

We beg leave therefore to suggest the propriety of procuring from His Highness the Nabob, all Obligations of the above Description, together with an account of the Balances due on them; and of obtaining Orders, also, from His Highness, for the punctual discharge of them to the Superintendant appointed by the Honble Company, Conformably to the Terms specified by the abovementioned Article of the Treaty.—

In order that the Instructions for the Collectors, which We have ordered to be drawn out in Strict Conformity to the 5th. and 6th. Articles of the Treaty forwarded with your Secretary's Letter, may be rendered more complete & effectual, to answer the purposes intended by their appointments, of making the Countries under their respective Charges as productive as the resources they possess will admit of, thereby enabling them to do equal Justice to the Company, as well as the Nabob, and preventing the Embezzlement or mis-appropriation of the

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Revenues by the Aumils, Renters, &c.a, We think it our Duty to submit for Your Consideration, the enclosed Extracts from the Proceedings of the late Committee of Assigned Revenue, on their first receiving Charge of the Nabob's Countries, to which We have had reference on this occasion.— The former were the powers defined, and judged to be indispensible in a Tasseldar, or Collector; and the latter were the Nabob's orders to his different Officers who were in charge of the Districts.—

Whether similar measures will not be as expedient in the present instance, is a Circumstance which rests with your Honble Board to determine; and should you concur in their necessity, We beg leave to suggest that an application must be made to His Highness the Nabob, (in the Event of the Assignment) for the purpose of carrying them into immediate Execution;— that he should transmit without loss of time the most positive Orders to his Aumils &c.a strictly to conform thereto; and that he should also furnish us with Copies, or Duplicates of such Orders to be sent to the several Collectors for their Information & Guidance.

We take the Liberty also, of intimating the necessity of the several Collectors being required to take the Revenue Oath, as directed by act of Parliament, which should be administered to them before they are allowed to take Charge of their Appointments.

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

Signed { Edw.d Fot. Holland
Edw.d Saunders
Sa.l Call
Geo.e Moubray

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue in the Months of November & December 1781.—

"In Consult: 15th. November 1781."

"Extract from the Minutes of the Select Committee on a Reference from the Board of Assigned Revenue, respecting the Powers of a Tasildar, & transmitted to the Board for their Information."

"The Committee having taken the foregoing Letter into their serious Consideration, are of opinion, and "it is accordingly Agreed, that in order to prevent Fraud, or "Collusion in the Management of the Revenues; in order to "secure them effectually for the purpose stipulated in the "Agreement between His Highness the Nabob & our President; "and in order that the Appointment of the Company's "Tasildars, or Collectors, may operate with Effect, it is abso-"lutely necessary that the Collectors, or Tasildars, should "be empowered to sign conjointly with the Aumils, and other "Officers of the Circar, in all Transactions of Revenue, whether "of Dowl, Immabundy, Dustoo, or Peishcush; so that no "measure that affects the Revenue in any shape shall be "executed without their Concurrence, so given. It is also "necessary that they should be furnished with the Jumpunnee "Accounts, & have free access to all other Accounts, as well as "orders, Enactments, &c. &c."

"No issue of Cash, in any Stage of the "Management, or Collections, should be made without the "Authority of the Tasildar; and all Cash received, whether "for Arrears, Revenue of the Current Year, or under any other "Denomination whatever, should be deposited under the "joint Charge of the Tasil, and the Circar Shroff, or Cajangee,

"and

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"said if issued under the Joint Signatures of the Tasildr &
"Aumildars, or Circar Officers — The Aumildars & Officers
"of the Circar should have the most positive orders to pay, in
"conjunction with the Tasildrs, any Sums in their Possession,
"in the manner the Governor & Select Committee may
"require by Orders to the Tasildrs, on such orders being
"produced to the Circar Officers."

"It is also necessary that an order should
"be given to furnish the Tasildrs with a proper proportion of
"Peons, & other Servants employed in the Revenue Business."

"A true Extract"
"Signed / Thos Hargrave"
Secy

"Consult: 7th December 1781."

"Wrote to the following Phouzdars & Killadarrs
"or Renters, or Chief Aumildars of the following Districts, taking
"his Highness the Nabob's order in Relation to the Revenues
"Viz.t:

"To Aitabar Cawn, & Sammogum Mordelier ... of Tritchinopoly
"To Tedvi alli Cawn, & Timmolipa Mordelier ... of Tinnevelly
"To Aher Cuttub ud dien, & Sittaram ... of Nellore
"To Ranga Row ... of Madura
"& To Ramanah ... of Palnaud

"Orders Enclosed to the
"Nabob's Officers"

"acquainting them with the Nabob's order & Assignment of
"the Revenues of his Country to the Company — Desiring
"them to account with the Governor alone for the Revenue
"of the Phazely year 1191, and to send him immediately
"all the accounts of the Receipts & Disbursements from
"the beginning of this Phazely Year to the time of the
"Receipt of this order — to stop all Peneaurs & Tingies

"made

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"made on the Revenues of the Phazely year 1791, That no
"Transfer relative to the Revenue of this year would be allowed.
"Requiring a state of Cultivation of their respective
"Districts, an account of Seeds already sown, what can
"be sown in the Course of this Year. — Ordering them to
"keep in the Treasury what Money may be in hand, and
"what may come in daily, 'till further Orders: they
"keeping one Key, and the Treasurer another. Desiring
"them to carry on and Encourage the agriculture of the
"Country — Ordering them to be punctual in the
"Execution of this order."

daily

A true Extract / signed / Wm Harington
Secry

Minute thereon

Agreed that that the Board of Revenue be
desired to post pone all Proceedings relative to the Nabob's
Country, until Instructions are sent to them to continue them.

Read the following Letter from Captain Knox.

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council & Commander in Chief

Hon.ble Sir

From Captain Knox — advising of a conflagration in Tippoo's Batteries — a Deserter has given Information that Tippoo regularly visits the Trenches —

From the 17.th Instant, when I had the honor to
write you, one day's accounts from the Lines was only a
repetition of the former, until yesterday Evening, when I had a
Note from Mellore which recites, that on the afternoon, I

during

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during the night of the 20.th Instant, there was an appearance of Conflagration in the Enemy's advanced Battery, and nearest Trench, and that they continued to emit Smoke and Flame the succeeding day. It is now very obvious that this was not the effect of accident, but a Work of Design, as Fires have been kindled in other places; and instead of extinguishing these, the Enemy has advanced rapidly in a Zig-Zag from the advanced Battery towards the Ditch. I have not had any report to day what progress has been made: the latest Accounts state that he had advanced about 15 yards.

I have it from the same authority that, a Deserter, in the days of the Chelah Battalions, had come over, and Reports that Tippoo is still with the Army, and regularly visits his Trenches once a day.

I was duly honored with Government's Letter of the 9.th Instant.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c. (signed) J. Knox

Camp 23.rd March 1790

Read the following Letter from Major Sale.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council, and Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

I have the honor to inform you that, Ramah Swamy the Nabob's Renter of this District, called upon me yesterday Evening, and acquainted me that Tippoo Sultaun has

from Major Sale - advising that a Number of Peligars & others, (employed by Tippoo) have destroyed the Bund that turned the Water from the River in Ameen Naig's Peram.

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had sent a Number of Pollegars & Coolies who destroyed the Bank that turned the Water from the River in Ameen Naig's Pollam: this Bank conveyed the Water to Sholavandum, and a Number other Villages belonging to the Nabob's Country — Upon being asked why they destroyed the Bank, they said it was by orders received from their Master Tippoo Sultaun.

I have the honor to be

Madurake 28th March 1790 —

&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Robert Sale

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Colonel Musgrave — requesting permission to March on the 5th April — Wishes to take his Route by Tiagar & Tirumally — Recommends that Pay for the Month of March be issued to the Natives, & the Ensuing Month's Pay to the Europeans —

Being anxious to form a Junction of this and the Southern Camp with as little delay as possible, and in hopes, from the Intelligence I have received, that the Provision & other Public Stores to accompany this Division of the Army, will arrive in Camp during the Course of the present Week, I beg leave to request your Permission for Marching on Monday next the 5th April. And, as, after making minute Inquiry with respect to the different Roads to Trichinopoly, that by Tiagar & Tirumally appears to be the most eligible, & abundant for furnishing the requisite supplies, I hope likewise to have your Sanction for pursuing that Route. —

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Previous to leaving our present ground, permit me to request that your Honble Board will be pleased to order Pay for the present Month (of March) to be issued to the Natives, and the ensuing Month's Pay to the Europeans; which will contribute much to their Comfort, on the approaching March. — At present, I have the honor to report the Troops in general, in excellent health, zealous, & animated.

I have the honor to be

Camp South of the Palar
31st March 1790

&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Thos. Musgrave

Minute thereon

Agreed, that Colonel Musgrave be authorized to move to the Southward whenever his Detachment is ready, advising Government when he Marches.

Ditto

The Board approve the Route which Colonel Musgrave proposes taking by Trinomally & Tyger.

Ditto

Agreed to inform Colonel Musgrave that Pay &c. shall be issued to the Troops before they March, and that every Exertion will be made to send a considerable Sum of Money with his Detachment.

The Commander in Chief submits the following to the Consideration of the Board.

Memorandums

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Memorandum.

Commander in Chief's Memorandum.
The Senior Ensign to succeed to promotion, vice Lieutenant Madder. Fort Lascars to carry the Poles of their respective Corps, and to be paid for this extraordinary Duty ¾ of a Pagoda or 6/ 31.40 per month, stating the advantages of this Regulation.

Captain Hope reports that his accounts have been received of Lieutenant Hugh Madder of the 5th Battalion of Native Infantry since he went to Sea for Health about 18 Months ago - there is every reason to believe the Ship he Embarked on is lost; the Senior Ensign to succeed to Promotion, vice Madder, is W. Girand.

Camp Equipage to be allowed for Supernumerary Officers serving with the Cavalry.

It is proposed that the Fort Lascars shall carry the Tent Poles of the Corps to which they are attached, instead of Employing Coolies for that purpose; and that the Lascars shall be paid Monthly, for this additional Duty ¾ of a Pagoda, (4 6 / 31.40) which is the rate at which Colonel Musgrave has arranged the Matter with Mr. Taner the Paymaster in Camp. The advantages from adopting this measure are:

1st. a saving of ¾ of a Pagoda Monthly for each Cooley now allowed for Carrying the Tent Poles - they appear in the Book of Regulations under the head of "Bamboo Coolies" - The Number allowed for each Corps is ..... Maistries B. Coolies

For a Battalion of Artillery	4	71
For a Battalion of European Infantry	2	67
For a Regiment of Native Cavalry	1	24
For a Regiment of Native Infantry	1	14
	8	176

2nd. A Diminution of the Number of Followers in proportion to the Number of Bamboo Coolies to be discharged. —

3rd. A Diminution in the same Proportion of the quantity of Provisions required - and

4thly The Labor of so many hands secured for Cultivation & other useful purposes in the Country, during the absence of the Army. —

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[illegible] of the December last: the opportunity to me a matter of indifference, I complied with it. It seems only to show that the December last had not before been paid, of which I have had no intimation from the Secretary.

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir Sir
Your
4th February 1790.
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Reas the following letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosure entered in [illegible])

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

Honorable Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to [illegible] the receipt of your Secretary's Minutes dated 29th ult.

Agreeably to your orders [illegible] to us three your Military Secretary in his letter of the 20th of last month, We now enclose you an Abstract of ordnance and Military Stores wanting in each of the Garrisons in the Carnatic and Southern Divisions to complete them to their respective Establishments. We also enclose with Copy of a quarterly return of Stores in this Garrison, and with reference beg leave to call your attention to the very great deficiency that appears therein of the articles of Gun-Powder, there being only Eight [illegible]

From the Committee of Stores
with Abstract of ordnance
and Military Stores wanting
to complete the Garrisons in
the Carnatic Proper and Southern Divisions
by Return of Stores in
Fort St George; and demanding
a supply of Stores received &c.

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Sixty three Barrels of Gun Powder now in the Magazines; and the Complement is fifteen hundred Barrels; We cannot therefore too earnestly press that an application may be made to Bengal for an immediate Supply of Powder, and likewise hope that the Sulphur which We applied for, may be sent us soon as possible.

No quantity of Sulphur received on the Bengal Ships; it is presumed that the application for Gun-Powder will not be necessary;

The Commissary General of Stores laid before us at our last Committee, a Return of Garrison Gun-Carriages wanting Repair, and We ordered to be complied with without delay, agreeable to the Regulations.

Approved.

We have the honor to inclose you a List of Stores received from the Military Store last month: wherein of which we examined Eight

Approved.

We likewise Examined 10 Six Pounder field Carriages with Limbers; 3 thirty two Pounder Garrison Carriages with Platforms; 25 Abraham 25 Iron Chain Traces for Six Pounders; 120 Double for Bengal 12 & 24 Pounders 27 Chain Traces 2 Chain Traces for Brass twelve Pounders, 29 Chain for Tumbrils, One Chain Trace for a Mortar Carriage one Chain Trace for an Artificers Cart; which they received from the Gun Carriage Contractor, and found them all well finished, We ordered them to be received on the Company's Books. At the same time We examined and approved of two Six Pounder field Carriages with Limbers and Boxes on a new Construction, which have been made up by the Commissary General of Stores, and have desired them to be received on the Company's Books and sent to the Magazine and proof of Mount at Lieutenant Colonel Gells may judge necessary

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Minute of the Board thereon

The Board approve the different Recommendations contained in the foregoing, & it is agreed that the Measures proposed be carried into Execution.

Messrs. Parry, Jervis, & Harris, Assistants to the Secretary in the Political Department, being introduced, now take the usual oath of secrecy.

Messrs. Parry, Jervis & Harris take the Oath of Secrecy in the Political Department

Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekr.

John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From the Garrison Storekeeper inclosing a Report of the Stores & Provisions received from the Captain of the Ship Britannia. Recommends that they be disposed of by Public Sale

I have the honor to enclose a Report of Provisions & Stores received from Captain Hardie of the Britannia Store Ship, being the remains of what was shipped at Bengal for the use of a Detachment of His Majesty's 76th Regiment of Foot. I beg leave to recommend the different articles being disposed of by Public Sale, & the amount carried to the Credit of Bengal Presidency.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most obedt. humble Servt.
John Turing
Garrison Storekeeper

Garrison Storekeepers Office
8th March 1790

Report of Provisions and Stores received from on Board the Ship Britannia - Captain Hardie - 2nd March 1790

10 Barrels of American Beef in good condition
1 Leaguer of Arrack containing 121 Gallons
1 Butt of Wine - Butts - 13 Butts
7 Empty Leaguers wanting 5 Hoops
226 Loose Staves
70 Pieces of Scantling
103 Iron Hoops
4 half Butts
6 Bags Biscuit containing - 6.11 Maund lb

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William Bell Capn.
John Turing
Garrison Storekr.

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Agreed that the articles be disposed of by
Public Sale, as recommended by the Garrison Storekeeper —

Edwd Br Holland

Jamm Taylor

Ens Bayfield Marstens

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Diary

3rd Received the following Letters

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

Tippoo advances his Trenches near the Ditch - Begins upon a new Battery - Receives from the Rajah Specie to the amount of one Lack of Rupees.

The Enemy have been carrying on their Trenches since that the honor of Writing to you, and have now brought them very near to the Ditch. If they continue to work as they have done lately, in a few days they will advance them to the Counterscarp. - A Deserter came in yesterday - he says that Tippoo is still in Camp, and that it is his intention to open from his Batteries to breach, as soon as he has compleated all his approaches. - He has begun another Battery, to day about Six Miles to the Westward of the others; this I imagine is a feint to distract the attention of the Rajah's Troops.

I have this day received different kinds of Specie to the amount of a lac of Rupees, which shall be sent to Mr. Torin, as soon as I get it assayed.

I have the honor to remain

Parrour - 25th March 1790 -

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) George Powney

Resident

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3rd.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Bonney - Tippoo makes further assurances. - expresses his apprehensions that the Lines must be carried

I do myself the honor to transmit you the accompanying Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

The Enemy are continuing their Works, and have advanced them so near to the Ditch, that We are led to imagine it is their design to carry them on by Sap. Tippoo is taking every measure to ensure himself success; and alths' the Rajah's Troops appear determined to meet the Enemy Undaunted at the Breach, I very much fear that the Lines must be carried.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(prima) George Bonney
Resident.

Parrour - 27th March 1790

Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C. C. N. 75) - consenting to the arrangement proposed for liquidating his Balance; and Recommending Punctuality in the Performance of his Engagements.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Dispatched the following Letters to Colonel Hudgrave and Colonel Nicon. -

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To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Troops Encamped South of the River

Sir

To Colonel Musgrave — approving his Marching as soon as every thing is ready — To give notice of the day he commences his March — To take the Route of Trinomally & Trager — Pay will be issued to the Troops before they March —

The Board have received your Letter of the 31st Ultimo, and approve your marching to the Southward as soon as every thing is ready. They desire you will address them on the day on which you commence your March, & they approve the Route proposed by Trinomally & Trager.

Pay &c. will be issued to the Troops before they march, & every exertion will be made to send a considerable Sum of Money with the Detachment under your Command.

I am, Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
2nd April 1790

(signed) John Chamier
Sy

To Colonel Nixon

at Trichinopoly

Sir

To Colonel Nixon at Trichinopoly with Permission to proceed to Europe upon the Terms prescribed by the Company

The Board have received your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, and direct me in reply to inform you that you will have permission to proceed to Europe whenever you please, but it can only be upon the Terms prescribed by the Company for

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3rd. all their Officers, viz.t — a Resignation of the Service, unless the usual Certificates of ill health are laid before Government.

The former Indulgence of Supernumerary Officers going home upon half Pay has been withdrawn by the Court of Directors.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
2nd. April 1790 —

[sign.] J. Chamier
Secy.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 2. 3. 4.

To the Board of Revenue — To the Board of Revenue — desiring that all Proceedings relative to the Nabob's Country may be postponed until they receive further orders.

To the Military Board — To the Military Board — confirming their opinion respecting the Medical Arrangements — The Wooden Horses applied for not to be allowed — Inclosing Copy of the Circular Letter to the Barrack Masters.

To the Garrison Storekeeper — To the Garrison Storekeeper — Approving the disposal by publick Sale of the Provisions & Stores landed from the Snow Brittannia.

Received the undermentioned Letters, as entered in M.B., Nos. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.

From the Commandant at Pernacoil. — From the Commandant at Pernacoil — Has never given Permission to any Sepoys to Recruit within the Precincts of Pondicherry.

Information

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3rd. Information on the subject.

From Colonel Musgrave — From Colonel Musgrave — Acknowledging the receipt of the Cypher.

From Mr. Andrews at Cuddalore — From Mr. Andrews — Proceeds to Tellicherry, & delivers over the charge of the Factory to Mr. Bathwood.

From the Barrack Master to the Southern Division — From the Barrack Master to the Southern Division — will execute as soon as possible the orders sent to him under date the 23rd. March.

From the Paymaster at Wallanjaubad — From the Paymaster at Wallanjaubad — owing to the Discontent and Desertion of several of the Bamboo Coolies, is obliged to pay them for the present at the rate of 3 fanams per Day.

From the Military Board — From the Military Board — requesting to be furnished with the original Plans and Estimates of the Fortifications at Vellore, and Copies of any orders respecting them.

From the Commandant at Madurah — From the Commandant at Madurah — has received 6000 Callums of Paddy: exclusive of which there is upwards of 12 Months Grain for 1000 Men. Guards are put upon all the Godowns where Grain is Lodged.

From Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly — Enclosing Copy of the Instructions he has given to Lieutenant Deas Commanding at Pastoor. Requesting to be informed immediately of the pleasure of the Board in regard to the Collections of Cattle & Grain, & the establishing of Signals — Proposes to send a Person to point out 12 other Signal Posts, by which Intelligence may be conveyed to Madras in one hour.

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3rd. From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Inclosing an Estimate of the Quantity of Grain, necessary for the use of the Cavalry, to be laid up at Trichinopoly. Requesting to know if he is to take the necessary steps to procure the supply.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

At a Consultation Present

The Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor President

Edward John Holland
and
James Taylor
} Esqrs.

Tuesday
6th. April 1790.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

The Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Bengal — respecting Tippoo's Infraction of the Treaty of Peace, & the Steps to be taken in Consequence — & giving their Sanction to the purchase of Cuddalah & Cranganore.

We have received your Letter, dated the 5th. Instant enclosing a Letter from Tippoo, dated the 7th. February, and We have seen his former Letter dated the 2nd of that Month, which was transmitted by your Secretary to Mr. Kay.

Our

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Our Letters, dated the 29th. of August, & 15th. of November last, instructed You to consider the Company to be at War with Tippoo, if He should attack any part of the Dominions of the Nabob of Arcot or Rajah of Travancore that were in their Possession at the late Treaty of Peace; and our Letter, dated the 27th. of January last expressly said that Tippoo's Attack on the Travancore Lines left no further Room for Deliberation, but was to be looked upon as a declaration of War.

Under these Circumstances, We have concerned that You have been occupied, for some time past, either in making the necessary Preparations, or in carrying on the War with the utmost vigor in your power, according to our positive and repeated Instructions. We therefore cannot see how a Negociation can commence in an honorable manner, unless Tippoo should shew a Disposition to make a proper Reparation for the outrageous & unprovoked act of Hostility which he has Committed, and we should be no means approve of Your submitting to the humiliating Step of sending Commissioners to treat with him in his own Camp.

Without releasing in any operation of War, that it may be in your power to pursue, We direct that your President should, in answer to all Tippoo's Letters, explicitly inform him, that it has incontrovertibly appeared that Cranganore and Ayacottah were held by the

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Dutch as independent possessions, and never paid Tribute to the Rajah of Cochin, and therefore that the Dutch had an undoubted right to dispose of them to the Rajah of Travancore, or to any power that they might think proper; that He cannot look upon the attack that Tippoo made upon the Rajah of Travancore's Lines to have happened by accident, as He was upon the spot, and conducted it in person; And, as the Rajah has been in the possession of those Lines upwards of Twenty Years, and they were consequently guaranteed to him by the late Treaty of Peace, so violent an act of hostility can be seen in no other light than as an Infraction of the Treaty with the Company.

We have only to add that, We shall give you every support in our power to bring this Contest to an happy issue.

We have the honor to be

Hon^ble Sir

Your most obedient Servants

Fort William
9th. March 1790

Cornwallis

(Signed)

Peter Speke

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be acknowledged, that a letter be written to Tippoo, conformably to the Instructions laid down,

necessary to ascertain whether they are better calculated for the Service than that now in use.

We have the honor to be,
Honorable Sirs and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
(signed) Thomas Musgrave
J. Capper
Francis Light
Thomas Gells
J. Monthouse

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Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
5th. February 1790

Read a letter from the Secretary to Government forwarding a letter to Government from the Commissary General, and requiring the Hospital Board to state their opinion of what most proper eligible for the Carriage and Distribution of Medicines necessary to our Army in the Field.

In compliance with the orders of Government, the Hospital Board have the honor to refer to their Proceedings of December 15th 1787, where the Field Arrangements is fully detailed in consequence of the Instructions from the Governor in Council dated November 26th 1787, as follows "As it has been already supposed that every Corps is to have its own Surgeon, and that he

"he is supplied with Medicines for the
"month, when he takes the Field, it is
"necessary that a Ministry with 12 Coolies
"allowed every Regimental Surgeon for the
"purpose of Carriage, but as that number
"will not be sufficient to carry all the Medicines
"that the Surgeon of an European Regiment
"will find necessary, he should indent on
"the Apothecary in Camp for Wine, Spirits
"and other Colly Articles from time to
"time".

An Assistant Surgeon with a Native
Corps should be allowed 6 Coolies, and
should indent to the Apothecary in Camp
for similar Articles"

Should the Army take the
Field, the Hospital Board recommend
an Hospital Staff be established under
the direction of a Surgeon General who shall
superintend and command the Medical
Department

(signed) James Anderson
Physician General
Colby L. Lucas Col.
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Agreed that an Extract from the foregoing be sent to the Commissary General for his Guidance in Countersigning the Indents for the Carriage of Medicines &c.

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down, and that a Copy be transmitted to Bengal.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Powney.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows,

Governor in Council

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Hon'ble Sir

From Mr. Powney — Recommends that measures be taken to excite Tippoo's Tributaries to Revolt — Apprising of a further Attack upon the Lines — his opinion that they must shortly be carried.

As there is every appearance hostilities will soon commence between the Honble Company's Troops, and those of Tippoo Sultaun, I hope, I shall be forgiven in proposing to your Consideration the expediency of adopting measures in this part of the Country to excite Tippoo's Tributaries to Revolt — The Malabar Rajahs, who have been dispossessed of their Countries, and obliged to quit them on account of the most cruel persecutions on the part of the Sultaun, are now residing in the Hills in the Neighbourhood of this Country, and, I am well assured, are only waiting the opportunity of revenging themselves — they were attached to our Interests during the last War, and I am informed, if assured of the Honble Company's Protection, would immediately assemble their Adherents, and not only give many annoyance to the Enemy, but would render us many Assistance in the Malabar Countries in procuring Provisions &c. should our Armies penetrate into them. — The Rajah of Cochin, I hear, is ready to throw off the Yoke from Tippoo, and

would

would willingly become Tributary to the English for their protection; and the other Malabar Rajahs would do the same upon being put in possession of their Countries — If you should, Honble Sir, approve of the Measure I have taken the liberty to submit to your Consideration, I will endeavor, immediately on receiving your orders, to carry it into Effect, and obey such further Instructions on the Subject as you may deem proper to give me.

I have just received accounts from the Lines, that the Enemy have opened from their nearest Battery, (about 150 Yards distant) that the Parapet of the Lines was quite destroyed, and that the Fire from the Enemy was so hot, that the Rajah's Troops could not shew themselves. A day or two, I imagine, must decide the fate of the Lines: altho' every resistance, which determined Bravery can excite, is to be expected on the part of the Rajah's Troops in their Defence, I am afraid, if the Lines should be carried, his Forces will not Rally, but will disperse and take refuge in the Hills, and it will be almost impossible to bring them to face the Enemy again. I hope I may be mistaken in this Conjecture, and, in the Event of their being driven from the Lines, We shall be able to collect them again; for the natural Defences in this Country are very considerable, and even after the Lines should be lost, the Enemy would have many difficulties to encounter before they could penetrate

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for into it, even with a small Body of Troops to oppose them.

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir Sir

Pavour—28th. March 1790— (signed) George Powney
Resident

The Board observe upon the foregoing, that Mr. Powney's Suggestions have been anticipated by a Letter addressed to him, and to the Rajah of Tavanore, under date 21st. March.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

The Letter from the Rajah of Travancore, forwarded with the above (as entered in C.C. No. 76) contains Assurances of his making the utmost Exertions in defence of his Country, and taking all possible Precautions—Repeating his Wish that the English army would come to his Relief.

Copies of Mr. Powney's two last Letters to be sent to Bengal

Agreed that Copies of Mr. Powney's two last Letters be sent to Bengal.

The President informs the Board that he has received from Captain Kennaway at Hydrabad, a Paper containing the Route which the Nizam wishes may be followed by the two Battalions of Native Troops, which are to be furnished by the Company, upon his Requisition, in the Event of War.

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Route by which His Highness the Nizam requests the Detachment may be directed to join him.

Route by which His Highness the Nizam requests the Detachment may be directed to join him.

From Ellore

to Bayawarrah	—	20 Cos
Naugaung	—	16 Ditto
Sooriapaut	—	20 Ditto
Nulgoonda	—	16 Ditto
Dairvur coondu	—	16 Ditto
Sautaw paint	—	16 Ditto
Paug tour	—	12 Ditto

President's Minute thereon

As a Requisition for the two Battalions, with the 6 Sea Pounders, manned by Europeans, may shortly be made, the President recommends that a Notification of the foregoing may be given to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, & to Colonel Braithwaite, & he in the mean time purposes acquainting the Colonel with the necessary details.

Approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor &c. Council

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Honble Sir and Sirs

From the Military Board recommending that two Stone Mortars be sent to the Commandant at Tiger — thereordered an account of all the Condemned and Unserviceable Stores in the arsenal to be delivered on

At our last Committee, We examined an Indent received from the Commandant of Tiger, in which are Indented some Stone Mortars. For the reasons mentioned in his Letters We beg leave to recommend that two Stone Mortars

shall

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in to Store — Have Examined & Approved of 30 Arrack Casks received from the Contractors Yard.

shall be sent to him with the other Stores.

The Military Storekeeper has represented, that several of the Apartments in the Arsenal are much lumbered with condemned and unserviceable Stores, We have therefore had a Letter written to the acting Commissary General of Stores, desiring him to carefully Examine all the Stores under that description, and report to us, as soon as possible, about what Committee their exact State.

We examined and Approved of 30 Arrack Casks received from the Contractors Yard, and ordered them to be received on the Company's Books.

We have the honor to be

Sir Your most obedt. Servts.

Fort S. George

30th March 1790

J. Capper

(signed)

Henry Malcolm

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

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From the Military Board — with Note of the Places to which it has been judged expedient to remove the Corps from Chittoor &c. Arcot, Vellajanabad, and Tripasore — desiring to know if they are not to inspect all Bodies previous to their delivery to the Corps for Issue with

Honble Sir

We have been honored with the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letters of the 30th ultimo.

Lieutenant Capper, Barrack Master, having submitted to us the necessity of removing the Corps at Chittoor, Arcot, and Tripasore to places of Security, and proposing

with the Contract fixing the rate at which Doolies are to be charged.

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proposing to procure Coolies and other Carriage for the purpose, in case the Lascars at the several stations in his Division should have employment of greater importance — We have thought it necessary to direct him to remove

The Cotts at Chivillemoreon & Arcot ... } to Vellore, by the Lascars of that Garrison.

The Cotts at Wallaujanbad — to Chingleput, by the Lascars at Chingleput

The Cotts at Tripassore — to Bonamallee by the Lascars furnished from the Presidency & Bonamallee.

Lieutenant Capper having likewise informed us that a certain Number of Doolies were ordered to be delivered by him to the Paymaster General when compleated, provided they were equally good with those furnished by that Department, We beg leave to submit whether all Doolies should not be sent for our Inspection, previous to their delivery to Corps for Service, and to request We may be furnished with a Copy of the Contract or order, fixing the rate at which Doolies are to be Charged.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

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J. Capper
(Signed) Henry Malcolm

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To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

From the Military Board Recommending that one Hd & Six Common Peons be sent to secure the Barracks at Court Chittamoor &c Tripasore.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of yesterday's date.

The Barrack Master of the Centre Division having submitted to us the necessity of providing for the Security of the Barracks at Court Chittamoor &c Tripasore, We beg leave to recommend, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring Sepoys, that one Head & Six Common Peons be sent to each Cantonment for that purpose, whilst the Troops remain in the Field, and that they be ordered to report immediately to the Barrack Master any accidents that may happen to the Barracks, so that the Causes thereof may be ascertained without loss of time.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

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J. Casper
Henry Malcolm

To

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

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Honble Sir

From the Military Board
Lre recommend Approval
the Tents received from
the Military Storekeeper

The acting Commissary General of Stores having reported to us the receipt of 51 Officers Tents
25 Serjeants Ditto
42 Private Ditto
3 Bazaar Ditto from the Military Storekeeper, We beg leave to inform your honor in Council that, on Examination, they appear to us made of very good Materials, as also fully equal to the Dimensions fixed by the Regulations.

We have the honor to be
Hon. Sir Your Most Obedt Servts

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J. Capper
signed
Henry Malcolm

Minute with foregoing Letters from the Military Board.

Government entirely approve the Proceedings & Recommendations of the Military Board, contained in the foregoing Letters.

Ditto Ditto

With regard to the price of Tents, it is necessary to inform the Military Board, that there is not any existing Contract, but that the Price has been established for many Years at Pagodas 7 5/8 each.

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To the Honble William Medows Esqr.

Governor in Council

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Honble Sir

From Carnatic - Operations against Tamakes - his Party Routed by Lieutenant Lindsay at Covilodurah - a Skirmish between the Vizianagur & Pettapoolay Arms - Recommendations to Colonel Trent to expel Tamakes from the Carnatic Post

We have received your Secretary's Letters of the 16th ultimo, and of the 3rd and 6th Instant.

From that first mentioned, We have furnished an Extract to Lieutenant Colonel Trent, & have refrained from subsequent alterations.

We shall exert our Endeavors to Entertain the number of Booby Bearers you have Indented for, and to forward them to you as early as possible; but We apprehend that the Detachment of Bengal Troops, which is shortly expected here, may supervene unlooked-for Difficulty upon the Completion of your Intent.

We have required from Colonel Trent to be informed, if the Mohurry Poms are absolutely necessary, of the footing on which they are entertained, and of the Expence they involve, Subjects on which We shall Communicate with you at a future opportunity.

Lieutenant Colonel Trent lately informed us, that having received Information, that Tamakes and the greatest part of his Adherents had acted as Auxiliaries with Tamakes, the Rajah of Vizianagur, in a late Invasion of

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the Putabgherry Zemindary; in which ten Villages were burnt, and twelve others Plundered: and that Sanadeo had delayed his Return to the Hills, until he had joined in the celebration of the Aindoo Festival of the Hooley at Doomlaw in Vizianagur: he, the Colonel, thought this a favorable opportunity, agreeably to our "repeated requisitions," to establish a Post at Cavilabudrah, unprotected by Sanadeo's absence; that accordingly he detached Lieutenant Lewis Smale with so great a part of his Force, that there remained with himself in Camp only "Eleven Sepoys off Duty".

Lieutenant Smale was successful in arriving at Cavilabudrah at day break undiscovered, and met with no opposition from the few People remaining there, who fled with the precipitation of Surprize to the surrounding Eminences; ere they attained which, a Sirdar of Sanadeo's was killed, and two meaner Persons were made Prisoners by our People.

Our Party had scarcely pitched its Tents, when the Insurgents returned in greater Force, and having the Possession of Commanding Eminences, continued a Fire of Musquetry upon our Party a considerable time; only one Sepoy suffered however, and that by a Ball in the Knee.

Lieutenant Smale could discover no Water nearer than the Bottom of the Hill, and experienced that the Convoys necessary to ensure the due Supplies of that Element would, from the Fatigue and Hazard attending them, in a great

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Recd the following letter from Colonel Musgrave

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Gells, Senior Officer of Artillery upon this Establishment.

The Request of Lieutenant Colonel Gells appears to me so much founded in equity, that I willingly give it my ready approbation and support, and hope that your Honble Board, viewing it in the same light, will recommend to the Court of Directors that he may be promoted to the Rank of Full Colonel, such being the mode pursued by the Supreme Government to obtain it for the Senior Officer of Artillery under that Presidency. Conceiving therefore that no partial distinction is meant to be extended to the one Establishment in preference to the other, I doubt not, if Lieutenant Colonel Gells is favored with your Recommendation, but his request will be complied with.

Colonel Nixon acquaints me that he has judged it expedient, in order to prevent any discontent among the non Commissioned and private Europeans Encamped in Teitchinopoly Plain, to allow them dry-Batta, about 100 Pagodas a day. I am therefore desirous of learning the sentiments of your Honble Board with respect thereto.

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Signed Thomas Musgrave

Head-quarters
Madras 6th February 1790

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Colonel Musgrave

Commander in Chief

To

Happening from the Bengal Gazette Lieutenant Colonel Dear is promoted to the Rank of full Colonel Commandant of Artillery, and to be considered as sprung next Colonel until the Lieutenant Colonels his Seniors shall have attained this Rank. Colonel I have to request, as Lieutenant Colonel Dears relative Situation and mine are much the same, with the difference of my being a Senior Officer in the Service to him, that you would be pleased, if you approve of that Arrangement, to Recommend to the Honorable Board that I be promoted to the Rank of full Colonel Commandant of Artillery on the Establishment under similar restrictions with those of Colonel Dear in Bengal.

I have the Honor to remain with much Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Signed Thomas Gells

St Thomas's Mount
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To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

By the Copy of a second Letter from Colonel Nixon, which I have now the Honor to enclose, it will appear that his Suggestions, as to the consequence of the Dry-Batta being continued to the European Troops encamped upon Trichinopoly Plain, have not proved well founded. The reasons they allege for their discontents are, that

(X) From Col. Musgrave — States the discontents among the European troops encamped on Trichinopoly plain in Consequence of the discontinuance of dry batta and endosing Letter from Col. Nixon on the subject.

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great degree incapacitate from other Services, and as the Post which he occupied Commanded within Musquet Shot he by course judged a retreat expedient, & effected it without further Loss the same night.

The Prisoners he took agreed, that Sanadee had not been there for a Month back, but the one said that he was in the Vizianagur Zemindary, & the other that he was in a bond Village of the Moherry Hills.

When Colonel Frent acquired Possession of these Prisoners, he informed us, he Examined one of them who was a Peon, & related to the Sirdar who was killed — that he learnt from him, that Sanadee since the last Attack on him in December, had retired to & continued at Caranjah in the Vizianagur Zemindary, and that between him and that Rajah, a constant Intercourse was kept up — & that the latter was continually inciting Sanadee to persist in making predatory Incursions on the low Countries, as the best means of compelling the Company to Invest him with the Moherry Zemindary, promising to supply him on occasion with five hundred Peons — that Sanadee lately descended from Caranjah with Sixty Men, to the Assistance of Mummedee in the abovementioned Invasion of Pettapytherry — The Prisoner added that Sanadee was always supplied with Provisions from Vizianagur, & that, that Rajah also furnished him with pecuniary aids, but in them was so scanty, that Sanadee's Partizans were

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much discontented.

As Colonel Trent seemed to place great confidence in his original Information that, Sanabeo was celebrating the Hooley at Doomlaw, We could not but regret, that he had not rather Detached Lieutenant Smale thither, nor could We exclude Surprize, that in all Events he did not instruct Lieutenant Smale to endeavor to intercept Sanabeo's Return to the Mountains.

The two Prisoners taken by Lieutenant Smale differed so widely in their first relations to him concerning the place of Sanabeo's present Retreat, that We necessarily suspended belief of either; nor, opposed to the Information which our Chief has Communicated to us, can We give credit to the subsequent Narration which one of them made to Colonel Trent.

Our Chief has informed us, that the Pretapagherry Vackeel (who was present in the late Rencounter between his Master's & Munnedoo's Peons) has declared that Sanabeo was not there: and has added, that he did not Celebrate the Hooley at Doomlaw.—Nor can We trace the least Consistency between that closeness of Connexion inducing such a Reciprocation of good Offices ascribed to Munnedoo & Sanabeo, and those niggard pecuniary Supplies which expose the latter to all the Evils of a mutinous disposition among his followers, or to their total secession, which in Effect were scarcely less deleterious to his Cause.

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We have communicated these Sentiments to Lieutenant Colonel Kent, and have corrected a misapprehension under which he labored, of our Recommendation to establish a Post at Cavilabudrah, or some other tenable position among the Hills, which it should seem he conceived to amount to a "Requisition," which on the contrary We have declined intending, in any case that may involve the Specification of any particular mode of executing the Service on which he is employed.

We have now recommended to him, in the Event of his continuing to credit that Sanadee is at Liberty to take means of driving him from that Post.

Our Chief informs us, that the motive to the Invasion of Bettapghurry by the Vizianagur Poms is, the disputed property of a small Spot of Ground connecting those two Countries; that he was taking means to decide between the Brothers, when he received Intelligence that they were assembling their Forces with the intention of coming to the Issue of arms, unmindful of his repeated Injunctions to the contrary, that one his Dubash, who he sent thither to preserve Tranquillity and to investigate Facts, could arrive on the Spot, an action ensued, in which a Man was killed on either side, which was followed by the irruption of the Vizianagur Poms into Bettapghurry where they committed the Ravages before mentioned.

Mummeah pleads in apology for this Violence that it was committed by his Sirdar without his knowledge,

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knowledge, who was provoked to the assumption of the measure by a Challenge from the Pretapagherry Party, which was strengthened by five hundred Peons from the Zemindaries of Burragur, Daracoote, Sourcah, & Sungur.

The Pretapagherry Rajah affirms that those Zemindaries were bound by ancient Custom to furnish the aids abovementioned; and, that he was induced to such Preparations by plain Indications of Munnoo's hostile Intentions, and by an attempt which he had made to assassinate the Pretapagherry Pauter on his Return from settling the Dummabundy at Tanjam.

There is no doubt that, Munnoo has been the Aggressor in this affair, and that, in many other respects of late, his Conduct has been such as might justly incur the severest punishment; and We are of opinion, that if not deprived of his Zemindary, he should yet be compelled to make retribution for the Depradations committed by his Peons on Pretapagherry, and to reduce his Military Establishment to five hundred Peons, a number fully adequate to every useful purpose.

Although We are of this opinion, We continue to disbelieve that, he is any ways implicated in Sanaker's opposition, which We are persuaded has been imputed to him solely by the Machinations of the Pretapagherry Pauter, who is instigated to such Fabrications by the hope of ultimately effecting his Master's re-investiture with the

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Vizianagur Zemindary, which by the Will of his Father he possessed conjointly with Pretapagherry, thought it became the policy of Government to divide those Countries between him, and his Elder Brother Munnedoo —

As an Instance of this, our Chief informs us that, the Pretapagherry Pauter lately sent him Intelligence that Munnedoo has assembled a great Force and Store of Provision at Vamacundah, but that he, the Chief, on sending a Peon to enquire into the Fact, discovered that it had not the slightest Foundation.

Application has been made to us, to place the three Companies of the Revenue Corps on Duty in this District, on the allowances of Regular Sepoys, which as they are doing Duty in Garrison here, Our Chief & Mr. Wynch think should be conceded to them, with the Reserve of your Determination on the Rights of those who, not in Garrison, are detached to the Country on Revenue Service.

We have referred this to your Consideration more however in compliance with the wishes of Mr. Munro, who argues, that, "as the Revenue Corps here has ever been "furnished with a Detail of Garrison out-Guards more "fatiguing than it's present duties within the Fort, and "as Weare to remote from even the alarms of Hostility, "he cannot recognize that, that Corps has any better Claim "to Sepoy Pay now than heretofore, and is inclined to think

"such

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"Such an unnecessary Increase of Expence was not the
"Intention of your Order, a reference to whom he thinks
"will be neither injurious to the Revenue Corps, nor detri-
"mental to the Service; especially as We are doubtful if
"those employed on Revenue Service were also entitled
"to Sepoy Pay."

"He conceives however, that if any part of the
"Corps gets Sepoy Pay, the whole should be indulged with it,
"as all must be subject to the Rotation of equal Duties;
"and he is confirmed in this opinion, he says, by your letter
"to you under date the 16th December 1789."

He Proceeds — "that a Reference to you cannot
"be injurious to the Revenue Sepoys, because, if their claim
"is admitted, their Arrears can be made good, and in the
"interim their Duty is easier, and their Expences not greater,
"unless they are encouraged to unreasonable Expectation. —
"He concludes by proferring to Regulate his Issues / as
"Paymaster / agreeably to our Resolution", which We shall
suspend until the Receipt of your Orders.

We have the honor to be

Tanjam — 21st March 1790 — Yr. Yr. Yr.

Morgan Williams

(signed) R. D. Munro

P.S. The Inclosures of this address are forwarded by Mr Munro's
desire.

Morgan Williams.

(signed) R. D. Munro.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Trent

Commanding Office of the Troops in the Ganjam District

at Ganjam

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 4th. and 5th. Instant, and our Chief has communicated to us your Letter of the 9th. Instant to his address.

Conformably to the 10th. Clause of the Regulations for the Store Department, under date 28th. October 1786, the subject of the last ought to have been of immediate Communication to the Board; and, though We have in this Instance authorized the transfer of the Articles you have detailed to the General Storehouse at Ganjam, agreeable to your recommendation, yet We desire, that on all future occurrences you will be regular in your adherence to prescribed Regulations.

Upon your representation of its expediency, we consent, that the Lascars, Bildars, Cooley Bearers, mentioned in your Letter of the 5th. Instant, be continued to be retained for Contingent Services.

Though We have repeatedly recommended that a Post might be established at Cavilabudrah or some other tenable station in the Hills, we cannot recognize, that We have ever made such a Requisition of you; on the Contrary, our Secretary's Letter of the 30th. January

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pointedly disclaimed for us the assumption of whatever might involve an interference with your Executive Duties.

As you appear to us to have placed great Confidence in the Intelligence of Sanadeo's having repaired to Doomlaw to Celebrate the Festival of the Hooley, we must regret, that you did not detach Lieutenant Smale's Party thither rather than to Cavilabudrah; and We cannot but express our Surprize, that you did not at least take measures to intercept his /Sanadeo's/ Return to Cavilabudrah or Caranjah.

From every Information we can obtain, which is confirmed by the positive Declaration of the Peta pagherry Vackeel, who was present, Sanadeo bore no part in the late Invasion of Peta pagherry, by the Vizia-nagur Poons. From the same Channel we learn, that Sanadeo was not at Doomlaw during the Celebration of the Hooley; and the Information of the two Prisoners sent to your Camp by Lieutenant Lewis Smale differs so widely as to the present Retreat of Sanadeo, that We necessarily suspend our belief of both.

We cannot but discredit the whole Narration which the Poon Captured by Lieutenant Smale subsequently made to you: We have shewn it to be false in two particulars, and apprehend some degree of inconsistency between

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that closeness of Connexion, and that degree of reciprocation of good Offices affirmed to exist with Mannedoo Nawaber, and those niggard pecuniary aids furnished by the former, to the latter, exposing him to all the evil Effects of Mutiny among his Followers, or to those of Desertion scarcely less prejudicial to his views.

If, notwithstanding what We have stated, you should still think the Intelligence you received from the Prisoner deserving of any Degree of Credit, We recommend that you lose no time in dislodging Sunadoo from Caranjah.

Government has desired that, all unnecessary Expences in this District may be discontinued; and required from us upon what footing the Mahratta Peons are kept up, at what Expence, and if they are absolutely necessary; We request in Consequence, that you will Communicate to us every Information in your power, on the latter points, and that you will govern your Intents &c. by the foregoing Injunctions.

We have the honor to be

Caranjam
10th March 1790.

&c. &c. &c.

Morgan Williams
&c. Council

{Signed}

A true Copy {Signed} Tho. Sandgrass
Secy

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Mr. Munro's Minute — 20th. March. Panjam.

I cannot approve of the much unnecessary matter, or of the intemperate Style of the Letter of this date to Lieutenant Colonel Trent; but as I do not desire to continue discussions with my honorable Colleagues, I waive Enlargement on the subject.

The last Paragraph I think totally inapplicable to Lieutenant Colonel Trent, because every possible limitation of Expence is in our own and sole power, and because Colonel Trent has already communicated his opinions respecting the Moherry Peons: He has told us, that they amounted to Eight hundred, & that they were necessary to the defence of the Country, even at a time that he depended upon retaining a greater Force of Sepoys; (See his Letters 13th. & 28th. January) & as to the "footing on which "they are kept up, & the Expence they Involve," - We should be cautious of authorizing his Interference in matters to which ourselves are perfectly Competent, and which are irrelevant to his Powers.

(signed) A. D. Munro

Mr. Munro's Minute 21st. March 1790 — Panjam

I can no more approve of the Letter of this date to Government, than that of yesterday's date

to

that when the Troops were some months ago ordered to a
grounds at Trichinopoly, it was denied to be considered as a
Cantonment, in consequence of which the Soldiery carried their
families along with them to the plain of Trichinopoly, but being
on the present occasion ordered to Encamp as for immediate
Employment in the Field, they left their families in Garrison,
and appropriated their Pay for supporting them, trusting to
the Field allowances as being sufficient for themselves, —
disappointed in that view by the General Order of the 27th
Ultimo, they have represented their inability to Colonel Nixon

I therefore take the Liberty of submitting to the consi-
deration of your Honorable Board, whether it can be object of much
importance to withhold this indulgence from the Troops
arranged to the Coromandel in behalf of which the repeated
former practice of the Service pleads very forcibly —

Head Quarters
Madras 4th February 1790

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave
Commander in Chief

Sir

As I imagined and expressed in my private
Letter to you of the 2d some murmurs and discontents have
appeared among the private Europeans on account of the
Batta and all Field allowances having been stopped
They plead the Custom of the Service whilst on the Field &
modestly require the usual allowance or to be ordered into

Garrison

Garrison, Reserving from the hard fate of those here a
lisping and Sway much with the Government would
into Consideration and without the Expence of employ
Provender make them the Allowance of Dry Batta for
time which will compleatly satisfy them and much

Head Quarters
Trichinopoly Plain
4th February 1790

I have &c.
(Signed) E. Nixon

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas Campbell
Secy

To the Honble John Holland Esqr
Governor in Council

From Colonel Nixon
recommends that
Lieutenant Reilly be
appointed Adjutant
of His Battalion during
the absence of
Lieut. Grant

Honorable Sir

In consequence of Lieutenant Adjutant of the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry having
appointed Secretary to Colonel Nixon, I beg leave to recom
mend that Lieutenant Edward Reilly of the same Corps
in order to officiate as Adjutant of the 3d Battalion during
absence of Lieutenant Grant

Head Quarters
Madras 4th February 1790

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Musgrave

To the Honble John Holland Esqr
Governor in Council

From Colonel Musgrave
with an account of
some disturbance
happening among
the Sepoys of the
Corps now, by which
Jemadar of the 1st
Battalion has been killed

Honble Sir

Captain Wahab Commanding the 1st
Battalion of Native Infantry has reported to me
the Death of a Jemedar belonging to his Corps

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to Lieutenant Colonel Trent, in so far as it implicates his Military Operations, and professional Character.

Nor can I acquiesce in the Chief's belief, that Munnetoo has in one shape contributed to Sanaroo's Opposition: on the Contrary, daily Experience proves the Reverse to my entire Conviction — Munnetoo's Conduct, and the State of the District are verging fast to that Crisis which the inclosed Memorandum Minutes has foreboded; and the time must soon arrive when late, but unfortunate Experience will justify to my Constituents the facts & reasoning which I have so often, but so unsuccessfully reiterated to the Superior Government; and when, though I must lament the occasion, they will derive additional for my Individual Vindication, and as recommendations to future Confidence.

I request the Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Trent, & my Minute of Yesterday's date, & this Minute may be forwarded, in Transcript, with the Letter to Government.

Ganjam
21st. March 1790 —

Subjoined R. D. Munro

Chief's Minute 21st. March 1790.

It is unnecessary for me to tread over the already too much beaten Path concerning Munnetoo, Sanaroo, and Mudgetoo, as Government is already in possession of Facts & will give them every Information relative to

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to the Affairs of this District: they are so properly stated in the joint address of myself and Mr. Wynch to Government, under date the 1st. December 1789, that they need no addition from either of us to give them a greater insight into the Nature of them. I have no objection to the transmission of the Papers mentioned in Mr. Munro's Minute, since it is his particular Request.

/signed/ Morgan Williams

True Copies
/signed/ Thomas Snodgrass
Secy.

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letters from Masulipatam.

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council.
Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam.
Mr. Binny Surgeon applies Permission to visit the Presidency.
—58 Dooley Bearers have Voluntarily engaged to serve with the army, with Coolies &c. &c.

Mr. Binny, head Surgeon at this place, having requested of us to apply to your honor &c. for your Permission for his visiting the Presidency, where his Affairs renders his Presence necessary, We request to know whether his Application may be complied with.

In consequence of your Orders, Communicated to us in your Secretary's letter of the 6th. Instant, 58 Dooley Bearers have Voluntarily engaged to serve with the

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the army, on the conditions offered; and these will accordingly be sent by the Military Paymaster at this place, to the Military Paymaster General, to be disposed of as you may determine, as well as such others as may engage in future.

We have the honor to be

Hon. Hon. Hon.

Signed
Arth. Sablier
W. Dobbyn
Sam. Statham

Masulipatam
29th March 1796

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam
Regarding the late Mr. Graham's accounts as Paymaster at Ellore. Remarks on the Subject.

We are much concerned to be under the necessity of troubling you with a Reference on a subject that may appear trivial; but in the present instance, We find ourselves unable to avoid it, as We think will appear by the inclosed Correspondence.

We have the honor of informing Government, in a letter dated 20th. October last, that there appeared a deficiency in the Cash left by the late Mr. Graham, Paymaster of Ellore, amounting to Madras Pagodas 6,100; and that having just at that time been informed of his Death,

We

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We had directed Mr. Malcolm, whom Mr. Graham had left in Charge of his Employ, to take care of the Property he had left.. This Precaution appearing to us necessary, in order to prevent imposition by Servants or otherwise, & to secure the Company as well as others who might have demands on the Estate, as much as possible from any loss. This Precaution Your Secretary informed us by Letter dated the 27th. of the same month, was approved; & the Effects left by Mr. Graham have, in consequence of such approbation, remained under Charge of the Paymaster until this time; no Executor, Administrator, or other Person legally authorized to receive them having appeared.

Frequent applications having been made to Mr. Malcolm, soon after he took charge of the Effects, on account of Private Property belonging to different Individuals said to be amongst them, We recommended it to Colonel Brathwaite, in a Letter dated 15th. November, to order a Court of Enquiry or Committee, for the purpose of taking an account of the said Effects, and ascertaining, as far as might be possible, what Property belonging to Individuals might be mixed with them; which We thought, after the Proceedings should have been approved by the Colonel, might have been delivered up to the Claimants, on their giving a Receipt for the same; and indeed We did not think that, under Local Circumstances, any other legal mode, or at least more proper mode could be adopted. This application Colonel Brathwaite

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Brathwaite absolutely declined, by Letter dated 15th. November, & that in a very Extraordinary manner: Having transmitted his Letter to us on the Subject, first to the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, with Orders not only that it should be delivered by himself & the Fort Adjutant in Person, but that a Copy of it, having been taken and attested by the same Gentlemen, should be registered in the Fort Adjutant's Office.— Colonel Brathwaite seems in this Letter to admit of the necessity there was for securing the Effects from Embezzlement; but to think that, Mr. Malcolm (whom Mr. Graham has requested to act for him during his absence) was not the proper Person to have charge of them, tho' his having been directed by us to take charge of them, was, as Colonel Brathwaite has been informed, approved by Government; and he seems further to have been of opinion, that our having directed the Property, left by Mr. Graham, to be secured, constituted Mr. Malcolm first, and afterwards ourselves Executors to his Estate. This, if not the exact meaning of all he has written on the subject, is at least the only Construction We can put upon it. Neither Colonel Brathwaite's opinion however, or his mode of delivering a Letter, would have been thought worth noticing by us, if it had not been for the Inconveniencies that have arisen from it, by leading us into a Correspondence with those, who complain that their Effects, which happened to be among the late Mr. Graham's, are withheld, &

which

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which it was our Wish might have been delivered up, provided the property could have been ascertained; but this We have not been able to do, because it is not in our Power, tho' it is, We conceive, in Colonel Brathwaite's to order a Court of Enquiry in the Cantonment where he Commands, for this purpose. It is true that he has informed the present Paymaster, Mr. Taylor, that if We were to require of him to constitute an Enquiry, he would conform; but this by no means agrees with his having before informed one of the Claimants that, if We had required, instead of recommended it, he would have protested against it. It certainly was for the benefit of all concerned, that the Property should be preserved; and Considering the large Balance due to the Company, We could do no less than We did: the propriety of which further appeared, when Colonel Brathwaite informed us afterwards, in his letter of the 22nd. November, that he did not consider himself in any respect responsible for the Paymaster's Employ; and as this had also been our own opinion in the first Instance, We desired the then acting Paymaster Mr. Malcolm, & not Colonel Brathwaite, to take care of the Effects for their preservation. — It might have been expected that an Administrator would before this time have appeared; and as We understood an application had actually been made to the Mayor's Court for Letters of Administration, this Circumstance

prevented

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prevented us from troubling you on the subject sooner, having before received your approbation for having secured the Property; but the length of time that has since elapsed, & the Custom observed by Colonel Braithwaite, obliges us to apply for your further Orders, for our Guidance, in what manner We are to act in regard to the Claims of Individuals, which We conceive might best be done by the same mode that is usually followed upon the Death of an Officer; which however rests with Colonel Braithwaite and not with us, to carry into Effect, & which, if he would have complied with on the first Instance, might have been an accommodation to Individuals, have saved us a great deal of unnecessary Correspondence & Trouble, and prevented the necessity of this Reference.

It happened that Mr. Graham's Effects were left in a House belonging to Major Montgomery, & not in his own Quarter, a Circumstance which We knew nothing of, until We received an application from the Major to have the Effects removed; and at the same time an application for House Rent, from the time of Mr. Graham's Death.— The first appeared to us perfectly reasonable; but as Mr. Graham's having resided in a House belonging to Major Montgomery, instead of a Company's Quarter, and his Effects being left there

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a matter merely accidental, so far as the Company are concerned, we did not think ourselves authorized to charge the Company with the Rent, for which Ule thought Major Montgomery could only have a Claim upon the Estate. — As he has, however, renewed his application for House Rent, at the rate of 20 Pagodas ℔ month, we informed him, that We should submit the matter to your Decision. —

When the Paymaster Mr. Taylor intended to have removed the Effects from Major Montgomery's House, the same difficulty again occurred, as he could discriminate between what Property might belong to the Major, and what belonged to Mr. Graham's Estate; and as Colonel Brathwaite, on being again applied to, still withheld his Assistance, it has become necessary to let the Effects remain where they are, until We receive your Determination, which We request may be communicated to us as soon as may be convenient.

We herewith have the honor to forward our Consultations for last Month.

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

Anth. Sadleir
W. Dobbyn
Sam. Statham

(signed)

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30th March 1790.

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To Anthony Sadleir Esq.

Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I herewith Enclose the Accounts of the Payments of Ellore for the Months of July & August, which, for the reasons hereafter mentioned, I have not signed.

About the 20th. August last, when Mr. Graham was at this place, and just before he embarked for the Residency, he applied to me to wait for him during his absence; to which I readily consented, upon his assuring me that, the Balance of Cash he had left at Ellore corresponded exactly with the Balance in his hands, as per account, & that there was sufficient, without a further supply, for his august Disbursements.

The ill State of Mr. Grahams health, & the opportunity which then offered of his Proceeding to the Residency by Sea, did not admit of my Examining personally the State of the Cash, until after his Departure.

Upon my going to Ellore, the Accounts for July were presented me by Mr. Graham's Conicopply to sign, before I complied with this, I demanded of him the Cash in order that I might compare it with the Balance appearing to be in Mr. Graham's hands, as per account, & then found a Considerable deficiency. —

This

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This Circumstance prevented me from putting my Signature to the July Accounts until the Balance of Cash might be exactly ascertained, and until I knew in what manner it might be forthcoming, as Mr. Graham's Servant declared himself unable to give me satisfaction for the deficiency, or to be in any respect responsible for it; I therefore wrote to Mr. Graham, then arrived at the Presidency, but from indisposition or other Causes, I have not yet received any answer to my Letters.

Should I receive a satisfactory answer from Mr. Graham, it shall immediately be communicated to you; but in the mean time, I think it necessary, for your Information & my own Safety to acquaint you with the Circumstance that has happened; & that, although the Balance of Cash in the Paymaster's hands appears by account to be Madras Pagodas 20,285.1.28, there was only to the End of August a Balance forthcoming of Madras Pagodas 14,185.1.28, so that there is a deficiency of Madras Pagodas 6,100 which I never did receive.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant

Masulipatam
October 15th 1789

signed Robert Malcolm
Acting Paymaster of Europe

To

who was unfortunately shot by a Party of Sepoys, who were obliged to Fire upon a Body of Peons that had assembled in a tumultuous manner and proceeded to Outrage and plunder at Conjeveram. The Colonel was an unconcerned Spectator of the Riot when this accident happened, having gone over from Chittaumoor, where he was stationed on Duty.

The violent outrages occasioned by this Riot merit the strictest and speedy interference of Government in order to quiet the minds of the People and restore tranquility to the District. Lieutenant Colonel Floyd Commanding at Chittaumoor has reported that Disturbances are apprehended from them and many serious Evils.

I beg leave to acquaint your Honorable Board that the Detachment for reinforcing the Southern Army under Major Darley, reached Kunnatigan the 3d Instant & were to proceed towards Trichinopoly on the 6th.

I have the Honor &c.

Head Quarters
Madras 9th February
1790.

To
The Honble Sir
John Macpherson Bart
&c &c &c

I am most Obedient humble Servant
Signed Thomas Musgrave

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Floyd's application be forwarded to the Court of Directors, recommended to them.

Agreed that Half Batta be paid to the Troops encamped on Trichinopoly Plain, and that it be first stated to Colonel Musgrave that it is the same Indulgence

Colonel Musgrave's application for Batta for the troops encamped on Trichinopoly Plain

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Floyd be informed that Day Books of the Troops encamped on Trichinopoly Plain are wanted

Indulgence which was granted to the Detachment Garrison Escort at the last Detachment was quartered Situation by any means possessing the advantages, in of procuring Provisions &c. which are now enjoyed by the Troops encamped close to Trichinopoly.

Agreed that Mr. Macleod be desired to [illegible] to the Board respecting the Disorders at Conjeveram, that necessary measures may be taken for putting an End to

Agreed that Lieutenant Reilly be appointed Acting Adjutant to the 3d Battalion of Sepoys, at present commanded by Colonel Musgrave.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from the Nabob and from Sippoo Sultaun, sent in Country Correspondence Nos. 25. 26.)

Letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob stating that the Commanding Officer at Tiagar refuses to receive Paddy from the Ryots in small Quantities until the Price be settled and recommending that he be directed to receive what may be tendered.

Agreed that an Order be sent to the Store keeper at Tiagar to receive whatever Paddy may be tendered to him giving his Receipt for the Quantity - the Price will be settled hereafter.

Minute thereon

From Sippoo Sultaun not Dated - acknowledging the receipt of the President's Letters of the 5th & 6th Dec. repeating his Complaints of the Raja of Travancore's Conduct - & requesting that all his former Letters on this Subject may

Substance of a Letter from Sippoo Sultaun

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To Mr. Robert Malcolm
acting Paymaster at Ellore.

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th., and to inform you that, altho' your Communication of so considerable a deficiency of the Cash in the hands of the Paymaster at Ellore, has excited both Surprize & Concern, the Board never the less approve of the measures taken by you. They are sensible with you that the State of Mr. Graham's health, at the time of his application to proceed to the Presidency, was such that he could not have been detained, until he might have returned to Ellore, & delivered over charge of his Employ to you in Person, and that under those Circumstances, you could have no other testimony, than his assurance, that the Cash left by him at Ellore agreed with the Balance in his hands, as p account. As the July & August Disbursements were made before you received charge of Mr. Graham's Employ, the Chief & Council do not of course consider you to be any way answerable for the accounts of the Paymaster for those two months, or for the Balance further than for what you actually received; but as it is necessary that the Accounts of the following Months should be signed by you, the Board desire that you will for the present Debit Mr. Graham for the amount of the Deficiency, until it may have been accounted for, in order to rectify the Balance, so as that it may

you

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agree with the Cash delivered over to you, & for which you are answerable. — Information having just been received of Mr. Graham's Death, renders every precaution necessary, in order to prevent imposition by Servants or otherwise; on which account, the Board desire you will take Charge of all Property belonging to Mr. Graham, & on no account permit any of the Servants, Employed or entrusted by him, to quit Ellore, until matters have been Investigated with regard to his Employ.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.

(signed) Andrew Scott Jun.r

Masulipatam
20.th October 1789—

Extract of a Letter to the Governor in Council — Dated the 20.th October 1789. —

— Mr. Robert Malcolm (who We have already informed you, was with our approbation, left by Mr. Graham in charge of his Employ, as Paymaster at Ellore, on his Departure for the Presidency,) having acquainted us of a Deficiency found by him in the Cash left by Mr. Graham, which fell short of the Balance appearing in his hands, by account, in the Sum of Madras Pag.s 6,100; We think it necessary to transmit to your Honor &c.a Copies of Mr. Malcolm's Letter & our answer on the Subject — We think it will appear that

Mr.

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Mr. Malcolm took every precaution that Circumstances admitted of; and being in expectation of an answer to the Letter written by him to Mr. Graham, respecting the Deficiency, it was proper for him to wait a reasonable time for an Explanation, more particularly as he had Mr. Graham's Assurance that every thing would be found right. Information being now however received of Mr. Graham's Death, further precaution becomes necessary, in order to prevent the Company from being liable, if possible, to any loss; and We have accordingly pointed out what appeared to us proper on the subject, in our Answer to Mr. Malcolm, a Copy of which is Enclosed.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier — Dated the 27.th October 1789.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 20.th Instant, & to inform you, that they approve the Proceedings reported therein.

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.r
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you an Account Current signed by Mr. Graham, & delivered me by the Head Cashier of the Paymaster's Office of Ellore. It bears no date, but from a Letter received from that Gentleman, Dated Sept. 25.th, it appears that he had at that period signed it.

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

(signed) R. Malcolm
acting 1.st of Letter

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Oct.r 30.th 1789.

Dr. — Mr. Graham's Cash Account — Cr.

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	To Balance rep[t] to 30th June			Madras Rs 1940	2 - 6	By Stoppages
	To House Expence for July		46 - 4.16			for June — 481. 13.5
	To Contingent Expence for Ditto		9 - 29.40			July — 656 - 11.40
	To Servants Wages for Ditto		64 - 24 -	117 - 57.56		August — 650 - - - 1787 - 29.65
	To House Expences	August	57 - 7 -			By your Pay & Batta for July — 80 - 14.56
	To Contingent	Ditto	9 - 15.20			By Ditto - Ditto - for August — 80 - 14.56 160 - 29.32
	To Servants Wages	Ditto	64 - 24 -	131 - 13.20		By Mr. Chamier - Cash received by Commission Money — 28 - 8.32
	To Captain Lieutenant Barnes Mackay's Pay & Batta			66 - 9.36		By Cash received from Mr. Shippey — 20 - - -
	To Buckall Drivers & Bullocks feeding, Charges for June, July, Augt.			222 - 49.65		By Profits for July & August — 272 - - 48
	To Portuguese Woman's Pay &c. for July			12 - 11 - 2 -		By Buckall-Bullocks Pay for June July & August — 235 - 29.32
	To Ditto - Ditto - Ditto for August			12 - 11 - 2 -		By Oil, Matts, Bottles &c. — 14 - 34.61
	To Mr. Ferguson			200 - - -		By Lieutenant Mackay's Temporary allowance — 44 - 28 -
	To Mr Evans					By Cash received from Mr. Ferguson — 200 - - -
	Paid for Milk for Horse for June & July		4 - 32.40			2722 - 34.10
	Ditto - Coachkeeper - for Ditto Ditto		2 - - -			
	Ditto - Horsekeeper - for Ditto Ditto		24 - - -	8.4 - 32.40		By Balance — 6100 - - -
	To Cash sent to Mr. Malcolm			20 - - -		
	To Cash sent to Mr. Shippey			20 - - -		
	To Mr Collection					
	Paid to Mrs L			50 - - -		
	To Cash paid to Captain Tutt			29 - 4.16		
	To Mr. Doveton					
	Purchased a Carpet for him			20 - - -		
	Paid Cooley Hire, for anker Pulley, Tappa Pay, & Batta			6.26.42		
	To Mr Fletcher			25 - - -		
	To Cash paid to you for Madras Expence			100 - - -		
	To Captain Godfrey			50 - - -		
	To Hire for Carrying Loads to Hydrabad			7 - - -		
	To Mr Balfour					
	Paid to Major Montgomery		1600 - -			
	Paid to French People		1184.2.1.70	2784.2.1.70		
				Madras Pagodas 8823 - 10.68		Madras Pagodas 8823 - 10.68

(signed) David Graham

Sept. 6th Depd. Hyde

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Extract of a Letter to Mr. Robert Malcolm. Dated the 2d. November 1789

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th. ultimo, with the enclosed Account Current signed by Mr. Graham & his Servant, which they consider as sufficient to warrant Mr. Graham being Debited for that part of the Balance of Cash which has been found deficient, as you have already been desired to do in a former Letter.

To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

at Ellore

Sir

Frequent applications having been made, on account of private Property belonging to different Individuals, said to be amongst the Effects belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. David Graham, Paymaster at Ellore; and as no Executor or Administrator legally authorized to ascertain & deliver up such Property, has yet appeared, We recommend it to you, to order a Court of Enquiry or Committee for the purpose of taking an account of the said Effects, and ascertaining, so far as may be in their power, what Property belonging to Individuals may be amongst them; and We think that, after the Proceedings have been approved by you, that whatever

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whatever you may be satisfied does actually and indisputably appertain to others, may be delivered to them, on receiving a Receipt for the same.

Mr. Malcolm, (who by Mr. Graham's own Request, was left in charge of his Public Employ) was directed by us to take charge of the Property after his Death, which Government has approved; but as he is not Competent either to ascertain or deliver the Property belonging to others, We have thought it proper to recommend the mode abovementioned, as being (under Local Circumstances) the only legal one that We conceive can be adopted.

We are Sir, &c. &c.

(signed) Anth: Sadleir
&c. Council

Masulipatam
16th November 1789

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.
Chief,
Or to the Chief for the time being, &c. Council of
Masulipatam

Sir & Gentlemen

I have has the honor to receive your Letter of the 16th Instant: It is with infinite Concern I acquaint you in reply, that according to the best of my Judgement, I stand in such a particular Predicament, as renders it very unsafe & improper for me to comply with what You recommend in that Letter.

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I have circumstantially stated to Gentlemen of the Law, in order that an opinion may be obtained for my Indemnification, or that such legal Measures may be pursued as are necessary on my behalf, the transactions & Correspondence, relative to the late Mr. Graham's Property & Estate, between myself & Mr. Robert Malcolm, who came here, & producing an order of yours, and verbally informing me of a Debt due by the Deceased Mr. Graham to the Honble Company of Six thousand one hundred Pagodas, & informed by me, that I had sufficiently secured the late Mr. Graham's Property from Embezzlement, proceeded nevertheless to take the same into his Possession & under his protection. In consequence, I, as an Administrator to the Deceased Lieut.t Colonel Chepshire, did on the 10.th Instant formally claim, in the presence of two Witnesses, of Mr. Robert Malcolm the Payment of a Bond Debt due from the deceased Mr. Graham, to the Deceased Lieut.t Colonel Chepshire; and as I now formally repeat the same demand to you, generally and separately, if you, Sir & Gentlemen, are or shall become liable to it. Under these Circumstances, I apprehend it is very unsafe for me now to interfere, directly or indirectly, in any transaction whatsoever, that the strictness of the Law may deem or constitute me an Executor to the deceased Mr. Grahams to my own wrong, an officious Intermeddler or Changer of Mr. Grahams Property, after his Decease, which the very

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little law knowledge I have, (acquired by Reading Judge Blackstone's Commentaries, and a few other Books, such as every officer, who is liable professionally to administer, or who is liable at all times to be invested with a mixed authority, ought to Read) causes me to think, that I should be in such case liable to all the Debts of the Deceased Mr. Graham, and bound to pay them in course when they were demanded legally, according to their Classes & degrees: that is, all Bond Debts before Notes of hand, all Notes of hand before Book Debts &c., as far as the Estate would enable me at least; save that, in such Case my own Claim, let it's Degree or Class be what it might, could not be satisfied, till every other Claim, of whatsoever degree or Class was fully satisfied.

I have the honor to be

Ellore—November 15th 1789— &c. &c. &c.

(signed) John Brathwaite

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation—Dated the 19th of November 1789—

The following Paper, descriptive of the manner in which the foregoing Letter was delivered to the Chief, & sent round in Circulation for the Information of the Board, is likewise Entered,

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen of Council

The Chief desires me to inform you, that the accompanying letter from Colonel Braithwaite was, in consequence of the Colonel's orders, formally delivered to him this Morning, by the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison; in presence of the Fort adjutant, who has directions to take a Copy, and having attested the same, to deposite it in the Fort adjutant's Office. The Chief does not enter into a consideration of what may have been Colonel Braithwaite's Motives for ordering the Letter in question to be delivered with so much unusual formality; he desires me only to add, that, as he does not see the necessity of it's being devolved upon the other Members of the Board in the same manner, it is sent round in Circulation according to the Customary mode.

I am, Gentlemen, &c.

27th. November 1789.

(signed) Andrew Scott Secy.

Extract of a Letter to Colonel Braithwaite - Dated 20th. November 1789.

Your formal Letter of the 15th. was delivered under so many Circumstances of formality, that we can attribute them to no other Cause than a possible

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groundless suspicion on your part that it might otherwise have been suppressed, either on its Delivery, or in Circulation. Conscious, however, and satisfied that others do not entertain the same unfavorable opinion of us, We think it by no means worthy of further notice than to observe, that the next time a letter from you regarding the public Business of the District is served upon our Chief by the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, & Fort Adjutant, We shall think ourselves compelled to insist upon your at least satisfying us with Regard to the Grounds of your suspicion, for what We conceive might be considered an Insult to the Station of our Chief; for altho' We neither consider those Gentlemen obliged to act as Notaries-Public, Sheriffs-Officers, Tipstaves, or Constables, and believe it to be unusual & illegal for Military Men to be Employed in such Capacities, We could not have wished them to have been led into any trouble by a Refusal. - It is not in our Province, nor are We qualified to quote Judge Blackstone; but We recollect a standing Order by the Government of Fort St. George, which We believe has never been annulled, that every Commanding Officer should have one Key, & the Paymaster another to the Public Cash Chest, intended as a Check to prevent the Company from being liable to loss; and as Mr. Malcolm informs us there is

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may be still considered, in order that no Reference is proper may be effected.

Read a Letter from Mr. Maynes late a Captain in the Troops (entered in Min. B. N°39) Complaining that he was Cashiered in consequence of the Forging of the principal Evidences on his Court Martial that he is left with a Family in a forlorn Situation and requesting to be placed on the Annuated List or to have a Pension.

The Board declined coming to any Determination upon Mr. Maynes Letter, which it was agreed to refer to the Court of Directors.

The Draft of the Letters from the Secretary and Political Department to be sent on the Pigot, are now read & approved.

Ordered that they be Copied, &c.

Agreed that fifty Invalids of the Kings and Company's Troops be sent to Europe, on the Pigot, as a Charter party Passengers.

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence from the Western Country.

Ordered Mr Holland

Simon Fraser

Maynes late a Captain in the Troops

Refers to Court of Directors

Letter to Pigot read & approved

Fifty Invalids & the Sent Home on the Pigot

Intelligence

Diary

4th Sent the undermentioned Letters intended for the Gazette (viz. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65.)

To Colonel Maynon Lieutenant Colonel Gisb... cation for the Rank of Colonel Commandant of ... to be recommended to the Court of Directors all the Troops encamped on Trichinopoly Plain are to be allowed Half Batta, being the Indulgence that was granted to the Do... ment in the Guntoor Circar on Enquiry will be ma... the Causes of Tumult at Conjeveram and measures ta... for putting an End to them. Lieutenant O'Reilly appoint... acting adjutant to the 19th Battalion.

To the Committee of Stores as the Sulphur is a... from Bengal it will not be Longer necessary to write ... Residency for a Supply of Gun Powder.

To Mr Alexander Macleod Collector in the Ceyl... to State the measures necessary to be taken for quelling ... Riots represented as existing at Conjeveram.

To the Pay masters and Storekeepers at Tiagar ... receive what Paddy may be tendered to him by the Ryo... annual Tax, giving a Receipt for the Quantity, and leaving ... Prices hereafter to be settled in such manner as ... be found expedient.

To Colonel Capper with Extract of the Secret ... of the Hospital Board to countersign Indents agreeably ... the recommendations therein contained.

To Colonel Maynon

To the Committee of Stores

To Alexander Macleod

To the Storekeepers at Tiagar

To Colonel Capper

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a deficiency of 6000 Pagodas, which by account ought to have been forth-coming, We request that you will give us the best information in your Power, on the subject, that We may communicate the same, as well as such other information relative thereto, as We may be able to procure, to our Superiors. This you will be sensible yourself is become the more necessary, from the doubts you deem yourself to entertain of Mr. Malcolm's Competency.

What We wrote to you under date the 14th. Instant, was intended for the accommodation of Individuals, whose Property is said to be mixed with that left by Mr. Graham, and your not having thought proper to adopt it, concerns them, and not the Public, as things must of course remain in their present state, until an Executor or Administrator appears to receive Charge of the Property.

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.

Chief, &c. Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Some time after Mr. Graham's departure for Madras, I sent a Pair of Horses to his European Servant to be broke in, which Horses I find has a place in Mr.

Graham's

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Graham's Stables; and as they are now Reported fit for my use, I have to request your Permission for their being delivered up, which I am given to understand cannot be done without your Orders.

I have the honor to be

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21st. November 1789

&c. &c. &c. (signed) Edward Collins

To Lieutenant Colonel Edward Collins

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this Date & to inform you, that they have already recommended it to Colonel Brathwaite as Commanding Officer of the Cantonment of Ellore, to order a Court of Inquiry, or Committee, for the purpose of ascertaining what property among the late Mr. Graham's Effects may belong to Individuals, that the same might be delivered to them; in which case, the Board have no doubt that the Horses described by you would have immediately been restored; but as the Colonel has declined this mode, which the Chief & Council thought, under local Circumstances, the only legal one, they can only refer you to him, that he may proceed in any manner that appears to him more conformable to Law, or safer in itself.

I am, Sir, &c. (signed) Andrew Scott Secy.

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Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite Dated the 22nd. November 1789.

The last part of your Letter, Sir, Gentleman, and that part chiefly gives me very serious Concern indeed, because it accuses me of, or at least imputes to me what you very justly call a groundless suspicion that you could have been capable of suppressing a Letter addressed to you on publick business. Groundless indeed is the suspicion, so much so, that it never once entered into my idea; I will own it affords matter of astonishment to me how it could occur to yours. The whole tenor of this formal Letter of mine, delivered with all these forms, you will recollect, was in answer to one from you that recommended to me, simply recommended to me to do an act which would impose a positive legal responsibility on me, in regard to the Property of a deceased Person, on which I have a Claim as an Administrator to the late Lieut. Colonel Chapman. You recommend to me to order a Committee, where to find out, as well as they can, what is & what is not the Property of the Deceased Mr. Graham, I then am partially to approve the Proceedings of that Committee, and being satisfied in my own mind, that such things are the indisputable Property of Persons claiming them, I am to let those Persons take them away; and the only reason

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given why you recommend this desperate Risk to me, is, that Mr. Malcolm, whom you thought Competent to come here and secure Mr. Graham's Property, is not Competent to know what Mr. Graham's Property is. — Neither your prior Conduct, Gentlemen, nor this your Recommendation could authorize me either to believe that this incompetency existed in Mr. Malcolm, or that the Competency existed in me; nor did it authorise me to break the Seals which Mr. Malcolm had put, and which still were upon many of the things — or indeed authorise me legally to interfere in any shape whatsoever. — This being the case, I was forced, from the peculiar necessity of my situation, to shelter myself from a legal Process from the Heirs of Lieut. Colonel Cheyshyre, to decline complying with what you recommended. I thought it necessary to quote Judge Blackstone, to convince you that I did not rashly proceed on an opinion of my own. You could refer to him, & that it was I wished you to do before you formed any hasty judgement of my Conduct. — Whether you are, or are not qualified to quote Judge Blackstone; or whether it is your Province to do so, when as a Government you recommend Measures relative to property, which must & will be Subject to legal Discussion, I will not presume to discuss: satisfied I am that, I, who am merely a Military Man, and as such at times vested with a Small Portion of that sort of authority which you at all times

execute,

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execute, have twenty times in my life found great happiness and Security in being somewhat acquainted with the Laws of my Country — I may well recollect the Order you allude to, though it is fifteen or sixteen years since it was issued, and I believe almost as long since it has been universally deemed by all Branches of the Service, Civil & Military, as out of date — it was given out not long after the death of Mr. Stonehouse Paymaster of Vellore, who died considerably indebted to the Company; but if I recollect right, it went much further than merely directing that the Commanding Officer should keep one Key of the Cash-Chest, and the Paymaster another: it directed, that the Commanding Officer should sign to the Sums taken out, and to the Balance Remaining — I do not know whether the order was ever actually carried into Execution any where; but I know that, if it was, it must have been for a very few months; for very soon after I got the Command of Masuah, and it was not the practice then, nor had it ever been the practice for these Fourteen years in any Command that I have had, or any that I have been acquainted with; nor have the Vouchers of the Commanding Officer ever been made; of course they never have been transmitted, yet have they never been called for, altho' the Committee of Accounts was for a long time composed of some of the Members of Government. — In short, from the first Month after the

Order

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order was issued, it has been generally understood that it was not an order that was meant to be enforced; and I believe there is not a single instance of it's having been in force — You must know, Gentlemen, as well as I do, that it has not been in force in this Circar for many years: I can answer for as far back as 1777 — In all Cases you address the Paymaster direct, without any Communication with the Commanding Officer — You comply with his Indents for Money, & pass his Accounts without any Communication with the Commanding Officer. You have given Leave of absence to Paymasters — and now without any Communication with the Commanding Officer, you suppose a Person authorized to act as Paymaster. And in all instances you consider him as totally independant of the Commanding Officer — Of all this there are evident Proofs on your Records, since I have been honored with any Command in this Circar: All which could not be the case, if you as a Government did in any one instance suppose the order you allude to, to be in force, and that the Commanding Officer was joined in responsibility with the Paymaster. For my own part, I declare that, you have never afforded to me the smallest opportunity of knowing what the Paymaster Indented for, what he received, or what he disbursed; and I am to this hour as

ignorant

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ignorant of it, as if he had been Paymaster at Hyderabad. and am fully convinced, from the established usage of the Service, that there does not attain me the smallest legal Responsibility for any failure of any Paymaster in the Circars — because there does not rest with me the smallest possibility of acquiring any information; of course, it is not in my power to grant you any; I therefore can only say, that Lieut. Mr. Malcolm informed me that Mr. Graham owed a Balance to the Company of £100 Pagodas, & that therefore he was sent to secure his Effects, I knew nothing of the matter, nor possibly could not can by any means be any way Responsible.

Although, Sir & Gentlemen, you have not condescended to call upon me now, or at least have not found yourselves compelled to insist upon my satisfying you with the Grounds on which I proceeded in sending my Letter of the 15th to be delivered with certain formalities — I find myself compelled to satisfy you, not only to do away every idea of disrespect, & suspicion on my part, but to remove from Major Banks & the Fort Adjutant every imputation of their having acted as Sheriffs-Officers, Tipstaves, & Notaries, & Constables, in which situations you have been pleased to suppose them, on this occasion, to have acted — by simply recalling to your

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mind that, that Letter contained a Demand for Payment of a Bond-Debt, which I believed myself to be under the necessity of making on you, as Circumstances were, being vested with a legal responsibility to the Heirs of a Deceased Friend, and that it must be made in the presence of two Witnesses. This accounts for the formality with which I desired that Letter to be delivered to you; & Major Banks & the Fort Adjutant will, I hope, no longer appear to you as Notaries, Sheriff's-Officers, Tipstaves, or Constables, or as Military Officers illegally Employed; but simply as Witnesses whom it may be necessary for me to produce, with the Copy of the Demands, in order to ascertain, in case of a legal Process, that I have made a legal Demand — being informed that no demand is a legal Demand, that is not made by an Agent of the Law, or with the testimony of two Creditable Witnesses.

Extract of a Letter to Colonel Brathwaite Dated 26th. Nov.r 89.

What you mention with respect to the Commanding Officer's having a Key to the Paymaster's Public Cash-Chest, is as we understand it to have been; & the explanation which you have given, convinces us that, our Directions to Mr. Malcolm have been altogether necessary.

962 Fort St. George 6th April 1790—

To Mr. Harry Taylor

Paymaster at Ellore

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant, & to inform you, that it was their intention, of course, that you should have received charge of whatever was in Mr. Malcolm's Custody as acting Paymaster of Ellore, of which the Effects left by the late Mr. Graham formed a part. The Superior Government has been informed, & approves of the Measures taken with regard to the Effects in question; which the Board desire you will receive & keep in safe Custody, until some Persons, legally authorized, appears to take charge of them.

I am, &c, &c &c

Andrew Scott
jun.

Masulipatam
9th February 1790.

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.

Chief, &c. Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

In the hope that the Affairs of the late Mr. Graham would before this time have been put in a train of Adjustment, I have hitherto forborn to trouble you

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you on the subject of the great inconvenience I suffer from his Effects remaining in my house, by which I am precluded from the Possession of it. Since, however, that Adjustment seems to be still at a distance, I flatter myself, Gentlemen, that you will not deem me unreasonable in requesting that you will order the Effects of the late Mr. Graham to be removed to his own House here; and that you would further be pleased to give Instructions to the Person you may authorize to effect such Removal, that only the Property of Mr. Graham's may be taken away. Removal

I am persuaded, Gentlemen, that the enclosed charge for House Rent cannot be thought Extravagant, which I take the liberty of requesting you will cause to be discharged.

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

Ellore— 8th. February 1790—

(signd) H. Montgomery

The Honble Company Dr.

To Rent for a House, from 21st. October 1789, to 1st. February 1790, at Mad. £. C.
20 Madras Pagodas ₱ month ——— 63. 15. 32

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(signd) H. Montgomery

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

9th To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly. The Lords remarked on Trichinopoly Plain between Half Day Batta and further Orders.

To the Rajah

10th Sent Letter to His Highness the Rajah, mentioned in C.C. No 27, desiring he will fix on Islands called Pirates for the Ships of his Subjects, and declaring that if Hostilities any Disturbance occasion must be laid to the Door of the Treaty subsisting between His Highness and the Honorable Company.

Received Memorandum mentioned in Letter from Sundries &c. (B. No. 56 57 58 59.)

From the Commissary General of Stores & Provisions

With Estimate of the Expence for removing to Egmore &c. for repairing the Buildings at Chingleput required for the reception of Grain.

From Major Darley

From Major Darley, Commanding the Detachment proceeding to Trichinopoly. Has given proper Notice to Kumma Beg, to return to the Presidency, having no further Occasion for him, as a sufficient number of Sheik Ks. have been furnished

From the Commandant at Vellore

From the Commandant at Vellore — Having Letter from late Rajah Saib concerning the Bunders in the Neighbourhood of the Cargat of the Hill Fort, which require immediate Repair Recommending that the Storekeeper be directed to purchase the necessary articles for a Garrison Store of Provisions; and observing that if it be left to the Native Servants, the present Opportunity will probably be lost &c.

From

From the Directors order of the 22d May 1789

16th From the Directors to the late Mr Sargent Esqr. signifying, for the payment, by Bills on the Northern Settlements, the Balance due, with Interest thereon, amounting to

35,183. 5. 7½ —

Statement thereof

In consequence of the foregoing, it is Agreed, the Balance due to Mr Sargent Estate, being Pgs. 35,183. 5. 7½ as reported by the Comptroller General of Army Accounts be discharged by Bills on Tanjore & Visagapatam in each Factory at the usual Sight

Letter of the Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letter (without date) from the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C.C. No. 28) Expressing his grateful Acknowledgements to the Court of Directors for the Favour he has received from them, and for their having given his Vakils Enclosing a Bill for 31,092 Pagodas.

18th Received the following Letters

To the Honorable John Holland Esqr.
Governor in Council
at Fort St George

Honorable Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to the Rajah, explanatory of a Charge laid against him by the People of the Palace

I this day received a Letter from the Military Secretary, enclosing Copies of the Letters delivered to His Excellency on Thursday last. The Board are thereby fully apprized that I paid obedience to their positive Orders as soon as I received it.

Unwilling as I am to take up the attention of the Board at this busy time, I cannot in justice to myself

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To Major H. Montgomery
at Ellore.

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th. Instant, & to inform you, that as the Circumstances of the Effects belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. Graham being left in a House that is your Property, is entirely accidental, so far as the Company are concerned, that House never having been rented for the Paymaster, the Board cannot charge the Company with the Rent, for which you may have a Claim upon the Estate.

I am further directed to inform you that the Chief & Council do not think it reasonable that you should be kept from the use of your House, longer than you may think proper; and that a Letter is accordingly written to the present Paymaster Mr. Harry Taylor, to remove the Effects in question to any Square Company's Quarter that may be allotted by Colonel Braithwaite for their Reception.

With respect to ascertaining what Property may belong to Mr. Grahams Estate, & what to other Individuals, I am directed to inform you, that it is a matter which rests, & has long rested entirely with Colonel Braithwaite, to whom the Board recommended the

Appointment

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Appointment of a Court or Committee of Enquiry for this purpose; not having it in their own power to interfere immediately in this Respect, in a Garrison where an Officer Commands, by issuing any kind of order for it.

I am Sir &c.

(signed) Andrew Scott Secy.

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20th February 1790

To Mr. Taylor — Paymaster at Ellore

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to inform you, of their having received an application from Major Montgomery, to have the Effects belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. Graham, & which it seems have been left in a House that is the Major's Property, Removed from thence; in consequence of which Request, the Board desire you will apply to Colonel Brathwaite for a Secure Company's Quarter, in which the Effects may be lodged, while under your Charge.

Major Montgomery having likewise requested, that only such Property as does actually belong to Mr. Graham's Estate, may be removed, I am directed to inform you that, this matter does, and has long rested entirely with Colonel Brathwaite, to whom the Board Recommended the Appointment.

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Appointment of a Court or Committee of Inquiry, for the purpose of ascertaining what Property among Mr. Graham's Effects might belong to other Individuals, in order that the same might be delivered up; it not being in the Power of the Chief & Council to interfere so immediately, in the Cantonment where an Officer Commands, as to issue any kind of order for a assembling of such a Court or Committee, the Rules & Regulations of the Service having, as they conceive, vested that authority solely in the Commanding Officer upon the Spot.

I am, Sir, &c.
(sign'd) Andrew Scott jun.

Masulipatam
12th. February 1796

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.
Chief, &c. Council
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward you a letter from Colonel Brathwaite, in consequence of which, I wait your further Orders respecting the Property under my Charge.

I am, with respect,
(sign'd) Harry Taylor
Capt.

Ellore 15th. February 1796

To

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To Harry Taylor Esqr.

Paymaster at Ellore

Sir

I have received your Letter, enclosing the Copy of one written by Mr. Secretary Scott, under the orders of the Chief & Council, to you, referring you to me for a secure Company's Quarter, into which you may remove the Effects of the of the late Mr. Graham, which have for some time past stood sequestered under their Orders, in the house of Major Montgomery; and referring you to me, also, for a discrimination of such parts of the Property (which has thus stood altogether Sequestered under their orders) which belong to the Estate of the Deceased, as Individuals have made claims to some parts, as belonging to them. I have no leisure, Sir, to repeat my Sentiments, already so fully delivered to the Chief & Council: suffice it to say, that it was their own Act & Deed to take the Effects out of my hands, & to sequester them, without any discrimination whatever, either as it related to the House in which they stood, or to the Diversity of Claims on the Property. By which, I conceive, that they have left no possibility of legal interference on my part. If the Chief & Council will require of me to institute any enquiry, and will make themselves responsible for all Consequences which can

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follow that Enquiry, I shall immediately order such an Enquiry; but 'till that is done, I can only say, that whenever you are disposed to move the Effects, you may move them to that House, to which in my opinion they ought long ago to have been removed, I mean to the Paymaster's Quarter, which may be termed vacant, the Gentlemen who live in it, having done so only by sufferance of the late Mr. Graham, & not by any act of mine; and they are of course removable at a Moments Warning. I believe the House was Condemned during my absence from hence; I never the less deem it very scarce and take that, which with most propriety can be applied to the purpose for which a quarter is required of me. — I shall, Sir, take upon myself no Responsibility by intermedling myself, or causing others to intermeddle in any respect. The Chief & Council have long since possessed themselves, both of the House of Major Montgomery, and all the Effects which were in it, without supposing any authority or power of interference in me. It rests with them to proceed on the same principle on which they began.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

John Braithwaite

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To Mr. Harry Taylor
Paymaster at Ellore

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15th. Instant, with its Enclosure. The Board know nothing of the Sequestration of the late Mr. Graham's Effects, or how Colonel Brathwaite may have come by such Information; at the same time, they deem it highly necessary that they should be taken care of, for the benefit of those who may have legal Claims upon the Estate. The Colonel knows best whether he be legally empowered to order a Court for ascertaining the Property, independant of any Requisition from the Chief & Council; and the Responsibility for the omission rests in such case, as they conceive, solely with himself.

As Colonel Brathwaite considers the House hitherto allotted for the Paymaster, "perfectly secure," the Board have no objection to the Effects being removed thither, provided you be satisfied in this Respect; otherwise if you will point out any Company's House or Quarter, that you think adapted for this purpose, provided it be not the House allotted for the Commanding Officer, they will require of Colonel Brathwaite to deliver it to you; as they consider the Paymaster to be entitled to the second quarter in the Cantonment. I am, Sir, &c.

and your early attention

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17th. February 1790

(Signed) Andrew Scott
Secy.

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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief, & Ct. Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to forward you another Copy of Letter from Colonel Braithwaite, respecting the late Mr. Graham's Effects; as also, a Copy of one from Major Montgomery.

As Colonel Braithwaite will not appoint a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what Property among Mr. Graham's Effects may belong to other Individuals, and being myself totally unacquainted with it, I beg to know if I am to remove the whole of the Property under my Charge, or to give up such parts of it as may be claimed.

I have the honor to be

Ellore 3rd. March 1790 — Gentn. Yr. Mo. Hble. Servt.

(Sd.) Harry Taylor

Esqr.

To Harry Taylor Esqr.

Paymaster at Ellore

Sir

Your letter of yesterday's date was only just now brought to me, with its Enclosure, the Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Scott, written to you by order

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of the Chief & Council under date 17th. Instant, touching the late Mr. Graham's Effects, and the quartering yourself. With regard to the latter, I have nothing to say 'till I am immediately and directly applied to. — With regard to the former, I have already stated my sentiments so fully to you in my last, & to the Chief & Council in much correspondence, to which all, I must beg leave to refer you; and have nothing to add, but that I am — Sir,

Your very obedient Servant

Ellore — February 27th. 1790 —

(signed) John Brathwaite

To Mr. Harry Taylor

Paymaster at Ellore

Sir

I have received a Letter from the Board of Masulipatam, informing me that, they has sent you Directions to remove the Effects of the late Mr. Graham from my House, and to deliver me up the Possession of it —

I have therefore to request that you will inform me when it will be convenient for you to make such Removal; & that you will be careful that no part of my Property, now in your Possession, shall be taken away, when such Removal takes place.

I have the pleasure to be

Ellore — 19th. February 1790 — &c. &c. &c.

(signed) H. Montgomery

972 Fort St. George 6th. April 1790

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief, & Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have been favored with your Letter under date the 12th. Instant, & have in consequence applied to Mr. Taylor, who wishes to decline interfering in the business, 'till he hears from you.

In respect to that part of your Letter wherein you observe "that I may have a claim upon "Mr. Graham's Estate, for House Rent due to me" I hope, Gentlemen, you will see the propriety of my declining to call upon Mr. Graham's Administrators for the Rent of my house &c., during the time it has been sequestered, since the act of seizing it did not proceed from them. The seizure of my House, Property, & Papers was made by the then acting Paymaster, during my absence, under the immediate orders of your Board. — Had it proceeded from any Authority less Respectable, I should not have submitted, or hesitated on what measures to have adopted; but my sentiments of Respect for you, alone induces me to submit, tho' with great inconvenience to myself. — To you, therefore, Gentlemen, and to you only, I am entitled to apply for such Rent, & a full restoration of my Property, Papers, &c. — on Mr. Graham's Administrators, (if such there are) I

have

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have no demand on this head, as, I have before observed, the Seizure was made by your Board, & taken out of the hands of Colonel Brathwaite, when on the point of moving Mr. Graham's Effects (rather than burthen the Estate with unnecessary Expence) to the House allotted by the Company for the use of the Paymasters, & where the late Mr. Graham had his Office, transacted Business, & deposited the Treasure, with all his Public Papers and Accounts, & resided solely in my House for the Convenience of having it ready furnished, & till his own went thro' some necessary Repairs. This House, by what means I cannot account for, has remained unseized, while mine (in which he had only private Effects) had been sequestered.

I have thus, Gentlemen, stated the Reasons which warrant me to decline calling on the administrators of Mr. Graham's Estate, for what I conceive so justly my Due; but should it hereafter be deemed a charge on his Estate, I cannot but think, that it belongs more properly to your Board to make such Demand, than to me.

I am sorry, I should again be under the necessity of requesting, that you will be pleased to give proper Authority to some Person, to remove such Effects as may belong to the late Mr. Graham, and that my House, Papers, &c., may be restored to me in the state as when seized; also that you will authorize the Rent

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11th it will be fortunate circumstance as some of the Reputation which would accrue to your Excellency from it. With regard to the Style, it must not drawn up by one, but by a Gentleman whom I have never found wanting in the Respect which is due to your Excellency; and whom Your Excellency will allow to be an Ornament to his Profession, and a Credit to his Religion. With regard to Little Potter, not to enter into the particulars of his Case which is foreign to the Business, I only must upon the answer which your Excellency made to a Mr Swartz that "he had not been guilty "of any Crime, nor said any thing to the Diminution "his Pattachaun should be restored to him, which had been "taken from him and himself imprisoned, owing to improper "Influence, and that Your Excellency who pitied him, could "not relieve him at present." If this conversation was truely related to me by Mr Swartze, I confess I think he ought to be released. If it was not, Mr Swartze must answer for it. I have heard severe Complaints against Lal Samy Bloodsky that "in general he bears a bad Character, "that he is a Creature of the Person whose Influence your "Excellency complained of to Mr Swartze".

Your Excellency must have been very much misled in that part of your Letter wherein you say that I ordered a Man to eat with an Irregular Woman. I know nothing of the Braminy Woman, than that it was represented to me that she had been cruelly oppressed and robbed by some People about your Palace: This was fully proved before your own People (as I hope was explained to your Excellency)

11th your own Peshcush was remitted, and ordered that which was taken unjustly, to be restored; which was accordingly done. The Woman again Petitioned, that as she had been expelled the Cast by the Influence of the Person who had robbed her, she might be restored: this was done, not for my Consideration, but for that of a Council of Pundits: I only sent notice to Shewanow that she had been expelled by improper Influence, I thought the matter should be reconsidered. But surely Your Excellency knows that no further notice has been taken of Business, neither is the Woman restored to her Cast, nor your Excellency is not acquainted with this, at least in stance, your Excellency has been kept in the Dark.

It is a dangerous thing for Princes to implicit trust in the Persons about them, they should endeavor to see and examine every thing with their own Powers. I imagined a Caution on this head would not be thrown away. If a Prince leaves the Administration of every thing to a Minister, He may leave it to a Dubash, and that Dubash to another; and then it is impossible things can go on well. I have indeed heard of the Liberty promised by your Excellency to your People, on the part of the generous intentions of the Honble Company towards your Excellency. I know likewise that a Division of 30 of the Grain was allowed your People in the accounts; but I also know that your Excellency's Servants by enhancing the price of the Grain have reduced the real Condition of the Inhabitants to the same State it was before. I fear worse — which perhaps your Excellency has not been acquainted with

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to be discharged. This Request, I am persuaded, cannot be deemed unreasonable, as it cannot be imagined, that I should be so far wanting in justice to myself, as to be subject to so great an Inconvenience, to which there is no appearance of a termination.

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

Ellore 3d March 1790— signed H. Montgomery

To Major Hugh Montgomery
at Ellore

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 3d Instant, & to inform you, they are concerned that, either Yourself or any other Individual should have been put to an Inconvenience, by Colonel Braithwaite's declining to take the only measures that, they conceive, would have been proper for ascertaining what Property belonging to you, or others may be amongst the late Mr Graham's Effects — The taking Charge of the Effects for their Preservation, until some Person legally authorized to receive them shall appear, standing as it does, approved by Government, the Chief &

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Council think it necessary to transmit to them Copies of the Correspondence that has passed on the Subject; & as it is by no means their Wish that any part of your Property should be removed, they have desired the Paymaster to allow the whole to remain, until an answer be received from Government, to whom your Claim of House Rent will likewise be submitted.

I am, Sir, &c.

(signed) Andrew Scott
for Secy

Masulipatam
9th. March 1790—

To Mr. Harry Taylor

Paymaster at Ellore —

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 23rd. Instant, with its Enclosures, together with one from Major Montgomery of the same date. The taking Charge of the late Mr. Graham's Effects for their Preservation, until some Person should appear legally authorized to receive them, standing, as it does, approved by Government, the Chief & Council have Resolved to transmit such further Correspondence as has passed on this Subject to them, knowing no other proper means for ascertaining what Property of Individuals

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may be amongst the said Effects, than the note long since pointed out to Colonel Braithwaite, and which he has omitted to carry into Effect.

As you inform the Board that, you cannot yourself discriminate between the late Mr. Grahams Effects, & Major Montgomery's Property mixed with them; and as they by no means wish the latter to be removed, I am directed to desire you will allow the whole to remain where they now are, until an answer from Government shall have been received, to whom the Major's application for House Rent will also be submitted.

I am, Sir, &c.

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9th March, 1790

/signed/ Andrew Scott
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To Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Chief &c. Council

Masulipatam

The Humble Petition of Nicholas White

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That your Petitioner was at the time of the decease of the late David Graham Esqr. (and for a considerable time before) employed by the said Mr. Graham as a confidential Servant.

That after Mr. Graham's Decease, Mr. Robert

Malcolm

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Malcolm (whom your Petitioner understood to have been deputed by your Board) seized upon his Effects, but did not settle with, or regularly discharge your Petitioner from his Imploy.

That soon after your Petitioner waited upon Mr. Sadleir, to whom he stated the above Circumstances, & requested to be regularly Discharged; When Mr. Sadleir informed your Petitioner that it was not in his Power to give him such Discharge, but advised him to return to Allore, and resume the management of that part of the Deceased's property which had formerly been under his Care: adding, that he had no doubt that whenever Mr. Graham's Affairs were administered & settled, Your Petitioner would be settled with.

That, in consequence, your Petitioner, relying on on the assurances he received from Mr. Sadleir, returned to Allore, and took charge & management of the Property as formerly, and so continued to do 'till very lately, when the Havildar who Commands the Guard over the Effects, assumed such Charge and Management, asserting that he had orders from Mr. Taylor, the present Paymaster, for that purpose.

That your Petitioner therefore thought it incumbent on him to wait upon Mr. Taylor to know the truth of such assertion, who told your Petitioner, that he understood

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such orders had been before given, and that he wished those orders to be obeyed. Your Petitioner then, being at a loss how to act, made his application to the Commanding Officer, who informed him that, it was a matter in which he could give him no advice, but advised him to apply himself to your Board; which your Petitioner now humbly does, requesting that you would be pleased to order that your Petitioner may be settled with, & regularly discharged.— and also, that your Petitioner may receive from Mr. Robert Malcolm a regular acquittance, as well from the Effects of Mr. Graham under your Petitioner's Care, as for the Effects of other Gentlemen, which were likewise under his Care, and were dispt with Mr Grahams Effects.

Your Petitioner humbly requests that you will be pleased to consider the disagreeable situation he is at present involved in; and that, if it shall not in your Judgement be deemed proper to settle with and Discharge him immediately, you will be pleased, in consideration of the Expences he is daily incurring (while thus uncertainly & unpleasantly circumstanced) to order that the Paymaster here may advance him a proper Subsistence during the time he may be continued here, since it cannot but appear to you, Gentlemen, as too great a hardship upon any man, to be not only debarred from the opportunity of obtaining a subsistence elsewhere, but even to be kept from it where it is really due.

True Extracts and Copies —signed— Jn.o Scott
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Agreed that Mr. Binny be permitted to visit the Presidency.

Minutes on the foregoing Letters from Masulipatam

With respect to the Effects of the late Mr. Graham, it is Agreed to desire the Chief & Council at Masulipatam will direct a Committee to be formed, consisting of the Paymaster at Ellore, with two other Persons, to whom Instructions are to be given to restore to the owners such things as are now seared with Mr. Grahams Effects; to dispose of the Effects, by public Sale; and to deliver up Major Montgomery's House to him, paying the Rent to that Officer from the Proceeds of the Sales of the Effects.

Having executed the above, the Papers belonging to the Estate, and the Accounts Relating to it, are carefully to be Sealed up, and deposited with the Chief & Council, to be hereafter delivered up to such person as may be legally authorized to receive them.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Secretary Hay.

John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

From Mr. Secretary Hay - The Supreme Board Approve the Regimenting the Hanoverian Soldiers in the Manner proposed

Sir

I have orders from Government to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter, dated the 26th. Ultimo, from the Governor

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Governor in Council at Fort St. George, and to acquaint you for his information on the subject of it, that His Lordship entirely approves of re-enlisting the Hanoverian Soldiers in the manner proposed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) E. Hay
for the Secretary to the Govt

Fort William
16th March 1790

Extract Minute thereon

Resolved that the Plan proposed for re-enlisting the Hanoverian Soldiers be adopted.

Read the following Letter from the Sub-Secretary Tombelle.

To John Chamier Esq
Secretary at Fort St. George

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal — Requesting Persian that authenticated Copies of all Letters, that may pass from time to time between the Governor of Madras & the Country Powers, be forwarded to Bengal, with English Translations.

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you that the Governor General in Council wishes to receive authenticated Persian Copies of all Letters that may pass from Time to Time, between the Governor of Madras & the Country Powers, forwarded, with English Translations also, to this Government; the Persian Copies including the Address & Surname, & forms of attesting & subscription, with other Particulars.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most obedient humble Servant
J. Tombelle Secy to Govt

Fort William
17th March 1790

Superscription

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Papers required by the Bengal Government, be transmitted to them.—

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

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Inclosing a List of the several Articles required for the Grain & Provision Department of the Army ordered into the Field — Remarks on the subject — Stating the difference that has arisen between Mr. Cockell & him respecting the Requisite of Gunny Bags —

Sir

I received your Letter of the 30th. ultimo, with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Macleod, Collector in the Baghire, which I forwarded to Camp, that he might be applied to if necessary. I have the honor to inclose a List of the several Articles mentioned in my Memorandum of the 5th. March last, which I am of opinion are required for the Grain & Provisions Department to the Army ordered into the Field: the prices at which they are purchased, & the uses for which they are intended.

None of the articles mentioned in the List have been hitherto Indented for to the Company's Stores, nor do I know if any of them are in Store — An order on this head shall be punctually attended to, when I am informed what Articles I am to Indent for, & to whom. All Weights & Measures sent from my office have been regularly proved and stampt by the Clerk of the Market.

With respect to the Slaughter Cattle, the price at which they are charged to the public must depend upon the situation the Army takes up.

Where the Army now is, the rate charged to

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The Company will be
for each Northern-Slaughter Bullock 3/2 Pagodas
for each Southern or Common Country Bullock 2/2 Ditto—

And it is with infinite difficulty that I have been able to furnish the Number necessary at these Rates.—

In regard to the last Paragraph of your Letter, it would appear that I had been endeavoring to dispossess Mr. Corbett of a part of his usual acknowledged Emoluments of Office.

Mr. Corbett not having thought proper to communicate to me the Ground of his Complaint, I am unacquainted with the reasoning he may have held to the Honble Board — If he had, it would have enabled me to state the usage of my Office, and given a better opportunity of deciding upon the respective Claims.

Having received orders to send a Quantity of Rice to Camp, and obtained the Honble President's Signature to the Indent, I sent it to Mr. Corbett on the 27th. Ultimo, requesting that the Rice might be issued as soon as possible; but found, from my People, that Mr. Corbett's Concilities refused to deliver the Rice as usual with Bags and by Weight; but offered to give it in Bulk and by Measurement. Having on the 20th. of the same Month received the Rice by Weight and with Bags from his Predecessor Mr. Turing, and that having been the usage of my Office since I have had the Honor to hold it, & of my Predecessor, I concluded the Mistake proceeded from Mr. Corbett having newly come into Office — I therefore wrote him a Note,

informing

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informing him what the Usage was, & requesting he would give immediate Orders for the delivery of the Rice — He informed me in answer "that my People insisted upon Bags; "that he was yet unacquainted with the Orders of the Board "respecting them; that he would deliver the Rice, that the "Service might not be impeded, but should hold me accountable "for the Bags, until he could have Reference to the Board" — I observed in reply, that it would be as well to make me acquainted with the Grounds of his Complaint before addressing Government, but received no answer.

I shall only further add that, my Predecessor received all his Rice in Bags during the last War; & it will appear upon Record, that Government considered them an allowed Perquisite of his Office. It may very naturally be inferred that, if the Garrison Storekeeper had considered them as appertaining to his Office, it was then an object of too much Consequence to have been given up without adducing a Claim

The following is an Extract from the account of allowed Perquisites of Office delivered in by me to Government.

"The Commissary General of Grain & Provisions "is allowed all the Bags delivered to him with Rice, which he "may dispose of at pleasure, and they generally sell from "2¾ Pagodas to 3 Pagodas Bags; the Amount of this Perquisite is however "indefinite, as it Demands upon the Number of Bags delivered depends

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11th with. This are the sentiments of your Enemy, opposed by the Disappointment of their hopes.

The Extract you entreat me to [illegible] Honble Court of Directors does not appear to me a letter of the [illegible] having never interfered in your Countries [illegible] only offered my advice when I thought the Government, that [illegible] As I do not consider it [illegible] would be of advantage enter into a Literary Correspondence on part of my Office to I was willing to embrace the opportunity of your Excellency's letter Excellency the Plan for the Administration of Enduring to your your Excellency once requested of [illegible] which ed would redound so much [illegible] and which I was unwilling therefore humbly request that your Excellency's [illegible] present; and must beg to [illegible] this may put an End to the giving offence to your Excellency [illegible] answering to any reply [illegible] -tisfactory necessary to set my [illegible] Boy) unless it shall appear also [illegible] right misunderstandings.

Your Ex[illegible]

for the honor done me [illegible] Excellency will accept of my unfeigned [illegible] Honour, and believe me [illegible] by your Excellency in calling away [illegible] 5th February 1790. and well wisher [illegible] to be sincerely your Excellency's [illegible]

(signed) Cuddn.a Ram

To the Honorable John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the Exclosed Paper [illegible] The information which it contains was given by [illegible] came in this morning from the prompt[illegible] of a Deserter who [illegible] & manner in which

[illegible]

From the Subadar of Cummum Exclosing a Report of Intelligence given by a Deserter from Tippoo's Camp. The Rajah has not yet given any answer respecting the demand of Money.

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11th [illegible] is unparalleled, and as he is returning to his Family in the [illegible] East I think it may in general be depended upon. He left [illegible] Camp four Days ago, and got to the Pass there from whence he [illegible] his Escape in a Boat and landed at Cootlah. The greatest [illegible] what Lorrays has been combated by an account given me [illegible] Hindostanee Man, who with Eight of Tippoo's Sepoys, deserted [illegible] his Camp about six Days ago, they only came in from the [illegible] when I examined them. They all concur in saying that [illegible] received a Wound at the Attack, and it was universally [illegible] of in Camp that he intended very soon to make another [illegible] the Lines. The Sepoys mention particularly the Grounds [illegible] Tippoo having cast his Palankeen in the Pettah Cherrie [illegible] and Pettah.

The Munshi has not yet given me the Raja [illegible] answer respecting the Demand of Money, he informs me [illegible] he is hourly in expectation of receiving it. The Rajah's Son [illegible] has left Trivandeporam for this place, and may be expected [illegible] here in four or six Days.

Tippoo's army continues still encamped [illegible] 2 Miles from the Lines

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) George Powney Lt. Regiment

Parour
31st January 1790

A Dutch Portuguese who came in this Morning gives the following Intelligence
Left Tippoo's Camp four Days ago. Tippoo [illegible]

"to him, @ the price at which they sell. — In time of Peace, when
"Grain is plenty, none are delivered; and when Gunny Bags are
"wanted by the Company, the Commissary General is allowed
"to furnish them at 8 Pagodas ₱ ₱ Bags, upon which he profits
"according to the Demand the articles of which they are made
"are in. —"

The Garrison Storekeeper may also have stated a perquisite of Office, arising from Gunny Bags; but, when he did it, being in perfect knowledge of the usage of the Service, he must have made an allowance for those delivered to my Office.

I hope, from the facts here stated, it will appear to the Hon'ble Board, that instead of endeavouring to deprive Mr. Corbett of any allowed Emolument of his Office, I have only endeavored to preserve my own.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed / Wm. Cockburn
C.F. of Fort St. Georges

Madras - 5th. of April 1796 —

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the first part of the foregoing with the Paper annexed, be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board; and that an Extract of the latter part be sent to the Garrison Storekeeper

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Floyd. —

To

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To the Honble the Governor in Council —

Camp at Aloor near Wallaujabad 1st. March 1790 —

Sir.

From Colonel Floyd — The Commanding Officers of the 3d. and 4th. Regiments of Native Cavalry & 19th. Light Dragoons agree to supply their Horses on the present Contract —

I have the honor of transmitting you — the Reconsideration of the two Commanding Officers of the 3d. and 4th. Regiments of Native Cavalry, & of the Commanding Officers of Troops of His Majesty's 19th. Light Dragoons.

To my great surprize, they all agree to supply their Horses on the present Contract; & I am very sorry to have given you so much trouble for nothing.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) J. Floyd
Lieut. Colonel

Lieutenant Colonel Floyd
Commanding Cavalry — Camp.

Sir

Major Stevenson and myself have considered the Resolutions of Government, which you were pleased to Communicate to us; and, as We are willing on all occasions to shew our readiness to comply with their Wishes, & our Zeal for the Service, We will endeavor to carry on our respective Contracts with the same justness We have hitherto done.

Relying at all times upon the liberality of Govern-ment, we will beg their permission, at the Conclusion of the War, to submit our Monthly Disbursements to the inspection of

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any Committee, the Hon'ble Board may please to appoint, in order to prove the justness of our former Claims, and hope they will take the same into consideration, as We have been at a great Expence in our Preparations for a long and active Campaign.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most obedient humble Servt.

Camp - Arcot - April 3d 1790

Wm. Young,
Major of Cavalry

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Cockburn be informed that, as the Commandants of Cavalry consent to feed the Horses according to existing Engagements, it is unnecessary for Government to lay up any Store of Grain at present.

Ord. the following Letter from Mr. Cockburn

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

Mr. Cockburn, one of the Contractors for Bullocks - requesting that a Letter thereby certify of their complete observance of the Agreement of the contract Instruments in all Cases, and that the various Discharges by the Officers of the Army

The Contractors for Draught & Carriage Bullocks beg the favor to be informed what arrangement is made for the payment of their Bills on Camp. -

It is the earnest wish of the Contractors to carry on the Service with Effect, and to do every thing in their power to render as little Inconvenient & Burthensome to the Public as possible a Duty customary of such Magnitude. -

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The Success of the Service to be performed, depends so much upon their punctuality, and having a certain supply of Cash for the payment of the necessary Current Disbursements, in the Field, that they trust, Honble Sir, you will Orders for one half of their Bills to be paid Monthly in Camp; & for the other Half, they will receive a Bill upon the Presidency.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Tho. Cockburn
for the Contractors

Fort S. George
5th. April 1790

The Board will attend to the request contained in the foregoing, as far as Circumstances will admit

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant John Macfie

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

From Lieutenant Macfie - inclosing his Cash account with the Company - submitted to the Consideration of the Board the case of the Dealers who have Engaged to bring Horses to the Presidency - Requests that he may be favored with an Ordinance from the Board, that his Contract be executed this Approbation.

Honble Sir

Having been favored with your permission to resign my present Employ, that I might be enabled to join my Corps in the Field, I have now the honor to lay before your Honble Board the Accounts of the Agency from the 25th. of September last, to this period. From this Statement, you will please to Observe & there appears a Balance of Cash in my hands of Pags. 5544.20. B-
& I request that I may be favored with your early Instructions regarding the disposal of this Sum.

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On this occasion, I feel it as a Duty imposed by my late Appointment, to provide as much as lays in my power, against the hardships & inconveniencies which may attend the Dealers in bringing their Horses to this Market in future; & I humbly beg leave to point out to your Honble Board such Circumstances as may lead you to deem them deserving of your Encouragement & Protection. When the late Orders were issued for the encrease of the Native Cavalry, I considered myself authorized from my Station, to make every Exertion to procure as many Horses as possible; and accordingly sent directions to the Dealers, who had formerly supplied the Agency, to bring as many Horses as they could Collect to this Market without delay. — In consequence of these Directions, there are now on the Road from the Northward several Lotts, amounting in all to about 300 Horses; and many of these Dealers are furnished from me, with the usual Passports, to exempt them from paying the Customary Duties. — These Lotts will arrive here at different periods, but the whole may be expected here in the Course of Two, or at furthest, three Months. From the Assurances and Encouragement which they have received from the Agency, these Dealers have every reason to expect a certain Sale here for their Horses; and it must be equally unnecessary to point out the heavy Loss they must sustain, should they meet with Disappointments in their Expectations, as to meet at

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at the great Obstacle which it must prove to the future supply of Horses for this Market; I, therefore, beg leave to request your Honble Board will advert to the peculiar situation of these Men; and, that you will be pleased to adopt such Measures as may prevent their experiencing this ruinous Disappointment.—

It will appear to your Honble Board, that the 66 Horses lately purchased, somewhat exceed, on an Average Calculation, the Sum Charged for the purchases made by the Agency, previous to the 24th. September last; and it becomes necessary to inform you, that many of these last Horses are of a better kind, and Superior to any that I have before Bought. The Exigencies of the Service made me anxious to purchase as many Horses as I could find fit for the Cavalry, and some of these were procured at a considerably higher price than usual. The Silence of your Honble Board to my late Representation on this Subject, encourages me to hope that this Proceeding will meet with your approbation.

Though the Grounds on which the Agency is established might encourage me to request some Compensation for the Trouble which attends the proper Execution of this Employ, I, for my own part, do not presume to hope for any Consideration of this nature; and, Conscious of having faithfully & honorably fulfilled the Duties of the appointment, I shall only beg to be favored with an assurance that my Conduct in this Employ has merited the approbation of your Honble Board.—

I have the honor to be

Madras 5th. April 1790— &c. &c. &c.

Signed, John MacFie

Deputy Agent for purchasing Horses

Dr.

The Honble Company's Cash

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March	5th. Jobans paid for 66 Horses (since 26th. September last) as per particular Account, Hon'ble General Lyods	6696.28		Septr.	26th. By Balance in hand, as per Account transmitted to the Board this day	178.29.8
	To allowance to the Chabuck boys at 1 Rupee for each Horse	18.26		October	4th. By Cash the amount of 4 Bonds of Government of this date to Vijya Jungo 4000	
	To Pay for an English Writer for 6 months at 8 Pr Month	66			26th. Discount at 8 P Cent	520 3480
	By Balance in hand	5544.20.8		1790 March	16th. By Cash the amount of 4 Bonds of Government of this date to Ballaya 3000	
					Discount at 12 P Cent	360 2640
					By Cash the amount of Bill at date 3000	
					Discount at 12½ P Cent	375 2625
					By Cash the amount of two Bills of 2000 Pagodas each at date 4000	
					20th. Discount at 15 P Cent	600 3400
	Total Pagodas	12323.29.8			Total Pagodas	12323.29.8

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(signed) Jnt. Macfie
Deputy agent for purchasing Horses

Examd. 6th. April 1790

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Lieutenant Grant to take Charge of Lieut. Macfie's Employ.

Agreed that Lieutenant Grant of the Body Guard be instructed to receive Charge of the Balance of Cash, in Lieutenant Macfie's hands, with all the Papers relative to it; and that he be directed to conform to the orders & Instructions which will be made over to him by the latter.

Minute on Lieut. Macfie's Letter.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Macfie, that the Board do not chuse to continue the Service beyond the Expenditure of the Balance in hand — he must not therefore give encouragement to the Dealers to bring more Horses than will be wanted.

The Board approve the Conduct of Lieutenant MacFie in the Execution of the Service entrusted to him.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel George Campbell —

To the Honble Major General William Medows,

Governor in Council & Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Honble Sir

Lieut. Colonel George Campbell — Tendering his Services in the present Junction & informing the Board of the Offer proposed to him to Command a Number of the Nabob's Troops —

Having Served my King & Country in the Character of an Officer for Thirty four Years, (with Zeal and alacrity) being now on Half Pay, with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in his Majesty's Service, and the present Grand and Spirited Preparations, holding forth all the appearance of a Vigorous War, I have to hope that a Tender of my Services will not be unacceptable at this Juncture.

&c

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An Offer having been made me of Commanding a Respectable number of Troops belonging to His Highness the Nabob, but making the will of Government the Ruling principle of my Conduct, I submit to be pointed out the Line in which I can be most useful to the public Service.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(sign) George Campbell
Lieut.t Colonel, late M.s of A.s Regiment

St Thomas' Mount
6th April 1790

In the Event of the Nabob's making Application to Government respecting the employing Lieut.t Colonel Campbell, the Board will not object to it

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

To the Honble General William Medows
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore — The Rajah's Balance will be discharged within the limited time — Requesting the Allowance per Month & Deposit —

I received the orders of the Hon.ble Board, under date 27.th Ultimo, signifying me that an Allotment of 15000 Pagodas paid to me, & of 10000 Pagodas on account of Grain received would be allowed to his Excellency out of the Last demands of him before the 15.th June my Last. only 60 Pgs has been received, but I have reason to think that the remaining 17940 Pgs will be paid within the time limited — of the month of April Next, one Lack will be paid in the course of the month of May, but not sooner —

I have sent my Accounts for the Month of March to the proper Officers. I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) G. A. Ram Resident

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P.S. — I find, since writing the above, that it is intended to pay no more than 60 or 70,000 Pag.s in the course of May.

(signed) G. Ram

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Recommendations for Appointments & Promotions.—

Memorandums

Commander in Chief's Recommendations for Appointments & Promotions —

Lieutenant & Adjutant Robert Parkinson of the 5th. Battalion of Native Infantry deceased 31st. March 1790—

Ensign Charles Rand to be Lieutenant, vice R. Parkinson - date of Rank 3rd. of April 1790—

Lieutenant Alexander Maitland recommended to be adjutant to the 5th. Battalion of Native Infantry.

The 3rd. Revenue Battalion - vacant by the Removal of Captain David Campbell to the Effective Establishment —

Lieutenant Thomas Price Recommended to Command the 3rd. Revenue Battalion, vice Campbell —

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Substance of a Petition from Venceta Row

Read a Petition from Venceta Row (entered in Vol. B. No. 14) stating his Claims to the Sagheredarship of Arnee, & complaining that, in the conferring it upon Seneyasarow, injustice has been done to him &c.. &c.. -

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

The President Communicates to the Board Intelligence received from the Mysore Country.

Re Gopal Manteo

Edw.d Fr.s Holland

Jonn Taylor

11 Native of Ceylon - My name is Hendrick Topf - I was in the Service of the Dalak at Negapatam when it was captured - Topf it to go to Cuddalore, and was taken on Board by Hyder's Army and was sent first to Bundigat and then to Coimpetam, where I was offered either Service or to be made a Musselman, I accepted Service, and Commanded a Company of 60 Peons, for the first year received 20 Pagodas p Month, but every succeeding year it has been decreased, and my Pay at the period I quitted Camp was only 6 Pagodas p Month - I was for three years employed in the War against the Nabob of Cudapah, and when Seringapatam was taken by the Sultan my Battalion was stationed there one year, after which the Corps in which I was ordered to Chittoor, where I remained one year and a half - about 3 or 4 Months ago the Corps was ordered to Coimbetoor, where I received 4 Months pay, I was sent to Collingerry, and from there to Romancotta to join Hossain Saiby's Detachment, which was sent there to reduce the Nairs, and to make those who had received Pools Mogul money and those who refused were hanged - I was there two Months & about 2000 Nairs received Pools, and about 800 were hanged, Nineteen Days ago orders came to Hont. Lally to repair to the Sultan with the whole Detachment on the above expedition, I joined the Army eight Days ago - Hont. Lally has under his Com 70 European Infantry, 60 European Troopers, 600 Topasses, 20 Rocket-Men, 7 Gun Boats, 2 Tumbrils & 15 European Gunners, The above formed always a seperate Encampment, and are considered to belong to him, and entirely under his Orders - The Coffrees I am attached to accompanied the Detachment Hossain left Negapatam

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11 and 6 Companies of Seapoys - I was in a Palanquin when I was attacked by the Coffrees with 200 Rocket-Men, 600 Cavalry and 6 Guns of the following Dimensions One 12 Pounder, three 6 Pounders, and 1 2 Pounder - The Sultaun's army when I was with him consisted of 12 Coffrees about 3000 Cavalry, 12 or 14 Thousand Pyke, Carnatics and Rocket-Men, whose number I form my opinion of, when I was at Manarcaud - I heard of the Battle against the Travancore Lines, it was said there that Tippoo Sultaun was wounded, and had lost 3000 Men, when I arrived in Camp, it was universally spoken of that the Sultaun had received a wound in his arm by an arrow - that he had narrowly escaped being taken upon the Lines - that he had thrown off his Turban, and torn his Cloaths off, that he should not be known, and made his Escape by jumping into the Ditch - he was not seen in Camp after his return for twenty Days, he is now recovered, and it is said he has sent orders to collect more Troops, and says that he will never wear his Turban again until he has taken the Travancore Lines - His Troops are greatly in Arrear, and very much discontented - Rice and all other kinds of Provisions very plentiful in Camp - Hont. Lally had been consulting with him for five Days before I left Camp, I think he is waiting for more Troops in order to make another attack - he has with him 6 eighteen Pounders, besides the Guns attached to the Coffrees.

January 31st February 1790

12 Received a Letter from His Highness the Nabob / as entered in C.C. No 299 / desiring that the Copy of his inve

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7th. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters, as Entered in Mb. Nos. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. —

To the Commpy & Compt.r Genl of Army Accounts

To the Commpy & Comptroller General of Army Accounts — To prepare and lay before the Board a Report of all the Balances which were outstanding on his Books at the Time of the Presidents Arrival.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — Approving the Proceedings Reported in their Letters of 30th. Ultimo, 1st. and 3d. Instant. Stating that there is not any existing Contract for Bullocks, & that the Service established for many Years has been Pagodas 75 per Day. To entertain Peons for taking Care of the Barrack at Ducat, Chuttlemorettee, & Tripassore, in the manner recommended — The Officers Commanding the Regiments of Cavalry have Agreed to provide Grass upon the Terms of the present Contract — Enclosing an Indent for Stationary, from the Officer Commanding the Corps of Engineers for Field Service, to be Reported upon — Likewise a List transmitted by Mr. Cockburn of the Articles required for the Grain & Provision Department of the Army —

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — Orders will be sent to Colonel Braithwaite respecting the Two Battalions of Sepoys, & the Bullocks to be sent to the Northern. Enclosing a Note of the Route which the Detachment will take from Ellore — to communicate the same to Colonel Braithwaite, who will inform them of the Orders

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he may receive from the Commander in Chief

To the Garrison Storekeeper — To the Garrison Storekeeper — Enclosing Extract of a Letter from Mr. Cockburn respecting Gunny Bags; and desiring him to reply thereto —

To the Persian Translator — To Mr. Joseph Garrow, Persian Translator — in future, Copies of all Persian Letters must be transmitted to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council —

To Mr. Turner Paymaster at Wallaujanbaad — To the Baymaster at Wallaujanbaad — The Extra allowance to the Bamboo Coolies to be discontinued.

To Lieut.t Macfie Deputy Agent for purchasing Horses — To Lieutenant Macfie — Mr. Alexander Grant of the Body Guard to succeed to the Office of Deputy Agent for the purchase of Horses. — To deliver over to him the Balance of Cash, and all the Papers & accounts relating thereto. — Purchases to be discontinued after the Balance of Cash in hand is Distributed — His Conduct approves.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — advising that the Officers Commanding the Regiments of Cavalry have agreed to provide for the feeding of Horses during the War. — an Extract of his Letter of the 5th Inst. has been sent to the Garrison Storekeeper.

To Lieut.t Colonel George Campbell — To Lieutenant Colonel George Campbell — In case the Nabob intimates a Wish to entertain him in his Service, no objections will be made on the part of Government.

To Lieutenant Alexander Grant — To Lieutenant Mr. Grant — appointing him Deputy Agent for the purchase of Horses — to take charge of the Cash, and all the Papers appertaining to that Office from Lieutenant Macfie — Not to extend his purchases beyond the amount of the Balance now in hand —

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To Colonel Kelly & Arms. — To Colonel Kelly — need not take any steps towards Collecting Grain, that Business being put under the charge of the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Do not approve his proposed Establishment of Signals.

To the agent to the Contractors for Bullocks — To the Agent to the Contractors for Bullocks — The Board cannot pledge themselves to the punctual Discharge of Cash in Camp, or to the Discharge of the Contractors Bills — will pay such attention to their Request, as the Nature of Circumstances will admit.

To Masulipatam. — To Masulipatam — Mr. Binny permitted to visit the Provinces. A Committee, consisting of the Paymaster at Ellore & two other Persons, must be appointed in the Business of Mr. Grahams Effects, who are to deliver to the Owners such Things as are not connected with Mr. Grahams Effects — to dispose of the others by public Sale — The Papers relating to this Business to be sealed up, & deposited with the Chief & Council, to be brought delivered up to such Person as may be legally authorized to receive the same.

Received the undermentioned Letters, as entered in Mis. B. Vol. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32.

From Mr. B. Torin — From Mr. Benjamin Torin — will proceed immediately to take charge of the Districts of Madura and Mellore.

From Lieutenant Clerk Barrack Master at Ellore — From Lieutenant Clerk Barrack Master in the Northern Division — will, with all possible Expedition, comply with the orders Contained in the Letter of Reference to him, under date 23rd Inst.

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From the Officer Commanding at Tanjore

From Lieutenant Colonel Stuart - desiring to know if he is to begin upon the building of the Granaries, as the Grain is collecting very fast.

From Colonel Nixon at Trichinopoly

From Colonel Nixon - Tippoo has broke Ground at the distance of 350 yards from the Travancore Lines - Small Bodies of Horse have been seen near Cranganore - Thinks he will carry that Fort -

From the Barrack Master of the Southern Division

From Mr. Dyce - Recommends that 300 Cots now at Vellum be removed to Tanjore.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob, (as entered in C.C. N.o 77.) requesting that Lieutenant Colonel George Campbell may be permitted to assume the Command of His Highness's Troops, for the Defence of the Environs of Madras.

Sent the undermentioned Letters - Entered in C.C. N.o 78.79.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob - Lieutenant Colonel George Campbell permitted to take Charge of His Highness's Troops.

Substance of a Letter to Tippoo

To Tippoo - The Rajah of Travancore was warranted in the purchase of Cyacottah & Cranganore - The attack upon the Lines of Travancore by his Troops could not have happened by accident, as he conducted it in person - His present Conduct has rendered Deliberation unnecessary, & must be replied to in another Manner.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal -

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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council
at
Fort William—

To Bengal - Inclosing Copies of Letter written by the President to Tippoo, & of the two last Letters received from Mr Powney— The Force to be sent to the Nizam's Dominions to be kept in Readiness—

My Lord

We have been honored with the Receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 17th Ultimo, and now inclose Copy of a Letter addressed by our President to Tippoo; We also transmit Copies of the two last Letters from Mr Powney.

Previous to the Receipt of Mr Powney's Letter of the 28th ultimo, We had sent him Instructions upon the Points he has suggested.

We are making every possible preparation for War, and trust that in two or three days, Colonel Maitland will move with his Force to Pitchinopoly.. For further particulars on this Subject, We shall beg permission to refer to our President's Communications with his Lordship the Governor General.

We have issued the necessary Directions for having in readiness the Force which Your Lordship in Council has resolved to send to the Nizam, upon his Highness's Requisition.

We have the honor to be
Yr. Lp. Mo. Obt. Servts

Fort S. George
6th April 1790—

Signed / William Medows
Jno. Holland
Yr. Council

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The President sends in Circulation the following Minute.

President's Minute -

The President's Minute - respecting the Arrangement of the Troops to be formed at Wallaujanbaad, after the Departure of the Force Commanded by Colonel Cosby gone —

It is proposed to assemble at the Cantonment of Wallaujanbaad, after the Army in that Quarter moves to the Southward, as many Troops as can be spared from the Garrisons of the Centre Division, & to have them in readiness for the Field, to move as Circumstances may require; but 'till they take the Field, not to be on Batta. The force will consist of the 73d. and 76th. King's Regiments - the Company's 1st. European Battalion - the 2d. and 27th. Native Battalions - the 1st. Regiment of Cavalry - & Ten Field Pieces, with 2 Companies of Artillery & their Lascars - The Corps of Cavalry may be posted at Chivillemorebo, for the protection of that Cantonment & Conjeveram, subject to the orders of the Officer Commanding at Wallaujanbaad - Besides the Force proposed for Wallaujanbaad, it is intended to have the whole of the 3rd. Battalion of Native Infantry, collected at Tiagar, by withdrawing from Cuddalore, Permacoil, & Rauet-Vellore, the detached Companies of the Corps.

Colonel Kelly being the Senior Officer of the Troops to be assembled, he will Command at Wallaujanbaad; and, it is meant to place under his orders, so far as may be judged immediately necessary, the Posts in advance of that Cantonment, viz. Arnee, Tiagar, Vellore, & Amboor; and in general, to give him such Authority as will enable him to act with decision, in cases when the Service would be injured by

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7th waiting for orders from Head Quarters, but not otherwise.—

It will add considerably to the strength of the Fora at Wallanjaubad, and contribute greatly to the supply of Provisions for that Quarter & for the Presidency, if the Nabob's Tributaries — Venkatagherry — Calastry — Bomraure — & other Chiefs whose Countries are situated North & North west from hence, were to Arm for the defence of the Roads or Passes leading into their respective Divisions; it is, therefore, proposed that, the Nabob be requested to give the necessary Orders: the Post of Chunsernayherry in particular might be occupied by the Troops of Calastry; & the Company of Sepoys now there be withdrawn, only leaving one Officer in the general Command with some Invalid Gunners, besides the Calastry Troops.—

The Movements required to establish the proposed force at Wallanjaubad & Tiagar, may conveniently made after the Troops are equipped, and will leave a Garrison that may be thought sufficient at present, for each Station intended to be occupied — Viz.

Two Companies of the 15th Battalion will march from Chingleput to Vellour, the former Station will then have the European Invalids (about 300) & a Company of Native Invalids; and the latter will consist of three Companies of the 15th Battalion, & three of Revenue Troops, besides the 3rd European Battalion, by drawing into Garrison the detached Seventy Sepoys of the 7th Revenue Battalion, & the Company of the 15th Battalion from Chandernayherry. The 21st Battalion (one Company at Arnee excepted) will then March from Vellour to Wallanjaubad —

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The 1st. European Battalion, with the Company of the 2d. Native Battalion in Arnee, & the Cavalry Regiment cantoned near it, will march to Wallaujaubaad; leaving in Arnee the Dismounted Troopers, & the Invalid Artillery Men.

In drawing to the Head quarters of the 3rd. Native Battalion at Tiagar the two Companies of the Corps now Stationed at Pormacoil & Ravet-Nellore, it is proposed that, the two last named Posts shall either be entirely evacuated, - left with only a small Guard at each, - or be occupied by some of the Nabob's Silendies, according as Circumstances shall require.

Two 3 Pdrs. & some Stores at Pormacoil may be lodged in Chingleput.

The Garrison of Cuddalore will consist of One Company of European Invalids - One Company of Native Invalids - & one Company of Revenue Troops, after the two Companies now there, of the 3rd. Native Battalion, have marched to Tiagar.

In order to compleat the proposed Arrangement, a Company of the Bengal Artillery now at the Mount, & Two Companies of their Lascars will march to Wallaujaubaad: The Lascars are not yet arrived; but they are expected daily, having Sailed from Calcutta on the 4th. of last Month.

As the principal Posts in the Nellore, Angole, Guntoor & Palnaud Provinces are already occupied by our Troops, their only additional Defence appears to be in the daily approach of the Southward, of the Bengal Detachment.

It may be thought proper to Issue immediately the

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7th the accompanying Draught of a General Order, to forward the Execution of the proposed Arrangement. What is further necessary, can be directed afterwards.

N.B. The 74th Regiment, & the 2d Battalion, with the Artillery now at Wallanjanabad, are in readiness for Field Service.

Wm Medows

The Board having approved the above, the General Order was immediately issued.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor — President

Friday — 9th April 1790.

Edward John Holland
&
James Taylor ——— } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr Powney

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Mr Powney — Acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore — will consult with the Minister upon the observations pointed out to him respecting Nevais —

Honble Sir

I have this moment received Mr Secretary Chamier's letter of the 28th Instant, enclosing one for the Rajah of Travancore — which I shall dispatch to him; and shall

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shall proceed to the Lines immediately to Consult with the Minister upon the Measures you have pointed out, & shall report upon the same as soon as I return.

Parrur. 31st. March 1790
8 P.M.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signd George Powney
Resident

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council
Fort S. George

Hon'ble Sir

From Mr Powney. The Enemy are brought within Ten or Twelve feet of the Counterscarp of the Ditch. His Dispatches on Leave of Absence to Mr Swinton Palamcottah.

Since I had the honor of addressing you last, the Enemy have kept up, only, a heavy fire from musquetry, in order to carry on their Approaches underneath. The Enemies are now brought within Ten or Twelve Feet of the Counterscarp of the Ditch.

I have the honor to be
Parrur 31st. March 1790 &c &c &c
Signd George Powney
Resident

P.S. I have dispatched one Lac of Rupees to Mr Swinton at Palamcottah.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Hon'ble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

From the Revenue Board recommending that such Places as can be spared within the Fort of Poonamallee be appropriated for the Accomodation of Troops.

Hon'ble Sir

As We understand that part of the Barracks within the Fort of Poonamallee is at present unoccupied, We beg leave

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which was left in the hands of the Governor some years ago, may be returned to him, with a request to make some alterations in it - and inclosing a letter for said Commander requesting his Lordship will return the Copy of the draft which was sent to Bengal.

Ordered that the Copy of the Draft which appears to have been deposited in the Cash Chest on the 5th Inst. 1789, be delivered to His Honour, agreeably to his request.

At a Consultation Present

The Honorable John Holland Esq.

Governor - President

Edward John Holland
and
James Taylor
} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

The Letter from the late Contractors for Bullocks Dated the 21st Ultimo and entered in Consultation the 26th Ultimo being taken into Consideration, the Board resolve that the Contract with them be renewed for a Period of three years and upon the same terms as those of the Contract which has just expired.

The Board are influenced to this Resolution by the Satisfaction which the Contractors have given in the discharge of this Engagement, and from the Reasonableness

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to believe that the terms and conditions of the Contract h
been approved by the Court of Directors, a long period has
elapsed since the former Contract was reported to them,

Ordered that the Company's Solicitor be direc
to draw out a new Contract agreeably to the foregoing resolu

Signed General Letters from the Military and
Political Departments sign'd by the Right

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

The following Draft of a General Order, in
consequence of the Governor's Departure, is read and
approved,

General Order Fort St George 12th February

General Order in Consequence of the Governor's Departure

The Detachment of his Majesty's 71st Regim
and the 14th and 15th Hanoverian Regiments to be under
arms at half past Seven o'clock this morning.

They are to form a Street from the Entran
of the Fort Square to the Sea Gate for the purpose of payin
the usual honors to the Governor upon his Departure for Ca

A Salute of 19 Guns to be fired upon his
leaving the Fort.

As the resignation and Departure of the
Governor, the Charge of the Fort and Garrison will devolve upo
Mr. Edward John Holland, the Counsellor next in Rank,
President and Governor in Council of Fort St George and its
Dependencies, conformable to the 24th Clause of the act of
Parliament of the 24th of His present Majesty Ch: 25. in that
case made and provided, & the usual Military honors of Govern
are

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Come to recommend that such as can be spared be appropriated for the reception of Grain, which, for want of Places of greater security, the Collector has been obliged to heap up near the Fort.

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

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Sign'd { Edwd Pte Holland
Edwd Saunders
Jas Call
George Monbray

Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Bonamallee be directed to appropriate such Places within the Fort as may be suitable, and as can be spared, for the Reception of Grain.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Hond Sir

The acting Commissary General of Stores having examined & approved an Indent of Accoutrements for the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry at Trichinopoly, We beg leave to recommend that it be compleated with in full, in consequence of the two additional Companies to that Battalion being raised.

Having also examined & approved the following Carts & Tumbrils, they have accordingly been entered on the Companies Books

25 Arrack Carts
25 Flat form Bullock
10 Ammunition Tumbrils

We

From the Military Board
Have examined & approved an Indent of Accoutrements for the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry, likewise a quantity of Carts and Tumbrils as

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We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

your most obedient and faithful

Servants

J. Capper

(signed) Henry Malcolm

Fort St. George
5th April 1790

Minute thereon

Government approve the Proceedings of the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Commander in Chief & Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From the Chief Engineer inclosing Estimates of the Work proposed to be done at Tiagar

The Paymaster at Tiagar has, agreeably to your Directions, favored me with the Dimensions of the Buildings he has Estimated; By them, I find, it is those adjoining the Gate of the upper Fort that are intended to be repaired: a very necessary Work.

I have endeavored to ascertain from the Estimate the Quantity of Work the Materials demanded is equal to, & have thereon Calculated the Expence according to the prices given for what has been done there; taking the Paymaster's charge as my Guidance for the Wooden Work, the intention being to cut the Timber in the Country.

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On Enquiry, I find the Walls of these Buildings are not sufficiently strong to support an Arched Roof—

I have the honor to be

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Sir. Sir Sir
(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Estimate Expence for Repairing with Terrace Roof a Store Room & Battery Godown on the Hill Fort at Thegar.—

Brick in Chunam - Cub. feet 1876, a 3 fanams p foot			24 — —
Terrace Work in Lime — Ditto — 300, a 4 fanams p Ft			28. 24 —
Chunamming with 2 Coats - Square feet 1876 — a 4 Rups p 100			167 — —
Timber Work			99 — —
		Pagodas	378. 24 —

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7th April 1790—

(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Estimate of Expence for Repairing with Tiled Roof a Store House on the Hill Fort at Thegar

Brick Work in Clay —	Cub feet 1876 — a 12 fanams p foot		69 — —
Chunamming with 2 Coats	Sq. feet 1300, a 4 Rups p 100		52 — —
Tiled Roof	Square feet 800 — 8 Rups p 100 feet		64 — —
		Pagodas	185. 36 —

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(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Board be desired to Report upon the above.

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Duffin

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council & Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

From Mr. Duffin – Requests that he may be allowed to draw the Salary of Chief Surgeon during Mr. Lucas's absence.

The Appointment of Mr. Lucas, Surgeon General, to the Army having left me the Second Member of the Hospital Board, with the additional Duty annexed to that Station, I hope to be allowed to draw the Salary of Chief Surgeon during Mr. Lucas's absence.

I have the honor to be

Madras – April 8th 1790 –

Sir Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) William Duffin

Minute thereon

In consideration of what is Represented by Mr. Duffin, it is agreed that he be permitted to draw, from the 1st. Instant, the Salary of £2,000 p annum, in lieu of the £1,500 before enjoyed by him as head Surgeon.

Read the following Recommendations of the Commander in Chief;

Memorandums & Recommendations from the Commander in Chief.

Military Recommendations by Commander in Chief

Cornet R. Tilson Member of the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry Deceased 27th March 1790 – occasions a vacant Cornetcy; & there are two Lieutenants of Cavalry Supernumerary.

Lieutenant Thomas Livingstone of the 13th Battalion of Native Infantry deceased, on the 29th March 1790 –

Ensign John Innes to be Lieutenant vice Livingstone – date of Rank 3d April 1790 –

Ensign Edwd Cudmore to be removed from the Infantry to the Corps of Engineers.

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Recommendations of the Commander in Chief

Further Recommendations of the Commander in Chief

That the Honble Captain Monson of the 52d Regiment be permitted to resign the Command of Chingleput in order to join his Regiment in the Field.

That Captain John Campbell of the 76th Regiment be appointed to the Command of Chingleput.

That Lieutenant Thomas Hart, Muster Master to the Centre Division, do Muster the Troops in the Field.

That Captain Dirom, Deputy Assistant General to the King's Troops, be desired to join the Army in the Field, & to reside to the Camp at Wallanjaubad.

Minute on the foregoing Recommendations

The above being approved, it is Agreed that a General Order be published Conformably thereto.

Read Letters (entered in Mil. Bd. Pt. 34, 35)

From the Paymaster at Chingleput

From — ditto — at Wallanjaubad

from Mr. Balfour, Paymaster at Chingleput, and from Mr. Tanner, Paymaster at Wallanjaubad — the former proposing to Erect a Shed for Stores erected from Wallanjaubad — the latter enclosing an Application from Lieutenant Colonel Floyd for additional Puckallies.

Colonel Floyd applies for additional Puckallies

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Balfour be instructed to send in an Estimate of the Expence attending the building of the Shed. — & that Lieutenant Colonel Floyd's application be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board.

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Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper.

To John Chamier Esq.

Military Secretary

Sir

From the Garrison Storekeeper requesting his request to be informed to what office the Perquisite of Sunny Bags is to be attached.

I have received your Letter of the 6th April, enclosing Extract of a Letter from Mr. Cockburn, to which the Honble Board desire me to reply.

I am exceedingly sorry to have given the Honble Board the trouble I already have, by making any Reference; but thought the very singular and particular predicament my Employ stood in required it. — I have little further to add to my former letter, than to request the Honble the Governor in Council will do me the honor, for a moment, to consider the situation I am left in, if the Commissary General of Grain &c. is permitted to draw all his Grain in Bags from the Store, no other Emolument, nor any Allowance whatever being annexed to the Employ. These Considerations, & the hardships of such a situation will, I hope, be admitted as an Excuse for my first Address, & have their due Weight with the Honble Board; & induce them to condescend to apply some Relief, in case they should think it proper to discontinue the Perquisites above alluded to. — Submitting, at all times, with deference to their Decision,

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c. (signed) Wm. Corbett.

Fort St. George
8th April 1790

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Government are of opinion that the Perquisites upon the Gunny Bags should be with the Garrison Storekeeper, to whose Office it appears that, they were originally attached.

Ex Consult. Sundry

Edwd Jno Wood

James Taylor

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Diary

10th Sent Letter to the Nabob: (as entered in C.C. No 80) desiring he will order the Rajah of Calastry to send to Chandernaghery some Troops to act under the directions of the Company's Officer Commanding at that Post; & Bomrauze & the other Chiefs under His Highness's authority to provide for the defence of the Passes & Roads leading into their respective Divisions.

Contents of Letter to the Nabob

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble, Major General William, Medows

Governor in Council & Commander in Chief

Hon'ble Sir

From Captain Moore — information of Tippoo's Proceedings — states the Difficulties he underwent (of which more fully in the Letter) pursuant of Instructions — Rajah has promised Assistance, but does not send the daily supplies as before. —

I had the honor of describing to you the State of the Enemy's Works before the Lines in my Letter of the 23d Ult.o — This Trenches were yesterday said to be on the brink of the Ditch; Yet A it is now the General opinion that he is employed in Mining. — The Report of some Deserters from his Camp favors this Conjecture. — They give out, that orders were received in his Trenches to mine, preparatory to Breaching. — They farther say that, in the prosecution of his Designs upon this Country, he has delivered himself in language the most determined; and rate his Force at 25 Cofsums, each Cofsum including 4000 men.

Altho' it is repugnant to my feelings to dwell upon difficulties which are incident to my situation, &

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10th I am afraid, in the present crisis irremediable, it is a duty from which I cannot shrink, as it may hereafter be necessary to my Character that they should be fully understood.

I have received the strongest assurances that every possible exertion has been made to facilitate the Movements of the Honble Company's Detachment of Troops, yet I have not more than one fourth of the Carriage absolutely requisite for that purpose. Upon leaving Poonar, I found it necessary, on account of a deficiency of Conveyance, to throw the Gunbriels & one half of the Stores into a small Fort upon the River side, opposite to Ajeeon. A few Boats which I now have with me, is what I have to trust to for transporting my Stores, when it becomes necessary to quit my present Station — My Operations must therefore be confined to the side of the River; or my Stores must be abandoned — As a small Resource against disappointment of Supplies I prevailed with the Rajah to advance Ten days Rice, which was to be kept in Store, and the daily supply was to be sent to Camp as usual. — He has failed in the last point of the Agreement; and I have been under the necessity of encroaching on the small Stock, five days allowance of which has been used.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Camp — 1st April 1790

(signed) Thomas Knox

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To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

Hon'ble Sir

Genl. M. Pomney has written to the Malabar Rajahs, & the Rajah of Cochin, to persuade them to co-operate with the English in the War against Tippoo. for further Intelligence of Tippoo

I returned from the Lines late last night, where I proceeded to consult with the Minister upon the objects pointed out by you in M. Chamier's Letter of the 21st. Ultimo — The Minister has assured me, that the Malabar Rajahs will immediately co-operate with us against Tippoo, and render us every assistance in their power, on their receiving assurances of the Honble Company's Protection

I have in consequence dispatched Letters to the Calicut, Colestry, Cottumghevy & Cherical Rajahs, who are in the Hills in the vicinity of this Country, to assemble here. — The Minister has done the same. When they come, which I expect will be in a few days, I shall give them the assurances which you have authorized me to do; & shall report to you fully their Offers, and their Plans of operations. In order to link them to the Interests of the Company as much as possible, I shall require that each of them takes an Oath of Allegiance.

The Rajah of Cochin possesses a large Tract of Country, on the outside of the Travancore Lines, which

almost

are to be paid him

Whilst the Succession to the Government is remaining in the Council Room the Troops are to form upon the Ground Parade, and to receive Mr Edward John Holland upon his return from the Fort Square with presented Arms and a General Salute, after the Commission of Government is read upon the Ground Parade a Salute will be fired from the Saluting Battery on Choultry Plain & to be followed with three Vollies from the Troops.

The Governor takes this opportunity of expressing to the Troops in Garrison the constant Satisfaction he has experienced from their uniform good Conduct during the time he has had the Honor to Command them.

By Order of the Governor in Council

Observed that it be published accordingly.

Diary

Mr Holland assigns to the Government

This day the Honorable John Holland Esqr resigned the Government of this Presidency, and embarked for England on the Company's Ship Rigby

14th Received the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

To the Honble Edward John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Colonel Musgrave recommending that the 2 Battalions of Sepoys stationed in the Guntoor Circar, destined to be augmented, and that the Revenue Troops doing Duty in different Garrisons be paid as Effective Sepoys

From the Conversation which took place yesterday I understand it was your intention to order that the Battalion now in the Guntoor Circar should be removed agreeable to the former disposition. I therefore take the Liberty to request you will be pleased to give the necessary Direction that Corps to proceed to Vellaty and Cuddapah under the Command of Captain Davis

Permit me also to remind you of the situation of the Revenue Troops now doing duty in different Garrisons, to recommend, in compliance with the original Regulation formed for those Corps, that they may be paid as Effective Sepoys during their continuance in the several Ports they at present occupy.

I have the Honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your &c &c

Head Quarters
Madras 14th February 1790.

Signed Thomas Musgrave

Sent

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10th. almost extends as far as Polygheatchorry; from whence the Enemy now derive the greatest part of their Supplies.— The Cochin Rajah pays an annual Tribute to Tippoo for it. I am assured, I shall find no difficulty in detaching him from Tippoo's Interests, and he will have it in his power to be of essential Service to our Army, should it penetrate into that part of the Country.— I have written to the Rajah of Cochin, and requested an interview with him, & have only wait his answer, to wait upon him.

The Enemy are carrying on their operations, and are advancing Trenches from four Batteries: Scarce a shot have they fired these two days.— Tippoo's Conduct is so very Extraordinary, that I cannot venture to form a conjecture of his Intentions.

I have the honor to remain

Parrur — 2nd. April 1790

&c. &c. &c. (signed) George Powney

Aide

The Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

From Colonel Musgrave — advising of the Enemies refusal to carry the Tent Bamboos, & his in consequence being obliged to order the Continuance of the Bamboo Covers as usual.

Honble Sir

Upon the Receipt of your General Order, under date the 3d. Instant, I published, in consequence, to the Troops under my Command, the enclosed Transcript; but

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10th but am sorry to be under the necessity of Reporting that, the Lascars, altho' every means have been practised to induce them to comply, have this Evening refused to accede to the Directions of Government; and Conscious of their utility at this Crisis, which will not admit of delay, are peremptory and united in their Rejection of carrying the Tent Bamboos. I am therefore to inform your Honble Board, that, however harsh & ungrateful to my feelings, I must be obliged to give way, rather than detain the Army from moving on Saturday the 10th Instant, which now becomes indispensibly necessary, as the Depôt of 20 days Provisions for the March is already begun upon; and therefore I have ordered the Bamboo Coolies to be continued as usual, which I hope will meet with your Approbation.

I have the honor to be

Camp - South of the Palar
9th April 1790 - 8 o'Clock P.M.

Sr. Sr. Sr. (signed) Thomas Musgrave

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters - entered in M.B. Nos
35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46.

To Cuddalore — To Cuddalore - advising of the Orders given to the Purveyor respecting the Supplies of Stores for the accommodation of the Sick.

To the Military Board — To the Military Board - Captain Hall to take his Seat at the Board.

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To the Military Board — To the Military Board — Enclosing Letter & Estimates of the Chief Engineer at Tiagar; & from the Paymaster at Wallajanbaad, accompanying a Letter from Colonel Floyd, to be Reported upon.

To the Military Board — To the Military Board — to Report upon the Regulations respecting the mode of issuing Grain to the Fighting Men, & publick & Private Followers of the Army.

To the Commandant at Tanjore — To the Commandant at Tanjore — The lowest Proposals reported in his Letter of the 4th. Inst., are certainly to be accepted.

To Captain Hall of the Artillery — To Captain Hall of the Artillery — To take his Seat at the Military Board.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts — &c. Desiring to draw the allowance of Chief Surgeon upon the Coast, during the absence of Mr. Lucas.

To the Military Paymaster — To the Military Paymaster General — advising of the same.

To the Board of Revenue — To the Board of Revenue — orders have been sent to the Officer Commanding at Pomamallee, in Consequence of their Letter of the 6th. Instant. To instruct the Collector accordingly.

To the Officer Commanding at Pomamallee — To the Officer Commanding at Pomamallee — to appropriate for the reception of Grain, such Barracks within the Fort of Pomamallee as can be spared for that purpose.

To Mr. Walter Balfour Paymaster at Chingleput — To the Paymaster at Chingleput — To state the Expence of the Hire, proposed for the Stores sent from Wallajanbaad; and to state whether it cannot, without inconvenience, be built within the Fort.

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To Colonel De Wangenheim — To Colonel De Wangenheim - advising that Lord Cornwallis has approved the Re-Inlisting the Hanoverian Troops, according to the Conditions which are now sent to him.

To the Garrison Storekeeper — To the Garrison Storekeeper - The Perquisites of the Gunny Bags to continue attached to his Office.

Received the undermentioned Letters - as entered in M.B. Nos. 47. 48. 49. 50. -

From Lieutenant Macfie — From Lieutenant Macfie - has delivered over the Balance in hand, and all the Papers relating to his late Agency, to Lieutenant Grant.

From the Commandant at Chinglaput — From Captain Campbell - has assumed the command of the Fort & Garrison of Chinglaput, agreeable to General Orders.

From Colonel Nixon — From Colonel Nixon - has received the Letter for Tippoo, and forwarded it to Dindigall -

From Mr. Erskine — From Mr. Erskine - will conform to the Orders Communicated to him, under date 26th. and 30th. Ultimo.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble. Major General William Medows
Governor, President.

Edward John Hollond
and
James Taylor } Esqrs.

Tuesday —
13th. April 1790 —

Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved —

Read

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

The Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

Lieut.t Col.l Musgrave—
The Troops have moved from their Encampment—Expects to reach Manbrinah the 17th Inst.t—The Lascars have consented to carry the Tent Bamboos—The Cooleis formerly entertained for that Duty will be discharged.

In compliance with your Secretary's Letter, under date the 2.nd Instant, I have the honor to acquaint you that, the Troops under my Command moved this Morning from their Encampment South of the Palar, and are now at this place, distant about 4 miles from Outramalore.—To morrow, it is my intention to proceed with the army, a short March of 6 miles, and shall be enabled thereby to reach Manbrinah with ease on the 17th Instant.—No occurrence of Consequence has happened on the March necessary to be Reported to your Honble Board; But I am happy to inform you that the Lascars have at length consented to carry the Tent Bamboos; for which reason, Mr. Turner has received my Instructions to discharge the Cooleis formerly entertained for that Duty.

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
Your most obed.t & most hble Serv.t
(signed) Thomas Musgrave

Comp.d at Allumbore—
10th. April 1790—

The Board are well pleased to hear, that the Tent Lascars have consented to carry the Tent Poles; and approve Colonel Musgrave's Conduct—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Powney.

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To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Bowney – Tippoo has brought his Trenches to the Ditch – Advising of the Capture of a Snow belonging to Tippoo, by His Majesty's Ship Phenix – A Battalion of Sepoys with Stores &c. arrived at Tellicherry – Intends making another Dispatch to Mr. Torin of Specie to the amount of one Lac of Rupees

The Enemy have now brought three Trenches to the Ditch, so that a short time must develope Tippoo's Intentions.

I have this moment a Letter, dated 3rd Instant, from the Chief at Tellicherry, which informs me that Captain Byron of His Majesty's Ship Phenix had brought in a Grab Snow belonging to Tippoo, full of Men & Guns the latter shotted, and lighted matches; which left no room to doubt her Intentions of taking any Vessel of ours which might fall in her way; that she boldly stood up to Captain Byron, not knowing his Force, as the Heads of the two Vessels were nearly in a line with each other, so that the Grab could not see his Guns until she came along side. – Mr. Taylor further adds, that a Reinforcement, consisting of a Battalion of Sepoys, 60 Europeans, and 10 Artillery, with Powder & other Stores, had arrived at Tellicherry.

I shall make another Dispatch to Mr. Torin, to morrow, of Specie to the amount of one Lac of Rupees.

I have the honor to remain

Tarnour 5th April 1790 — &c. &c. &c.

(signed) George Bowney

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Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To John Chamier Esq.r

Secretary at Fort S.t George

Sir

From Bengal — Inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading of 500 Barrels of Gun Powder shipped on Board the Warren Hastings from Madras.

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Invoice of five hundred Barrels of Gun Powder, shipped on Board the Warren Hastings, Captain Thomas Thomas, as a further Supply for the Madras Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Humble Servt

J. Tombelle

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Fort William

26th March 1790.

Ordered that the Invoice of the Gun Powder, Embarked on the Warren Hastings, be sent to the Military Board.

Order to the Military Board

Read a Letter from the Nabob (entered in C.C. No. 81.) announcing his having sent orders to Bommanjee Pundit & the Rajahs of Calastry & Vencatagherry, as desired by the President.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Read also a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, (entered in C.C. No. 81.) with Inclosure — detailing his Payments for the last two Years; complaining of the difficulty of procuring Star Pagodas; expressing his hope, that there will not be any interference in the Management of his Country, and that the Orders sent to Mr. Rawlins may

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Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore —

be Revoked — Stating also, that he shall pay the March List with all possible Dispatch; & transmitting an Account Current.

The Resident's Recommendation respecting a Letter to be written to the Rajah of Tanjore. —

The President recommends that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore, stating that the Nabob having acceded to the Arrangement proposed by the Directors in their Letter of the 20th. August 1788, this Government is enabled to carry into Execution that part which relates to the Rajah, and that it is accordingly to be considered in force, in time of Peace, from the 1st. April 1790 — Desiring also that, being now at War with Tippoo, the Rajah will pay in four fifths of the Receipts from his Country, with the reservation of one Lac for his own Expences — Declaring that there is not any wish to interfere in the Management of his Country, provided his Affairs are conducted properly, & his Payments made regularly. Recommending him to pay attention to what the Resident may say to him, & referring to him for particulars.

The President's Recommendation respecting a Letter to be written to Mr. Ram —

The President also Recommends that a Letter be written to Mr. Ram, to the purport of the one to the Rajah, desiring he will urge his Excellency to the establishing of such an Arrangement for future regular Payments as may render it unnecessary to interfere in the business of his Government — Recommending also, that Mr. Ram should keep a watchful Eye over the administration at Tanjore, & report without Loss of Time any alienations of Revenue.

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The President reports to the Board that, the Nabob has not Compleated the Payment of the two Lacs of Pagodas (promised in his letter of the 1st. Instant) which were to be paid on or before the 15th — that, he has not given the Sowcar Security for two Lacs more, which he promised should be delivered in, on or before the 10th. Instant; nor has he made any Arrangement for the payment of a third of the March Kist, agreeably to the declarations made in His Highness's letter abovementioned.

The President reports to the Board that the Nabob has not completed his Payments.

The President, in consequence, proposes that a Letter on the above Subject be immediately drafted to the Nabob, notifying, that it will be absolutely necessary to pursue disagreeable measures, if his Engagements are not very shortly compleated.

Recommendation in consequence.

The following is the State of the Nabob's Payments towards the discharge of the two Lacks.

Statements of the Nabob's Payments towards the discharge of the two Lacs.

Cash received from the Nabob, to 12th. April, in Rupees		121332 —
By a Bill on Tritchinopoly		43103 ½
		164435 ½
Deposited in Madras Pagodas	23800 — or 25704	
Porto Novo Pagodas	2338 - or - 2015	
Ditto - a Year	1170 - or - 1000	28704 —
		193139 ½

Ordered that Letters to the Rajah of Tanjore, to the Nabob, & to Mr. Rous be drafted, & sent in Circulation.

Letters to the Rajah & Resident at Tanjore, & Nabob to be drafted & sent in Circulation.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ingeram.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Resident at Ingeram. The Chief at Yanam applies for permission to turn aside the Torrents proceeding from the River Guadavery - & Plan for executing the same - Resident's Remarks on the subject -

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter & Plan I have received from Mr. Sonnerat, the Chief of the French Settlement of Yanam. That Gentleman is solicitous of your permission to sink some Boats in the River Guadaveny, with a view of turning a small Branch of that River, which runs by Yanam, into the principal Channel. He is induced to make this Request to preserve that part of the Settlement which stands on the Bank of the River, being apprehensive, from the encroachment which is annually made by the River during the freshes, it should be carried away.

Mr. Sonnerat's fears are not without foundation: the Soil of this Country is extremely loose; and the current of the River extremely rapid, during the times of the Freshes, which usually last from the beginning of August to the end of September. The River during that period gains considerably on either Shore, and throwing up the Earth in different parts, many Islands are formed.

The Island round which the Branch runs that Mr. Sonnerat is desirous of turning, has been formed within

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Read the undermentioned Letter, intitled in the P.C. No. 60 61 62 63 64 65

To Colonel Maxwell — His recommendation as stated in the foregoing Letter respecting the 4th Battalion is approved, and must be immediately entered — His recommendation respecting the Pay of the Travancore Troops in Garrison will be taken into Consideration

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To Mr Secretary Hay — ordering Rs ... addressed to Fort Committee by His Highness the Nabob

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To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Travancore Country — The Rajah of Travancore late Possessions of Cangarore and Pyacottah to be defended in the Event of an Attack from Tippoo's Army. To make such a Disposition of the Force under his Command as may entirely answer that Object, using his Discretion in the not weakening the Establishment by opposing a superior Force —

To Mr Cherry

To the Resident at Tanjore — Enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter, & directing him to communicate the Contents to the Rajah —

To the late Contractor for Draught and Carriage Bullocks — The Board have resolved to renew their Contract for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for a Period of Three years upon the same Terms as those of the Contract which has just expired —

To the Company's Solicitor — directing him to draw out the Contract

Read the undermentioned Letters entitled in P.C. No. 66. 67 — From the Commissioner — Perusal of Paimt Provisions — No Grain has been as yet returned by the Nabob's Managers, to the Storekeepers at Nadamby —

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From Mr Town — From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly — Submits to the Board applications from some Subaltern Officers and Assistant Surgeons unprovided with quarters, for an Allowance of House Rent —

From Colonel Kelly — Master Attendant General — Applies for leave for Mr Bentley to visit the Presidency —

From Mr Wiles — From Mr R.S. Wiles Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar — applies for leave to visit the Presidency —

From Captain Lieutenant Torin — Horses purchased — will Embark from Bombay for Anjengo by the end of January — requests orders how to proceed thro' the Country, the situation of Affairs rendering such Orders necessary —

From Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly, Commanding at Arnee, Some Movements among the Polygar induce him to order a Troop of Horse to move out a few Miles & be in readiness for Service — The Sepoys stationed at Pallipet have been directed to move to Melacaud —

Substance of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated — Received a Letter from His Highness the Nabob, dated 30th Instant, enclosing Translation of a Country Correspondence, & Letter from Colabas Cawy, respecting the Ground applied for by Benjamin Torin for the Purpose of Cultivating the Cinnamon, and stating that as the Company's Sunnud to Colabas adapted for Cultivation of Cinnamon, he requests that Mr Torin may be directed to give up the Ground, & till the Paymaster's Answer to the Contrary —

Tuesday 16 February 1790 — At a Consultation Present

The Honble Edward John Holland Esq^r
Governor — President

and

James Taylor Esq^r
Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved

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within my Remembrance: It is about 1856 yards in length, from East to West, and about 736 in breadth from North to South; It continues yearly to encrease, and now approaches so near to the North West Shore (where the Sovereign means to sink his Boats) that, in my opinion, Nature will in a little time effect what he wishes to bring about by art.

Humanity, however, justifies his Request. — Those who inhabit the Bank of the River at Yanam, are not safe, either in Life or Property, during the freshes; and the Settlement is so much Crowded, that they cannot well remove their Habitations. — Only two objections occur to me against it, & I think it my Duty to offer them, with Submission, to your Consideration. — The turning the smaller into the greater Channel, may occasion the Southern Bank of the River to be washed away more than it otherwise would be; & the bed of the Channel so turned, & the Island being then united to the French Shore, may become a subject of future Dispute: Perhaps the former objection is done away, by the tendency the Island has to join the North West Shore; & the fixing of land Marks, at the present low Water Mark, on the North or French side of the River, may obviate the other — But, of these matters I am not to judge.

I have the honor to be

Ingaram 5th April 1790 — &c &c &c

[signed] Mathew Yeates
Resident

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Mr. Yeattes
Chief at Ingeram

Sir

You are not ignorant of the Encroachments that the Guadavery has made upon our Settlement of Yanam, many Individuals of which are in fear of their Houses being carried away. As Chief, I look upon it as my Duty to do all that I can for the safety of the People who compose the Settlement, and to put in safety the property of those who Inhabit the Banks of the River. The Plan which appears to me the most simple, to turn aside the Torrents of Water which come down, would be to sink some Vessels, or Doneys, in the direction of the line A to B marked in the Plan annexed hereto. As I do not think that this can be of any Detriment to the Lands you posses on the other side of the River, I have the honor to communicate to you my Plan, & to request that you will ask the permission of your Government to give their Consent, in order that I may put it into Execution.

Yanam 20th March 1798 I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signd) Sonnerat

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing be referred to the Chief Council at Masulipatam, & that they be desired to report their Opinion upon the Request made by Mr. Sonnerat.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Military Board — Their Report on the Repairs wanting at Vellore — on the List of Articles required in the Department of Stores & Provisions — on the Company Serants Letter dated the 6th. — On Major Stantis Indent for Stationary — On the Orders made by the Barrack Master of the Centre Division — Requesting that they may receive a State of the Barracks at the different Stations. —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 6th. Instant; & agreeably to your Commands of Yesterday, Captain George Hall has taken his Seat at our Board as Senior Officer of Artillery at the Presidency. —

After a careful Examination of Colonel Bruce's Letters of the 10th. and 25th. Ultimo, & Lieutenant Norris's Report & Estimates, relative to the Repairs necessary to the Fortifications at Vellore, We concur in opinion with Colonel Bruce, that, nothing more is immediately required to be done to the Works in question, excepting the Repair of the Breaches in the Hill Forts of Sacarow & Lacarow, & of the Petta Wall of the Fort of Vellore itself; more particularly, as it is stated by Colonel Bruce that — "the Centre Hill wants two heavier "Guns than are on it at present; and had Such been mounted "in it last War, Hyder could not, with the ease he did, erect "his Batteries against the great Fort." & therefore the proper Guns are directed to be placed in the Fort of Lacarow, We conceive the Repairs of the Breaches in the Walls of Lacarow, would render both the Hill Forts perfectly secure. —

Not having yet received the original orders,

Plans

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Plans & Estimates applied for in our letter of the 1st. Instant to Mr. Secretary Chamier, We cannot judge (even if any additional Works or Repairs should hereafter be deemed necessary) if the Estimates of the Repairs to the New Works, or of the Store Rooms, Granary, & Barrack in the Fort of Sadaroon are reasonable; and as the Estimates of the Repairs to the old Walls of the Fort are not sufficiently Explicit, We are of opinion, the particulars of the Materials, & the number of Workmen & Coolies should be more minutely detailed.

The Chief Engineer, from Indisposition, not being able to attend our last Meetings, We beg leave to enclose a Copy of his opinion on the above Subject.

On examining the List of articles required in the Department of Grain & Provisions, We observed that many of the articles were procurable from the Civil or Military Stores, and in consequence shall desire the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions to Indent for the same, to those Departments - And, in order to establish Regularity, & to save much trouble, We beg leave to recommend that, in all similar Cases, the articles required shall be applied for by Indent, (which We believe to be the Rule of the Service) that, if admitted, such as are in Store may be issued, and the Deficiencies be ordered to be provided in the usual manner.

Observing that the Extract of the Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions, under

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under date the 6th Instant, which accompanied Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the same date, is not mentioned in the Secretary's Letter as containing matter for the consideration of the Military Board — We have not conceived ourselves called upon to give any opinion on the rate at which Slaughter Cattle is now charged to the Publick — And We think it our Duty to make this Representation on the subject to your Honble Board, in order that the Extract of the Letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions may either be taken under Discussion, or not be entered upon the Records of our Board, as your Honor may judge proper.

Major Maules Indents of Stationary for the Field, appearing Moderate, We have directed it to be passed.

Having examined 100 Doolies made by the Barrack Master of the Centre Division, & compared them with those furnished by the Paymaster General, We find that the Covering & Curtains of the latter are both made of Canvas, & the Cover only of the former is of Canvas, with Curtains of strong Dungaree; But as the Barrack Master's Doolies are painted Green, & thereby rendered proof against bad Weather, & cooler in the heat of the Day, We recommend that they be received for Service; and We are of opinion, that all Doolies hereafter furnished, should be made up wholly of Canvas, & Painted in the same manner as those furnished by the Barrack Master. (the Doolies of the Paymaster General;

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Fort St. George 13th April 1790

In our Letter of the 5th ultimo, We took the liberty to recommend that the Commanding Officers at different Stations be directed to Report the State of the publick Buzars at each Station, We have not yet received this Information; and think it essential, in order to enable us to judge of what it may be necessary to provide, We think it incumbent on us once more to attract your attention to this Subject.

We have the honor to be

S.r S.r S.r

J. Capper
H. Malcolm
G.P. Hall

Fort St. George - 8th April 1790 -

(Signed)

Colonel Ross's Minute

I am of opinion that the Horn Work in front of the Gate may be of great use, in Defence, as well as in securing Grain & Stores for an Army in the Field, which if once admitted into the Fort can with much Difficulty & Delay be got out again; there being only one very much traversed Communication into it, through which every thing must pass both going & coming, the Carriage subject to much interruption by meeting in the Entrance. It will likewise serve as an Asylum for the Inhabitants, in case of any attempt upon the Pettah, without rendering it necessary to endanger or Crowd the Fort with them during an Alarm.

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1030 Fort S. George 13th. April 1798 —

The Black Wall should be put in some state of Defence.

The Repairs to the Mill Fort are necessary, & should be executed — those of Sacarow are essential to its security. —

The Military Board cannot Consistently give an opinion on Colonel Gaile's Work, until they are acquainted with the Design of what has been done, and what was further intended for the Security of the Place: the Design probably including the Defences for that Work; The Colonel should therefore be desired to furnish the Board with the fullest Information on that Subject.

(Signed) Patrick Ross

A true Copy (Signed) Saml. Shea
Acting Secy.

Government approve & confirm the different Recommendations contained in the foregoing letter, and it is accordingly agreed that the necessary orders be issued.

Read Letters entered in Mil. B. Nos. 51. 52 —

From Mr. Hindesley — requesting to resign his office of assistant to the Persian Translator

Ordered accordingly —

From the Commissary of Stores at Wallajanabad

From Lieutenant D. Morris - Commissary of Stores at Wallajanabad with an Indent for Stationary.

Ordered that the Indent be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board —

Ed. Geo. Jackson Harrison

I have signed to the Consultation Letter by the Orders of the Madras Government under from it is required — But for the reasons objected by me in the Letter to the Secretary above, I was not in Consultation, and from which Letter the Minute by desiring his Signature appears to have been Omitted, I signed the Consultation and the Letter to the Madras Govt. — Thomas Taylor

Thomas Taylor

14th

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered on the 8th Inst

(C.C.C.C.C.C.)

To Colonel Musgrave — His recommendation as stated in the foregoing Letter respecting the 1st Battalion is approved, and will be immediately ordered. His recommendation respecting the Pay of the Revenue Troops in Garrison will be taken into Consideration.

Secretary May — To Mr Secretary May — enclosing Letters addressed to Lord Cornwallis by His Highness the Nabob

15th

Captain Lowe — To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Tavanore Country — The Rajah of Travancore having Possessions of Companies and Pagodas which are to be defended in the Event of an Attack from Tippoo's Army. To make such a Disposition of the Force under his Command as may enhance those Objects using his Discretion in the not weakening the Post of his Detachment by opposing a superior Force.

Letter Conroy — To the Resident at Tanjore — Enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter, & directing him to communicate the Contents to the Rajah.

16th

Contractors Draught & Carriage Bullocks — To the late Contractors for Draught and Carriage Bullocks — The Board have resolved to renew their Contract for Draught and Carriage Bullocks for a Period of three years upon the same Terms as those of the Contract which has just Expired.

Company's Solicitor — To the Company's Solicitor directing him to draw out the Contract.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered on the 6th Inst.

Mr Cockburn — No. 66. 67. From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — No Grain has been as yet delivered by the Nabob's Manager to the Storekeeper at Madurah.

&c

16th

Mr Town — From the Paymaster at Fort St. George submits to the Board application from some Subaltern Officers and Assistant Surgeons unprovided with quarters, for an Advance of House Rent.

Colonel Kyd — From Colonel Kyd Master Attendant & Master General of Ordnance — applies for leave for Mr Brereton to visit the Presidency.

Mr Wills — From Mr R.L. Wills Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar — applies for leave to visit the Presidency.

Captain Lieutenant Town — From Captain Lieutenant Town — Horses purchased will Embark from Bombay for Anjengo by the end of January requests orders how to proceed thro' the Country, the Situation of Affairs rendering such Orders necessary.

Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly Commanding at Arney — some Movements among the Hill Polygars induce him to order a Troop of Horse to move out a few Miles to be in readiness for Service. The Sepoys stationed at Pallipet have been directed to move to Melacaud.

Letter from His Highness the Nabob — Received a Letter from His Highness the Nabob [illegible] 30th Ult. Enclosing Translations of a Country Correspondence & Letter from Colonel Cuppage respecting the Ground applied for by Benjamin Torin for the purpose of Cultivating the Cinnamon and stating that as the Company's Engineer & Gentleman employed in Cultivation of Cinnamon, he requests that Mr Torin may have to give up the Ground, & will the Paymaster's Loan to the Amount.

Tuesday 16th February 1790

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Edward John Holland Esqr

Governor President

and

James Taylor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved

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Read the following Letter from Mr Brunt

To the Honble John Hollond Esq.

Governor in Council

Hond Sir

From Mr Brunt stating the nature of Tippoo Claims upon the Lines attacked in the Dindigul Country

I have the Honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Secretary Chamiers Letter of the 27th ultimo

In my answer of the 3d of last month, I informed the Board concerning you, that the Lines which had been attacked by Tippoo Sultaun, from Manarcoil, had been erected 25 years ago by the Rajah of Travancore. The nature of his Claims, and the right he has to them, are the following. — At the above mentioned period, it appears that the Rajah of Cochin was engaged in a War with the Zamorin, who had invaded his Cochin Country, and in order to repel the Enemy, who had gained a great part of it, a Subsidiary Force was applied for to the Rajah of Travancore, who accordingly supplied him with, and with the aid of which he proved successful, and the Captured Country was restored. In return for this assistance, the Cochin Rajah made over to the Rajah of Travancore some Districts in the part of the Country, which Cranganore is one. About this time that Hyder ally first directed his operations towards the Conquest of the Malabar Rajahs, in which he allotted the Rajah of Travancore to keep their Lines as a Barrier to impede the Enemy from penetrating into his Country; and as the Possessions of the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin were so blended together, and the conquest of one proved inevitably that of the other, it would appear that the Cochin Rajah in making over to the Travancore Rajah

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that part of the Country on which the Lines were Erected, had more than Security, as he possessed not the resources which the Travancore Rajah did towards opposing any attempts that might be made by an Enemy in this Quarter.

This Transaction took place when the Cochin Rajah was totally independant of Hyder, consequently at Liberty to make over any part of his Country to whomsoever he thought proper. The Rajah of Travancore has Documents to produce which will shew, that the part of the Country on which the Lines Erected was made over to him 25 years ago, at which period he made those works which are denominated Lines. They run from West to East, commencing at the Sea on the Island of Vipeen, and continues to a broad River called Chinnamunom on the opposite side of which they begin again, and extend Annamally or Elephant Mountains, where they terminate at the Foot of one of them, from which runs a Chain of Mountains to a Degree northern Latitude, and as low South as the extreme points of the Peninsula or Cape Comorin, so that the Eastern Boundaries of the Travancore Country are protected by them from the Sea to the Chinnamunom River, as the Lines run in an Extent of 40 or 50 Miles, and from the opposite Bank where they take up again to their extremity at the Mountains, is about 24 or 25 Miles. The Lines consist of a Ditch about 16 feet broad and 20 Deep with a thick Bamboo Hedge in it, a Slight Stone Wall 7 feet, and good Rampart, and Bastions on rising Grounds, almost flanking each other from one extreme of the Lines to the other. They are only assailable by regular approaches from the North. It is a difficult matter to give an adequate Idea by writing, of the Possessions of the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin

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Cohim in this part of the Country, as they are interwined & for Example, the District of Jussur belongs to the Travancore Rajah, and Nine or Ten Villages adjoining, both to the North and South, which belong to the Cochin Rajah. It is Certain that the Lines intersect the Cochin Country, and that a considerable part of the Cochin Rajah's possessions lies on the North or outside of the Travancore Lines, but it is to be considered as Known before hand that they were erected by the Travancore Rajah some years previous to the time that the Cochin Rajah became Tributary to the Mysore Chief, which, from many circumstances I have been able to obtain, was only 18 or 19 years ago, and that the Travancore Rajah was actually in possession of them, at the Conclusion of the Treaty of Peace between the English and Tippoo

It can be proved also to a certainty that the Lines have not been extended, and that they do not, that the State they are now in for near 25 years. They form a barrier to the Travancore Possessions, and of the Cochin Rajah and the Country lying to the South or within them would be open to Invasion, and if I may venture to Expand my opinion it is, that had Tippoo succeeded in his late attempt against the Lines, he would have been before this time in possession of the greatest part of this Country. Tippoo can, on no other Ground found any Claim than that the Lines are erected on Country which did alone time belong to the Rajah who is now his Tributary.

Nothing has occurred here worthy of your notice since my last. Tippoo's Army Continues encamped about 12 Miles from the Lines. I have the Honor &c &c &c

(Signed) George Powney Dundas
Adjt Genl

Passed
16th February 1790.

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Ordered that Copys of the foregoing be forwa

to Bengal

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble John Holland Esq
President & Council of Fort St George

Honorable Sirs

We have received your Letter dated the

with the Enclosures and We cannot long that the Contents

considerable concern;

The Instructions contained in our Letter

the 13th of November last were, we conceived, sufficiently cle

your conduct in this delicate Business, and

and observe that, notwithstanding these Instructio

have only laid it down as a principle, in your Lett

the Rajah of Travancore's Possessions of Cochin and Je

ought not to be maintained and defended, under any Cir

whatever, but that you have proceeded upon that princip

acts of your Government.

With the imperfect Information that

of the Situation and condition of Cochin and Jurtta

shall not positively say that it would have been possible

small Detachment of the Company's Troops to have defen

places successfully against Tippoo's Army, and we will

that the Loss of two Battalions, at the Commencement of

would, no doubt, have a serious blow; but, were the ca

Honour, we apprehend that any further Views of ours

that point would now arrive too late.

Upon the Supposition however that Tipp

Sent from Bengal, stating that the Instructions from them of the 13th November had not had their intended effect in preventing the Disputes and Engagements between the Rajah of Travancore and Tippoo, but that on the contrary, they had given the Company's Troops a Pretence for attacking Tippoo

Lord G. George Mc Kenzie

[illegible] Copies of this Letter to the Right Honble Lord Cornwallis

Fort William
26th January 1790

Sir

Should you hear that you have unfortunately been forcibly driven in an absolute retreat upon Tranquebar, you may depend upon every Support, and we shall think it our Duty to give you further Directions as new Circumstances may require.

As you have not communicated to us any particulars of the Disturbances in the Tinjavore Country, we cannot judge whether you have acted properly in quitting the discontinuing Power, or whether you intend to return to the Assistance of the Southern Powers.

We have the Honor to be &c &c

Signed
Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
Beles Sprake

&c

Lord G. George Mc Kenzie

To the Honble Archd Cockburn Esq

Secret Department

Fort William

The Bengal Troops have marched on the Tranquebar Expedition

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of this Government, enclosing a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of the Bombay Presidency at Tranquebar, and in the Evening to receive your Letter Dated the 3d Instant, with all its Enclosures.

The Advices contained in the Letter from the Bombay Secretary, that Tippoo has committed actual Hostilities against the Rajah of Tranquebar, having left no Room for further Deliberation on your part, we conclude that upon the first Information which you received of Tippoo having attacked the Circar of Tranquebar, you have considered the Company as at War with that Power, and that you have proceeded to take Measures to carry it on with Vigor, according to the Terms of our Instructions Dated the 3d August last, and consequently that all Payments to the Natives of Arcot, private Debts, and all Steps for providing an Investment have immediately ceased, in order that the whole of your Pecuniary Resources may be applied to the maintainance of the Interests and the Honor of the Company and the British Nation.

We shall without loss of time transmit Orders to our Presidents with the Nizam & the Mahrattas to endeavor to persuade those Powers to act in Conjunction with us against Tippoo as a Common Enemy, and to the Bombay Government

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[illegible] and use [illegible] Confederated Chiefs
and use [illegible] best to take every other measure in their power to exact
a full reparation from him for his wanton and unprovoked
Breach of the Treaties subsisting between us —

Your arrangements shall be taken in arrangement the
Military Station this Establishment
according as further accounts of the Situation & Disposition of the Enemy
may render it expedient. But with
immediately Dispatch to your
Regiment which is at present in the
Coast of Coromandel, with a large proportion
of Artillery, with a large proportion
of Stores. On your part you direct
to be raised and added, with as much
possible, to each Battalion of regular
Establishment; and that each
may be augmented to one hundred
find it practicable to obtain a
Recruiting that number.

We likewise desire
so speedy as means to inform our
Subjects and Tributaries on the
are now ready to take them
and that, provided they will
in the War, we will engage
them independent of him.

In the present
and at so great a distance

Dispatch as may be
notice of delay on your
of your entering
powder & Ball, you should
from Bengal & Pondicherry.

you will on no account
Dispose of Pulicat
Coast of Coromandel that
with the protection of the Company
now and not vigorously with us
support them and render

Flags of this important Service
from the Seat of Action the
Council

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Council give you detailed Instructions respecting the best
Plan for your Military Operations; but we expect that you
will consult Prudence & Economy in all Arrangements
that Occasion and that you will pay the utmost Attention which it
to the Opinions of our Officers of his Experience and Character

Should any overtures from Accommodation
made to you by Tippoo you are to refer them to us for our
Decision upon them. But until you shall receive such
Instructions from us to that Effect you are not to relax in your
part of your Military Preparations.

Fort William.
27th January 1790

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Your
Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
Peter Speke

The above being taken into consideration, it is
agreed that the following Letter be addressed to Bengal

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

To Bengal in
answer to the
foregoing Letter

My Lord,

We have been honored with the Receipt of Your
Letters from your Lordship in Council under Date the
26th and 27th Ultimo.

We are concerned that by your Lordships Letters
suppose there has been any deviation from the Instructions
contained in our Letters of the 12th Instant respecting
Cuddalore and Tranquebar which were proposed as Retaliation
that

that the nature of Circumstances, and the relative situation of those places appointed by the Treaty of Peace to be ceded to the Company might render it necessary for us to deviate in some instances from the Rule laid down by your Lordship in Council, we did not doubt the determination made by your Lordship in your Letter of the 8th November, that the English were not bound to protect the Possessions of the Rajah of Travancore, unless his unprovoked Attack on them could be clearly made good; and we conceived it therefore to be your Intention (which accorded with our own Sentiments) that the first Object should be kept in View for negociation; at the same time, we were desirous to avoid committing the honour of Government in the Defence of Places that probably could not be found tenable by the Company's Troops during the Rainy season in Travancore Country.

The Instructions with which you were pleased to honour us, did not provide for the Event of Tippoo having Designs on Canganore or Cyacottah, the Consideration of which we conceived to be pursued in case he were in actual Possession of them. We did not conceive ourselves authorized by your Instructions to dispossess him; But since you are now pleased to direct the above mentioned Places to be defended, we shall give the necessary Orders to Mr Powney, and to the Officer Commanding in the Travancore Country, we have already authorized the Latter to employ the Troops under his Command in the protection of the Travancore Country, leaving it entirely to his discretion to act in conjunction with the Rajah's Force, as far as he might think Consistent with a proper attention to their safety.

We

We have regularly advised your Lordship in Bengal of the Intelligence received from the Travancore Country, and your Lordship knows that in Tippoo's Letters to our Boards of the 24th December and 4th January, he expresses, that he has not any intention of invading the ancient Countries of Travancore; in pursuance of his pacific intentions and particularly in his Letter of the 24th December, his causes of complaint against the Rajah - In his Letter of the 1st he denies any Acts of Hostility which took place on the 29th December, and his Conduct during that Period has been conformable to such declarations for all the Time his Army is said to be encamped near the Lines, nothing hostile has been committed against them, nor has there been any movement against Canganore or Cyacottah.

Inclosed Your President's Letter of the 24th ultimo to Tippoo (of which a Copy was forwarded to your Lordship in Council with our Letter of the 27th ultimo) he has repeated the Offer of appointing Commissioners for the purpose of fixing Strict Justice and as there is a great probability of Tippoo's concurring in it (which will appear from his answer to Mr Powney's Letter to him, as well as from his assurances to this Government of pacific Intentions) we conceive it will be proper to Suspend any actual Hostilities unless we hear of their being renewed on his part.

We have at no time admitted any right in Tippoo to possess himself of Cranganore and Cyacottah, and if Credit is to be given to the declarations of the Dutch

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British Governments at Calcutta and Bombay of such Orders
have been transmitted by your Lordship in Council, or
Tribute may have been paid for those Places by the British or Portuguese;
but there is a point that will be very difficult to ascertain by any
written Documents.

We have now only to add to your Lordships
Instructions by the following Packets from the Madras Coast,
and in Addition to all powers & Authority the Company is engaged in
hostilities, you Lordships shall command, they be augmented in the
manner prescribed in your Letter of the 27.th Ultimo, or that
may be found practicable, the Army
and Marine to take upon them against
the same time to your Lordships
accommodation which may be found necessary for

We have
the opinions of Colonel
which we have been respe
have not thought it expedi
Field & Establishment, as the
very heavy, and productive of
duction of our Peons may
probably be greater than the Share
in the provision of Bullocks and
necessary we have given directions to return to Travancore
further Orders, the Extra Establishment of Bullocks now
Employed to the Southward.

We

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With regard to the Instructions of your Lordships
at in the subject of the Investment, We conceive that they
meant other Directions, and that some Latitude must
given on account of the Contract for providing Cash for the
Phillipine Company: The Latitude however to be exer
or Diminished by a due regard to the State of our Resources
Military Operations.

We have the honor to forward Copy of a Letter We
day received from the Resident at Travancore.

We have the honor to be,

Fort S.t George
16.th February 1790

My Lords,
your most obedient humble
/signed/ Edward John Hollond
for Council

P.S. We have advised Colonel Musgrave of our having
the Extra Bullocks entertained to the Southward
kept in the Service until further Orders; and We
desired him to inform us whether more are required
for immediate Exigencies.

/signed/ Edward John Hollond
for Council

Read the following Letter from Ganjam (with
Enclosures entered in Cons.D. Nos. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77.)

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr
Governor & Council
at Fort S.t George

Honble Sirs and Sirs

From Ganjam - Controversy with Lieutenant Colonel Frith in Military, Civil, and Revenue matters.

Para 1.st I have order of the 8.th Inst.t We acquainted
you, that We should suspend our Reply to your Letter of the
16.th

16th. Ultimo, under the last further consideration it and was prejudiced of the opinions of Lieutenant Colonel Kent on such points to which you expected an Answer of Communication; We are concerned however, that delays wholly of this description have so long protracted our Progress.

2nd. We furnished Lieutenant Colonel Kent with Extracts from your Letter of the 16th. December, of the 4th. 5th. 6th, the first Sentence of the 7th, the first and second Sentences of the 10th, the 11th 12th 13th 14th. and 16th. Paragraphs of the conciliated harmony with him, expressed him of our unfeigned support, and solicited him to impart to Us his Sentiments on the several Subjects referred to him from your Address of the 16th December.

3rd. His Letter of the 31st. December proposed a proposal for returning the two Companies of the 11th. Battalion to Bengal by a wish to comply with the "impatience of Government", but as it comprehended a reduction of Guards requisite to be continued for the Protection of Governor and Treasury and and as We apprehended from Circumstances then depending (as stated in our Address to you of the 8th. Inst.) that Hostility with Munnedeo Rajah of Vizianagur might be the Consequence of this Detachment, We suspended our determination on the Colonel's Proposition; until We might learn from him whether or not after such a diminution of this Force sufficient would have remained in the District to act with Effect against Munnedeo, without intermitting of Services already depending - the and other Occurrences (we has the honor to detail to you in our Address of the 8th Instant, to which We request to refer

5th

4th. His reply to us under date the 13th. Inst upbraidings upon our Conciliation, which he has not "having never indicated any other than a disposition to "and that any other representation been made to you he "receive himself injured". a Conduct so illiberal naturally a retrospect to his Letter of the 2nd. of November expressly ing our Chief with having "Counteracted" by secret Influen Field operations.

5th. He proceeded to reproach Us for want of E in reclaiming the Lords / Hill People / to obedience", which "in ours were much less / he observed / in his Power"; thoug vicinity to the Mountains in which they Inhabit, and t Intercourse with the Rannie, Guider and Manager of the his unlimited disbursement for Intelligence &c., and t uncontrouled discretion, were advantages in his Posses on which it was not unreasonable, had some Expectations founded. His remarks on this subject were also couched language taunting and disrespectful.

6th. It was with particular regret, Mortification and We must have leave to add Disappointment, that w Officer in whose acknowledged Merit and Experience; in who Conduct and Exertion you had expressed such repeated Con and satisfaction, should after one only Essay by Arms (and the Expedition headed by Lieutenant Lee last August, which conducted under Colonel Kent's Auspices) in the course of six Months Command, on which occasion, though himself march desirous from the Scene of action, he usurped the merits of othe Officers by a mutilated Narrative of the Action which he did not witness and for the delay in Communicating of which he ludicrously pleaded

pleased Thereon, which in fact could only have effected him by sympathy, should have subsequently declared that there was no probability of effecting the wished for Union but by the assistance of the Force of Hyder Ayah, which at the same instant pronounced "impracticable of attainment".

7th ——— Here we again take leave to retrospect to the 9th Paragraph of this Letter of the 2nd Instant, wherein judging of the Enemy by a distant Key, for he has not been wanted the Bounds of Literary Research, he declared, that but for our Chiefs Counteraction, it were a matter of "Facility to put Tippoo to Death, or to enslave him by Chains". the Event has shewn that such Minds were but "Cadaps Fabricks of Imagination", and small Personal Experience has proved to Colonel Trent, that Tippoo are not of such easy acquisition, and has so much comported his Sentiments, that instead of ascribing as before the Retreat rather of Political Speculation than of Military Plans to our Chiefs "Counteraction", he more consonantly to Fact and reason has now attributed the failure of the Letter to the Hostility of the Coorgs; though it must be confessed, that the greater Part of the Battalions of Sepoys and three thousand Auxiliary Peons combined against which that of Tippoo favored by every advantage of Ground and Art could not compete with in most distant Comparison, Numbering as We are Credibly informed to no more than 20 or 30 Peons, and even them not all armed with Matchlocks.

8th ——— The Colonels late Expedition to Cauvelcondah induced an opinion in him, that it was most eligible to abstain from all active Operations, and to resort to a Contracted System of Defence by means principally of the Rammies Peons;

which with small Stationary Guards of Sepoys would secure Tumbers from Excursion, and by confining him to an unwholesome Atmosphere, and to an unproductive Soil, would macerate his Adherents by Famine, or debilitate them by Sickness and in either case induce Defection from his Cause, and to him the preferable Alternative of Voluntary Banishment but We do not conceive what is to be him to Existence, or the Cessation of his Communications with those who the Colonel says hitherto supplied his necessities.

9th ——— In your Letter of the 16th December, you are of opinion that, "there appears no System of Defence adequate to the protection of so extensive a range of Country", and in the same Letter you express a diffidence "of all armed Natives of the first gradation" Colonel Trent was furnished with a Contract, but seems not to have taken it into his Consideration and though three thousand Peons attended his Banners at Cauvelcondah, there was not aught in his Communications that Event, which could guide us to any Judgement of their Merits, consequently a deficiency of Information, supervening by your anticipated opinions made us cautious of placing too implicit a dependance in a System of Defence, in which an armed Tributary which might also be partially disaffected was to be the principal Instrument.

10th ——— The reliance which you have in Colonel Trent's adaptation of ability to this Service, induced us to remit to him an uncontrouled discretion for it's Conduct, which was with your approbation, and by consequence a Weight to his recommendations, which in a great Degree assured the

of the Rannee of Attakoyil Avoo, but though we have three repeated our request on this subject, he pertinaciously withholds his sentiments

16th We have received a Letter of Colonel Scott, who has stated that Travancore has 140 Villages in the hills in the County of Cardamum retreat, but by the Information of the Travancore and Poolygharry Renters, they do not amount to more than (23) County

17th In a Letter of the 4th. Instant, We referred back to Colonel Kent our several Requisitions concerning Travancore, Brinjarries and the Attakoyy Poys and Committed to him the fullest Authority to send from the District either the two Companies of the 11th. Battalion, or the whole 2d. Battalion, or both; and left to his unlimitted Discretion the choice and means of Offence or Defence, but this confidence should from the quotation in our 13th. Para. seem to have provoked a Disposition naturally irritable, rather than to have induced reciprocal Openness. In the same Letter he accused us of using Personalities towards him; of making "reflections improper ones he means upon his "professional Abilities" and of perverting the meaning his Letters "were intended to "convey"; We have however taken them in their obvious Sense; and were We disposed to retort Personality, or to recriminate on the prostitution of Public Correspondence, to objects to individual Affection, that which he has conducted would afford an ample Field; but We prefer to act, as he professes, in the proper Duties of our Station, being content with referring to you the general Stile and matter of this Correspondence

Correspondence, which is replete with Circumstance reviewing other Letters, and expressed in Language intemperate disrespectful

18th As formerly and in many other Instances, Colonel Kent has created his Province an speculations upon Villantrah in which Zemindary he informs us that the Inhabitants involved in disputes with the Poys who Guzzapetty Doo the Sirdar of Kimmedy has sent to stop the Corps, but our Chief ascertains to us that the Corps are stopped by his Order agreeable to annual practice until the Jummah may be settled; that there is a Peshgar thereto nearer the Collections for the Company and that Guzzapetty's only connection with that Country is having a Sircar there with two or three Poys to recover a Balance outstanding upon a Peep of last year. This leads us to explain to you in answer to your Letter of the 16th. December, that the concern with Guzzapetty had with Villantrah last year, was simply assuming the Risk to the Company, and taking Security upon it for his own Re-imbursement; as we more particularly explained in our Chiefs Minute Page 779 of our Proceedings already transmitted to you.

19th We take leave to submit to your Judgement another Instance in which Lieutenant Colonel Kent in our conception has been stimulated by a disposition to insult the authority and if possible to degrade the respectability of our Chief Station, who as We have informed you from the Revenue Department, found it expedient to detach a Guard of Revenue Sepoys to Barrampoor, to conduct the Attakoyy Tantor to Tanjore the Guard was charged with a Letter from our Chief to the Rannee

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and forwarded straight to the place of Restraint which is in the Town of Ramnaupore, and Consequently without the Limits of the Colonel's Encampment who on his Return to Camp for he was absent when the Guard first arrived at Ramnaupore sent and made Prisoners of the whole Guard, which he sent to Jangum in that condition without the Limits, and though informed of this Errand, without the slightest communication of his motives to the Chief the Subadar of the Guard was by Colonel Hunts order tried by a Garrison Court Martial, & being acquitted as you will perceive by the accompanying Copy of the Proceedings, they were entirely disapproved by Colonel Hunt, who was pleased severely to reprove for observing "Established Forms".

20th The Colonel proceeded from this to a personal Insult upon Mr Wynch a Member of our Council, who he informed had "converted the Services of some Sibendy attached to the Depot "Warehouse to purposes of Extortion and Cruelty", making them superintend a Severe and Inhuman Punishment with a Chawbuck upon the naked Bodies of two Women in the public Streets of Ramnaupore, and to wind from an Unfortunate dancing Girl several Pieces of Cloth, the acquisition of a twelve months amorous Dalliance; such a perversion of the Duties of the Sibendy he proceeded to state, originated in a confidence of his recommending them to the favor and Protection of Persons of Influence, and desired that whatever Sibendy were deemed expedient for the execution of Civil Services might not be allowed to act under Authority delegated from the Head of Office."

21st Short the Subsequent to the receipt of this Letter, a

Petition was presented to us by Gotiah Mudliah & Others, of which We forward to you a Copy enclosed.

22nd It should appear from the Examinations We have taken of Gotiah Mudliah, of the Peons who attended Colonel Hunt & of a Waterman who was present in the Evening, of which Examinations We furnish you with a Copy, that the Peons Appointment of being "converted to purposes of Extortion" were but Empty in the Customary Offices of that Corps.

23rd Further it should appear that Madras Women and their "Amorous Dalliance" unseemingly inflamed the imagination to a glaring exaggeration of Facts, and seduced attention from the Military occupation of this Station to the foreign Study of Commercial and Fiscal Arrangements.

24th The Evidence of the four abovementioned Witnesses has established upon Oath, that no dancing Girl was forced to relinquish the fruits of a twelve months vocation to comply with the Peons Engagements to Mr Wynch; that no Women were exposed denuded in the public Streets, and much less that they were flogged in that Condition with any Instrument more especially with a Chawbuck; which though familiar to a Mussulman Despot, is a means of Punishment totally unpractised by the Hindoo People of these Districts.

25th The Colonels Hindoo description of a Public "Punishment most severely and inhumanly administered "by the Peons on the naked Bodies of two unfortunate "Women, the miserable Objects of their oppressions, pursued "& pelted by two Sibendy Peons, who pursuaded by the Influence "arising from misconception of their proper Duties, held

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"this Office Compatible with the Expectations formed of the
"assistance to be derived from them"; appears to us only
intended for the purpose of the moral or comment which
he has been pleased to pass on the State, "that such viola-
"tion of Discipline originated in a Confidence that it will
"recommend to the Favor and Protection of Persons of Influence"
which induced him, however repugnant to the Office, to
interpose for the preservation of the Dignity of his Profession,
degraded, as he would insinuate by the Conduct of two
Revenue Peons employed in a Commercial Department.

26th We have not required why he should be
"repugnant to vindicate the Dignity of his Profession", and
were still less inclined to controvert such a position; but
We were apprized that his mention of Mr. Wynch's name,
instead of speaking of his public Character of Warehousekeeper,
and the implication to which he pointed, that appropriation
was acceptable to "Persons of Influence", in the place of indi-
cating "a disinclination to avoid every subject of disagreement with
"the Members of this Board", was a Contempt the most adverse
to the specious show of such a Declaration.

27th We fully recognize "that Duties should not be
"exacted from the Revenue Corps, which militate directly against
"the fundamental principles of its Institution. But though
"the Colonel felt so seriously interested in requesting that
"whatever Sepoys (Peons) might be required for the Duties
"of the Civil Department might not be subjected to the control
"of any Dubash"; it was utterly out of our Power to gratify
him, It being impossible in the Department of the Warehouse,

which was in question, that any Gentleman should h
sufficient time to dedicate to what would be equally
pensable, could possess that divisibility of person, wi
which he could not attend to the detail arrangement
extended and multifarious a Department; and it ha
unobvious subject of our animadversion, that it can
less violation of Military Discipline, than it is pleas
distraction of the Duties expected from Peons duly & impa
that any Individual, and more especially the Comman
Officer of the District, whose Influence by consequence
Interposition the more pernicious, should assume to him
the license of Individually and personally furnishing
Peons occupied by Services of Civil Requisition, who
concerned faulty, should by the practice of every well regu
Army, be retained and tried by a Court Martial, the
of which were less likely to be biassed, and would be a
regular and Efficient Correction of abuse, should it be
proved that any Existed.

28th If Colonel Hunt was thus irregular in his
ment of the Sepoys, he in a far greater degree exceeded
powers in assuming to himself an Interference with the
Administration in the Distribution of Justice among Ind
Subjects distinct from his authority; and that he should
adjudge Corporeal Punishment, and inflict it with his own
hand; that he should order Confinement and apply his own
Baggage Hut and Centinel to the purpose; were aggravat
of the general Complexion of the Transaction, strongly indica
Precipitancy of Judgement and intemperance of Passion.

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29th. Our Northern Dispatches has informed us that Tickul Mullah the person who Colonel Hunt punished & confined in such manner as the principal Manufacturers in all this District, as reputed to be worth considerable property, and that influenced by his Example, no other Manufacturer will receive Advances of Cash, or Engage for any share of the Company's Investment should he refuse to take the Cloth on consignment of Colonel Hunts Valuation, the outstanding Balances, amounting to Rupees 23,061. 8. — are besides Endangered by such Exertions of Military Power.

30th. Superinduced upon which Advices we are extremely concerned for the Effects it may have upon Investments Collectively, which will be very materially injured should the Colonel continue to pervert his authority to our interference with the Manufacturers who may, as their hopes or fears may be affected, be intimidated into Emigration or Fraudulent Dissipation; and in either Event the Company must sustain considerable Loss.

31st. On these Considerations We directed, that all Appeals of Justice, if not of sufficient Consequence to be referred to this Board, should be made to Narrainpuntulu Ghustah, or to his Sub Manager on the spot, who being in Charge of Burrampour and of all Malabary, are, by Zemindary Practice, the proper Persons to cognize such Cases, and that the Colonel should refrain from all interference with the Civil Administration there, except by Communication to them, or Us, unless he should prefer, as our Warehouse Keeper informs us is practised by Mr. Maxwell and all other Individuals to

address him in the first Instance on such occasions as implicate his Department.

32nd. We acquainted you in our Letter of the 4th ultimo public Department, that We had required Colonel Hunt an Exhibit of the Evidence taken against a Criminal who he had surrendered to our Authority, & that he would send hither the Witnesses for our further Examination, but though We have thrice repeated this request, We have not yet attained to compliance, whence We may for ought We know be the Instruments of his oppression upon an innocent Man.

33rd. When your General Orders of the 11th Instant arrived We had not acquired Colonel Hunts sentiments on the foregoing references We had made to him concerning Veyanagur and Bourakonghie; which as he had evaded so long, Wrapped it him more no longer of desirable acquisition to our Information.

34th. In consequence of that order We detached a Company of the 19th. in Garrison here, to Burrampour, and directed that the whole Battalion should proceed immediately to Ellore. We required from Colonel Hunt a Company of the 18th. Battalion for the Service of this Garrison, from which we have relieved the two Companies of the 18th. Battalion, and have ordered them march to Chicacole; the aforementioned Company of the 18th. Battalion and the three Companies of the 5th. Revenue Battalion, our Commanding Officer acquaints us will be sufficient for this Garrison, and We have accordingly directed

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dinted that the remaining three Companies of the 11th Battalion be so disposed, as may best protect the Cheberry and Baramahl Districts from Canarese Predatory Incursions.

35th Colonel Braithwaite by a Division order has appointed 2 Companies of the 11th Battalion to Sanjaum & directed the remaining 6 Companies to join Arcot and Chittapore, but We presume he has not attended to the Orders that were depending in Cheberry, and to the Central Situation of Barramahal, equally adapted to their respective employment, and to oppose foreign Invasion.

36th The Crisis of Affairs to the Southward suggested the Policy, and the great reduction of the Force in this District induced the necessity of adopting the defensive System proposed in Colonel Frend's Letter of the 13th Instant; and We have required from him a detail of his Plan for your Information.

37th As a consequence of this contracted System, We have ordered that at the close of this month, the 11th Battalion be reduced in all its Appointments to a Peace Establishment; and that every Field Contingence of Elephants and Extra Carriage of Mocarahs and Camel Intelligence be discontinued.

38th The urgency of general Service rendered it most Expedient that no delay nor obstruction should intervene upon the Execution of your General Orders of the 11th Instant, but impressed with a Conviction that the aspect of Affairs in this District is at a Crisis the most unfavourable to such a

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sudden and unjust a Diminution of our Military Force, it is a Justice We owe to our Administration, a Duty to our Constituents and to Humanity, in the strongest manner to recommend to you that the Complement of the 11th Battalion remaining here be very considerably augmented.

39th Notwithstanding of Colonel Frend's Ideas, Contrary from Offensive operations in the Field, by incompetency of Force, our reply to your address of the 16th ultimo will be proportionably contracted.

40th With regard to the propriety of enforcing Restitution from the Chiguilly Rajah for the Losses sustained by the Plunder of the Bawilly Villages of Kidarapooram and Tattitudrah, We are of opinion that his Connivance is not sufficiently established to justify the measure, nor this has intimated to him that this Indulgence will ultimately involve him in more Embarrassment should any repetition of occasion induce Complaints.

41st In application to your Sixth Paragraph wherein you apprehend "that if Canarese is left unmolested "in the Cheberry Hills, he is likely to gain additional strength "and to make incursions into the Neighbouring Districts to "the great detriment of Cultivation, to the annoyance of the "Inhabitants, and to a loss of Revenue". Mr. Munro who has been at Ooty for his health since the 8th Instant, previously minuted that those apprehensions "were realized "by Facts, shortly subsequent of Lieutenant Colonel Frend's

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"attack upon Cavelatudrah, which was an addition to the
"many proofs upon Record, that a system intermitting of
"constant operation, and involving only occasional Services
"from a fixed and long distant Nation, was ineffacacious in
"practice, and only protractive of Expence." But whatever
propriety there may have been in such conceptions at
that time, more recent occurrences have compelled us to
adopt Colonel Trent's defensive Plan, by which he hopes
Sunder may find it impracticable to maintain a footing
in the Cherkery District. It holds however no Sovereign
must compose that an Annual Change of Situation
will convert him from Predation.

12nd In respect to a specification of means for most
speedily restoring tranquillity to the District, Mr. Munro
observing to our Letter to you of the 8th Instant observed that
"the new relation in which Munnedoo stood with the
"Majority of this Board, induced by an Alarm for the due
"Collection of the growing Revenue from Coimbatore under
"would make it derogatory to our Administration longer to
"foster his Folly by nothing his Unity & Waywardness; and
considering it "an inconstestible Position, that had Munnedoo
"been so disposed, he could long since have seized Sunder"
Mr. Munro concluded, that his not having done so, but on the
"Contrary his having assisted that Chieftain with Men,
"Money, Ammunition & Provisions, his having himself proved
"refractory, and being encouraged by Impunity, his retaining
"Narrainder Pauter, who has been accused of instigating
"Sunder to the Murder of Cowajee, and still retains the Confi-

"dence of Munnedoo; his being in short by all these
"so implicated in Sunder's Offences as to be embarked
"common Cause, rendered Munnedoo the last recon
"full Witness to an unaffected Co-operation with the
"Government for the apprehension of Sunder."

13th Mr. Munro added, "that Sunder in his flig
"from Cherry to Bowraninghie had frequently traversed
"Vizianagur; that he had had parties of Rons from the
"Zemindary about his Person, as We were informed by
"Cam Eagle; that his retreat Ordered upon Vizianagur
"that the Mountains of his abode were intersected by the
"of Vizianagur, interspersed by no less than 150 Cots Vill
"as We were informed by Colonel Trent, under the Power
"of Munnedoo, which though not perhaps such positive
"Proofs of his ability to terminate the present Distraction
"of the District, as the prescribed Forms of a Court of Just
"might require, were yet sufficient indications of it to
"authorize Political Measures."

14th Mr. Munro proceeded to detail "that Munnedo
"had been warned of the Charges laid against him, but
"had only retorted impertinent Invective; that he had b
"ordered may Cowjee to avail himself of the Advantag
"he Enjoyed for the Seizure of Sunder, but that Decision
"seem his substitute for obedience; that if Punishment
"which not unreasonably might, should follow such Behav
"his Brother of Pretabgherry or some other Branch of his
"family would doubtless pledge themselves for the Capture of
Sunder

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Senates, were the Testimony of Veeraragoo to the proposed Award."

16th — On our Letter of the 8th. Instant, We informed you that We no longer hoped, that Mummedoo would be induced to repair to Tanjore; that he had Enlisted some Sowcars into his Corps; and had begun to dispose of his Effects without attention to the Claims of the Company or of Justice; on that occasion Mr. Wynch proposed that our Chief should write to Mummedoo, ordering him instantly to disband the Sowcars Corps, and to come himself to Tanjore within ten days of the date of the Letter to be addressed to him, on pain of Compulsion by Military Force.

16th — Our Chief acquiesced in the propriety of these suggestions, but suspended his final Resolution until the Sentiments of Mr. Munro (who was indisposed and did not attend Council) could be obtained.

17th — Mr. Munro then proceeded to lamented that the "Testimony of every Officer who has Commanded in the Field, "which had been uniformly [illegible] Testimony of Mummedoo, "should have been held less Creditable than the Reports of "Men not known even by Name to this Board, yet he "coincided in opinion with us, that Mummedoo was deserving "of the severest Chastisement, but referred to our Consideration "that as much stronger Facts founded on better authority "than those then adduced had been communicated to you, "and were decided by your Letter of the 16th. December not to "have

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"been in any degree supported by Proof; and as the on "letter quoted an opinion of the Majority of this Board, th "there was no well grounded Charge against the Veeraragoo "and added that it did not appear how he was more guilty "any other Rajah in the Country bordered on the Mahomy Ha "Mr. Munro from hence thought it would be an act of Presum "tion and Temerity in this Board to enter upon any coercive "Measures with Mummedoo, which would not only not be "sanctioned by your Authority, but would seem to Militate "against its recent dictates, and former Injunctions that n "new Hostility should be commenced against any Zemindar "unless incurred by Criminality established by Positive Proo "Such being the Fact, Mr. Munro argued that an attack "upon Mummedoo were but an Assumption of Danger to Our "selves, and that unless We were determined to avert from o "the Suggestions of Prudence by the adoption of such a measu "it were certainly impolitic to address Mummedoo in the Style "proposed, because Mr. Munro had not the shadow of a doubt "that his disobedience would expose the weakness of our Threat "and confirm disaffection in him and others by a feeble, unavail "ing of means which it would be discovered our Power could "not realize. Mr. Munro therefore recommended that Our "Chiefs Correspondence with Mummedoo should not pledge this "Board to measures beyond the latitude of his actual discretio "and that these further facts in Developement of Mummedoo's "principles should be communicated immediately to you, "who might possibly recognize some demerit in actions so "portentous of Revenue Defalcation. — Mr. Munro further desired "that you might be particularly apprized, that though

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"Mummedoo's Security that made good his Visits for last Year,
"yet that Mummedoo had paid but a very inconsiderable part
"of his Summabundy: whence there was a difficulty of finding
"security for him this year."

48th. The recently confirmed hostility of Colonel Kent to support our Enemies, the retraction of our Force, and the appearance of War on the Carnatic induced us to forbear addressing Mummedoo in the manner proposed by Mr. Munro, but preferably to allay his apprehensions and to amend his principles; that if delinquent, Punishment though suspended, might be ultimately Ensured. From the circumstances, and from a belief which We still Entertain that the Alarmed at the late Disputes concerning him he may be preparing for Defence and be irregular in his Engagements to his Sircar, he has never ejected Senadoo, and will by mild means return to his wonted obedience; We are decidedly averse to Mr. Munro's proposition of making a tender of his Zemindary for the Capture of Senadoo.

49th We have shewn in the foregoing part of this Letter, that Mummedoo instead of 188, has but 28 Villages on the Hills interested by the use of Moherry.

50th Mr. Munro alludes to many transactions which had already passed under your Review, them We shall not notice to avoid every means of renewing dispute with him; but when he lamented that We gave more Credit to Men not known even by Name to this Board, than to every succeeding Commanding Officer, he might have

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have recognized the names of Santanna, many y
Security for Mummedoo, of Jaggannaut now lately
introduced in so remarkable a manner to public
Notice by Colonel Kent, and Brother to the Interp
of the Committee of Circuit. The Characters of these
being quite unexceptionable; and though Mr. Munro
may not know the name of the Rajah sent to Hoje
Vizianagur Corps, yet our Chief assures us that he is
Life to be depended upon; and, that it can be proved
information communicated to you in our Letter of the 2
Instant is matter of Fact.

51 Nor did We mean to doubt the Veracity of Capt
Eagle, or of any other Commanding Officer, though We are
persuaded that they have been misled into Prejudices
against the Rajah of Vizianagur, by the Information
of Dops of the late manager of Moherry who has himself be
the Dupe of the Artifices of the Rebiapagherry Pauter, wh
hopes by such Fabrications to pave the way for his Maste
restoration to the Vizianagur Zemindary.

52 Mr. Munro in the minutes We have alluded
to, observed, "that the proposition he had formerly the honor t
"make for instantly converting Moherry into Havailly was
"determined Negatively by plain consequence when reference
"was ordered to be made to the Wishes of the Rance, whose
"pride might have been respected to oppose a Voluntary
"dissolution of public System, though for the greater Comfort
"of private Retirement.

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53d. That, such being the fate of that Expedition, "he was not inconsistent in secondarily recommending that "she be invested by the Governor and Council to adopt for "her Heir to the Zemindary her Nephew the young Son of "the Polygutty Rajah, whose Interest it would then be "to exert his Endeavors for the Capture of Sunnoor, which "should be granted from them as a Consideration for "reciprocal Benefit. Of the success of such Endeavours "Mr. Munro says We can best judge from the early ap- "prehension of a Mutiny through his means in the year "1786."

54 Munro's plot in our former attempt to restore tranquillity to the District by means of Purrupetty for the Rajah of Kimmedy, which failed by Colonel Fords opposition; We had little Encouragement for suggesting one more fruitless; but being called on by the Duty of our Stations to prevent that increase of the troubles which the adoption of Mr. Munro's proposition would induce; We submit to your consideration the propriety of the Rannee's adopting the Son of Sundoo Saint, who is mentioned in our Chief Revenue Minute of the 4th June 1789, to be of a Collateral Branch of the old Mekerry Family, which is further Established by the accompanying genealogical deduction, by which it appears that Sundoo Saint had a preferable title as of the Elder Branch even to the last Mekerry Rajah. The adoption of the Son of Sundoo Saint we conceive would annihilate the hopes of Sanadee, and flattering them with the restoration of the ancient Family

would probably conciliate all Ranks in the Zemindary to a united Effort for the restoration of order, by the Expulsion of Sanadee: It is a Circumstance which confirms this persuasion, that the Scheme which Mr. Munro now proposes to set up was once adopted by the Rannee, who was obliged to relinquish the project on account of the aversion expressed by the Inhabitants to the Dominion of a foreign Family.

55th. Mr. Munro could superinduce upon the foregoing propositions the Conciliation of the Courts, who "poverty and sufferings he says, in Sanadee's Cause, if "he supposed would render the attempt of great probable "success, by small proportionable means, and conceives "were his Plan admitted to a fair Trial, Sanadee opposed "would be annihilated, and tranquillity restored in two "Months".

56th. It is impossible that any Person can ascertain the precise date of success, and We have already informed you that We know not of any means of reclaiming the Courts, though were We to indulge hope we should expect the greatest Efficiency towards such an object, were it to be derived from the Rannee's adoption of Sundoo Saint; for their present attachment to Sanadee can only proceed from an Idea that Mudgeboo has been illegally deprived of his Zemindary, and from being buoyed up with the hopes of his speedy restoration, when they may be assured of a liberal reward for the Assistance & protection afforded Sanadee

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57.th Colonel Frant has not condescended to inform us what was the particular nature of the "Service expected from the Vizeanagur Rajah, only "he supposed it more in his power to Capture Inmates "than any other Rajah whose Country borders on the "Hills in which he had taken refuge"; nor do We know that Chunder meets with any other assistance than what he derives from the Corps, or acquires by plunder.

58.th In respect to our having claimed Bagage Mattahs from the Rajah of Cuttack's Sirdar, We have the honor to inform you that, We did but make a request at the Instance of Colonel Frant (to which proposal and reciprocal Precedent encouraged us, and from which practice We obtained the perception of Balaram Pundit the Murderer of Cartejee, in manner similar to that by which We prayed to acquire the person of Bagee Pundit Mattah.

59.th We have given permission to Ridaman Bunge formerly Rajah of Goomsur, who was some months since ordered in hither, on account of a Charge exhibited against his Brother Bucko Bunge of unreasonable Correspondence with Inmates, to return to his usual Residence, having reported on that Charge to the Political Department.

60.th We have accepted the accompanying proposal of Contract for new flooring the upper Story of Mr. Wynch's House, as it falls within the Engineer's Estimate.

We have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c. &c.
(signed) W.m Williams
George Wynch

Ganjam
16.th January 1790.

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P.S While We were preparing this Address, we received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Frant, returning to us for reconsideration a which We had addressed him on the publ on the 26.th Instant; as such a Step must ap by indicate the intemperature of his Proce We forbear accompanying the Communica you by any Comment of our own.

(signed) W.m Williams
George Wynch

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Conduct of the Gentlemen at Ganjam in carrying the General Orde the 11.th Instant into Execution. With regard to any ations in the Disposition of the Force allotted for the Ganjam District, the Chief & Council in communicat with Lieutenant Colonel Frant may take such as may deem expedient, either for the Capture of plunder for defence against predatory Incursions.

Lieutenant Colonel Frant's Conduct disapproved.

The Board highly disapprove Lieutenant Colo Frant's interference in Civil or Revenue Matters, and are particularly displeased with his disrespectful Con in returning for reconsideration a Letter from the Chief Council. Agreed that this be notified to him; and tha it be at the same time recommended to the Chief & Cou to him to discontinue personal altercations, which cannot but impede the Execution of the Public Service

Read the following Letter from Masulipa
(with Enclosures entered in Cons.P. No. 78).

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

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Colonel Braithwaite having in Conformity with the General Orders, Indented for such Stores as he thought necessary, and the same having been referred to the Committee of Stores agreeable to the Regulations, We think it necessary to transmit you a Copy of a Letter which We have received from the Committee on the occasion, also of the Enclosed Statement; by which it will appear, that Colonel Braithwaite's Indent exceeds the quantity allowed for Ellore, in the Statement furnished by the Commissary General of Stores at the Presidency, and that the state of the Stores at this place, will not admit of some Articles being fully supplied, if even the whole quantity of such Articles were to be sent.

We do not think ourselves authorized by the tenor of the G.O.s to object to any of Colonel Braithwaite's Indents for Stores, which shall accordingly be complied with, if he insists upon it, as your Honor &c. will observe by the Enclosed Copy of a Letter which We have written to him, although we have at the same time thought it incumbent on us to offer our opinion, that no more Stores should be sent, than the Bullocks kept up in the Districts can supply Carriage for, of those such as might be necessary for Field Service: because in the Event of the troops leaving Ellore, (which Colonels

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Braithwaite seems very Confident will be the case as soon as they are equipped, altho' We have no authority for passing this measure, all Stores above the quantity that the Bullocks could convey away must be left there, in an open Place, without any protection; for which reason We have recommended that the overplus indented for might remain at Masulipatam ready to be dispatched when occasion may require, or when Your Honor &c. may authorize an additional number of Bullocks to be provided for transporting them.

With respect to the Articles of Store that are represented to be deficient, & particularly the Private Tents which the Committee allude to in their Letter, it will remain with your Honor &c. to determine whether they shall be provided at this place, or in what manner supplied.

We have the honor to be

Sir Sir Sir

Your Honors Most Obedient Humble Servants
In Th.s Sadleir
James Hodges
H Dobbyn

Masulipatam
3rd February 1790.

Minute thereon

I agreed to inform the Chief & Council that such Stores as are wanted for immediate Service at Ellore should be conveyed thither by the Bullocks of the Establishment, of which there is not to be any Encrease until orders should be issued for the purpose.

Ditto

I agreed that such Part of the Letter & Enclosure as relate to the Stores be referred to the Committee at the Presidency.

Read the following Letter from Captain Torin

To

Fort St. George 16th February 1790

To John Channier Esqr

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor of writing you, with Dispatches for Palamcotah Boats, requesting you would inform the Honble Board and the Commander in Chief that this Order was executed, and that the Horses would embark all in readiness for Cuddalore by the end of this month.

Such is the situation of the Travancore Country, that I must hope to receive orders on my arrival how to proceed. Should I find no obstacle I shall order Lieutenant Crosby to march for Palamcotah in his way to the Cuddalore Cantonments, where the Honble Board may think proper to order the Horses.

Attendants will accompany the Horses when I shall have the honor to wait the Honble Board's the orders of the Commander in Chief.

Bombay - January 27th 1790. I have the honor to be

Sir Sir Sir

/ signed / John Sorin
Captain Lieutenant Crosby

Agreed that a letter be addressed to Captain Sorin at Anjengo directing him to communicate with Captain Knox in the Travancore Country, and with Lieutenant Colonel Bridges at Palamcotah, as to the best mode of prosecuting his journey to Cuddalore.

Read the following Letter from Colonel De Wangenheim.

To

Fort St. George 16. February 1790

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council &c.

Hond.d Sir

Lieutenant Aboord having applied to me to forward a petition Memorial before you, and to intercede in his favour I have not hesitated to comply with his request, his unhappy Suit is the only cause of his being dismissed the Service; and most heartily wish that his Petition may meet with success, that compliance his unhappy situation may be relieved.

I have the honor to remain

Sir Sir Sir

/ signed / Wangenheim
Colonel.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

President & Governor &c. Members of Council

The Memorial of John Augustus Aboord
Lieutenant in His Majesty's 18th Portuguese
Regiment

Sheweth

That your Memorialist has has the misfortune to draw upon himself his Majesty's Royal displeasure, in consequence of which he was dismissed from His Majesty's Service, of which he was informed by Colonel de Meuron Electoral Prince on the 5th of September 1789; and that the Wangenheim is a true Translation of the Extract from the Royal Rescript as communicated to your Memorialist by Colonel de Wangenheim:

Whereas

Fort St. George 16th February 1790

"Whereas Lieutenant Stevens of the 18th Regiment
"quitted the Regiment by withdrawing
"himself from the Regimental Court
"of Justice; We ordain his Sentence
"to be recinded, and you are to announce
"to him that he is dismissed.

"To Colonel Dellingenhaim
"East Indies."

"George Rex."

That the reputation of your Memorialist
by this token of His Majesty's
displeasure, is rendered truly
deplorable: that Rank he held
in His Majesty's Service,
and the Emoluments connected
therewith being the only
dependance he has in the World.

Your Memorialist is happy in the reflection that, during a period of
thirteen years he had the honor
to serve His Majesty, he never
was put under Arrest or
brought to a Court Martial
for the truth of which, and
for the general propriety of his
Conduct, he begs leave to
refer to Colonel de Hangenheim and the
rest of the Officers

Your Memorialist therefore humbly entreats
this Honorable Board to indulge him with the same Allowances they have heretofore granted, according to the Agreement
to the Officers of the Hanoverian Regiments that were taken
by His Majesty's Order, and to allow him a Passage on
one of the Honorable Company's Ships.

And your Memorialist shall ever Pray

(signed) John Augustus Stevens
Lieutenant late of His Majesty's
19th Hanoverian Regiment

Madras
9th February 1790

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Minute Recon.

In consideration of the unfortunate Circumstances
attending the Case of Lieutenant Stevens, It is agreed that a Passage
granted to him on one of the Company's Ships in the usual manner

Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave
(with Enclosures entered in the B. of Nov. 79 50)

To the Honble Edward John Holland Esqr
President in Council

Colonel Musgrave
Recommends application
Ensign Noble to proceed
to Europe for recovery of
his Health and of Lieut.
S. Smith to proceed to
Bombay on account of
Europe on Recommend.

Hond Sir

I have the Honor to enclose an application from
Ensign James Noble to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his
and to have the benefit of the Military Fund Established in
Europe by Lord Clive, I beg to recommend his application to
favorable Consideration of Government

I have also the Honor to acquaint the Board
that Lieutenant Ludowicke Smith has applied under the
accompanying Certificate for permission to proceed to Bom
or the Cape of Good Hope, and if necessary to Europe, for the
re establishment of his Health, and beg leave to recommend
that his request be complied with.

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

Head Quarters
Fort St George
15th February 1790

Signd Thomas Musgrave

The Board approve in Colonel Musgrave

approve Recommendations respecting Ensign Noble & Lieutenant Smi

Agreed that the necessary Orders be issued accordingly.

Resolved

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Resolved that the Cotton Bullocks now employed to the Southward be continued in the Service until further orders and that this be notified to Colonel Musgrave and to the Contractor; requesting the former to acquaint the Board whether more are necessary for immediate Exigencies.

Read the following Extract of a Letter from Mr Popham.

Extract of a Letter from Mr Popham Dated 15th February 1790

"The Chief Engineer having some weeks ago signified "that I had finished the remains of the Contract of "Hog Hall, I request Government would be pleased to "order the payment of the Balance of my account "according to the Resolution of Government of the 8th "January 1789."

A true Extract

(Signed)

Mr Popham having completed what remained of the Hog Hall Contract as appears by the Chief Engineer's Report, the Balance has been requested in an Account delivered in to the publick Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
1st February 1790

A Representation having been made to the Hospital Board by the Surgeon at Cuddalore of the great want of Buoys & Stones for the accommodations of the Sick — The Hospital Board recommend

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recommend Government will issue their orders that the Surveyor may afford a Supply of Stones in the same manner as for the Chief ships of Nagapatam and

ordered accordingly

Ganjam.

James Anderson
Physician General

Signed Colley L. Lucas Esq.
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from Mr Macleod

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

Extract of a Letter addressed by the Board of Revenue regarding the Disturbances at the Chief Conjeveram

Honble Sir

In consequence of your Orders transmitted to me by Mr Chamier on the 9th Instant, I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter addressed to the Board of Revenue, containing an account of the late Riot at Conjeveram.

I take the Liberty of calling the attention of your Honor to the latter Paragraph of that Letter, because a force equal to the number of Sepoys therein stated, will be found absolutely necessary.

I have the Honor to be,
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servt

Conjeveram
10th February 1790

(Signed) Alex. Macleod Collector

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

President &c &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform your Honors &c. that the following disturbance occasioned by Peons and other People of the Right Hand Cast, happened here, when I was on the Road to Conjeveram.

On the night of the 2d Instant, a number of Peons from the Cantonment of Chevillemondee entered this Town, and demanded from the Guard, the release of one Hoodoo Chitty, who had been confined the Day before for joining with Peons in the plunder of a House; they continued to push in upon the Guard, endeavoring to release Hoodoo Chitty. The Sepoys apprehended two of the Rioters, who, being Horsekeepers of Chevillemondee were carried next morning to the Officer Commanding that Cantonment.

On the 4th Instant at 12 o'Clock at noon, a large Body of Horsekeepers from Chevillemondee, joined with many others of the Right hand Cast, entered Conjeveram and proceeded to the Cutcherry in Search of Hoodoo Chitty, whom they found removed, with their Sepoys, to a House in which he could be better secured. The Insurgents came there persisting in their first Resolution of setting him free, the Sepoys made little or no resistance, Hoodoo Chitty was forcibly released, and the House in which he was, plundered.

The next Day (the 5th) at about 12 o'Clock the same body

body of People returned, declaring they meant to besiege the ou
of the House, which they had broke open the Day before, and to pl
the Bazar of the left hand Cast. The Amildar of the Pagoda told
them to retire, warning them against the consequence of proce
further; they replied, that they knew he was not at liberty to fir
he then said he would, if any violence was committed
upon this the Guard advanced, wrested the firelocks from
hands of two Sepoys, and beat them. The Amildar himself
was also wounded and struck. A Naigue and six Sepoys
then fired, killed three Horsekeepers and wounded one. The
Rioters having found some Powder and Ball in the Cutche
fired the Musquetts snatched from the Sepoys. Soon after the
fire from the Naigue and Six, they retreated, and assisted in
plunder of the Left Bazar, which had been begun by other
the Body on their first arrival. In the fight which ensued
at the Left Bazar a Peon belonging to the 2d Battalion, who was
stationed at Chevillemondee was killed, and another Person
wounded. The whole body of People then ran away; but not
before they had compleatly ransacked the Bazar.

Had the Guard acted properly the first Day, Hoo
Chitty would not have been released, and the unfortunate
Consequences of the Second Day would have been avoided.

The People who quitted the Town in this Riot, w
return to it immediately, as there is no further Expectation of
disturbance. I do myself the Honor to request that you Hono
will be pleased to procure Twenty or Thirty Sepoys to remain th
tioned continually in the Town of Conjeveram, which will effectua
prevent disturbances of a similar nature at any future Period.

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

Conjeveram 8th Febuary 1790

(Signd) Alex.r Macleod

A true Copy
(Signd) Alex.r Macleod
Collector

Rec

Read the following Letters referred in No 462 of 31 ult.)—

From Colonel Kepple — relating some Orders referred to his Conduct from the Surgeon of the 77th Regiment on account of the Troops employed in the Shevegungah District

Ordered that the Letter be referred to the Hospital Board, and that they be desired to report thereon—

From Major Dirom reporting that the Commonly Gate at Madura is repairing, and Enclosing the Engineers Estimate for Repairs of the Fortifications—

Agreed that Major Dirom be directed to direct the Engineer to repair the Breaches in the Fortifications for the present with Clay work—

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence from the Malgare Country—

Edw.d Fr.k Rollond.r

Thomas Taylor

Diary.

17th Sent the undermentioned Letters pertaining to the Year (93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96.)

To the Commr Paymaster at Arcot &c — Monies Rent to Officers

To W.m T.s Tanner. and Surgeons is to be paid conformably to the Regulations —

To the Hospital Board — with the Hospital Bills of the

To the Hospital Board Surgeon of the 77th Regiment on account of the Detachment lately on the Shevegungah Country — to Examine and Report upon the Prices and quantity of the different articles said to have been expended for use of the Sick —

To Mr Joseph Parnis Surveyor to the General Hospital on

To the Bengal & the General Hospitals the Coast — To supply Pondatore with Hospital Stores in like manner as the Chief ships of Vizagapatam and Ganjam —

To Mr Burdon To Mr John Philip Burdon with permission to visit

To Mr Bills the Presidency —

To Masulipatam Such Stores as are wanted for the Service should be sent to them by the Bullocks of the Establishment

To Masulipatam which there is not to be any increase unless orders should be given for the purpose — The Indents from Extraordinary quantity of Stores will be referred to the Committee of Stores at the Presidency —

To the Chief and Council at Ganjam — approving their having carried into Execution the General Orders of the 11th January

To Ganjam To make in Communication with Lieutenant Colonel Frent such alterations in the Disposition of the Force allotted for the District as may be deemed expedient either for the Capture of Sanades, or for Defence against predatory Incursions — Colonel Frent's Interference in Civil or Revenue Matters highly disapproved —

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67 Read an Application from Colonel Musgrave dated the 17th Instant requesting the Board would be pleased to grant him a Passage to England on board one of the Company's Ships in the usual manner.

Ordered that the Application be complied with.

To Colonel Musgrave

To the Contractors for Draught & Carriage Bullocks

To Lieut.t Col. Arnott

To the Commandant at Madura

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Wangenheim in consideration of the Representation of Lieutenant Arnott, the Board will grant him a Passage on one of the Company's Ships in the usual manner.

To the Contractors for Draught & Carriage Bullocks - The Extra Bullocks employed to the Southward are to be retained for the publick Service until further Orders.

To Lieutenant Col.o Arnott with Permission to proceed to Bombay or the Cape of Good Hope, and if necessary to Europe for the re-establishment of his Health.

To the Commandant at Madurah. The Barracks in the Works at Madura may for the present be repaired in Clay work.

To Colonel Musgrave - Consign Garret Noble with a Commission with the necessary Oath subscribed, upon his taking the usual Oath of qualification before the Governor in Council, pursuant to the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive - Lieutenant Col.o Arnott's application has been complied with.

To Colonel Musgrave - Give the necessary Orders for the distribution of Hire of present Corps, as soon as they may arrive within the Limits of the One hundred Horses purchased by Captain Lieutenant Torin and expected to be landed about this time at Negapatnam. The Revenue Troops doing duty in different Garrisons to be paid as Effective Sepoys during their Continuance in Garrison at Pondicherry at present occupy.

To Colonel Musgrave - The Bullocks now entertained to the Southward will be continued in the Service until further orders to Mature, in his opinion, a further provision of Bullocks is requisite for immediate Exigencies.

Recommend

Received the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

To the Honble Edward John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

Yesterday Evening I was favored with the Honble Letter Dated the 17th Instant to inform Me requesting my opinion

From Colonel Musgrave with his opinion as to the Number of Bullocks for immediate Exigency and the various Species of Equipment necessary that the Companies of the 1st Battalion of Pondicherry and Chingleput Lascars to attend the 1st Battalion of Artillery at Trichinopoly.

provision of Bullocks for immediate Exigencies.

Uninformed as I confess myself to be respecting the of Government, making it difficult to advance my Sentim Matter in accuracy, but hazarding the Supposition th may be such as will render it necessary for the Troops in a Division to assemble according to the Detail published in the order of the 21st Ultimo, I am decidedly of Opinion it would be to direct every Corps specified in the above order, to be immed supplied with its Draught and Carriage Cattle agreea Book of Regulations, so as that it be ever without d in case of the Emergency of publick affairs might render to form a Junction of the Troops at the appointed place of Proportioned proportion of Bullocks for the use of the Artille Ordnance Department, is an object no less worthy the attention Honble Board, they being equally indispensable as those mentioned; should the Enemy be required to move while Subject is before me, I take the liberty to State, that various Species of Equipment, are also absolutely necessary for ena the Troops to take the Field, such as Coolies, Lascars, Doolies without which (granting that it is in all respects complete to Bullocks) the Army must unavoidably remain inact I therefore think it incumbent upon me to recommend

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matters to the serious consideration of Government as I consider them of the utmost importance to the public Service in the Court of immediate Exigency.

I now will require some time for the Companies of the 36th Battalion at Chandernagore and Chinsurah to relieve the 2d Battalion at Cuttack, which must be prepared for Field Service; I submit to the consideration of the Honble Board the Expediency of directing these movements to be carried into Effect and have the Honor to be

Honored Sir

Head Quarters
Madras
16th February 1790.

Your most obedient humble Servant

Signed Thomas Musgrave

Received from the Judicial Department, the following Extract of a Letter from Cuddalore

From Cuddalore 14th December 1789

Mr Secretary Chamiers Letter dirrecting the payment of Mr Burtons House Rent agreeably to the Custom observed at Cuddalore, has been received, but as none has been drawn here for some time and Mr Guy the late Master Attendant to the Southward having been allowed by Government 10 Pagodas pr Month, we have thought it proper to make the same allowance to Mr Burton.

From the Sub Secretary to Bengal

Received from the Sub Secretary at Calcutta Enclosing an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Military Stores sent to Madras on the Ship

Ordered that the Bill of Lading & Invoice be sent to the Committee of Stores.

Sent

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Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Vol. 97. 98. pp. 100. 101. 102. 103.)

To the Secretary at Fort William

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William

Dispatches Vessels for Bengal, arrived on the 6th instant, and at Madras is now sent on the Ship Hope, Captain Hume &c. Money to be paid in Bengal.

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores to report upon an Indent from Manilla for Military Stores for the use of the Cantonment at Ellore.

To Captain Lieutenant Torin

To Captain Lieutenant Torin on his arrival at Tanjore with the Horses, he is to communicate with Captain Welsh in the Travancore Country, and with Lieutenant Colonel Browne at Palamcotah, as to the best mode of prosecuting his Journey to Trichinopoly.

To Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave. Directions will be given for the Provision of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks necessary for the Corps in the Centre Division as ordered to assemble in the G.O. of the 8th Instant, and for the use of the Artillery and Other Departments of the Centre and Southern Divisions. The Companies of the 36th Battalion will be ordered to relieve the 2d Battalion as proposed. Doolies will be prepared for the Troops marching Coast.

To the Civil Paymaster General

To the Civil Paymaster General to State whether there are Doolies in the Store sufficient for the Equipment of the Troops ordered to be held in readiness for field Service by the G.O. of the 11th Instant. If there are not, they must immediately be made, and a report made of the number wanting.

To the Contractors for Draught and Carriage Bullocks

To the Contractors for Draught and Carriage. To furnish upon the Indents from the Commanding Officers Draught and Carriage Bullocks as may be necessary for the Troops in the Centre Division directed to assemble agreeably to the Disposition of the G.O. of the 11th Instant, as also for the use of the Artillery &c.

Despatches

19 Department of the Eastward Southern Division

To the President at Tranquebar

To Mr Bourry

As he has not been specifically specified in his letter of the 7th Instant as to the Territory which the Regulations of Government prescribe within the Limits that entitled the Islands of Poulicat, &c are included to be stated with as much accuracy as possible

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Army on the Coast

Sir

To Colonel Musgrave
advising of the number
of Troops expected from
Bengal. To state the
best mode of quartering
the Troops in the event
of their arrival
previous to the most
expeditious method of
carrying the Orders from
Bengal into Execution
regarding the additional
Force to the Native
Troops on this Establish-
ment

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they have received intimation from Bengal of the intention of the Governor General in Council to dispatch immediately to Fort St George that part of the 36th Regiment at present in Bengal, together with a strong Detachment of Artillery and a large proportion of Recruits

As these Troops may hereafter be expected, the Board request to be favored with your Sentiments as to the best mode of quartering them upon the Coast.

The Governor General in Council has also been pleased to instruct His Government to raise and add, with as much Dispatch as may be possible, two Companies to each Battalion of regular native Infantry on the Coast, and also to augment each Troop of Native Cavalry to one Hundred private Men, if it be found practicable to obtain a sufficient Supply of Horses for Mounting that number.

But I am directed to request you will be pleased to favor them with your opinion with regard to the most efficacious mode of carrying into Execution the above mentioned Instructions

of

19 of the Governor General in Council, and whether you are of Opinion it will be attended with any material Inconvenience to postpone for a few Days the Issuing of G.O. for that purpose

Fort St George
16th February 1790

I am, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signd) John Channier Esq

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Edward John Holland Esq
Governor President

Friday
19 February
1790

and James Taylor Esqr

Minutes of last Consultation Read

Approved. Read the following Letter from Mr Cock

To John Channier Esqr

Secretary to the Military Department

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. Informing him that the Nabob had agreed upon by the positive Instructions to the Managers to furnish the Company quantity of 50 Garrs for the different Garrisons

Sir, I beg leave to remind you that I have not received the Nabob's orders to his Managers at Angolo Tenneryconah to Exchange the Grain in those Garrisons mentioned to have been applied for in your Letter of the 27th Ult nor any Answer to my Letters of the 3rd and 6th Instant, Enclosing Estimate of Repairs required to be made to the Granaries of the and Orders put for the reception of the Grain ordered.

Having no information of any Grain being delivered by His Highness's Managers to the Company in any gar

interested in this matter than any other, it is proper that I should give my ideas on the subject fully, at all times and tedious Wars as they are, but more particularly at this period when it is like already to prove to many Country Subjects, who have not yet recovered from the distresses and on the late destructive War - never the less, whether this Settlement upon, or Peace in either case I shall endeavour all the assistance power. In the event of war, should the Enemy's possessions fortune fall into our hands, I have the fullest confidence Equity of Lord Cornwallis, and that I shall have just consideration in my rights, and that adverting to my being the ally of the King of England, the English nation and the Company and have continued in the most unfortunate times firmly attached to the English, I shall have the Cuddapah &c &c dependants on the Carnatic which belongs to me, and the dale of the Ghauts delivered over to me, and I shall then pass remainder of my days in pleasure, and in offering up thanks to my Friends. The Treaty made with former Governors expressed that, in undertaking either War or Concern which might affect the Carnatic, it should be done with my approbation; but at present I have not been consulted on the subject of the affairs of Malaway, nor on the means of securing Peace or carrying on War - To expect any assistance in this matter from the Nyam, is contrary to common Sense, for he is remarkable for the breach of his Engagements and has often been tried by us - It is probable that the Mahrattas may lend assistance; but from the Engaging in a War with Tippoo they will experience but little disadvantage for their Country is far removed; The Circars as

Bengal

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Bengal also are at a great distance, but none in the Country where we have to expect much help

What can Sultaun mean

The President proposes that the following answer be sent to the foregoing, (which is also Entered in C.C. N.° 32)

To His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah

&c &c &c &c

The Nabob in answer to the foregoing

May it please your Highness

Yesterday I received your Highness's Letter of 15th Instant and I learn with great satisfaction that it is your Highness's Intention to give every assistance in your power in the prosecution of a War with Tippoo Sultaun: I should take pleasure in your Highness's being informed of the present situation of affairs, and of the nature of the Claims made by the Ryots on Chiefs on the Rajah of Travancore, in support of which the former had collected a large Force on the Confines of that Country. Having made an attack on the boundary lines, he was repulsed, and a Letter has since that time been received from him, to which was sent for your Highness's perusal, disavowing this Transaction, a Copy of which is now also sent for your Highness's Information. Having attacked the Travancore Lines, the Right Honble the Governor General in Council has thought proper to direct the English army to be in readiness to repel Invasion; and for the prosecution and defence of the Carnatic & Travancore Countries, a Letter has been written to Tippoo Sultaun

I Henry

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offering to appoint Commissioners to investigate and de
points in dispute, to which no answer has yet been rec
By the latest advices from him, he disclaims all inten
infringing the Articles of Peace, but as his still collec
Troops in large force on the Confines of the Travancore
Country, and is encamped with his army within two
of the Lines, no certain reliance can be placed on h
assurances. It is necessary therefore to make every pr
for defraying the Expences of the army, and supplying
with Provisions, which depends greatly on your High
Exertions in supplying Grain, and on your punctua
the payment of your Bills. I beg therefore to recomm
to your Highness's most serious consideration to compl
pay monthly; and that you will without loss of time m
some of your arrangements for this purpose; that Go
may have a Certainty with respect to their Expected
and accordingly advise the Right Honble the Governor
in Council. (Signed) Edwd Fras Holloway

19th February 1790

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Read a Letter from the Nabob (Entered in
No 33) Complaining of Troubles excited in the Tanjore D
by means of Anandrull Reddy a Rebell, and desiring th
Commanding officer at Trichinopoly may be directed to
two Companies of Sepoys for the purpose of preser
the Peace of the District.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Nixon be requested with the Nabob's representations, and directed to take the necessary measures for preserving Peace in the Tanjore District.

Letter from the Nabob

Read a Letter from the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No 24) stating that if there had not been difficulties in receiving the Grain at the different Garrisons the Granaries would have been filled before this time, desiring that the necessary orders may be issued; and informing the Board that he has sent the usual positive Directions by Peons to all the Committees of the Districts.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be communicated to Mr Cracklam, and that he be desired to write particularly to the Storekeepers that the Stores may be completed, and the old Grain Exchanged without loss of time.

Mr Alexr Call appointed Paymaster of Tripassore

The President proposes that Mr Alexr Call be appointed Paymaster to the Army of Tanjore on Tuesday next Plain.

Agreed and Ordered accordingly

John B. Hollond

Thomas Hayley

Diary

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From Mr Surgeon Binny

Received Letter from Mr Geo Binny (as entered in No 104) requesting a Copy of Mr Gahagan's Memorial to Court of Directors, with all accompanying Documents & other Records respecting Mr Gahagan's Rank in the Corps of Surgeons.

Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in No 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.)

To Mr Binny - acquainting him that there is a Copy of Mr Gahagan's Memorial in the Office; and transmitting Sundry Papers regarding Mr Gahagan's Rank

To Mr Cracklam

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions directing him to report if any Grain is wanting in Garrisons that can be supplied from the Magazines.

To Colonel Ross

To the Chief Engineer - Enclosing Estimates of Stores wanted to the Pagodas at Tanjore, upon which he is immediately to report.

To Colonel Nixon

To Colonel Nixon desiring him to take the necessary measures for Securing the Peace of the Tanjore District.

To Mr Cracklam

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions informing him that an application has been made to the Board on the Subject of Grain, and directing him to order the Storekeepers to receive such Grain as may be tendered by the Nabob's Servants, giving receipts for the same.

Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered in C.C. No

To His Highness the Nabob - informing him that Storekeepers have been directed to receive the Grain tendered by his People, urging him to deliver the full quantity, and detailing the number of Pieces wanted at the respective Garrisons.

Substance of the Letter to the Nabob

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Letter of a Letter to the Resident

To the Right Honble Sir Richard Strachey Bart having this Morning met for settling the Exchange of Pagodas have been constantly attended by his Managers; and debating the quantity and places where Exchanges are required.

Visit arrives with General Medows

This Evening at 4 o'Clock P.M. His Majesty's Frigate the Vestal Commanded by Sir Richard Strachan from England last from Bombay anchored in the Roads with Major General William Medows on Board.

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Packet from the Honble Court of Directors by the Vestal, being brought on Shore, was opened & read Committee in Public Department and containing the Appointment of Major General Medows as Governor and Commander in Chief at Fort St George, to be Exchange of the Government accordingly

Formally previous to Exchange of the Government

Sent the following Letter To the Resident at Tanjore to the Nizam to the Nabob of the Carnatic and to the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore respectively dated 25th Inst. 29. 30. 31. January announcing the Arrival of General Medows and of his having taken Charge of this Government

Letters to the Resident Nizam Nabob Rajahs of Tanjore & Travancore

Sent the undermentioned Letters in Cypher Nos 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117.

To the Resident at Poona announcing Arrival of General Medows and enclosing Letter from the Peishwa, which he is requested to deliver a Copy of one to said for his Information.

To Poona

The Same was sent Captain Kennaway with Letter for the Nizam

To Captain Kennaway

The Same to the Resident at Tanjore with Letter and Copy for the Rajah of Tanjore announcing Arrival of General Medows

To Mr Ram

To the Resident at Travancore the Same as above with Letter for the Rajah of Travancore.

To Mr Swiney

To

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To Columbo

To Columbo and Pulicat Informing of the arrival of General Medows

To Pondicherry

To Pondicherry on the same Subject

To Tranquebar

The Same to Tranquebar.

To the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops directing him to pay to Mr Abrons late Lieutenant in the Hanoverians Subsistence Money until his Departure for Europe, which he is on the first Ship.

To Colonel Kepper

To Colonel Kepper with Information of the above.

Received the following Letters as entered in No. Book

Dated 28th 29th Inst.

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From Captain Knox

From Captain Knox transmitting Copies of his Correspondence with the Officers Commanding the South Force from 29th December last, and with Mr Bevery as to in those Letters.

From Colonel Musgrave

From Colonel Musgrave enclosing Letters from Colonel Braithwaite and Lieutenant Colonel Fourt Mat their Altercations with the Chiefs and Councils of Manaly and Ganjam

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The following Letter from Bengal, under Date the 8th of January last was this Day sent to the Secretary by Mr Edward John Holland.

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor in Council Fort St George

From Bengal acquainting the Government of Madras to take up Money to the Extent of Rupees Engagements for Bills & purpose of procuring an Investment for the Service of 1790 including the Sums provided for the Spanish Company's Bills & from the Court of Directors

Honble Sir,

In consequence of your repeated representations of the difficulties you experience in obtaining Money for Bills on this Government, we intimated to you on the 25th of November, our intention of sending to you

23 a considerable Revenue may be Yielded, but finding it impracticable to get from thence more than Sicca Rupees 16 December to carry our Intention into Effect we attended only to the Circulation of the Presidency, we accordingly sent for Proposals to supply you with Sums to any amount that it might be convenient for Individuals to pay into your Treasury, but no proposals worthy of notice having been tendered, We now judge it expedient in consequence of Instructions from the Court of Directors to apprize you of their Intentions for the Success of the Court's Investment, to authorize you to take up Money to the extent of your exigencies for the sole purpose of procuring an Investment for the present year, including therein the Profit to be provided for the French Company on Bills to be drawn upon the Court of Directors at the Current rate of Exchange, presumably to be made payable at the same Usance as the China Bills are, which appears to us under the Circumstance of the Court of Directors not having given any particular directions in regard to this point the best calculated to unite the opposite Interests of the Company and Individuals, and we request that You will issue an Advertisement for the above purpose In the mean time, We shall notify to the public our Intentions of issuing such an Advertisement, in order that they may have an opportunity of giving such Instructions as they may think proper to their

agents

23 Agents residing at your Presidency

Persuaded however that, although the Court of Directors are very anxious to receive an Investment from your Presidency to the full extent of their Instructions on this Subject, yet after expressing a hope that a Loan may be obtained at an Exchange not much above 2/ Pagoda, they Strictly prohibit Bills being drawn upon them at a higher rate than 8/ on any account whatever You will therefore be pleased to consider this Last Limitation mentioned, rate as the highest to which you are authorized, under any Circumstances to accede, But in order to obtain the most favorable terms for the Company, it will be indispensably necessary that You keep the above mentioned Circumstance, in regard to the Limitation of the rate, from the Knowledge of the public, since were it to transpire, it could not be expected that any lower Exchange would be offered.

We have only further to add that We rely on your zeal and Exertion for the negotiation of the required Loan, in a manner Satisfactory to our Employers. We have the Honor to be,

Honble Sirs

your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort William
8th January 1790

Signed Cornwallis
Charles Stuart
Peter Speke

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major Genl Wm Medows

Governor President

Tuesday 23 Febry 1790

Edward John Holland } Esqrs
and
James Taylor }

Minutes of last Consultation read and confirmed

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble John Holland Esqr

Governor Council &c Fort St George

Hond Sir

We have heard with some surprize from the Commander in Chief that he has been informed by Colonel Musgrave, that you had not been induced by the accounts of Tippoo having committed actual Hostilities against our ally the Rajah of Travancore, to give immediate Orders for making the necessary provision of Draught & Carriage Bullocks for enabling the Army to take the Field.

We think it very improbable that any unnecessary delay should have been used in making such Measures, but to guard against the possibility of disappointment in so essential a branch of Military Preparation, we direct, in the Event of your not having anticipated

Fort Bengal are further of opinion that immediate Orders should be given for making the necessary provision of Draught & Carriage Bullocks for enabling the Army to take the Field, & that the Troops at Presidency number be immediately joined the Head Division of the Army & be supplied with Grain

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anticipated our Wishes, that you lose no time, after the R
receipt of this Letter, in taking the most expeditious & effect
Steps to procure the number of Draught and Carriage
Bullocks which, in the opinion of the Officer Commandi
the Troops at your Presidency, will be indispensably requi
for the execution of an Active and vigorous Field Oper

We trust that you have not omitted to give
necessary orders for supplying the several Divisions of
Army with Grain, as some neglect in this instance dur
the last War was attended with bad Consequences.

We have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort William
1st February 1790

Signed Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
Peter Speke

Minute thereon

Agreed, to reply to the foregoing, to inform
the Bengal Government that Orders are issued for the
provision of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks requ
site for the Equipment of the Troops and Ordnance
the Centre and Southern Divisions ordered to join
readiness for Field Service; and that Measures are take
for Storing the Garrisons in the Carnatick with Grain

Do Agreed further to assure the Governor Gen
in Council that no Exertions shall be spared in
making

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making every possible preparation for active field operations, if the situation of affairs should render such operations necessary.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble Edward John Holland Esqr.

President in Council

Fort St George

Hond Sir

Having entered upon the Collection in the Jaghire we are certain, and upon the average Expence of Transportation 5 per Cent of the Grain in Provincial Purchals under their respective Charges to the nearest Forts, We have the Honor to lay before you an Estimate furnished by Mr John Clerk, for your Information.

The Charges thereon calculated appear to be very high, and not having been yet furnished with the opinion of the Collectors on the Country method of securing Grain, we are at a loss to determine on the best mode of proceeding. Thus situated, we can only carried take such measures as seem most adviseable to recommend, shewing the Revenue with the Considerable Expence calculated by Mr Clerk, & can therefore only refer it to the Consideration of your Honble Board, as the most competent Judges of the Risk which may arise from the Grain in the Jaghire being exposed in the open Country.

In our address to your Honour in Council under Date We address Millions, We are ordered previous as to enter into any Expence of Transportation, to submit to you whether any further Store of Grain was required in the neighbouring Garrisons which might be conveniently supplied from the Jaghire, but have not yet been honored with your determination.

As the Surplus Grain in the Jaghire will be considerable in amount, and as there is little probability of it being disposed of for many months to come, We beg leave to suggest the expediency of bringing a large quantity of it for a Reserve to the Presidency, which would, at the same time that it provided for its Security, be a provision also against Scarcity, in the Event of a War.

We have the Honor &c

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Honble Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servts
Signed Edwd Saunders
Jas Call
Peter Moubray

a Average Charges on Transporting Grain from the following Purgunnahs to the nearest Garrisons

Tripassore Purgunnah	24 Cullums 8 Cent	
Sudmagunnum Do	26 Do	8 Do
Cavantandalum Do	46 Do	8 Do
Tiddapollam Do	25 Do	Do Do
Bonary Do	98 Do	Do Do

A true Copy Signed Wm Harrington Secy

b Agreed to desire the Board of Revenue to order the Simply Grain in the Jaghire, if it cannot be secured during

a Minute thereon

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according to the Country mode, to be transported to each of the Forts as may be most convenient, wherever it is to remain under the Controul of the Collector, and under the protection of the Officer Commanding

Reads the following Letter from Mr Cockburn

To John Cramer Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have received your Letter of yesterdays Date, One directing me to report to the Board if any Sorts of Grain are wanting on Garrisons that can be conveniently supplied from the Paghires - the other informing me that His Highness has directed there has been some difficulty in receiving the Grain on the part of the Storekeepers, and directing me to send particular Instructions to them to receive what is tendered, and grant Receipts to the Malabar Inhabitants.

In consequence of the orders of the Honorable Board dated 4th January last, I sent orders to the Storekeeper at Ringhpet to receive from the Collectors on the Paghires, who had orders to deliver as much Grain as could be stored in that Garrison. He reported that about 500 Garce might be stored, provided some Buildings reported in my Letter of the 22d January, were repaired and appropriated to that purpose - an Estimate of the Expence was ordered to be laid before the Board, which I had the Honor to forward in my Letter of the 5th Instant, but have not been informed whether the repairs are yet ordered - If they are 396 Garce will be wanting from the Paghires. Mr Thos Jamison

Transmits Copy of Letter from Storekeeper at Ringhpet reporting what Sorts of Grain are wanting in Garrisons that can be supplied from the Paghires. Mr Thos observations that difficulty has been made in receiving Grain as ordered.

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Garrisons in the Paghire is directed to be stored. I however recommend that all the Government Grain be placed as nearly under the protection of the Garrisons at Chingleput, Ponnamallee, and Tripassore as can be done by the Collectors, if Government consider Stores at the latter places unnecessary.

With respect to His Highness the Nabobs difficulty in receiving the Grain has been mentioned to take upon me, from the reports I have received from the Honble Board, to say that, the most have been formed by his Managers, and that no delay could have been made. I had the honor to report to the Board on the 22nd January last, and again on the 29th, that the first Letter received from His Highness to his Managers, guiding them to deliver Grain to the Companys Storekeepers, made no mention of Grain to be delivered to the Company - On the 4th January, I reported that on consequence of his Letter his Manager at Vellore said he would supply me with 20 days; and by a private Letter I have received from the Storekeeper, the Manager now reports that the Grain has been blighted. This he must verbally, and then has called upon him for an official address in writing. I only mention it here to convince the imposition of this People. On the 27th January, I reported that the Manager at Trager could not deliver any Grain for a month - On the 10th Instant that his Manager at Arnee was selling the Grain in different parts of the Country

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has not delivered any to the Company — And I have this moment received a Letter from the Storekeeper at Tottichinopoly, where the principal Store was ordered, that that the Polygar has not delivered any Grain in Compliance of the orders, and proposes to lay it on himself at the Bazar price of the day on which he delivers it. I beg the favor to be informed if I am to authorize him to do so.

* * *

I am, Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant.

Madras 20th February 1790. (Signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Commy General of Grain
& Provisions

To John Chamier Esq.r
Secretary to the Military and Political Department

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Translation of a Letter from Hir Highness the Nabob's Manager at Tellore to the Storekeeper there, received Yesterday; from which there appears very little probability of a supply of Grain being furnished by him.

I have also to report the receipt of a Letter from Mr. Strange the Storekeeper at Tanjore, that 30 Tons of Grain has been received from the Polygar in part of the supply ordered; but as none of the empty Granaries are fit to receive; he has not officially taken charge of it. Be pleased to inform me whether Mr. Strange is to place the Grain in Store previous to the Repairs of the Granaries. I have already observed in a former report that it must be productive of certain loss to the Company.

I am, Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
(signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Commy General of Grain & Provisions

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Translation of a Letter from Hirza Peintaloo to the Storek

I have received your Letter on the
of supplying the Garrison of Tellore with Grain
which is now ready, is not good. As soon as the Ma
is cut, which will be about twenty days hence, You
receive about 10,000 Cullums of Samba Paddy.

Said to be a true Translation of
Original in my possession

22nd Feby 1790. (signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Commy General of Grain

The Granaries at Tanjore to be repaired by Publick Contract.

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Stev
directed to have the Granaries at Tanjore repaired, and
the same to be executed by Publick Contract, & rep
the Terms offered, & the proceedings in consequence

Mr. Strange at Tanjore directed to repair the Rayrial & Bake-House.

Ordered that the Paymaster at Ching
be directed to repair the Rayrial & Bake-House, & p
for the reception of Grain agreeably to the Estimate
in.

Orders to the Board of Revenue.

Ordered that the Board of Revenue be
to direct the Collectors to send to Chingleput 396 Tons
Paddy as soon as the Buildings are repaired for its

Ordered that the Estimates accompa
Mr. Cockburn's Letter of the 19th Instant, be referred to
Board.

The Estimates of Grain to be referred to the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from the C
for Bullocks.

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To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

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From the Contractor for Bullocks reporting the number of Bullocks employed in the Carriage of Stores &c. &c. &c. requesting that the stated may be issued Orders to the Managers of Gold in the provisioning of Bullocks, and that the Bullocks may be taken and received into the Company's Depots on the days of mustering.

Honorable Sir

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 11th. Instant, directing us to furnish, upon Indents from the proper Officers, such Draught & Carriage Bullocks as may be necessary for the Corps in the Centre Division, directed to assemble by the General Order of the 11th. Ultimo, as also for the use of the Ordnance Departments of the Centre and Southern Divisions.

We have in consequence, taken measures to comply therewith; but beg leave to crave the attention of the Honble Board, to the representation We find it indispensably necessary to make, on the present urgent occasion.

We had the honor of reporting to the Honble Board, in our Letter of the 21st. Ulto., that the Commanding Officer at Tritchinopoly, had issued orders for the provisioning Bullocks to complete the Corps & Departments in that Quarter for the Field. Indents were given in to our Agent for Carriage Bullocks 3282
and for Draft Bullocks 1493
Advances were immediately made, and by the vigorous exertions of our Agents, Carriage Bullocks 2682; & Draught Bullocks 1493 were in a few days provided, when in consequence of an Order from the Presidency, the whole were discharged on the 2nd. Instant, none having been employed or Certificated

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Certificated for more than Eleven days. Upon information of this, Colonel Moorhouse waited on the to represent the hardships & loss we must suffer, & the Service must sustain by this measure; and, at the same informed him, that a large quantity of Stores was lying to Negapatam, to transport which promptly Tritchinopoly would require the whole of the Bullocks and by retaining them, relieve us, in some degree, the heavy loss which must have ensued by their im discharge. An order was again issued on the 16 to employ as many of the Bullocks as were required transportation of the Stores, and another on the 16. to retain the whole for the public Service to the Sou

	Carriage Bullocks
The order of the 18th. Instant will therefore employ for Service to the Southward at least	3282
There are with the Detachment which marched to Tritchinopoly from Wallajanagar	791
	4073
And there will be required for the Comp. Equipage and Ordnance Department of the Centre division, agreeably to the details of the order of the 11th Ult. at least	3977
Total	8050

No Bullocks for the provision & Victua

Department are here included except 222 Draft & 498 Ca

Victualling the Europeans, ordered to Encamp to the Southw

-ing the Detachment which marched from Wallajanag

For the Carriage & Transportation of

& Arrack for a given number of Men, say 8314 Europeans

Rice for 10 days & Arrack for 2 months, the smallest prov

We apprehend, that can be carried with an Army,

require as follows.

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	Bullocks	Cargo Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks
For the Carriage of Rice for 40 days	-	-	2496
Salt ditto	-	-	251
Artillery for 2 months	259.	604.	
Ditto if it should be thought necessary to carry Grain for the Native Troops, suppose 1316 fighting Men for 40 days, it will require	-	-	8500
	259.	604.	11857
All Carriage ordered as before mentioned	-	3865.	8050
	259.	4469.	19907

This Estimate is exclusive of any supply for the publick & Private Followers of the army, for whom Grain may possibly be found on it's route, but if not, they too must be furnished, and the apparently large, will, We doubt not, be found from Experience, should War ensue, to be rather below than above the real want of an efficient army, such as We have supposed. — The number already ordered to be furnished, no time shall be lost by us in supplying; but, We earnestly beg to recal the attention of the Hon.ble Board to our Letter of the 21st. Ultimo, wherein We represent the difficulty, may, we might add, almost impracticability of making a Provision of Cattle after after shall have commenced. It is only in peace preparation for War, in a Department such as We hold, can be made with Effect; and, even then, We require the most vigorous support of Government throughout every part of the Country: this, indeed, We have hitherto experienced, and in the present important moment, We have the fullest confidence of a Continuance of it.

We have also the honor to state, in our Letter of the 21st ultimo, that forty days would be the shortest space in which We could procure a sufficient number of Bullocks for the Arrow preparing for the Field — that an Advance of 50000 Pag.

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Pagodas would be required for that purpose, and
pansion of such magnitude without a prospect of
being entertained in the service for a certain period, c
be made with a probability of indemnifying ourse
certain loss.

We further beg leave to state to Gover
circumstance in regard to which the regulations o
on the subject of Bullocks are defective; viz.t the pr
which the Bullocks provided in different parts of
are to be considered in the Company's Pay; the impro
which to us, as well as to the service, will, We trust,
evident. It cannot possibly be supposed that the wh
of Bullocks required are to be found immediately on
where the Army or Detachment of the Army may
to form. Our principal resources are drawn from the
Government will therefore no doubt see the justice of
the Bullocks to be received and taken into the Compan
from the day they are produced to, & Mustered by the
Master, or any of the Commanding Officers of the Gar
the South side of the River Kistna, not fewer than 100
to be produced at one time, & the Certificate of such
signed either by the Muster Master or Commanding Offi
considered the Voucher upon which the Contractors
commence their Charge, & will also grant Guards to prot
Cattle, so assembled, on the road to the army.

The support of his Highness the Nabob
his positive orders to all his Managers to grant every
to our Agents throughout the Country, is highly neces
which purpose, Circular Letters to his Managers, to be
by us, thro' our Agents, would, We doubt not, have the desir

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Having now stated to the Honble Board, every point which the importance of the subject demands, We conclude, with the hope that We shall receive orders for the provision of a specifick number of Bullocks, that if Government shall see proper to order the full Estimate of Bullocks here stated, they will aid us with one half of the necessary advances, viz. 23,000 Pagodas, to be stopped in quarterly proportions from our Bills. Or, if a smaller number of Bullocks is deemed necessary, that an Advance in proportion to the number required will be made to us, to be stopped in the proportion mentioned. That Government will insure to us the continuation of the Bullocks in the service for a certain period, — that our request in respect to securing the Bullocks into the Company's Bay. as pointed out, will be deemed equitable, — that Guards will be allowed to us for the protection of the Cattle on their way to join the Army, — and that Government will obtain for us the most positive orders to His Highness the Nabob's Managers; for our Partizans, of opposed to the power on the spot, which too often happens, will of course be much impeded. —

We have the honors to be
Honble Sirs,
your most obedt & faithful Servants

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(signed) { Jas. Campbell, J. Moorhouse, Fras. Cockburn } Contractors for draught & Carriage Bullocks

Resolved thereon

Agreed that the President be requested to make application to the Nabob for the most positive orders

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Orders to his Managers to assist the Agents of the in the procuring Cattle.

The Board approve the request of relative to the receiving & taking into the Company any number of Bullocks, not less than an hund day that such number shall be produced to, & by the Master Master, or any of the Commanding the Garrisons to the South of the Kistna

Agreed also, that the President be to make Advances of Cash to the Contractors, as and in such proportions as may be necessary for them to execute the public Services, & that they be of every support that Government can give. — be allowed for Escorting the Bullocks to the Army an application to the President, and upon his Exc with the propriety of ordering them.

Read the following Letter from the C
master General.

To John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Letter on the subject of Doolies, and have the honor to acquaint you consequence of the orders of the Board dated 26th January. I compleated the 300 Doolies then directed to be made up agreable to the Book of Regulations, it appears there are more necessary to compleat the Complement required for

ordered to be in readiness for the Field: this further number I shall have ready up without delay, as you have directed.

I beg leave to observe for the information of the Honble Board, that should these Corps be compleated, there will not a single Dooly remain in store; that it will therefore be worthy the consideration of the Board, whether the number necessary for the 8 Corps of Europeans that will remain in Garrison, and which may eventually take the Field, should not also be compleated with all Expedition. They will require at least 370; and it will be proper that a further number to supply any emergency of the service; and to attach to any Troops that may be reported by the; should also be kept in readiness. 100 Doolies will be required for this purpose; making in all, inclusive of what the Corps now under orders will require to compleat, 570 Doolies. I request you will inform me if I am to make up this additional number also.

Doolies will be required for the Troops to the Southward. I beg to suggest to the Board the propriety of ordering the Paymaster there to compleat each Corps with the number stated in the Book of Regulations.

I must again request the attention of the Board to the providing of Dooly Boys, which are most essentially necessary, and should be entertained without delay, as they can be procured, & also be engaged to the Northward & sent down here. - Be so good as to acquaint me, if I may engage Boys in the proportion of 6 to each Dooly, and to what Number.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c &c
John Turing
Chief Paymaster General

Fort St George
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Agreed that Turing be directed to make up 200 Doolies, in which number the 70 deficient be included.

The Board do not think it necessary, at to order Dooley Boys to be engaged, as they can hereafter entertained, should the public service require it.

Ordered that the Paymaster to the Southern Army be directed to make up such Doolies as may be for completing it, in addition to the Number with they may be at present provided.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Mac

To the Honble Edward John Holland Esq
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir

In reply to the Honble Board's Letter of 18th Instant, received by me in the Evening of that day, I beg leave to acquaint you that I think it would be most ad and in Conformity with the original disposition of the detailed in the General Orders of the 9th ultimo, to quart possible the whole of the 76th Regiment in the Garrison Fort St George, in addition to the Hanoverian Corps — the 5 Companies of the 77th now at the Presidency Pornamallee, and to provide the Detachment of Artillery expected from Bengal, with Quarters at the Cantonmen Wallajahbad.

I conceive it will be difficult without much ex

From Colonel Macgregor — recommends that the 76th Regiment be detained at the Presidency — the 5 Companies of the 77th at Pornamallee; and the Artillery expected from Bengal at Wallajahbad — opposes a Detachment for recruiting the Army to the Strength raised from Bengal.

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to procure an adequate supply of Horses equal to the proposed augmentation of the Cavalry. But in point of action, there is very little doubt of recruiting them with Europe, owing to the partiality entertained by the Natives for serving on Horseback. I therefore recommend it as expedient that they should be enlisted; as, at all Events, they may be usefully employed in case of Emergency.

From the difficulty the Native Battalions find in getting Men, by the present mode of recruiting, particularly in the Carnatic Division, I apprehend that some other method must be taken for raising the two additional Companies intended for these Corps — And the following appears the most likely to procure Europeans — viz.t

The Senior Native Officers (in each Battalion) for promotion should be nominated to these additional Companies, but previous to their Commissions or Appointments being confirmed, they must be required to procure the Quotas of Men hereafter specified, who must be fully Approved by their respective Commanding Officers —

Jemidar promoted to Subidar to raise		38 Men
Havildar promoted to Jemidar to raise		18 Men
4 Naigs promoted to Havildars to raise	(3 Men each)	12 Men
	Total	68 Men

being the established strength of a Company of Native Infantry.

They beg leave moreover to recommend that, as an Encouragement to those employed in recruiting these Companies, Government may be pleased to allow for each Man Enlisted the Sum of Half a Pagoda, towards defraying the unavoidable Expences the Natives Officers must incur.

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The foregoing are my Sentiments on stated in the Honble Board's Letter of the 18th. and shou be approved, the sooner the necessary orders are issu think of the better, as it will shew a promptitude and z our Exertions at the present crisis, which will secur us consequence and respect in the Eyes of those, whose it may be to watch over our Conduct for the regulation their own.

I have the honor to be

Head quarters — Madras 19th. February 1796

&c. &c. &c. pr. pro, Thomas Mus

The Board entirely approve the differe Recommendations contained in Colonel Musgraves Le accordingly Agree, that the Corps recommended for Minute thereon additional Companies to the Native Corps, & for E Cavalry &c. be adopted.

Resolved that a General Order Conta the Measures recommended by Colonel Musgrave, be

The President recommends that the 7 be ordered to Wallaujahbad.

Approved and Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Holland takes this opportunity of ing to the Board the propriety of recording their ap of Colonel Musgraves Conduct while in the Command Army on the Coast, and moves that the same be mi that the Colonel do receive the publick Thanks of Go to be announced in General Orders.

The Board entirely acquiesce in the abov tion & Motion of Mr. Holland, and it is accordingly

The 7th. Regiment ordered to Wallajahbad —

Mr. Holland moves a Vote of Thanks to Colonel Musgrave.

Thanks to be given to Colonel Musgrave for his Conduct during the time he was in Command of the Army.

that the application & hands of Government to Colonel Musgrave, for the Zeal and Ability he manifested while in the Command of the Army, be published in General Orders.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam (with Enclosure entered in Cons. 1st 124)

To the Hönble John Holland Esqr.

Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

We have duly received your orders conveyed to us in Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 2d. Instant, and immediately communicated the same to Colonel Braithwaite, accompanied with a requisition of such Revenue Sepoys as appeared to us necessary to be employed on that Service: or further required that those already so employed, might be continued on the same Duty. If Sepoys are necessary to assist in the Collection of the Revenue, as has always been found to be the case, in times of profound Peace, they must certainly be more necessary when the Country is alarmed by the apprehension of a War; and in addition to this, it is very natural to suppose that the immediate calling in all the Revenue Sepoys, and throwing them into defensible Posts where they can render no Service, might increase the alarm, and be a superinducement to the natural propensity of the Inhabitants to seize the Crops before they season comes

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further being regularly made over to them. As your ho
for that purpose
left it therefore to require such Troops as might be
for Revenue Service, We obeyed according to the best o
Judgement, tho' it did not agree with Colonel Bra
Arrangement, which intent We foresaw from the beg
could not be carried into Effect consistently with what We thoug
safety of the Revenues.

That We should have differed in opinion
Colonel Braithwaite will not appear Extraordinary
has constantly happened, when he has been in the
not only to ourselves, in almost every trifling Instance
we had occasion to correspond with him, but to our
the Chiefs and Councils of this District, as well as the
Council of Vizagapatam, from the time of his
ent against Vizianagaram about thirteen Years
the present time. The numerous references that
been made to Government during that time will m
it appear, that he has constantly been aiming at an
of his own Authority, and has (as We believe We ma
time to day,) in every instance been found more or less
wrong. This Circumstance has not however had the Effect
preventing future References, which it might have been
previous Decisions on the same or very similar points, m
have done. It appears by the last Letter We received fro
that he has assessed your honor &c. thro' the Channe
the Commanding Officer on the Coast, and We trust tha
he has stated any thing, in a manner prejudicial to
Public Conduct, that you will afford us an opportunity
Explanation, before you decide upon it. We are th
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more indisposed to say so much, because he has in a variety of instances, asserted Sometimes of Conduct to us, which never had any Existence, but in his own imagination; most of which, We have repeatedly had occasion to him. We admit that he never fails to express great respect for this Board, but, We must add, that his Conduct has often not corresponded with such professions, and his Letters have often conveyed insinuations, which on being called upon, he has afterwards thought proper to explain away. We do not mean this as subject of Complaint against the Colonel, for what has been so common has long since ceased to make any impression, nor have We ever made such matters subject of Reprimand, but confined ourselves to what related to the public Service. Having already transmitted Copies of our former Correspondence with Him relating to the carrying the G.O. of the 11th Instant for assembling Troops at Ellore into Effect, We now forward the remaining Letters on both sides, that the matter may be fairly before You. Whatever directions we may receive respecting Troops, Stores, or Bullocks, shall be, as far as depends on us, carried into effect without delay; and in cases where former Regulations leave us a discretion, We shall certainly act according to the best of our judgment.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) { Inthe Sadleir
James Hodges
W. Dobbyn

Masulipatam 16th. February 1790.

Having

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Having taken the whole of the a
between the Chief & Council of Masulipatam & C
Brathwaite into Consideration, the following R
it passed thereon.

That the Arrangement of Colonel B
which was approved by Colonel Musgrave, &
by the Board, be carried into Execution as far as relat
assembling the Battalions of Native Infantry at

Ditto Ditto — That the Revenue Troops be permitted to continue
Duty in which they are now Employed, as the Chi
Council represent such measure to be absolutely ne
They are, however, as soon as Circumstances will allo
be employed in the Posts & Stations recommended by
Brathwaite, which in the mean time must be occu
the best manner possible.

Agreed, that the Chief & Council be dire
take Measures as soon as possible for enabling Col
Brathwaite to compleat the Approved Arrangement,
give satisfactory reasons to Government why it sh
not be compleated in all it's parts.

Agreed also, to again recommend in
strongest terms to the Chief & Council & to Colonel Brat
harmony, & Conciliation, which has so often been r
to them, & which is absolutely necessary to a proper Ex
of the publick Duties entrusted to both.

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

To

Fort S. George 23rd February 1790

To the Honble Edward John Holland Esq.

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

Honorable Sir

I have delayed for some time, in hopes of laying before the Honble Board, all the Estimates of the Garrisons, stating the articles of Provision deemed necessary by the Commanding Officers in the Event of War. a few are not yet sent in. I therefore have the honor of laying before you the following —

No. 1 The Amboor Estimate — This Estimate the Storekeeper informs me corresponds with Captain Reid — I have in the accompanying Abstract of the Expence of Storing that Garrison, deducted the Rice, as already in store.

No. 2 Tanjore Estimates — One for 2000 Native fighting Men for one years; and one for 300 Europeans for one year — The Storekeeper left blank the prices of Beef, Biscuit, Rice. I have inserted the probable prices in my Abstract.

No. 3 Madurah Estimate — for 1200 Men for 3 months. the Commanding officer deems however of opinion it should be made for six months.

No. 4 Tiagar Estimate — for 20 Europeans & 300 Natives for one Year — the prices of the Arrack & Candles are not extended in this Estimate, but I have added the probable prices in my Abstract.

No. 5 — The Ongole Estimate — The prices of the Salt Beef & Biscuit

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Biscuit is not Extended — but I have added the pro prices in my Abstract.

No. 6 — Timericottah Estimate — founded upon the of the Ongole Garrison. The Prices of Salt Beef, Arra Biscuit not Extended in it. I have inserted them in Abstract.

No. 7 — Vellore Estimate — for 2425 Europeans and for four Months — the prices of Grain and Salt not being in Store, therefore not Extended. No Salt Beef by the Storekeeper's remark to be thought Essen necessary for the Garrisons.

I have the honor to be.
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Jno: Cockburn
Commissary General of Stores

Madras
9th February 1790

Abstract of the Expence of Storing the several Articles of Provision deem necessary for the following Garrisons, by the Commanding Officers, in the Ev War — as pr particulars forwarded by the Storekeepers —

Nos			
1 At Amboor	for 558 Men for Seven months		159
2 At Tanjore	for 2000 Native Troops for 12 months	Pr 12,829.17	
	for 300 Europeans for 12 months	3,478.24.48	
	NB Exclusive of Beef, Biscuit, Rice, which is thought necessary for the Europeans, not extended — which will amount to	7779.20	23,687
			4,620
3 At Madurah	for 1200 Men for 3 months		
4 At Tiagar	for 20 Europeans & 300 Natives for 12 months	Pr 2248.35	
	NB Exclusive of 6 Maunds Candles & 6 Liagers Arrack, not extended, which will amount to	Pr 368	2,616
5 At Ongole	for 6 months	5263.21	
	NB Exclusive of Salt Beef Pork, Biscuit & Arrack not extended, which will require for 28 Men for 6 months — amount to	361	6,624
6 at Timericottah	for 6 months	2695	
	NB Exclusive of Salt Beef, Pork, Biscuit & Arrack not extended, for 20 Men for 6 months, which will amount to	Pr 252.25	2,947
7 At Vellore	for 2425 Men for 7 months	Pr	665

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Minute thereon

As it is not immediately necessary to order the provision of the small articles for Love in the next Investment, the above letter is ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Halliburton

To Mr. Secretary Chamier

Sir

From the Deputies at Chandernaghury requesting leave to visit the Presidency

You will please to inform the Hond.ble Board, that having some business which requires my presence at the Presidency, I hope they will be pleased to grant me permission to come there.

I am, &c.

Fort St. George 20th. February 1790

Your most obedient humble
Signed David Halliburton

Minute thereon

The Board decline complying with Mr. Halliburton's request to visit the Presidency.

Lieutenant James Noble, being introduced, now takes the oath prescribed for Lord Clives Bounty.

Ordered that the usual Certificate be granted.

Intelligence

The President communicates to the Board Intelligence from the Mysore Country.

The following Letter addressed to the Secretary to the Public Department, is now Read, and ordered to be entered hereunder.

To

Fort St. George 23d February 1790

To Mr. Secretary White

Sir,

From the Accountant General with an account shewing the Monies due by the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore to the Company and to the Creditors annexed with the Paymr. and State of the Treasury.

In compliance with the Orders of Government communicated to me by your Letter of the 20th Instant, I have the Honor to lay before His Highness the Nabob's Kistbundy account Current made up to the 30th April last, and the Rajah of Tanjore's account Current to the same Date. The Kistbundy Nabob accounts are stated in conformity to the existing Treaties, and the Deductions from them for Charges & Collections are subjoined by way of Memorandum.

In respect to the Nabob's account however, I take the liberty to remark, that by the 9th Article of said Treaty with His Highness as confirmed by the Stipulations of Agreement in favor of his Creditors under Date 28th June 1785, a Kist of five Lacks of Pagodas became due thereon the 31st Ultimo, which is not charged in this Account.

The State required of probable Receipts and Disbursements from the 1st Instant to the 30th April next, I cannot even form an Estimate because it is impossible for me to say what Sums may be expected from the Nabob and the Rajah, on account of their Arrears, and the Cargoes falling due between this time and the first May next, neither am I competent to say what is likely to be the Monthly Amount of Expenditure for Military Charges. I therefore beg leave to refer to the Statement of actual Expenditure for the 3 years ended 30th April last, together with the Estimate of Receipts and Disbursements for the Current year.

The State of the Arrears of Interest on the Company's Debt, as well as the Arrears of Peishcush to the Nizam, and Accounts of Sums due to the private Creditors of the Nabob and the Rajah, herewith sent, you will be pleased to lay before Government the Governor in Council.

The quarterly accounts of Quick and Dead Stock to the 31st Ultimo, will in a few days be prepared, by which a more Complete and authentic State of the Debts and Credits of the Presidency will be submitted to Government.

I am, Sir, Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Geo. Moubray Actg. Accr. Genl.

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D.r His Hughnes the Nabob Mallanpaw Fo.r his Revenue Account Current with the Honorable Company C.r

1789			1789		
	To Balance on 30th November 1789	Pagodas 3,07,145.17.42	October 31st	By Treasury Payments	Pagodas 97,000 — —
			December 31st	By Treasury Journal	98,524 — —
			1790		
			January 31st	By Do Do	62,246.33.8
					1,57,770.33.8
				By Balance	49,369.16.34
		Pagodas 3,07,145.17.42			Pagodas 3,07,145.17.42

Errors Excepted
Signed George Moubray
Accountant General

NB: A Deposite with the Treasury received from the Dubash without Int.t Coins — Pagodas 10,000 — —

A Trap of Jaggernaut Tanksn due but not yet paid — 10,000 —

Pagodas 20,000 — —

NB The above Balance is exclusive of Pagodas 1,83,834.1.62 for the payment of the Remon Battalions Charge of Collection and Other Charges for Expeditions against Polygars and the Tinnevelly Rajah

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D.r His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore in Account Current with the Honble Company C.r

1789			1789		
	To Balance on 30th November 1789	3,95,384.11.17	December 31st	By Treasury Journal	32,000 — —
December 31st	To 1st Instl due this Day	60,000 — —	1790		
1790			January 31st	By Ditto Ditto	32,000 — —
January 31st	To Ditto Ditto	60,000 — —	February 1st	By Ditto Ditto	6000 — —
			10th	By Ditto Ditto	3138 — —
			11th	By Ditto Ditto	25,000 — —
			12th	By Ditto Ditto	10,000 — —
					44,138 — —
			1789		
			December 31st	By the Residents account	14,396.4.60
			1790		
			January 31st	By Ditto Ditto	10,000 — — 24,396.4.60
					1,38,534.4.60
				By Balance	37,250.6.37
		Pagodas 5,15,384.11.17			Pagodas 5,15,384.11.17

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Errors Excepted
Signed Robert Woolf
Dep.t Accountant General

NB Bills on the Treasury received from Tanjore dated 26th March — 31,000 — —

A Trap from Baroon long due but not yet paid — 11,000 — —

Pagodas 42,000 — —

NB The above Balance is exclusive of Pagodas 64,222.13.74 being for the payment

State of the Sums due to the Nabob's Private Creditors on account of
Pycodand Bill of March 1789 Cost
Bills only of the 4th July 1789 Cost

Pagodas 277422.30 ½

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24th February 1790
Errors Excepted
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Deputy Accountant General

N.B. The Nabob having only paid
Pagodas 223764 on account of this 4th Article
Pagodas 600000, the proportion thereof at present
due to the Creditors is only Pagodas 148269. 22. 02.

State of the Principal due to the Private Creditors of His Highness
the Rajah of Tanjore

Principal due
Interest of 2.16.03½ p Cent to 31st July 1787 — 476087. 28. 03
One years Interest from 12 July 1787 to 12 July 1789
at 12 p Cent — 14238. 22. 17.
— 6730 12 74.
— 7369. 11. 11

Pagodas 63457. - 69.

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Deputy Accountant

N.B. The Payment to the Creditors made by Treaty fixed
at 60000 p annum. They received for the first year
1787/8 Pagodas 42.801.26. for the following year
1788/9 nothing has yet been paid to them

His Highness the Nizam

Due to him for arrears of Peishcush to the 28th Septr in part of Fasly 916665. 11. —
Peishcush for the year 1789 700000. —
1616665. 11.

Deduct paid at Seringapatam on the 2d Oct last 300000. —
Bills paid the Soubahs Manat Seringapatam on the 3d January, on sale for 2 Bills of Exchange 100000. — 400000. —
916665. 11.

Add — Rupees amount received by the Soubahs Manat Seringapatam on 7th January last from the Soubahs Managers on account of Acceptance in Gold coins made by the Court of Hydrabad 100000. —
Madras Pagodas 26000 or Rupees 1016665. 11. 2

265 Rupees 8 Pagodas is Pagodas 27652. 19
Deduct paid on the Nizams account at Madras 200000 Pond 2 Rupees or Rupees 64794. 18

Pagodas 223764.

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) Roger Moubray
Accountant General

State of the Balances of Principal due to the Creditors of the two Classes of Debts included
in the new Cavalry Loan Debt of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic to this
26th February 1790

To the Creditors of the New Consolidated Debt of 1777 — 5452499. 22
Amount of Principal due this Day
To the Creditors of the Old Cavalry Loan — 412618. 25.
Amount of Balances of Principal due this day
To the Creditors of the New Cavalry Loan including Colonel Burrows
& Co Claim — 262658. 24.
Amount of Balances of Principal due this Day
Total Pagodas 6173776. 34

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(Signed) Robert Woolf
Deputy Accountant General

N.B. Interest on all the above Debts is due
to the Creditors from the 1st April 1788

Statement

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Statement of Arrears at the Presidency of Fort St George

Subsidy for the annual remittance due to the Company's Treasury from 1st January 1786 to 30th April 1789		9,202. 1. 87
Ditto to His Majesty's Treasury from 1st June to 30th April 1789		1895. 29. 60
Ditto for the annual sum to them for the year ended 30th April 1789		12,000. 10. 77
Ditto for the Commutation to the Company's Treasury from 1st May 1788 to 30th April 1789	64,102. 7. 23	
Interest thereon at 8 per Cent per Annum	5,128. 3. 74	69,230. 8. 89
Half Batta from 1st November 1788 to 1st February 1790 estimated at 40000 Pagodas per Annum		66666. 13. 33
Salary of Clerkships from 1st May 1787 to the 1st January 1788		1918. 15. -
Arrears due to the Writing Storekeepers Board		1200. -
Ditto to the Writing Storekeeper ordered to be exchanged by Bills on the Honble Company		28834. 8. 20
Marching & Compleat Batta to Detachments, Writing Storekeeper, Surgeon, Surgeons Mate & Company's Compliments for February 1790	3000. -	95756. 25. 69
Due to the Company's Steward	300	
Due to the Watchmen for Repairs about	3000. -	
Reimbursement to Individuals during the War not heretofore	9206. 24. 81	
Due to the Pensioners Servants & the 30th April last	8666. 25. 36	
Sum to be paid Quarterly for the Interest on Bond Creditors for the last year ending 31st January 1791 being three Quarterly Payments	10740. 26. 66.	
Annuities to His Highness the Nabob for account of Peishcush, as per account No 6	923744. - 6½	962944. 6. 41.
	Pagodas	662600. 01. 30
The amount of the Board's Bill on the 8th of January last	Pagodas	1,758,572 14. 53
Amount of Deposits &c remaining due for Paige's Army		6454. 17. 40.
Assistant Medical Establishment		1940. 27. 32
Amount due for Ground &c by the Committee of Works since 1777		10000 -
	Pagodas	1785. 2. 78.

NB - A Sum is due to three Members of the Board of Trade, but of which we have not yet received the account

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) Robert Brooke
Dep. Accountant

(Signed) Jno. B. Holland
Thos. Graeme

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Diary

23d Dispatches the following Letter to Bengal

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis

Governor General in Council

Fort Willia

My Lord

We have been honored with the re
Letter from your Lordships in Council under date the 1

We have issued the necessary orders fo
provisions of the Draught & Carriage Bullocks w hich
required for the Equipment of the Troops Cantonme
Centre & Southern Divisions ordered to be in readine
Field Service; and more employed in taking there
requisite for storing the Garrisons in the Carnatick with

Your Lordship may be assured that we
shall be spared in making every possible preparatio
active Field operations, if the situation of Affairs sh
render such operations necessary.

Our Committee of Stores having stated
that there is still a great deficiency in the Article of
powder; We request you will order an immediate su
of 2000 Barrels from your Presidency; and will do our
possible, the remainder of the Saltpetre for which We ha
last year: the quantity which arrived on the Pigot being

To Bengal. Necessary Orders have been issued for the provision of the Draught & Carriage Bullocks required for the Troops in the Southern Division. Regarding Supply of 2000 Barrels of Powder from Coast, and to furnish the remainder of the Saltpetre intended for last year. No intelligence since the last Communication of Proceedings of Council

28th inadequate to our Wants.

We have not any Intelligence to communicate to your Lordship, of the Motions of Tippoo, since our last. It appears that he has not altered his Situation.

We have the honor to enclose a Letter addressed to your Lordship by His Highness the Nabob.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort S.t George
23.rd February 1790

signed { Wm Medows
&c.a Council

Ditto the undermentioned Letters (entered on the 120.th & 121.st pages.
122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131.)

To Lieutenant Colonel Kent — To the Officer Commanding at Tanjore — The Committee of Works at Tanjore immediately to advertise for Proposals for Repairing by Contract the Granaries, and accept the lowest that may be offered for the Execution of the repairs.

To Masulipatam — To Masulipatam — The arrangement of Colonel Braithwaite, which was approved by Colonel Musgrave & confirmed by the Board, are to be carried into Execution as farr as relates to the Assembling the Battalions of Native Infantry at Ellore. — The Amanee Troops are to be continued in the Duty in which they are now employed, as such Measure has been represented by the Chief & Council to be absolutely necessary; but to be employed on the Corps & Stations recommended by Colonel Braithwaite as soon Circumstances will admit. — To communicate the above to Colonel Braithwaite; & to take Measures for completing the Arrangement approved, or to give satisfactory reasons why it should

29th should not be completed in all its parts — Hav recommended in the strongest Terms.

To the Chief Paymaster Genl — To the Chief Paymaster General — To make up 200 in which number, the 70 he has reported deficien be included — The Paymaster to the Southern Army wi the Troops preparing for Field Service with Bullock Boys, not to be entertained for the publick Service at p

To the Paymaster at Chingleput — To the Paymaster at Chingleput — To repair without del the Aymall & Bake House at Chingleput for the recep Grain, agreably to an Estimate lately transmitted by to the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

To the Paymaster at Chandernaghurry — To the Paymaster at Chandernaghurry — The Board have proper to decline a Compliance with his Request of a the Presidency.

Lt. Wm Oliver Coll.t — 24th To Lt.t Wm Oliver Coll.t — Appointed Paymaster to the S Army — to make up as soon as possible the Complement which may be necessary for completing the Southern in addition to the Number with which the Troops to Southward are at present provided.

To the Commanding Officer at Vellanjaubaud — To the Commanding Officer at Vellanjaubaud — To furn at the requisition of Wm Macleod, Collector in the Jaghi such small Guards of Sepoys as he may occasionally for the prevention of Disturbances in the Town of Tanjor

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions. — To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Orders have been issued for Repairing the Granaries at Tanjore, & for Fi up the Buildings at Chingleput recommended to be used f reception of Grain — The Collectors in the Jaghire will b the Surplus Grain in the Jaghire to the Forts which a

the

24th the most convenient for its protection & Reception.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue — If the Surplus Grain in the Jaghire cannot be secured according to the Country mode, it must be transported at the least possible Expence to such of the Garrisons as may be most convenient. — Two Buildings for the reception of Grain at Chingleput are ordered to be repaired — When this is effected, 396 Leave of Absence will be required from the Jaghire to compleat the Store in that Garrison.

To Colonel Nixon

To Colonel Nixon Commanding the Southern Forces — informing him of the orders given to the Bullock Contractors for retaining in the Service until further Orders, the entire Number of Bullocks employed to the Southward — & for furnishing such Number of Draught & Carriage Bullocks as may be wanting for compleating the Corps of Artillery & Ordnance Department — Mr Colt appointed Paymaster to the Army forming to the Southward.

To the Bullock Contractors

To the Contractors for Draught & Carriage Bullocks — Application will be made to the Nabob, to desire he will direct his Managers to assist in the procuring Cattle — Bullocks will be examined & taken into the Company's Pay from the day they are produced to & mustered by the Muster Master: not fewer than 1000 to be produced at a time — Advances of Cash will be made to them from time to time, & every Assistance in the power of Government afforded.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

Received Letter from His Highness the Nabob, (as entered in C.C. No. 12) congratulating General Medows on his arrival, and enclosing a Letter for Lord Cornwallis.

Ordered that the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 19th February 1790, be entered hereunder.

24th

Balance due to Mr Stephen Popham, on account of his Contract for Enabling Hog-Hill, discharged.

"The Chief Engineer having reported
"Stephen Popham has compleated his Contract
"Hog-Hill, it is Agreed, that the Balance of
"with the Company, dated 26th June, & entered
"Proceedings of the 3rd July, being Pagodas 189
"discharged."

25th Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in Mil. Cons. 26th

From the Chief Engineer

From the Chief Engineer — reporting upon the Estimates of
wanting at Tanjore.

From Pulicat

From the Dutch Government at Pulicat — Congratulation
Medows upon his arrival & accession to the Government

From Colonel Nixon

From the officer Commanding at Vellichingsky — Enclos
answer from Tippoo to the Letter forwarded on the 6th of Janu

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General William Medo
Governor President
Edward John Holland
and
James Taylor
} Esqrs

Friday —
26th February 1790.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Appr

The President lays before the Board the followi
Letter addressed to him by Colonel de Wangenheim.

To the Honble Major General William Medows.
Governor & Commander in Chief &c.

Colonel de Wangenheim requests that he may be permitted to resign his Commission when time of Service is Expired, & that the Gratuity money for three Years may be paid by this Government — & that in case the Regiments are ordered Home, the officers be permitted to return to Europe at their

Sir

Your Excellency will have been pleased to
in the Return of the two Hanoverian Regiments, which

The

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the honor to deliver you Yesterday, that the Men whose time of Service is expired, amount already to the number of 533; and that several Companies in the Regiment have scarcely 10 Men fit for Duty. The situation therefore, in which I find myself placed, is, on account of this Expiration of our Agreement, really very disagreeable, and becomes more so, as I expected, most certainly, to receive the necessary orders & Instructions regarding this subject from His Majesty, by the Vestal Frigate, which pleasing hope however were frustrated, as nothing for me arrived. But, as this delay appears to be a certain proof that, a New Agreement between His Majesty and the Honble Company is going to be concluded in England; I trust into your Excellency's generous manner of thinking, that you will kindly afford me your Assistance in having the Regiments immediately, again, put upon such a footing, as to be able to perform all and every Duty required; Viz: that We may be permitted to reinlist without delay all those Men that have been dispensed with from doing duty, on account of their time of Service being expired, & that the Bounty Money, for their re-enlistment for three Years may be granted them by this Government. But as it might also be could happen that his Majesty and the Honble Company might agree to order the Regiments home, sooner, it would be necessary, in order to facilitate the Reinlistment of these Men, to give them the Assurance, that in such a case, they should according to the present and till Existing Agreement, between his Majesty & the Honble Company, be at Liberty to return with the Regiments to Europe, or receive their discharge.—

I have the honor to lay before your Excellency the enclosed Letter from the Board on this subject, together with my

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my answer thereto, and as I saw a proved that a request for the granting of three years Bounty was not an object for Consideration to the Honble Com I flatter myself that this my representation will a favorable reception.

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) De Wangenheim
Colonel

Madras
22nd. February 1798

The President is of opinion that the New of the Hanoverian Regiments might be reinlis the following conditions.

President's opinion on the above subject.

1st. That each Man shall be enlisted for three years. a Bounty of Fifteen Pagodas, the same as given Honorable Company's Service.

2nd. That in case the Hanoverian Regiments shall be home before the Expiration of the 3 years, the reinlisted shall serve out the remainder of that in the Service of the Honble Company on this Co upon being drafted and appointed to Corps in t Company's Service, they shall become subject to British Discipline and Articles of War.

3rd. That those Conditions shall be specified in their Agre or attestations; & a list & description of the Men thus to be lodged with Government.

4th. That Colonel de Wangenheim be directed to assure the that in case of their being drafted as above stipula they will be sent home at the Expiration of their tim with equal care & comfort, as if they were under t own Officers, & will be entitled to every indulgence specified in the original Agreement or Capitulation the Hanoverian Regiments.—

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Agreed that Colonel Dallas's proposals, with the conditions suggested by the Board, be referred to the consideration of the Bengal Government; & that the Resident be informed that he shall be made acquainted with the Decision of the Governor General in Council as soon as it shall be received.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Tippoo Sultaun, (which is also entered on C Cons. 43)

From Tippoo Sultaun to the Honble John Holland Esq.

Dated 17th. Jemmadar ul awul 1204 —
or 2nd. February 1790
Rec'd 25th. February 1790

I have received your friendly letter dated the 8th. Rubby ul Sany (2nd. January) 1204 — it arrived on the 15 Jemmadar ul awul (31 January) & I understand its contents — Two different times, both previous & subsequent to my arrival in this Country I wrote you particularly on the subject of three necessary Concerns, and sent you a Copy of the representation of Ram-Rajah the Talookdar of Cullacaur: no doubt you will have well understood the same. altho' I had for a length of time been informed by the accounts received from the Phouzdars, Amildars & others in the Calicut Country, that Ram-Rajah having given protection to the Rajahs of Calicut, Kolatiri Jenny, Nunat Nair, &c., a set of Thieves who are indebted in large sums to this Circar, had caused much trouble & disturbance in the Circar's Country; yet when I reflected on the Wisdom and foresight of the Rajah, I did not believe the reports, & I attributed them to the evil dispositions of the Amildars &c. dependant on the Circar; But when I had in person two or three

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three times visited this Country myself, I was fully convinced of it's being true from the declarations of many thirty persons of the Inhabitants of the Country — I have already sent enclosed in my Letter a Copy of Ram-Rajah's Arzdasht, which Copy is a clear and full Proof of this Circumstance: from which you will be able to discriminate between what is right and wrong. The Cochin Rajah has for these thirty four years been dependant upon, and obedient to this Circar, and his name is also included in the Treaty; notwithstanding which Ram-Rajah has in a deceitful manner built his Lines, and made a Ditch in the Centre of the Cochin Country, one half being without, and the other half included within his Country, & has in such a degree extended the hand of oppression over the Rajah, that he will not permit the Servants of the Circar to have access to him; on which account reflecting on the friendship & good will subsisting between us, and which is constantly in my mind, I have repeatedly, after explaining the whole of these Circumstances, written to You to send positive orders to Ram-Rajah that he should remove his Lines from the Country of this Circar, and form them on his own; that he should give up to the Servants of this Circar the Districts & others belonging to the Circar to whom he has given protection, and has laid waste much of the Circar's lands; and that he should restore the Fort of Cranganore — the meaning of restoring it, is this — that it should be given up to the ancient possessors, namely, the Dutch. You also wrote me that it appears to you just and proper that he should return that Fort to the Dutch — which was exceedingly proper & right,

you

You should certainly not according to what you had written; and you should in everything conform to the Treaty, and endeavor to strengthen the ties of friendship. — constantly rejoice me with accounts of your welfare

May the days of prosperity continue for ever!

Copy taken out & dispd

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be immediately sent to Bengal.

Read the following letter from Captain Kennaway.

To The Honble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

From the Assistant at Hyderabad Enclosing Copies of two Letters from him to the Governor General in the subject of the Nizam's Negotiations in the Event of War with Tippoo.

Hydrabad 17.th February 1790

I have the honor to inclose for your information Copies of two Letters written to the Governor General on the 16.th and 17.th Curt.t, with Extract from Mr.t Malet's

I have the honor to be

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

(signed) John Kennaway

To The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General

Fort William

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28.th Ult.o, and your Lordship may depend on my most Zealous endeavors being exerted to

to accomplish the full extent of your Wishes, to which I have sent to request an early audience of the Nizam which I shall state to him the particulars recommended by your Lordship, with such others, as may occur to me likely to obtain the End in view. The information received from Mr. Holland of Tippoo having disavowed the Attack on the Travancore Lines being made by his Troops does not deter me from this Step, since this disavowal is in the first place be merely an Expedient in order to gain time, and in the next I am doubtful how far Your Lordship may deem it, even supposing it to be sincere sufficient reparation for the Injury Committed; I should however defer concluding any final Engagement that Highness may be disposed to contract with us for the prosecution of the War, 'till sufficient time has elapsed for me to receive notice of any Resolution your Lordship may form in consequence of the report which will have been made to you by Mr. Holland of the above Circumstance as far as may be compatible with my not risking the loss of an opportunity which it may be out of my power to recover.

Mar Zeyn ul abdin, whose services may be of use at this Juncture, having set off for Bengal, I have written to him, desiring his immediate return.

I have the honor to be

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

Hydrabad 18.th February 1790

(signed) John Kennaway

A true Copy (signed) N.B. Edmunstone Assist.t at Hyd.d

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The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis &c.

Governor General &c.c &c.c &c.c

My Lord.

Deeming it of the utmost importance that your Lordship should have early intimation of the manner in which my Communication to the Nizam, in consequence of your Commands of the 28.th ultimo, has been received, I dispatch this Express to convey to your Lordship the agreeable information that I am this Instant returned from the Durbar, after having had a long conversation with His Highness, in which he has expressed the utmost readiness to co-operate heartily with the Company in the War against Tippoo, for the more effectual prosecution of which, he has informed me it is his intention forthwith to apply for the aid of Troops which the Company have engaged to furnish him, to invade Tippoo's Dominions. The application I imagine I shall have to forward from His Highness by the next Dawk, when I shall submit to your Lordship such further particulars as my correspondence to and off this Dispatch prevents my doing at present.

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

John Kennaway

Hyderabad
24.th February 1790

A true Copy Signed / N.B. Edmonstone
Asst. to the Sec.y

Fort S.t George 26.th Febuary 1790

The Pursaunt lays before the Board two Letters addressed by Colonel Musgrave

To Colonel Musgrave
Commanding the Army

From Colonel Nixon announcing the arrival of the Detachment from Malleypuram Hopes this opens a Channel of Communication by Troops may be allowed passage

Sir, I have the pleasure to acquaint you of the arrival of the whole Detachment from Malleypuram. They are very fine Troops, in high health, and were Encamped in the Line upon the Plain, which makes them look very respectable. They wish, as I am to be put in Motion, I hope it may soon happen; for although the Soldiers are at present quiet in respect of the Batta Business they consider it as a Grievance to Live in Tents, and to be allowed but Half Batta, which I do request that, upon the Change of Government, you may be pleased to represent, which will oblige the whole Army, and particularly him who has the Honor to Command it, and to be Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Signed Eccles Nixon

Head Quarters
Trichinopoly Plain
18.th February 1790

To Colonel Musgrave
Commanding the Army

From Colonel Nixon Enclosing Letter to him from the Officer Commanding the 36.th Regt. announcing the Death of the Duke by changing to the Establishment lately annexed from Madras and to be attended the Troops

Sir, In consequence of the inclosed from Captain ought, and the great convenience which may eventually arise to the Service from retaining the Bearer in question in the Company's Pay, I have presumed to detain him for a few Days until your pleasure shall be signified to Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Signed Eccles Nixon

Head Quarters
Trichinopoly Plain
18.th February 1790

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To Colonel Nixon,

Commanding the Army South of the Coleroon.

Trichinopoly

Sir

Finding since my arrival, that the Detachment from the Dooly Corps that attended the Detachment from Palamcottah which so much to this place, I think it incumbent on me to inform you, that they Depart with the first of Northern Wind, and proceed at a Leisure with the main body further towards Madras Coast, and recall all the Corps they have detached remarkably west during our March. If they are dismissed from the Publick Service by will of convenience to Madras without delay — as there are few Dooly Bearers to be got in this part of the Country, and almost none that are serviceable and so much to be relied on; this publick Service may suffer great inconvenience and delay by their being dismissed, should this Army be put in motion. Eighty Doolys with 160 Bearers and 1 Man to each Dooly to Palamcottah of which number Sixty Eight were attached to the 36th Regiment. The remainder to Captain Hepper's Company of 36th Sepoys, and Major Parley's Regiment of Cavalry.

I have the Honor to be Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servant

J. Wight

Captain Commanding 36th Regiment

Carrip on Trichinopoly Plain
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The President is of opinion that the Troops encamped on Trichinopoly Plain should be put upon Full Batta, & the report prepared for that Service.

The Board acquiesce in the President's Sentiments accordingly agree that the Paymaster be directed to put the upon Trichinopoly Plain upon full Batta, from the time of taking the Field.

Ordered also that the Dooly Boys who attended a Detachment from the Centre Division to the Southward, be retained in the Service until further Orders.

The President expresses his Wish, that for the better expediting the Business of the Military Service, he should be authorized to give or refuse Permission to Officers in Command Forts or Garrisons to absent themselves from their Stations.

The Board being perfectly convinced that this Power cannot be better lodged than with the President, readily accede in leaving these matters entirely under his Controul.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor & Council

Honorable Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's of the 3rd and 9th Instant, and beg leave to your Honble Board, that in consequence the very great deficiency of Gunpowder

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Sir, We are still of opinion that application should be immediately made to Bengal and Bombay for supplies of that article, and at the same time to solicit the Bengal Government to forward as early as possible the remainder of the Saltpetre, as what is arrived on the Egret is very deficient of the quantity applied for.

An application has been made to the Bengal Government for 2000 Candy's of Gunpowder & for Saltpetre

At our last Committee the receipt of a Letter from Fitchinopoly, inclosing Copy of the proceedings of the Committee of Fitness at that Garrison, and as it is therein observed that the Gunpowder lately sent there, as well as the whole of the Stores before in store is in great danger of being materially injured for want of Room, or Sheds, to preserve it from the Damps, We beg leave to recommend that a Shed be erected immediately, & that Orders be sent to the Bengal Government for Horses to be supplied immediately, & that in the mean time an application be made to His Highness the Nabob for permission to secure the Gunpowder in the Bullock Choultry Pagoda, till the necessary accommodations are ready.

Resolved that the Horses & Sheds for the Gunpowder be immediately ordered, & that the Nabob be solicited (if possible) within the Days mentioned by the Committee, or if that cannot be effected, to allow the powder to be kept in some other place.

In our Letter to your Honorable Board on the 26.th September last, We proposed that the Engineer at Fitchinopoly should be ordered to make out an Estimate of the Expence that would arise from repairing the Laboratory at that Garrison, which you were pleased to approve of; but as We have heard

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heard nothing further on this subject, & beg to know if any Estimate thereof has been forwarded to Government, as the quantity of Gun powder now at Fitchinopoly renders the having it lodged in places of the greatest Security, a matter of the most material consequence.

approved

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

We have the honor to be
Honorable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants

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(signed)
. Thomas Musgrave
. J. Capper
. Dr. Sino
. Patrick Ross
. Thomas Geils
. F. Moorhouse

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Angola.

To
The Honble Edward John Hollond Esq.r
Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

From the Commanding Officer at Angola — Military arrangements in consequence of the G.G. & the Governor's intelligence from Europe. Reports awaiting the Fort at Angola.

Honble Sir

On receipt of the orders for the March of the 1.st Battalion of Native Infantry from Innaconda to Fort S.t George, I directed the Company of the 1.st Reserve Battalion at this Station to

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to Tinnivelly, agreeably to the arrangement in the orders of the 9th Instt. — I have also directed Lieutenant Reid, Commandant of Tinnivelly to send back the 2 companies of the 1st Battalion 1st, with which I reinforced him last month.

A Traveller from Cumbum acquainted me yesterday, that parties of Tippoo's Troops, Horse & Foot, were forming into a Body near Idnut; and that the Report was, they were destined to enter the Mellore Country.

As in the Event of War, this Station may become useful in preserving a Communication between the Northern Provinces & allies, & between Innamcondah & Madras, I take the liberty to represent that part of the Stone facing of a Bastion, in the South face of the Fort, is fallen down. As the Earth with which the Bastion is filled, remains entire, the repair might be easily effected. They have also to suggest (as the Walls of the Fort are too bad to be thoroughly repaired but at a considerable Expence) that if four Passing Batteries, one in front of each face, were erected in the Tanjore Bray, and the Walls of the Tanjore Bray itself a little repaired, the place would thereby be much strengthened; particularly as there are two good Roads which might be moved round the Tanjore Bray occasionally to any of the former Batteries.

I have the honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant
signed Hec. Dunraty
Captain Commanding 6 Mad. N.I.

Ongole 21st February 1790

Agreed that the repairs stated as immediately necessary to the Stone facing of the Bastion at Ongole, be executed in

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in the usual manner; & that an Extract of Captain Dunraty's Letter respecting Tatsing Batteries be sent to the Chief Engineer requiring his opinion thereon.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Bowser Commanding at Vellore.

To The Honble. Major General William Medows
Commander in Chief, & Governor in Council &c.
Fort S. George

Honorable Sir

From the Commandant at Vellore stating the necessity for immediate application to be made respecting the delivery of Grain &c. & requesting a special order with respect to furnish the requisite supply.

Repeated orders have been sent to the Na[ma]ldars of this place to deliver to the Garrison stores a Quantity of Grain for the use of the troops stationed here; b[ut] exceedingly vague and indefinite are the orders of this Nature, & in general on these occasions, that they are seldom obeyed. he is always satisfied with their Excuses, as 'tis constantly a that unless they are permitted to dispose of the Grain to the advantage, 'tis impossible they can fulfill their Engagemen with His Highness, & furnish the sums they have promise The truth is, that the Crop has been long Mortgaged Individuals, and the Aumildars wish to dispose of it to them preference to sending it into the Garrison stores, from which derive no immediate advantage; and which they constantly do, unless His Highness can be prevailed on to send peri & determined orders that will admit of no evasion. We h in store about 30,000 Cullums the remains of last Year's but in the Event of a War, this Garrison ought not to have le 100,000 Cullums — The time is critical, the Crop is cutting without His Highness will exert himself, it will be dispos to Individuals, and the present opportunity of laying up

a Stock may be lost.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most obedient
(signed) Thomas Bruce

Vellore 23rd. February 1790.

It appears absolutely necessary, from the foregoing, & from the late reports of Mr. Cockburn, to adopt measures for securing possession of the quantity of Grain necessary for Store in different Garrisons, & it is agreed that a Letter be written to the Board, stating, that the Storekeepers will be directed to proceed immediately to the storing of Grain, and the Commanding Officers to furnish Sepoys for the purpose of escorting it to the different Garrisons - that the Storekeepers are to take Charge of the Grain belonging to the Circar, granting receipts for the quantity at the current price of the district - using every precaution not to injure the Ryotts; & that if a sufficient quantity cannot be procured from the Circar, the Inhabitants will be prevailed upon to deliver what may be wanting to complete the Stores, the Storekeepers granting their receipts, payable at two months date, at the current price of the District &c.

Read Letter from Mr. Gordon, Surgeon (as entered in the B. of P.)
Enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to the Hospital Board, &c.
requesting to be employed on actual Service in the Event of a War with Tippoo -

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The

The following Letter addressed to the
to the publick Department, is now read, and ordered to lie
hereunder

Mr. Secretary White

Sir

In compliance with the orders of Gover
contained in your Letter of yesterday, I now send y
inclosed a Statement of the Supplies received from
Bengal Government, shewing the amount received
Bills of Exchange drawn on them, and the differe
purposes to which it was to be applied; and the
received in Money & Bills sent from thence, & the
also the amount issued to the Kings Paymaster, with
Estimated amount remaining to be issued for the C
year.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble

(signed) Robert Hook
Asst. Accountant

Accountant Generals Office 26th. February 1790

Statement of the amount of Supplies received from Bengal, for the year 1789/90
26th. February 1790

The amount of Bills drawn on Bengal for the Subsistence of His Majesty's Troops for the year 1789/90 to 24th. February 1790		407,09
Remaining to be drawn for the year 1789/90 (the Estimate of the Sum to be issued to the King's Paymaster being Pags. 5,40,022)	52,926,20 9	
	418083 727	
The amount issued to the King's Paymr. since 1st. May 1787. to 24th. February 1790		12502
The Amount drawn on Bengal for the East Investment for the year 1789/90		16000
The Amount drawn on Ditto - on account of Bullion paid to the Nizam		
Carried forward		7,62139

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Statement &c.a &c.a ..... Brought forward ..... P. 72,137.26.11

Amount procured from Bengal on Money & Bills Ditto

Bullion received p Journal Gosford, Chinsurah 64,226.8.15

Bill on Mr. John Hall, which was paid on the 16.th Ditto ..... 3000.—

Ditto on Messrs. Fitting & Co.s Firm 16.th Ditto paid 16.th Instant ..... 20000.—

Ditto Ditto Ditto paid 28.th Ditto ..... 13000.—

Ditto Ditto Ditto due 10.th March next 5000.—

Bond from Mr. Geo. Vyse payable on the 15.th July next 25 } 110000.—
Ditto Government ..... }

of which only 25000 Pagodas have been yet received on the 5.th Inst. 25000.— 47,225.8.15

Pagodas 279,365.8.15

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Errors Excepted
(signed) Robert Wood
Dy Accountant General

Rd. by Gaspard Martin &c.

F. D. Ives
Alex.r Beatson Holland
James Cayley

Diary

27 And the following days.

To Edward Hay Esq.r
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William

Sir

To Mr. Secretary Hay &c. with Copy of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun, which you are requested to lay

I am directed by the Board to enclose Copy of a Le
received from Tippoo Sultaun, which you are requested to lay
the Right Hon.ble the Governor General in Council.

Tippoo's Army continues Encamped as before

I have the honor to enclose Letters which ca
under cover to me from Mallavjaubad.

I have the honor to be.
Sir
your most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Chame
Secretary

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

To Bengal with Copy of a letter from Colonel de Hangenheim on the subject of conducting such Officers of the Honourable Company's Troops as may have joined their Corps after obtaining the conditions upon which the Board are of opinion the Colonel's request might be complied with.

My Lord

We have the honor to submit to the Consider
of your Lordship in Council, a Letter addressed to our Presid
Colonel de Hangenheim Commanding His Majesty's Honou
Regiments. We are of opinion that the Colonel's request
be complied with upon the following conditions.

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1st That the same whose Term of Service is expired shall be reinlisted for three years, & remain a County of Tipoo Cawdal, the same as given in the Honble Company's Service.

2nd That in case the Hanoverian Regiments shall be ordered home before the Expiration of the three years, therefore those reinlisted shall serve out the remainder of that period in the Service of the Honble Company on this Coast; and upon being drafted and appointed to Corps in the Company's Service, they shall become subject to the British Discipline & Articles of War.

3rd That those conditions shall be specified in their Agreement or Attestations, and a List & description of the Men thus Engaged be lodged with Government.

That if Deserters shall happen to the Men, that in case of their being drafted, as above stipulated, they will be sent home at the Expiration of their time, with equal care & comfort as if they were under their own Officers, and will be entitled to every indulgence specified in the original Agreement or Capitulation with the Hanoverian Regiments.

We request to be favored with your Lordships Instructions upon the above subject; & have in the mean time informed Colonel De Hingenheim that We have referred the matter to your decision, and will acquaint him with what Term is required.

We have the honor to be
My Lord
Your most obedient humble Servants
Wm. Medows
(signed) & Co. Council

Fort S. George
26th February 1790.

27th Sent the undermentioned Letters (entered in the

BC. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142.)

To the Commandants in the Guntoor Circar, Angole, & Nellore — To the Commandants in the Guntoor Circar, Angole, & Nellore To direct that such Bullocks as may be presented by the Contractor & any of the Pots in their Districts to be mustered & Certified specifying in the Certificate whether Draught or Carriage. Not more than 100 Bullocks are to be produced by the Agents at one time & the necessary Guards to be furnished for the protection of the in their Road to the places of Destination.

To Colonel de Hingenheim — His Letter on the subject of re the Men whose time of Service is expired, has been referred to Governor General in Council.

To the Chief Engineer — with Extract of a Letter from the Commandant Angole, respecting Repairs upon which he is desired to report his op

To the Paymaster at Angole — To the Paymaster at Angole. The repairs represented by the Com as necessary to the stone facing of the Bastion on the South Ang the Fort of Angole, are to be executed agreeably to the Existing Regu

To the Commandant at Angole — To the Commandant at Angole — Informing him of the above Or given to the Chief Engineer, & to the Paymaster at Angole.

To the Commandants at Tritchinopoly, Madura, Dindigul, Madura, Nellore, Chagar, & Arnee — Circular — To the Commandants at Tritchinopoly, Madura, Dindigul, Madura, Nellore, Chagar, & Arnee — To furnish on the requisition of Storekeeper, such Escorts of Sepoys as he may judge necessary bringing in Grain from the Country, in consequence of parti orders sent for that purpose.

To the Committee of Stores — 28th To the Committee of Stores — Application has been made to Bo for 2000 Barrels of Gunpowder, & for the remainder of the Sulphe orders have been issued for the provision of Horses & Seids for the Gun at Tritchinopoly; & to obtain the Pagoda mentioned by the Commit a proper place for securing the Gunpowder —

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21st Sent the undermentioned Letter to His Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.L. No. 24) stating that the Storekeepers will be directed to proceed immediately to the storing of Grain, and the Commanding Officers to furnish Reports for the purpose of securing and escorting it to the different Garrisons — that the Storekeepers are to take charge of the Grain belonging to the Circar, granting receipts for the quantity, at the Current price of the District using every precaution not to injure the Ryotts: and that if a sufficient quantity cannot be procured from the Circar, the Inhabitants will be permitted upon to deliver what may be wanting to compleat the Stores, the Storekeepers granting their Receipts payable at 2 months date, at the Current price of the District &c.

Sent the following Letter to the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

To the Commissary General stating the directions adopted for obtaining a certain supply of Grain

To Wm Thomas Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sir

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that in consequence of the Reports received from the Garrisons of Vellore, Ambour, Arnee, Tiagar, and Wallajanagur, of the delay on the part of the Servants of His Highness the Nabob, in delivering to the Storekeepers the Grain they have been directed to furnish to compleat the Stores of those Garrisons, it is resolved that the following mode of obtaining a certain supply be adopted —

1st The Commanding Officer will be directed to furnish the Storekeeper with a sufficient Military force to escort the Grain

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when required for the adjacent Country.

The Storekeeper must be directed in the first place to take possession of the Grain belonging to the Circar, granting Receipts for the Quantity at the Current price of the District, but with strict injunctions to ascertain as clearly as Circumstances will admit, that the Grain is actually the property of the Circar, and to use every precaution in their power to carry this order into Execution with little injury to the Ryotts as possible.

Should the Storekeeper find upon Investigation that a sufficient quantity of Grain the property of the Circar cannot be procured in the manner above stated, they must endeavour to procure it upon the Inhabitants to deliver what may be wanting to complete the Stores, granting their Receipts payable at 2 months date, at the Current price of the District, & assuring them of regular payment; but if in the mean time they required money to pay to the Circar, that such receipts will be received from the Ryotts by the Company as Cash. In the Event of the Inhabitants not giving their immediate Consent to this equitable Arrangement the Storekeepers must proceed to take possession of the quantity necessary, and grant Receipts as directed.

The Servants of the Circar must be called upon to furnish Carriage for the Grain without delay, which if they decline to do, or endeavour to procrastinate, it must be obtained by similar measures.

I am &c.

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) J Chamier

Fort S. George
22th February 1790

28th Sent Letters (as entered in Mil. Cons. 23d Inst. 113. 114) to the Officer Commanding, and to the Paymaster of the Southern Troops directing that the Troops encamped upon Sattimungaly Plain be put upon full Batta allowances, & that the Body Guard also attended the Detachment from Madrapatam be retained in the Service until further Order — Instructions to Colonel Nixon regarding the Gunpowder at Sattimungaly.

March 1st Received the following Letter & Enclosures from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

To the Honble Major General William Medows Governor in Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I have the honor to lay before your Honble Board the Honble Company's Establishment Bullocks kept up in Service & remaining this day; together with a Return of Casts —

The Extra Draught & Carriage Bullocks ordered to be entertained agreeably to the Contractors Returns are as follows

	Carriage Bullocks	Draught Bullocks
For the Southern Division	3471	1299
For the Centre Division	4000	2000
Total	7471	3299

The Numbers here stated differ in a small degree from the Estimate delivered by the Contractors in the Return of the probable Number required, dated the 20th Ultimo, which is explained as follows.

Number of Extra Carriage Bullocks which they have ordered for the Centre & Southern Divisions	7571
Estimated in their Return of 20th February	7150
Carried forward — Increase in the Estimate	421

1st Brought forward Increase in the Estimate	421
But there was deducted in the return of 20th Ultimo. 1000 Carriage Bullocks of the Establishment (existing the whole as applicable to the Service in the Centre & Southern Divisions. 180 of which are employed at Ellore, therefore not applicable	180
Increase in the Estimate for Contingencies for which no allowance was then made	241
Extra Draught Bullocks which they have ordered for the Centre & Southern Divisions	3299
Estimated in the Return of 20th February	2865
Increase in the Estimate	434
But there was deducted in the Return of 20th Ultimo 1000 Draught Bullocks of the Establishment. 180 of which are employed at Ellore, and not applicable to the Service of the Centre & Southern Divisions	180
Increase in the Estimate for Contingencies, for which no allowance was then made	254

I have the honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient, &
faithful humble Serv

Madras 1st March 1790

(signed) Jno. Cockburn
Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions

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Fort S. George, 6th March 1790

1st Return of Company's Establishment Bullocks & Carts employed on Service on 1st August 1790

Return of Company's Carts 1st March 1790

Platform Carts

On Service as per return of Bullocks	104	-	-
Remaining with the Storekeeper at Fort St George	1	-	-
Remaining at the Company's Stock	65	16	-
	170		170
Repaired			6
Total			176

Arrack Carts

On Service as per Return of Bullocks	21	-	-
Remaining with the Storekeeper at Fort St George	4	-	-
Remaining at the Company's Stock	46	10	-
Two Carts receiving at Bills	25	-	-
	102		102
Repaired			10
Total			112

N.B. A Note making by the Military Storekeeper Comprises the Establishment

Platform Carts 110.
Arrack Carts 102

(signed) E. E. & The. Cockburn
Commissary General of Stores & Provisions

Fort S. George, 6th March 1790

1st Received the undermentioned Letters (entered on Mil. Con. Book of March Nos 1. 2. 3. 4)

From the Commissary General of Stores & Provisions — covering Letter from the Storekeeper at Vellore advising of the Quantity of Rice in Store, at the Sugar Brig, 137 Candies of Paddy — desiring to know if he is to authorize the Storekeeper to compleat the Same

From the Commanding Officer at Permacoil — stating that the Naiks Manager at Wallaur requests to allow Provisions to be brought from Pondicherry duty free.

From the Chief Engineer — refers to the Board an Indent of Major for 10 Entry Boxes.

From the Commandant at Vellore — Recommends an Augmentation of Troops left for Vellore in the Event of War — States the Impossibility of the place; & regards that Sergeant Conroy, Invalid, may be reappointed Sergeant Major & Key-Sergeant, may be retappointed Sergeant Major & Key-Sergeant to the Garrison.

Mon Consultation Present

The Honble. Major General William Medows
Governor — President

Edward John Holland
and
James Taylor
} Esqrs

Tuesday 2nd March 1790

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To

Fort S.t George 2.nd March 1790

To the Hon.ble John Holland Esq.r

Governor in Council at Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir

We shall forbear on this occasion to declare any decided opinions on the subjects which the Letter treats, but the duty which we owe to our Country, as well as to the Hon.ble Company, obliges us to call upon you for explanations of certain parts of your late Conduct, which we must acknowledge appear to us in a very disadvantageous light.

From the general situation of the political affairs of this Country, it seemed to be highly improbable a short time ago that Tippoo would continue to forbear us into a War; But upon the supposition of that Event being possible, We presented a line for your Conduct under certain Contingencies that were specified, in terms which We conceived to be so clear as not to admit of Misconstruction.

We directed in our Letter, dated the 29.th of August last, that if you should receive information that Tippoo has invaded any part of the Dominions of the Rajah of Cochin, or of the Rajah of Travancore, You were to consider him from that Moment as at War with the Company.

These Directions We repeated in our Letter dated the 13.th of November, and the Instructions contained in both Letters were also Explicit, that from the day on which it appeared that We should be under the necessity of engaging in a War with Tippoo, in consequence of his committing actual Hostilities against either of our above mentioned Allies, the Payments to the Rajah of Arcot's private Creditors, and all

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steps for the provision of our Investment for Europe and Bengal, should immediately cease, in order that We might, with the other pecuniary Resources of the Carnatic, be applied according to the intention of the Court of Directors for the Exigencies of a War.

We likewise gave our Sentiments fully upon the Subject in our Letter dated the 13.th of November, on the Circumstances that had been laid before us respecting the Rajah of Travancore's Claim to the Forts of Cranganore and Jacottah from the Dutch. Our orders were positive, that if those Forts belonged originally to the Portuguese, and were made over by them to the Dutch, and if the Dutch held the independant possession of them without any reserve of Allegiance or Stipulations of Tribute to the Rajah of Cochin, who is Tributary to Tippoo, the Transfer of them by the Dutch to the Rajah of Travancore should be deemed valid de jure, and the Rajah's Possession maintained and defended.

Notwithstanding the above Instructions, you have thought proper in your Letter dated the 3.rd of January to lay down principles as being, in your opinion, founded on the Law of Nations, respecting the transaction between the Rajah and the Dutch, which militate against the spirit of our Orders, and which We conceive it was not regularly within your Province to discuss, as you are not responsible for the measures We directed.

We were also surprized to observe by the Papers which accompanied that Letter, that what you have done with Tippoo in consequence of our Instructions of the 13.th November is only in part conformable to them, as you do not

them

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Sir

Sir that We have determined to assist the Rajah of Travancore in the defence of the Forts of Cranganore & Jaricottah, if it should appear upon Investigation that the Dutch did possess an independant Right to dispose of them.

But it gave us the most serious concern to find the Letters which you sent at the same time to Mr. Powney, the Resident at Travancore, and to the Rajah himself, are not only silent on the above determination, which We had communicated to You, but are couched in terms calculated to discourage a faithful ally in the defence of his own Country, against an Enemy who was within a few Miles of his Frontiers and with the insolence and violence of whose Character you have long been fully acquainted.

It has also come under our observation that posterior to the time of your having received Information that Tippoo had committed actual Hostilities against the Rajah of Travancore, by attacking his lines on the Northern Frontier of his Dominions on the 29th of December last, you have continued to advertize in the public News-Papers for Proposals for furnishing you with certain detailed Quantity considerable amount of an Investment for Europe, and by Letters which the Commander in Chief has received from the Commanding Officer of the Troops under your Presidency, and laid before this Board, it appears that although you had ordered Marching for a large Body of Troops to hold themselves in readiness to take the Field at the shortest notice, & that a considerable detachment should move from the Centre, for the purpose of reinforcing the [illegible] Army, you

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distance from their families, and the places of their Nativity.

Previous to the Receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 12th. Instant, our Chief had received one from the Sub-Secretary to the Political Department at Calcutta, a Copy of which We inclose for your Information; and We shall accordingly take Measures for the supply of the Bengal Detachment with Provisions, in its passage thro' this District, as you have ordered.

The Committee of Stores has represented to us, that there are only 40 Coolies now in Store, a Number that would be found inadequate, in case the Troops assembled at Ellore were to be ordered into the Field; in consequence of which, they have recommended that an additional number of Coolies be made up without delay. As We conceive, however, that it might not be proper in us to authorise any expence, at this time, without your previous Sanction, We have to request your orders, whether or not they shall be made up.

We herewith have the honor to forward our Monthly Return of Stores of this Garrison for last month.

We have the honor to be

Masulapatam
23d. March 1790

S.r S.r S.r
Anth.: Sadleir
signed / W.m Dobbyn
Sam.l Statham

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.r
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

A few days ago the Madras Government were requested to send orders to their Subordinates of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Masulipatam

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Masulipatam to afford every assistance to the Detachment proceeding to the Southward under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, that it might stand in need of, with respect to Provisions in it's March through those Districts. These Instructions, it is imagined, must have already reached you, & I am directed to communicate to you the further wishes of the Governor General in Council on this subject.

The supplies to be provided are not to be charged to the Company's Expence, as they will be paid for when taken up by the Detachment; But you are requested to make necessary advances for the Provision of them, & to take the trouble of regulating the Wholesale rates at which the Comps should pay the same.

You are also desired to give orders for laying in sufficient Quantities of Fire Wood at the several Villages near the Stages of daily March, as the Camps will experience a material Benefit therefrom; and the Provision of this article near the Encampments, will preclude the necessity of employing foraging Parties, which must be a considerable inducement to the Inhabitants of the Country to exert themselves on the occasion. It will likewise be requisite that orders should be given for providing Straw, in the same manner, for the Cattle, both public & Private.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) A. Tombelle
Fort William
1st. March 1790

A true Copy (signed) A. Tb. Secy.

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Agreed that the Chief and Council be desired to provide a sufficiency of Cooties for 2 Battalions of Sepoys, with a Brigade of 6 Six Pounders manned by Europeans.

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief, delivers in the following Memorandums for Removals, Promotions &c.

Memorandums

Commander in Chief's Memorandums for Removals Promotions &c.

Promotion of the seven Senior Ensigns of Infantry, to be Lieutenants, to compleat the Establishment of Lieutenants on account of two additional Companies to each Native Battalion. To draw Pay from the 1st. March.

Lieutenant Colonel Mordaunt recommended to be struck off on the 1st. of April.

Captain Lieutenant Simon Baillie of Infantry, returned from Half Pay, to be readmitted - comes in as a Captain /date of Rank 21st. February 1786/ between Captains Jackson & William Forbes.-

Lieutenant Colonel Tient to be ordered to join the part of the 2nd. Brigade in the Field.

Captain David Campbell from the Invalid List, to be readmitted, agreeably to the Regulations under date the 6th. November 1788, and the Surgeon's Certificate upon Oath

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upon Oath. His date of Rank 2nd. November 1793.

Two Men recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse
to be Conductors of Stores, wanted to the Southward,
viz.t.

Mr. Thompson
Mr. Sutherland

NB. Seven Conductors yet wanting —

Resolved that the above be published in
General Orders.

To be published in General Orders —

The President recommends that Lieutenant
Thomas Hart be appointed Master Attendant for the Centre
Division, vice Mr. Campbell Resigned.

The President recommends that Lieutenant Thomas Hart be Appointed Master Attendant for the Centre Division

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Approved

P. C. Lee
Edwd. Br. Hollond
James Taylor

Lieut. Thomas Hart

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Diary

30th. Received the following Letters.

The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

We has the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 27th. Instant.

From the Military Board - an Arrangement proposed on the Regulations lately adopted for the Medical Department in the Field - Contains in the opinion that the allowance of 6 Pagodas per month is unfit for feeding the Horses belonging to the Cavalry - The Quarter Master of the 76d. Regiment applies for Wooden Boxes to cover the Cushions from the Ravages of the White ant.

As 5 Fanams 70 Cash for each Man per day, is allowed by the Regulations, as they stand at present, for Victualling the worst Cases in the Field, & for Contingencies; and as it appears that the Surgeon General will not be able to attend to the application of this Sum, without neglecting the Duties of his Professional Station, (on which so much depends) your Honor in Council may think it advisable to direct the Field Apothecary to take charge of this business as well as of the Medicines. But We do not conceive the representations contained in the Surgeon General's Letter are sufficient to justify any other alteration in the Plan submitted in our address of the 16th. Instant, except what relates to the Bazar Medicines, as stated in Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm's Minute. As however, there are parts in the Surgeon General's Letter, on which We have thought it necessary to detail our observations, We beg leave to refer your Honor to our Minutes herewith annexed.

On

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On Colonel Floyd's Letter, Mediem it necessary only to remark, that We are yet unacquainted with any but the usual Contract of 6 Pagodas p.month for feeding the Horses of the Cavalry in the Field, & half a Pagoda for the repair of Accoutrements; previous therefore, to offering any other opinion on the subject, We beg leave to suggest that Colonel Floyd, & the Officers Commanding the 3d. and 4th. Regiments of Native Cavalry be called upon to produce the Contract, which authorizes any other demand in the Field.

The Barrack Master at the Presidency having submitted to us an application from the Quarter Master of the 76th. Regiment for Wooden Horses to secure the Cloathing from the Ravages of White Ants, and as the 6th. Article of the Regulations for the payment of the King's Troops provides only for Godowns for keeping the Cloathing of His Majesty's Forces, We have not conceived ourselves authorized to comply therewith; this application is therefore referred to the Sanction of your Honble Board.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your very obedient faithful Servants

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signed J. Cupper
Henry Malcolm

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30th Colonel Capper's Minute on the Surgeon General's Representation. — 29th March 1790.

If I clearly comprehend the Surgeon General's meaning, he would have the Sick Man receive his Pay & Provisions as usual, besides which he requires 3 fanams p day for every Patient, to purchase Fowls, Chickens &c.; but according to this Plan, the Provisions furnished by the Commissary General would be issued and wasted, for it seems some of the Patients are to be fed upon Poultry. The Man, also, by these means might be tempted to continue in the Hospital to accumulate Money: The Company (allowing for the deduction of the Roans) instead of 5 fanams 70 Cash, would pay 7 fanams 70 Cash for every patient in the Field Hospitals, and the Surgeon General would in fact receive less Money for victualling the Sick Man, than it is proposed to give him; Whereas, by the Plan We had the honor to recommend in our Letter of the 16th, there can be no waste of Provisions, the Soldier cannot be tempted to remain in the Hospital, the Company will be at no Extraordinary Expence for the maintenance of the Sick, and the Surgeon General would have 5 fanams 70 Cash instead of 3 fanams, to purchase Fowls, Chickens &c. — In short, upon a comparison between the two Plans, I believe it will appear that the principal difference between them, under the head of Victual-

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30th victualling it, that the Surgeon General proposes to furnish the Sick with Poultry only at 3 fanams, and the Military Board have recommended that the whole shall be conducted under his direction at the rate of 5 fanams 70 Cash — But if the Surgeon General is totally averse from superintending the victualling of the Sick, the Purveyor may be directed to send a proper Person to receive the Money for Victualling the Sick, who will apply it for the purchase of such Articles as may be deemed necessary by the Surgeon General.

With respect to the Reduction of the Allowance for Bazar Medicines from 30 to 10 Pagodas p month, I shall only to observe that, after an Engagement, it is possible the Surgeons may be obliged to expend the whole of the 10 Pags for Lint & Bandages; but Engagements do not happen every month, and reckoning 100 Men in the Field Hospital for a whole year, the allowance at 10 Pagodas only, amounts to 600 Pagodas p annum for Bazar Medicines only, which at the expiration of the year must fully indemnify the Surgeon for any loss he may occasionally sustain; and this Argument applies equally to the Surgeon General, and Assistant Surgeons of Native Corps, in proportion to the Number of Patients.

Pagodas

In saying that the Assistant Surgeons of Native Corps have only 8 Serjants to attend, the Board were very correct, as the Officers when sick, find Wine & Spirits themselves, which constitute the principal Expence of

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30th. of Buzar Medicines, the Surgeon can scarcely treat any Expence on their Account; and the Serjeants when much indisposed, are to be sent into the Field Hospital, when they will no longer bear expence to the Assistant Surgeon, and consequently a provision is to be made for them only when slightly indisposed.

The Sepoys generally apply to the Native Doctors for Medical Advice, but for Surgical Assistance, they must necessarily depend upon the European Assistant Surgeon, who is attached to the Corps, and who has Implements & Instruments of all kinds furnished him from the Stores, and consequently the Assistant Surgeon is at no Expence, in dressing them, but Lint & Bandage.

It was upon these Grounds my former opinion was founded, of reducing the allowance for Buzar Medicines; but of the Expediency of this measure, I do not feel myself so fully satisfied, as I am with respect to the rate & the manner in which the Sick should be victualled.

(signed) J. Capper

A true Copy/signed/ Dan.l Sneo
Acting Secretary

Colonel Malcolm's Minute on the Surgeon General's Letter. — 29th. March 1790

The Hospital Board having given their opinion that, none but the worst Cases among the Sick should be sent to the General Field Hospital, and that 3 fanams pday for each Man should be allowed for Fowls, Chickens, Sago, Curry Stuff &c. and all other Contingencies, I considered that 5 fanams 70 each, pday,