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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Gov.r nor in Council

Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir

From Lieut.t Musgrave — with the Troops assembled under his Command, agreeable to Government orders — Recommending that near 100 Men of the 5.th Battalion of Artillery, whose Period of Service will expire in the Month of May, be offered to renew their Services — That Seven Horses be purchased for the use of their Light Six Pounder Guns intended for the Cavalry, be purchased on the Spot; & that all the Spare Stores be sent immediately from Wallajanabad to Seringapatam.

This morning the 5.th Battalion of Sepoys, from the Gundoor Circar, marched into Camp; and I now have the Honor to report, that all the Troops are assembled under my Commands, agreeable to Government orders.

The several Corps appear healthy, and in very good order: Provisions for daily consumption have become more and more plentiful, owing to the ready Assistance afforded by Mr. Macleod the Collector of this District, who has also given me hopes that the Coolies wanted for the Corps here, will shortly be procured; after which, little more will be required to complete this Force for immediate Service, than the addition of some Guns &c.a: that I am more disappointed in receiving from Wallajanabad, and which Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse is desired to have in readiness, should upon approval of their being sent to me.

Lieutenant Colonel Gils having informed me that in the Month of May, the Period of Service of near One hundred Men of the 1.st Battalion of Artillery will expire, I take the Liberty of submitting to your decision whether it would not be most advisable to propose to them the renewal of their Services immediately, instead of waiting until their Engagements may Elapse, when perhaps they may not be so ready to re-inlist as at present

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The two light 6s Pounders intended for the Cavalry, are deficient Seven Horses — Should it meet your approbation, Lieutenant Colonel Gells is of opinion he can procure them here: at all Events, it will be expedient to have them purchased to render the Guns of Utility.

For fear the Bullocks of our Artillery might be wanted before they could return from Madras, I only propose to send all the spare Stores at Wallaujanbad to Chinglepat, where they will be in a place of Security, should the Troops here be ordered to move suddenly.

I have the honor to be
Sr. Sr. Sr.
(signed) Thomas Musgrave

Camp at Uttacotah
19th. March 1790.

Recommendations Approved

The Board approve the several Recommendations contained in the above Letter; Agreed therefore, that Colonel Musgrave be desired to carry them into Execution.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

From the Chief Engineer — with a Return of Lascars & Artificers wanting for the Engineer Department in Camp — desires to know if he is to provide them immediately — Recommending how they should be employed till they march — That the Garrison of Madura, Tinjore, Trichinopoly & Vencatagherry be immediately supplied with the proportion of Artificers —

Honble Sir

The Honble Board having been pleased to direct the Corps in the Centre Division that are under Marching orders, to be immediately provided with the necessary Equippment of Coolies, Lascars &c. so as to be in readiness to take the Field

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on the shortest notice, I take the liberty to lay before you a Return of the Lascars, Artificers &c. wanted for the Engineers Department in Camp, and, by the Regulations, proposed to move with the Grand Army, that I may receive your Sentiments on the propriety of immediately providing them.

Until the Army marches, I would propose that the Artificers, when got, be employed in reinstating the decayed Palisades on the North East angle of the Black Town &c.; and that the Fascine Makers be sent into the Neighbourhood to provide Fascines and Gabions for the Garrison; there being none in Store. The Lascars may either practise with the Fascine Makers, or be employed in putting such Posts in Condition as it may be thought necessary to occupy during the absence of the Army.

From the delay in Printing the Engineers Regulations, they have not hitherto been made public, which has prevented the Establishment of Maistry Artificers for our Garrisons being completed, whereby Madura, Tegar, Ongole, & Innacondah are still without their Proportion.. As these Posts are in exposed Situations, I apprehend they should immediately be furnished, which, if approved by the Honble Board, the Paymasters at these Stations should be apprized thereof.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) P. Ross
Lieutenant Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
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Return of Lascars and Artificers required for the Engineer Department in Camp.

Lascars			Fascine Makers		Artificers						
Serangs	Tindals	Bearers	Maistry Artificers	Tindals	Coolies	Carpenters	Tindals	Smiths	Tindals	Bricklayers	Tindals
1	3	50	1	2	50	2	6	2	12	1	1	6	6

P. Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engr.

Fort S.t George 23rd. March 1790.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be referred to the Military Board, with directions to report thereon.

Read the following Letter from the Collector in the Guntoor Circar

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

From the Collector in the Guntoor Circar - advising of having made a Requisition to Mr. Wynch for another Company of Sepoys. Enclosing a Letter from Captain Kennaway Resident at Hydrabad, desiring him to assist Mons.r Riviere in the purchase of Copper &c. for the Nizam; and in the recovery of sums of Money due to him from several Zemindars & Renters of Guntoor

I do myself the honor to inform you that I have availed myself of the permission given me to apply occasionally to the Commanding Officer of the District for Troops for the protection of the Revenue, by making a Requisition to Major Wynch, for another Company of Sepoys to be stationed with me at Guntoor during the Settlement of the Country, finding the number I have at present / viz.t one Company / insufficient for that purpose, on account of the difficulties thrown under hand in my way from the Zemindars.

Captain Kennaway having applied to me to pass free of Duty some arms & Copper which the Nizam has Commissioned Mons.r Riviere to purchase for him, I enclose a Copy of his Letter, and beg to be honored with your Commands upon this head.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Robert Hughes

Collector

Guntoor
14th. March 1790

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Robert Hughes Esqr.

Collector of Guntoor

Sir

His Highness the Nizam has requested me to inform you that, he has deputed Monsieur Riviere, a French Officer in his Highness's Service, to purchase Muskets, Copper &c.a, and to beg the favor of you to issue Orders forbidding the Officers of Government to molest him on his way thro' the Territory under your Charge on account of Duty or any other plea, but to afford him all the accommodation and protection in your Power.— His Highness further requests me to solicit your Influence for the recovery of certain Sums of Money due upon Bonds to the abovementioned Gentleman, from several of the Zemindars and Weavers of Guntoor, with whom he had concerns during the period of his residence in that District.

I am, Sir,
your most obedient humble Servant
signed John Kennaway

Hydrabad
December 28th 1790—

A true Copy / signed / Robt. Hughes

Resolved that a Letter be written to Mr. Hughes directing him to afford such General assistance to Monsieur Riviere, as ought in justice and Propriety to be given.

Mr. Munro's Minute.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

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To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From the Military Board with their opinion on Colonel Floyd's application — Enclosing a Copy of general & Standing Regulations applied to Establishments of the Bengal Army, serving beyond the Limits of the Honble Company's or Nizam's Provinces

We have the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of 16th. Instant, with its Enclosures.—

In respect of the Regulations adopted in Bengal, We have only to observe, they are already provided for in the Book of Regulations We have had the honor to compile, as will appear by the Remarks we have opposed to each Paragraph in the Enclosed Copy.

In considering the application from Colonel Floyd, We had reference to the following Government orders, dated 6th. August 1783 Viz.t

"The Right Honble the [illegible] "pleased to publish in General Orde[r] "the different Corps in his Majesty's "feed their Horses, according to Contra[ct] "being the rate allowed to the Compa[ny's]

By some inadvertence [illegible] it should seem that due attention [was] granted to the Company's European [Cavalry] was, by the old Book of Regulations [allowed] the Company's European Cavalry is a [Troop] the Troop, belonging to the Officers [Staff] and the allowance granted to the [Troop] to Horses of all the non commissione[d] now 19th. Regiment of Light Dragoon[s] a General Order was issued, reduc[ing]

[illegible] Regiment and Select Committee are [ordered] [illegible], that the Officers Commanding [illegible] 23rd. Regiment of Dragoons [shall] [illegible] price of 8 1/2 Pagodas per month, [illegible] Company's European Cavalry."

[illegible] when this order was issued, [illegible] not paid to the Allowances [illegible] Cavalry, for 8 Pagodas per month, [illegible] which the Pay and Contract of [illegible] established, confined to 7 Horses for [illegible] and Staff — The Book Reg.d [illegible] [Troop] only was, by mistake, retained [illegible] and Private of his Majesty's 23rd. [Regiment] [illegible], but on the 28th. August 1785, [illegible] ing the rate of feeding the [illegible]

Horses

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Horses to Pagodas 6 pr month, & 7½ Pagodas for Repairs of Accoutre-ments, without any Condition specified, or known to our Board, than that it was intended for a Peace Establishment.

Colonel Floyd states in his Letter, that in the late War 2 Pagodas pr month pr Horse were allowed for the Carriage of Grain, when in the Field, and which were again struck off at the Peace. However by the above quoted Order of 25th. August 1785, it appears that the reduction did not take place until long after the Peace, and no order is produced for the allowance of 2 Pagodas in the Field, as stated by Colonel Floyd.

From all these Premises, from consideration of the great increase of Expence in allowing 2 Pagodas pr month, or 8 pr Year, and from considering the allowance of 6 Pagodas per Month as amply sufficient for every Expence of feeding a Horse in the Field, We beg leave to offer it as our Opinion, that the additional allowance of 2 Pagodas for each Horse pr month for the Carriage of Grain, whilst the Cavalry are in the Field, should not be allowed.

Not having yet sufficiently considered the List of Sundries to be laid up in the Event of War, for the Department of Commissary General of Grain & Provisions, We shall make a Report thereon the Subject of a subsequent address.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

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signed { J. Capper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
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General and Standing Regulations, applied Detachments of the Bengal Army, serving beyond the Lim the Honble Company's or Vizier's Provinces, Copies of which be furnished by the Secretary to the Government, to Paymas of foreign Detachments, and to all Commanding Officers de when not serving under a Superior Officer of another Establ

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Remarks & References by the Military Boards.

1st. The Established Rules of the Service on this Coast, by the General Orders of 5th July 1786.

1st. That it shall be the Cor Officer's particular Duty to enfor regular Monthly transmission Accounts of Disbursements and Vou from the Paymaster's Office, to the Officers of the Presidency where t to undergo Audit, and to reg Duplicates of them should be ke the Detachment, lest any accide happen to the Originals.

2ndly. Provided for in the 2nd. Paragraph of Instructions to Paymasters Page 21 - viz.

"Paymasters of the Army in the Field, or with any Detachment of the Army, are to pay all Demands Countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Troops; but if such Demand shall be any Deviation from the Regulations of the Service, or appear to him Extraordinary, he shall make an immediate Report thereof to the Governor in Council & Commander in Chief, so that this Officer making such a Demand may in due time be called upon to

2ndly. That wherever any discr power is vested by an Express act of Government in the Commanding Of of a Detachment employed on foreign Service for authorizing Contingent Charg the amount of all such Disbursements shall be carried to his Debit by the Paymaster of the Detachment, to whom he is to give a Receipt in Duplicate at the end of every Month, for the amount of all Contingencies, disbursed by his authority, and that he shall consider himself responsible for the Disbursements,

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to explain his Motives for making it, and the Charge be refunded, unless sanctioned by Government. If the Paymaster Neglects to conform to this order, he himself will be held responsible for this Irregularity, & for any Loss the Company may thereby sustain".

until they shall have received the sanction and approval of Government, but that the Paymaster shall be answerable for discharging any Bill of a Contingent Nature, to which the Commanding Officer's Signature shall not be affixed.

3rdly. Stores on this Coast are supplied by Indent, the particulars of which are fully detailed in the Regulations for Stores. A Weekly Price Current of Grain & Provisions might be laid before the Commanding Officer of the Army or Detachments, & likewise of every Garrison, which after causing the necessary Enquiry to be made, he should Countersign, & this might serve to ascertain the rate of Provisions to be charged by the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

3rdly That as the prices in the Bengal Book of Rates cannot be expected to apply to a foreign Service, it shall be the duty of the Commanding Officer to inspect the rates at which all Bills for the supply of Stores are charged, and to certify upon the Bills themselves that, the rates charged are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the current prices at the places where the supplies may happen to be made; the Paymaster acting as Commissary of Supplies to be apprized that no Bill will be attended to, to which such a Certificate is not annexed.

4thly. No Charge can be admitted without a written Voucher. A Verbal Order, by the Established Regulations on this Coast, is no Voucher.

4thly That no Verbal Order for incurring any Extra-Expence will ever be admitted as an Authority; but that it will be required from an Officer Commanding a Detachment, or Army, to whom Authority to warrant any Contingent Charges, may have been confided, to transmit to the proper Officer of Controul, at the beginning of every Month, a Copy, signed by himself, of all orders

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creatures of Lapina, that shall have been
joined, during the preceding month.

5thly. Fully, & perhaps more effectually provided for, in the 8th. Parag: Page 18 of the Regulations for Batta, & Field Allowances Vizt.—

"No Officer is to draw Secret Service Money, until he has previously received permission of the Governor in Council & Commander in Chief, to whom he is to communicate his Intelligence, & to transmit to him, as often as possible, on account of the Expence, & the Bill must be signed by the Commander in Chief, or his Secretary by order."

5thly. That authenticated Copies of all Charges, on account of Secret Services, shall be sent monthly to the Department of this Government commanding Officer, accompanied with the most particular information respecting the application of any such charges, unless such information be rendered satisfactory, the commanding Officer may be assured that the Charges will not be admitted. And, as Details of this nature must necessarily be lended with a degree of Confidence on the part of Government, which no Officer should feel himself authorized to prove has not been misplaced, & which Government should have the means of satisfying themselves that in any instance, being abused, no Commanding Officer shall be held to account at the End of a Campaign, and on the conclusion of a War, to be questioned on oath, respecting the fidelity of his Agents for Secret Services.

A true Copy/signed/ J. Stombelle
Asst. Secy.

A true Copy/signed/ Dan.l Ince
Acting Secy.

A true Copy/signed/ W.m Clarkson
Dep.y Public Secy.

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Extracts thereon

The Board approve the opinion given by the Military Board on the application of Lieutenant Colonel Floyd for an additional allowance of 2 Pagodas p.month for each Horse for the carriage of Grain whilst the Cavalry are in the Field.

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Floyd be advised thereof.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores (with Enclosure entered in M.B. No. 135)

To the Honble. Major General William Medows
Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From the Committee of Stores — desiring that the Stores loading on the Alert will complete the Garrisons South of the Pleroon — Recommending that the Stores wanting for Masulipatam, Viragapatam, & Tanjore, be sent without delay. — have ordered that the Platform for proving Gunpowder — belonging to Dept of Stores from Dpt. can be removed, Stating a Contract Pending for Erecting the said Platform &c. with Estimate &c. &c.

We have the honor to inform you that, at our last Committee, the Commissary General of Stores reported that the Stores now loading in the Alert, will complete the Garrisons South of the Pleroon. As the Stores wanting for Masulipatam, Viragapatam, & Tanjore are in readiness to be sent, & as a Vessel in the Roads is taken up to transport them to those Stations, We beg leave to submit to your Honours the propriety of their being sent without delay, by which means all the Garrisons both North & South will be compleated with Stores according to the Statements laid by Regulation.

Approved, & Ordered accordingly

The Platform which was formerly laid at the Salt Pans for proving Gunpowder, being

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being entirely worn out, Mr. Kyan desired the Chief Engineer to lay a new one, that the Gunpowder lately arrived from Bengal might be proved, as well as all Powder, previous to its being received into the Magazines.

Approved

On the 17th. of last September, We had the honor to inclose you a Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Rt. Honble. Lord Hobart in which they proposed to erect a Foundary for the purpose of converting unserviceable Guns Mortars and Shells, into serviceable Shot and Shells, of the sizes and proportions as should be judged expiry, and at the rate those Articles stand to the Company on the Military Storekeepers Books.

This Proposal is in reference to the Court of Directors - Their Orders must be awaited for.

These Gentlemen have again addressed us on the subject, (Copy of which, with their former Letter of the 31st. of August last, We now lay before you) and as the Plan therein proposed, will not only save the Honble Company to the smallest Expence, but will be making up unserviceable Stores for which they engage to pay a fixed rate, into Shot and Shells of such Dimensions as may be wanted. - It appears possible that their Plan, if carried into Execution, may be of considerable public Benefit; We have therefore, with deference again submit the Proposal to your Honble Board.

The Gunpowder lately arrived from Bengal on the Ship Cornwallis 4th. June last, has been received into Store agreeably to the Invoice

Approved.

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At our last Committee, We examined the Books of the Director of the Laboratory, & the Conductors Books, all of which We found regularly brought up to the end of last month.

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
. J. Capper
. Fra. Lind.
(signed) . Patrick Ross
. J. Moorhouse

Read the following Letters from the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts.

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Lieut. Col. Capper reporting upon Lieutenant Colonel Ross's accounts for Work done at Vellore

I have been honored with your Commands of the 16th. Instant, directing me to audit Lieutenant Colonel Ross's accounts, and examine the Vouchers he produces, rejecting those Charges for which his Vouchers may be insufficient.

My former Report upon these accounts, was founded upon the enclosed General Orders; by which you will perceive, I considered Lieutenant Colonel Ross was not authorized to undertake any Work, or to furnish any Materials, until a Plan & Estimate had been

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laid before Government, and approved by the Honble Board; Consequently until I received your permission to dispense with this order, I thought it unnecessary to say anything more upon these Accounts, than that they were unauthorized, and therefore irregular; but in obedience to your last Commands, I have now divided the Vouchers into three seperate Parcels, No. 1 for Buildings, No. 2 for Materials, & No. 3 for Barrack Furniture. For without these, the only regular Vouchers would be, at best, an Order of the Commanding Officer of the Station, or an Indent Countersigned by him for the commencement of the Work, or Receipt for the Building, Materials, or Furniture, from the Barrack Master, or the Quarter Master of the Corps, who has received the first amount of the order or Indent. Amongst all these Vouchers I perceive but two of this Description, Viz.t. Chunam for the Lascar Masdries at Wallanjaubad. The rest are only Abstracts of the Practitioner Engineer, not specifying the Persons names or Corps But the Building in particular, I should suppose, must have received, either from himself, or from some other Officer of the Engineer Corps.

In your Letter of the 16th, you enjoined me to direct one to report the Checks established in the different Department for the Mustering and Paying the Draught Cattle Bullocks with the Army, and whether any, and what Checks may be requisite.

The Checks established upon the Musters of the Carriage Cattle, were laid before the Military Board, which they were submitted to Government, who were pleased to approve of them. They are very full and explicit, and are such

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believe, Capable of much Improvement. The Number of Bullocks required are particularized by an Indent, Counter signed by the Officer Commanding the Army, Garrison, or Detachment, according to the nature of the Service, — When the Contractors have furnished them, they are mustered by the Muster Master, under the Inspection of the Commanding Officer; and when their Numbers are ascertained, & they are deemed fit for Service, from that day they are entered in the Service, and are paid, at a rate fixed by Contract, from that period. — They are mustered as often as the Commanding Officer of the Army, or Detachment, is pleased to direct; & every Bullock that fails, removed. The Day of their Dismission is artified by him, upon the Bill presented for Payment — When in the Field, regular Musters ought to be made every three months, at least; & Returns are drawn out, specifying the Number of Bullocks employed, & the respective Persons, Corps, and Service, to which the Bullocks are attached; One Copy of this Return is delivered to the Commander in Chief, and the other is sent to the Commissary General's Office, to serve as a Check upon the Accounts.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
signed J. Capper C.C.

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18.th March 1790

To John Chanier Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department

From Colonel Capper
on the same subject

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you some Extracts of the Orders of Government, as also a Copy of two Indents sent to me by Lieutenant Colonel Ross in support of his Charges for Works &c.a at Wallajanabad, which I have the honor of returning

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returning to you officially on the 18th. Instant.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

signed J. Cappur Sec.

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Extracts of Orders of Government to Colonel Ro

17th March 1789 } authorizing the supply of 40 Sets of Racks — of Arm
8 Shelves, & 8 Chairs —

14th October. Permitting the erection of a Picket Guard, Shed, a bed
room, and Necessary for the Guns laid at Wallaj
the Estimate of which amounts to Pgs. 556-5

20th. October. Causing Repairs to be made at Wallajanabad
the Barracks occupied by the Hanoverians, as
render them Water Proof.

10th. November Directing the Couches, Chairs, & Tables, indented fo
Wallajanabad, may be supplied.

13th. November Mr. Chamier's private Letter, that the Governor
to his furnishing Mats.

Lieutenant Graham quarter Master Brigade, his Indent for
Beds for the Picket Guard, Countersigned by Major Cuppa
dated 2d. February 1790 — but not signed by any other Perso

Captain Doane Brigade Major — his Indent for 3 New Sen
Boxes, & repairing of 5 old Centry Boxes for the Centon
Countersigned by Major Cuppage, dated 17th. March 1789.
but not signed by any other Person. —

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Whereas, notwithstanding the General Orders of the 27th. September 1786, by which it is directed that no public Works shall be carried on at Fort St. George or at the Subordinate Factories, Out Garrisons or Cantonments, until an Estimate of the Expence has been laid before the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, and approved of by him; several Charges have appeared in the public accounts for Works undertaken, & repairs made in the different out Garrisons, under the authority, and by the orders of the Commanding Officers only, unauthorized by Government, the Honble the President in Council is pleased to express his entire disapprobation of such Conduct in the Commanding Officers, & likewise of the Engineers who performed the Works without reporting it in due time; and he takes this opportunity of publickly declaring that, whatever Works are executed in future, without being regularly authorized by the Governor in Council, in the manner abovementioned, will be charged to those by whose orders they are Undertaken, or to the Engineer who Executes them; and they will both be considered as Guilty of disobedience of General Orders, excepting in cases of great Emergency, as in times of War; and even on such occasions, no time is to be lost by the Engineer in laying the Plan & Estimate of the Work before Government.

By Order (signed) John Charnier Secy.

Agreed that the Balance due to Lieutenant Colonel Ross (amounting to Pags. 102.17.30) on account of Work Executed by him at Wallajanbad, by order of Government, be discharged by a Bill on Bengal.

Estimate with the above Letter

P. Dodsworth

Cullen Pr. Holland

James Taylor

Lt. Col. Joseph Moorhouse

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23rd Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (assembled in No. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148.)

To Colonel Musgrave — To Colonel Musgrave, Commanding the Troops encamped at Wallajanabad — The recommendations stated in his Letter of the 19th Instant approved — to give the necessary orders to Lieutenant Colonel Giels to re-enlist immediately the Men of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, whose Time of Service Expires in the next — The Spare Stores at Wallajanabad to be sent to Chinglepat in the Manner suggested.

To Mr. Walter Balfour — To the Storekeeper at Chinglepat — To receive Charge of the Lodge in a Place of Security whatever Stores may be sent from the Cantonment at Wallajanabad by order of Colo. Musgrave.

To the Commander of the Ship Houghton — To the Commander of the Ship Houghton — to receive on Board the Convoy to Bengal, Lieutenant Moncrieff, his Wife Child, and three Native Servants.

To Mr. Colly Lucas, Surgeon General of the Army — To the Surgeon General of the Army — allowing him in addition to his Salary as a Member of the Hospital Board, the full Batta of a Colonel, viz.t Six Pagodas p.r diem, during his Service in the Field — Such allowances will be given to Field Hospital Surgeons & Assistants as are conformable to the Regulations — Mr. Bingham's Appointment approved of — Mr. Lucas's request to recommend Surgeons, and Assistant Surgeons to the Field cannot be complied with.

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To the Barrack Masters — To the Barrack Masters in the Northern, Southern, & Centre Divisions — with particular Instructions relative to their Department.

To Colonel Capper — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts — The Balance due to Lieutenant Colonel Ross on account of Work executed by him at the Cantonments at Wallaujaubaad by order of Government, is to be discharged by a Bill on Bengal.

To Colonel Capper — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army accounts — Inclosing Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council, relative to the Pay & Allowances of the Bengal Detachment, together with a Statement of the Pay &c. for every description of Persons belonging to the Bengal Establishment, and a Comparative Table of the Pay &c. of certain Descriptions of Persons belonging to the Bengal & Coast Establishments. — Requiring a comparative Statement of the Pay & allowances of every description of Persons belonging to the Bengal & Coast Establishments; drawn out agreably to the above Orders.

To Mr. Robert Hughes — To the Collector in the Guntoor Circar — To afford Monsieur Aviere such general Assistance as ought in Justice & Propriety to be granted. — Likewise to assist him in the Recovery of such Sums, as, by Bonds & other Proofs, shall appear to be due to him from the Zemindars & Weavers in the Guntoor Circar.

To the Commandant at Permacoil — To the Commandant at Permacoil — Not to permit any Peyrys to Recruit within the Limits of the Tanjore Nation.

To the Chief Engineer — To Lieutenant Colonel Ross — Chief Engineer — The Balance due to him on account of Work executed at Wallaujaubaad, to be discharged by a Bill on Bengal.

To the Military Board — To the Military Board — Their opinion on Colonel Floyd's application approved & Confirmed — Inclosing Letters from the Chief Engineer, &

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23rd. Ensign Tulane of his Majesty's 52nd Regiment — having leave to report their Opinions thereon.

To the Hospital Board. To the Hospital Board — The Appointments of Mr. Mackay & Atkinson Approved — will be nominated to the Stations recommended by the Board — Mr. Gordon to be Stationed with a Corps where a full Surgeon is wanting — Enclosing Copies of Letters written to Majr. Lucas & Gordon & a Copy of the Board's proceedings with Remarks thereon

To Mr. William Gordon Surgeon. To Mr. William Gordon — his Services in the Field not required at present — Attention will be paid to his Application when a proper Opportunity may offer.

26th. Received the following Letters

From Captain Hall of Artillery — Certifying that he has received in Charge from Colonel Moorhouse the Gunpowder, Arms, and every Charge belonging to the Office of Commissary General of Stores.

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I hereby Certify that I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, Commissary General of Stores the Gunpowder in the Magazines in the Fort — on the Glacis and in the Black Town; also the Ordnance, Arms, and Military Stores in the Arsenal & Storehouses, and any other Charge belonging to the Office of Commissary of Stores

(Signed) G. Hall
Captain Artillery

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

From the Resident at Tanjore — The Rajah has not yet paid any Money into his Hands — Advises of Despatch proceedings — Intelligence received from a Brahmin in the Rajah of Cotiar's Service —

Honble Sir Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

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24th M.r Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 2nd Instant. The Rajah has not yet paid any Money into my hands, but has promised I shall have it in a day or two; as soon as I receive it, it shall forthwith be remitted, conformably to your directions, to M.rs Lowis.

The Enemy for these two days past have made very considerable advances in their Works towards the Ditch of the Lines. I am informed they are brought within a hundred Yards of them. A Brahmin in the Rajah of Cochin's Service, who had been detained by Tippoo Sultaun, found means to escape from him, and come in Yesterday. He says, that every thing was ready in his Camp for a serious attack of the Lines - that three days ago a Detachment of 20,000 Men were detached from his Camp here to Dindigul, and that he heard Syed Saheb was there with a large Body of Cavalry, in order to enter the Southern Districts, as soon as our Army marched from Tritchinopoly; and that a large Quantity of Grain was collected and deposited in Paliyhatcherry Fort. - There has been some heavy firing from the direction of the Lines this Evening, but I have not yet any accounts of the Effect of it.

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

Parrour - 15th March 1790

To the Honble General Medows
Governor &c. Council
Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to acquaint your Honble Board that M.r William Harington will act as Agent to the Contractor for

From M.r C. Stuart Agent &c. advising that M.r W. Harington will act as Agent to the Contractors for victualling the Bengal Troops during their stay on the Coast

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25th for Victualling the Bengal Troops during their Stay on the Coast, and that you will be pleased to consider any act of his as binding on the part of the Contractor—

I have the honor to be
Sr. Yr. Mo. Hble Servt
Signed E. King
Agent & Colonel Kidd's Deputy
Contractor for Victualling
the Bengal Army

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His Excellency Major General William Medows
Governor & Commander in Chief

Sir

From Colonel Nixon — Communicating Intelligence concerning Tippoo—

I take the liberty to inform you that one Curreapat a Hircarrah has just returned from Darapore, which place he left 12 days ago, and reports that there are at Dindigul 3000 Horse, at Chinnaparam 6000 Do, 1st Caroor and in its Vicinity a small Body — Tippoo has a large army at Tellagatao, himself with a few Horse & followers Encamped at Peeriacadoo, two days Journey from the Lines of Travancore — Reports say that he intends marching against Coimbetoor, and is diligent in recruiting Troops & that he has ordered the Families of the principal Inhabitants near the Passes to remove to Seringapatam —

I have the honor to be
Sr. Yr. Mo. Hble Servt
(sign'd) Eyles Nixon

Head Quarters Vellore Polygar Plain 21st March 1790

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General William Medows
Governor President.

Friday
26th. March 1790

Edward John Holland
and
James Taylor
} Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

President's Minute respecting Payments to be made to the Company & the Nabob should he discharge the Balance.

The President represents to the Board, that as the period fixed for the discharge of the Nabob's Balance to the Company is nearly expired, it will in his opinion be proper to make preparations for the Event of his not performing his Engagements, in which case it has been resolved to recur to the Penalties of the Treaty. The President in consequence submits to the Board the propriety of nominating Collectors for the different Districts mentioned in the Schedule, and proposes the following Gentlemen.

Mr. Lindersley appointed Collector in the Ceded Dist.s

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Mr. Andrews Collector in the Soolchinopoly District

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Mr. Torin to be Collector in the Madura & Mellore Districts

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Recommends Minute on the foregoing Appointments

The President observes that he has pointed out the three first Gentlemen as being upon Record Canvas boys who acted under Mr. Swinton in the Southern Countries, during which they received the approbation of their immediate Superiours, and of Government; for which reasons he has considered them particularly qualified for the present Service which essentially requires Character and abilities in the Revenue Line. Mr. Lockhart has been for a short time employed in the Revenue Line, & is a Servant of Character at present without Employ;

The President recommends that for the present, the assigned Districts be put under the Authority of the Revenue Board, who are to form themselves into a Board of Assigned Revenue: Mr. Harington to be employed as Secretary to the Board of Assigned Revenue.

The President further recommends that for the present, the assigned Districts be put under the authority of the Board of Revenue, & that they be desired for this purpose to form themselves into a Board of Assigned Revenue, keeping a distinct set of Proceedings, & employing Mr. Harington, at present their Deputy Secretary, as their Secretary in that of Assigned Revenue.

The President recommends certain Instructions to be given to the Board of Assigned Revenue.

The President also recommends that the Board of Assigned Revenue be directed to prepare Standing Instructions for the Collectors, but that they be not issued until the final Orders of Government are sent to them, as the President still entertains a hope that the Nabob, by compleating his Engagements, may render the whole this proposed Arrangement unnecessary.

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The Nominations and Arrangements proposed by the President approved by the Board.

The Board approve the Nominations & Arrangements proposed by the President, and it is in consequence Agreed, that the necessary Letters be written to the Board of Revenue, and to the Gentlemen appointed Collectors.

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Harington

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Lieut. Harington — recommending a New Arrangement for Victualling the Bengal Troops on the Coast — & enclosing a Comparative Statement, shewing the advantages, stipulated in the Bengal & Madras Regulations, among the Officers

Honble Sir

I have now the honor to address you in Capacity of Agent for Victualling the European Troops of the Bengal Establishment on this Coast, transferred to me by Mr. C. King, who is Embarked on Board the Houghton for Bengal, of which you were advised in his Letter of yesterday's date.

Finding myself in this responsible Situation, without the prospect of either affording Satisfaction to Government, or of deriving any to myself, I lose no time in laying before your Honble Board the many Inconveniencies that will accrue to the Service, if continued on the present Plan, and my very unpleasant Predicament in consequence. And at the same time take the opportunity of submitting to you such Measures, as I flatter myself will tend to the accommodation of all Parties, and will, I trust, therefore meet with your approbation.

The Victualling of the Troops in Question on a separate Establishment from the main body of the Army, appears to me wholly incompatible — In the first Instance, the

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Bengal Contract seems only calculated for the Province in which it was made, as well in respect to the Price, as quantity of Provisions. The rates of the former is considerably higher on this Coast, and the latter stipulates, in the articles of Beef and Mutton, half a Pound less than is provided for by the Regulations of this Government, which allows one Pound half pound to each Man; Whereas, the Bengal Contract gives only one Pound. Consequently, should it be resolved that the Troops shall be supplied by the Contractor with the same Quantum of Provisions as the rest of the Army to put them on a par, another must necessarily be joined to me by this Government for the additional Quantities above mentioned, which will be produced hereafter as a Voucher to the Bengal Government for the supply exceeding the Conditions of the Contract; and an Indemnification to that amount accordingly required. It may not be here inapplicable to presume also, that at the time of the Contracting Parties entering into this Engagement, it did not occur to either of them how the many Ports on this Coast to procuring the means of transportation, as the Contractor would now be required to carry 10 days Provisions; the very heavy Expence attending which must exceed any idea they could have formed from a Comparison with their own Establishment, where I understand they are provided with every convenience without difficulty.

I have thought it proper to premise these

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as well to point out the deficiency of the Contract, as involving, I conceive, a question — whether, considering the above a deviation which is unavoidable, and which could not have been averted to by the Governor General, it does not afford a latitude to this Government to adopt any arrangement that may have for its purpose the benefit of the Service, as hereafter proposed ?—

Obviating every cause of Complaint on the part of the Bengal Troops from inequality of situation compared with the Troops of this Coast, when employed on the same Service, is certainly the first object of Consideration. To Effect this every means should be devised to put them precisely on the same footing, and which, after the most particular Enquiry into the subject, I have very reason to believe is not practicable by any other mode than by a transfer of the Charge to the Commissary of the Army, to be Victualed &c. by him in common with the other Troops, Keeping a seperate account of all such Expenditures to be debited to the Bengal Government .. The difference of Expence to the Company between the Contract Price of 10 Fanams Rupees per man, and the actual Charges (including the additional Supply before mentioned that must in all Events be allowed the Contractor) which I calculate at about 300 Pagodas, cannot, I humbly conceive, be any object, when compared to the Benefits that may be expected from it; and as the whole amount of the Disbursements for supplying these Troops will not be found to exceed, I

believe

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believe, on an average $200 Pagodas per month. — But how
far the consideration of this Expence is to be put in Competition
with the regularity of the Service, which will be ascertained
in the one instance, and must be very uncertain, if not
impossible, in the other, Your Honor must be the best judge.

To enumerate the many difficulties that are to
be apprehended from two Seperate Establishments, of the same
Nature existing at one time, and in the same Place, is surely
I conceive, necessary, as most of them indeed can only be
learnt from Experience on the Spot; and when the late War
exhibits so recent an Example of the Impolicy of such a
Measure — Public & Private Agency operating in the same
Field — the several disadvantages to which the latter is ex-
posed must be too obvious to need any Comment. — The
Opportunities in the power of the Commissary in his Public
Capacity must naturally be greater than those of the Agent
in his private Character: To draw the Line between the two
so as to prevent their Counteracting each other, is perhaps impos-
sible; And from thence is to be inferred, therefore, that the
Troops under their respective Charges must fare in proportion to
the consequence to be apprehended from which would be
discontent and Jealousy in those who saw themselves worse
served than their Comrades.

If, after mature Consideration of the fore-
going Circumstances, which I have thought it my duty to
submit to your Honor in Council, you should not deem
yourself authorized implicitly to adopt my Proposition as

above

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above stated, provided it meets with your Concurrence, I have to request that it may be forwarded to Bengal, with your Recommendation in it's favor; and in the interim, from a Conviction of it's necessity to ensure Regularity, I take the liberty to suggest the immediate adoption of the measure, with the reserve of the final determination of the Supreme Government, to which I shall most readily conform, and will hold myself responsible to indemnify this Government for any loss they may incur, should it be disapproved by the Governor General.

And further to evince that my chief object is the advancement of the Public Service, should your Honor in Council and ultimately the Supreme Government, not accede to either of the above arrangements, I propose that the Commissary should be directed to receive all the European Troops from Bengal under his charge, to be Victualled by him, and that your Contractors (Messrs. Cockburn &c.) should supply them with Bullocks for transporting their Provisions in the same manner, on the same terms, and in all respects precisely on the same footing with the rest of the army — That their accounts should be kept seperate, and distinct; and that at the end of any given Period, I will engage to settle with Government for the amount of their Expenditures (deducting the Extraordinary Expence to be incurred for the additional supply of Beef & Mutton, as before specified, and a proportionate allowance of Carriage) for the performance of which I shall be ready to give ample Security.

I am influenced in this latter Proposal by the same motives that induced the preceding — a confidence in

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my own Mind that the only satisfactory Mode that can be adopted to obviate the numerous inconveniencies that may otherwise be apprehended is, by giving the Exclusive Charge of providing for the Army to your own Commissary, without admitting of any partial Interference, which can only tend to create Jealousies and confusion, without answering any one good purpose.

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

(signed) Wm. Harington
Agent to the Contractor for victualling the Bengal Army

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A Comparative Statement between the Articles of Provisions Stipulated in the Bengal & Madras Regulations — Shewing the difference —

Bengal	Madras	Difference
Each Man 1 lb of Good Beef or Mutton	1½ lb. of Good Beef or 1 Bullock among 8 Men	In Madras ½ lb Less
1 lb of Bread or Seer of Rice to each Man	If Salt Beef 1 lb.	In Bengal ½ lb Less being the difference between 2 lb and 1½ lb —
2 Drams of Arrack or Rum	½ Madras Measure of Rice to Bullock	
1 Chittack of Salt	Two Drams of Arrack —	
2 Seers of Firewood	½ Measure of Salt	
	5 Billets of Wood	The Drams or Rum Rations are never issued by the Judge —

N.B. The Bengal Contract allows two Cauthen Cutts every Morning, or Hours March, to every Mess of Five Men, and one Arrack Pot to every Company — for which no Provision is made in the Madras Regulations — The difference in the Dry Ration is more than above two Cash ℔ Diem to each Man more by the Coast Regulations than Bengal.

(signed) Wm. Harington

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Mr Harington's Arrangement recommended not to be put into execution till the pleasure of the Governor General in Council be known

The Board are convinced that the difficulties stated by Mr. Harington are real ones, & are of opinion that the mode he has suggested of having the Bengal Troops Victualled in the same manner as those upon this Coast (keeping the accounts seperate) is the best that can be adopted. Agreed, therefore, that it be carried into Execution until the pleasure of the Governor General in Council shall be signified, to whom it is Resolved, that the whole be submitted without delay.

Read the following Letter from the Surgeon General to the army:

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council & Commander in Chief

Sir

From the Surgeon General stating some Alterations in the Regulations lately published by G.O. by the Medical Establishment

On seeing a Copy of the General Orders issued Yesterday, the Surgeon General to the army found himself most materially concerned from some Alteration made by the Military Board, totally subversive of the Regulations the Medical Board had the honor to lay before Government, and which they has reason to believe has met with approbation.

From that duty he owes himself, to Government, and the Service in general, he is under the indispensable necessity of praying the attention of Government, in the hope, should his observations seem to merit, they will cause such alterations in the General Orders as will at least exonerate him from the Station of an Agent Victualler pointed out

for

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for him by the Military Board, and the Reference to find his Censure from his incapacity to act therein without neglecting the duties of his professional station, independant of his being at such a rate as he apprehends will render it impracticable for him to procure others to undertake the charge.

To the more immediate inspection of Grain the Surgeon General lays before them the Arrangements particularly alluded to, to which, with the utmost respect and deference, he has presumed to subjoin what he conceives should be adopted.

Hospital Board

Victualling

The Commissary of Grain Provisions to furnish each Patient with his Ratio of Mutton, Rice, Salt, &c. each Indent by the prescribing Surgeon, or Surgeon General; but, as none but the worst Cases will be sent into the Field Hospital, it will be necessary to procure Fowls, Chickens, Eggs, Spices, Soup Stuffs &c. and which only the Surgeon can judge of. 3 Fanams each day for Man is to be allowed for every contingent Charge whatever.—

Military Board.

Victualling

When a Man is sent from the Regimental to the Field Hospital he is no longer to be included in the daily Indents for Provisions, but his Batta at the rate of 3. 30 is to be drawn for all the Patients sent to the Field Hospital, agreeable to the following Form, Deductions are to be stopped out of each Man's pay, by the Captains or Officers Commanding Companies, who are to pay the same into the hands of the Surgeon General, and Victual the Sick in the Field Hospital for this Money, amounting to 3-70. without subjecting the Company to any Extra or Contingent Charge whatever.

The Surgeon General begs leave to offer, that it will be impossible for him to maintain the

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number of Servants, independant of those immediately appertaining to his Department, that his attention to the victualling must demand, or that he owes his immediate duty will admit. He therefore most respectfully intreats it may remain as laid down by the Hospital Board.

——Bazar Medicines——

The Charges of Bazar Medicines, including Firewood, Milk, Bread and Flour for Poultices, Oil, Vinegar, Sugar Candy, Bandage Cloth, Lint, Quick Silver, Opium, Nitre, Gum-arabic, Spogle Seeds, Limes, aloes, allum, Assafatida, Camphor, Liquorice Root, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Cloves, & whatever comes under the head of Bazar Medicines, should not exceed, in any case, more than 30 Pagodas p month, for every 20 Men.

Bazar Medicines

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The 30 Pagodas as specified by the Hospital Board, was thought by them barely adequate to the Expence the Surgeon General must be exposed to from the nature of the Case that must unavoidably occur: The 10 above mentioned will not reimburse him for Lint, and Bandage Cloth only.—

Assistant Surgeons to Native Corps—

Each assistant Surgeon to be allowed 20 Pagodas a month, in lieu of Wine, Spirits, and every Contingent Charge for

Assistant Surgeons to Native Corps

Assistant Surgeons to Native Corps, having Charge of 8 Serjeants only, to be allowed 10 Pagodas p month

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for Bazar Medicines

Military Board. —

₱ month, in lieu of Wine, Spirits, and every Contingent Charge for Bazar Medicines.

The Assistant Surgeon is allowed (as above specified) 10 Pagodas ₱ month for 8 Serjeants, and the Surgeon General but 10 for 20 men at the same time. It must be evident how inadequate & unproportionate this allowance — The Surgeon General hopes it will appear to Government the Mode laid down by the Hospital Board should be adopted, as founded from a knowledge of this Hospital Service, with a steady attention to bring the whole to an Economical as well as regular Plan of Expence, by informing all and every of the Surgeons, as well as the Paymasters, of one half the amount of the Monthly Charges.

The Assistant Surgeon cannot be supposed to be confined to 8 Serjeants only, as Officers as well as Serjeants must expose him to Expence, more particularly in time of real Service, in which he was considered in the above Instance.

The above most Respectfully submitted to the Consideration of Government.

by their much obliged

Most obedient & Devoted humble Servant

(signed) Colley Lyons Lucas

Surgeon General to the Army

Fort S. George
22nd March 1790

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Agreed that Copy of the foregoing be sent to the Military Board, & that they be desired to inform Government, whether the Representations contained in it are sufficient to justify any, and what, alterations in the Plan submitted in their Letter of the 16th Instant.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Floyd.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Floyd - Enclosing Letter from Major Stephenson, stating that the Cavalry cannot be supported within the Limits of the present Contract - and that Statements for paying Advancements - Requesting therefore that the Allowance usually granted in the Field may be ordered to take place.

The Enclosed Statements will shew the insufficiency of the present Contract for supporting the Horses of the Cavalry in the Field.

In the name of the 19th Light Dragoons, & of the 3rd & 4th Regiments of Native Cavalry, Encamped under my Command, I request you will be pleased to grant the usual Contract in the Field, or that you will exonerate the present Contractors from a burthen they cannot support -

I beg leave to add that considerable Expences have already been incurred in fully preparing the Carriage necessary for the Field, by the infinite Zeal of the Officers.

I have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Camp at Vellore Nash
Cavalry Lines March 23rd 1790

signed S. Floyd
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
the Cavalry in Camp.

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Lieutenant Colonel Hoyt
Commanding Cavalry

Sir

We are under the necessity of representing to you, that the Contract We hold for feeding the Horses of our respective Regiments, is by no means adequate to the heavy expenses incurred by the number of Bullocks and other Extra Charges for carrying the Grain &c. and We have to request that you will be pleased to represent it to the Commander in Chief, & We hope that he will be pleased to put the Contract on such an Establishment as will enable us to do Justice to the Service.

We have enclosed, for the Information of the Commander in Chief, a Statement of the unavoidable Expenses of the Support of a Regiment of Cavalry in the Field, proportioned to the number of Horses.

We remain,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants

Camp - March 23rd 1790 —

(Signed) Wm. Younge Major
J. Stevenson Major

Statement of Expences of a Regiment of Cavalry - proportioned to the number of Horses

Abstract for Horsekeepers, Grass Cutters, Shoes, Smiths, Medicines &c.		1140 — —
609 Bullocks for the carriage of one Months Gram at 2 Pagodas each Bullock		1218 — —
One Months Gram for 431 Horses at 5 Seers p diem each, at the average Price of 80 Seers for one Pagoda	}	207 — —
Monthly casual Expences, in furnishing Heel & Head Ropes, Gram Bags, Gunnies &c.		100 — —
	Pagodas	5316 — —

N.B. The amount of Contract for the above number of Horses for 1 Month is 2,636 Pags.; & the Charge of 2 Pagodas each Bullock is, that the Owners of them are responsible to the Contractors for the Gram & Gunny Bags

(Signed) Wm. Younge
Major

Statement of the Disbursements on the Horse Account of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons

for one Month of 31 Days

To Grain for 373 Horses a 5 Seers p day for 31 days taking the average of Grain, at 80 Seers p Pagoda	723 — —	By 373 Horses at 6 Pagodas each	2238 — —
To 373 Horsekeepers a 66 fanams each	547. 3 —	By Balance against the Regiment	961. 40. 40
To 373 Grass Cutters a 60 fanams each	497. 15 —		
To Casual Expences on an Average Head & Hal Ropes, Shoeing &c.	227. —		
To the Carriage of Grain for 31 days at 6 Seers p day — each Bullock carrying the usual allowance of 72 Seers — 803 Bullocks each 1/2 Pagoda p month	1204. 22. 40		
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(signed) Jas. Oglecke Major

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Folio referred to the Military Board.

Agreed that the foregoing Report be referred to the Military Board, in the same manner as the Letter of 18th. Instant

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

To the Honble General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore with Statement of, and observations on the Balance due from the Rajah

Honble Sir

I received on the 20th. Instant the orders of the Honble Board dated the 12th., directing me to demand from his Excellency the Rajah the Payment of Star Pagodas 100,000 of Arrears, on or before the 15th. of next month; and in case of failure, to put in Execution the fourth Article of the Treaty made with his Excellency by Sir Hugh Lyndsay also, to press his Excellency to the punctual Payment of the Kists which will be due the end of March, and of April, according to the same Treaty; and enclosing a Letter to the same purport to his Excellency, which I had the honor to deliver on the same Evening (20th. Instant) — His Excellency expressed his desire of complying with the demands of the Board, and the almost certain Expectations which he had of being able to do it. But he hoped that certain Sums, the Payment of which had not come to their knowledge at the time their orders were dated, or that would be received between that time and the 15th. of April, would be allowed as part of the 100,000 Pagodas before mentioned. Namely —

March 15th.	Paid to the Resident for Garrison Expences	10,000 —
	Delivered in Grain, more or less 70000 Cullums a 15½ p. Cullum — about	11,000 —
	Bill upon Bomiah Narrain Allah, payable in 20 days, dispatched from Tanjore 8th. would be received the 11th. & would become due the 31st.	38,000 —
		60,000 —
	Balance	40,000 —
	Pagodas	100,000 —

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Whether the 60,000 beforementioned is to be admitted, I wait for the orders of the Board — The Money & Grain stated has been received. The Kists due the End of March & of April, according to the Treaty beforementioned, amount to Pagodas 200,000 — Viz.t 100,000 End of March, & 100,000 End of April.

I shall use every means in my power to discover what Likelihood there may be of these Payments, and convey the earliest Intelligence to the Presidency

I have the honor to be
S.r S.r S.r
(Signed) G. Ram Rosent

Tanjore
22nd March 1790

Agreed to inform M.r Ram that the Rajah is to have Credit for 11,000 Pagodas paid at Tanjore on the 15th Instant, & for the same Sum supplied in Grain, provided the price is a proper one. With regard to the 38,000 Pagodas, as Credit has already been given, they are not to be deducted from the Sum of Pagodas which is to be paid on or before the 15th April: from this Sum the 22,000 Pagodas abovementioned only are to be deducted.

Read the following Letter from M.r Chase (with Enclosures entered in M.P. Nos.s 149. 150)

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor &c.a Council
Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

Some time ago M.r Williams, Chief of Ganjam, forwarded to Government Major Mackenzie's Certificate, setting forth his Claim to Lord Clive's Bounty, in consequence of his not being worth £2,500 of Two thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling.

As

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as there was an informality in the Certificate (the Major having omitted to insert the Words "any other Person or Persons") Government objected to comply with his request, and as he had Embarked with his Family on a Danish Ship then at Tanjore, it was too late to rectify the Error by returning it to Mr Millett.

The Ship however stopped at Tranquebar, & I wrote on the late President Mr Holland for Information how to act. He said, if Major Mackenzie would go to Cuddalore, and take the Customary Oath before Mr Craig, it would suffice. The enclosed Paper No 1 will convince your Honors of the impossibility of this being done, and as No 2, herewith transmitted, has been sworn to before General Aubert, and conforms correctly with the Book of Regulations, I hope that Major Mackenzie will be recommended by your Honble Board to the Honble Court of Directors, as deserving of his Claim.

I have the honor to be

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&c &c &c (Signed) Thomas Chase.

Minute thereon

Agreed that mention be made to the Court of Directors in the next dispatch of the Circumstances detailed in the foregoing Letter, and of Major Mackenzie's having taken the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty in the presence of Major General Aubert, Governor of Tranquebar.

Read the following Letter from Mr Twining to the Town Major.

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

From Lt. Military Paymaster General 8th from Major Innes examined & approved 2500 Gunny Bags — If the Service keeps for a longer supply, they must be made of Bengal Gunny, there being no other to be procured —

We have the honor to report to the Hon'ble Board, that in consequence of their orders of the 5th Instant, We examined 2500 Bullock Gunny Bags, in part of the 15,000 ordered to be provided by the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions, which appear to us to be made of good Northern Gunny, the Bags being of a proper size and sewed with good Materials.

Mr. Cockburn informed us that the Cloth not being procurable at Madras, he commissioned the quantity necessary from the Northern Ports, that it was not yet arrived, and that if the Service Keeps for a large supply, he will be under the necessity of making use of Bengal Gunny, the only kind now to be procured here, and which has been hither to the Gunny used for that purpose.

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
25th March 1790

(Signed) John Turing
R. Gomonde

Read the following letter from Colonel Capper —

To

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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Capper. Mr. Frederick Campbell requests leave to resign his Office of Muster Master

I have the honor to lay before you a Letter from Mr. Frederick Campbell, Muster Master of the Carnatic Division, who sent it to me Sealed, but I believe it contains a Request for Permission to resign the Employ of Muster Master, the duties of which he is unable to perform, from a bad State of health.

I am with the highest respect

Yr. Hble. Servt.

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23d. March 1790

(signed) J. Capper

Colonel

Colonel Capper

Commissary General of Musters

Sir

My health has been so much on the decline for some time past, in consequence of the Paralytick Stroke I received in the Circars two Years ago, but more particularly from the severe fatigue I am obliged to undergo in the Execution of my Duty, that I fear should I continue any longer in my Employ of Muster Master, it might cost me my Life.

Wherefore, Sir, most earnestly request you will lay my Situation before the Honble the Governor, representing at the same time, that when I was first appointed to this Office, any

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my health was by no means in the precarious state it is at present, or I should not on any account have accepted it; & that I therefore trust, since I shall be under the neacsity of relinquishing an Employ of 100 Pagodas p month, for want of that strength and constitution necessary to execute the Duties of it, he will be pleased to appoint me to some other of equal or nearly equal Emolument, the Duties of which may be executed without so much bodily fatigue. Should there however be no such place Vacant at present, I request I hope he will cause in the mean time a provision to be made for me, equivalent to what I must give up.

I have been now near ten years in the Service of the Company; and during that period have received one of the most severe shocks in my health, that perhaps any person of my age ever experienced: Notwithstanding which, for these twelve months past, Necessity has forced me to linger in my present Employ; altho' I plainly see the Fatigue of it is daily undermining what Constitution the Palsy had left.

I am with respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

signed Fr.k Campbell

Muster Master Centre Division

St Thomé
19th March 1790

Agreed that M.r Campbell be permitted to resign his Office of Muster Master

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Substance of two Letters from the Commissary General of Stores & Provisions

Read two Letters from Mr. Cockburn (entered in M.B. Nos. 151. 152) dated 23d and 26th instant — Representing a difficulty in procuring the Grain for Angola, and stating the propriety of taking charge of the Quantity necessary; Also mentioning that it may perhaps be thought expedient to direct the 144 Topas, above the Complement at Tiagar, to be brought near to the Fort until it can be lodged within.

Minute thereon

The Board approve Mr. Cockburn's suggestion, of taking charge of the Grain required at Angola, & of ordering the extra Quantity for Tiagar to be brought into the Fort

Substance of a Memorial from the Inhabitants at Negapatam

Read a Memorial from the Inhabitants at Negapatam (entered in M.B. No. 153) requesting an additional Force of Sepoys to defend their Town against expected Incursions of the Enemy's Horse

Minute thereon

The Board regret that they are unable at this time to increase the Force stationed at Negapatam.

Ed. Geo. Auch. Wanley

J. Holland

Chas. Jno. Holland

Samuel Taylor

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Diary

26th. The President sends in Circulation the following Minute.

President's Minute - Purport the Letter of the Committee of Works & Stores shall be transferred to the Military Board

Being of opinion that the Military Board at this Presidency is not as efficient as intended by the Honble Court of Directors by their Military Letter of 21st. September 1785, I propose, in order to carry into Execution what I conceive their Intentions on this head, what I feel certain will be of real Benefit to their Service, - that the Business now comprehended under the Committee of Works & Committee of Stores shall be transferred from Both to the Military Board.

My Intention is evidently to Expedite Public Business, so material a point at this, and every period, and if I am so lucky to have the matter seen in the same light by the other Members of Council, I leave it to their Judgment whether the following, or Government Orders will not effectually prevent there being any Confusion occasioned by the alteration.

G. O. The Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, as well for the more speedy progress of Business, so very material a point at this period, as with the view of Establishing the Military Board on the Principles intended by the Honble Court of Directors - That the Business now comprehended and transacted by the Committee of Works and Committee of Stores, shall be in future transacted by the Military Board.

The Committees of Works and Stores are therefore discontinued; and to prevent any immediate Confusion by the Junction of both in the Military Board, their respective Clerks are to continue

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26.th to officiate in their particular Departments with the Military Board, on their present Salaries & Allowances until further Orders.

The Commissary General of Stores & Chief Engineer are to deliver into the Military Board all such Returns & Reports as they have heretofore been ordered to lay before the Committees of Works & Stores.

The foregoing Regulations are not intended to create any other alterations in the Proceedings of the Committees of Works and Stores at Subordinates, than — That those Committees are in future to send the Returns they made to the late Committees of Works & Stores, to the Military Board — and, that, instead of sending their Indents & Estimates to the Governor in Council, they are to be sent addressed to the President Military Board, who is to lay them without loss of time before the Board — marking when they were received & sent in Circulation, that they may be reported on to the Governor in Council as quick as possible.

The Military Board to sit on Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays, and to meet precisely at 10 o'Clock.

All Indents at the Presidency for Military Stores of every denomination & for Lascars, are to be sent to the President of the Military Board, directed for the different departments, by or before Nine o'Clock in the Morning of Board Days, for the Inspection & Report of the Board to the Honble the Governor in Council. And it is intended that all Military Estimates ordered by the Governor in Council shall be sent for the same purpose to the Military Board.

(signed) Wm. Medows.

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Approved. — The above having been approved by the Members of Government, the General Order was accordingly Issued.

27th. Sent the following Letters. —

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis KG.

Governor General in Council

Fort S.t George

To Bengal — Inclosing Copy of Mr. Harrington's Letter on the subject of Victualling the Bengal Army — & praying to be favored with your Sentiments

My Lord.

We have received an application from Mr. Harington Agent for the Contractors for Victualling the Bengal Army, stating the difficulties experienced in the Execution of the Contract made by his Constituents, & proposing the adoption of Modes which may relieve the Contractors, and at the same time do justice to the Public Service.

We enclose a Copy of this Letter for your Lordship's inspection, & request to be favored with your decision thereon. In the mean time, We have resolved to adopt the Plan proposed by Mr. Harrington — viz.t of ordering the Commissary of Grain & Provisions to receive all the European Troops from Bengal under his Charge, to be victualled by him, and to be put entirely on the same footing as the Troops upon this Coast: The Accounts to be kept seperate, & distinct, that the Arrangements with the Contractors may hereafter be made with facility.

We trust this measure will be honored with your approbation, & We shall hope to be favored speedily with your Sentiments thereon.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c. Wm. Medows

&c. Council

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To Edward John Holland Esq.

President &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Board of Revenue with the proposed Arrangement for Board of Assigned Revenue — Collectors eventually named for their Department.

Government judging it necessary to be prepared for carrying into Execution the 5th. and 6th. Articles of the Treaty with his Highness the Nabob, in the Event of the Balance due from him not being discharged at the end of the present month, have appointed the following Gentlemen to be in readiness to take charge of the Districts mentioned in the Schedule No. 1, sent to you with my Letter of the 9th Instant.

They are, as follows —

Mr. Nathaniel Kindersley — to be Collector in the Districts of Tripatore
Mr. Robert Anderson — in the Vellore Collectorship
Mr. Benjamin Torin — in the Madura & Mallore Districts
Mr. John Cockine — in the Angole & Palamcot Districts.

These Gentlemen are ordered to repair to the Stations above mentioned, & it is desired that you will draw out the necessary Instructions for them, which are not however to be dispatched until the final Orders of Government upon this subject are sent to you.

In the Event of taking Possession of the Countries mentioned in the Schedule, they are to be managed for the present, under your authority; & you are to form yourselves for that purpose into a Board of Assigned Revenue, keeping the Proceedings seperate. Mr. Williams Harington the Deputy Secretary to your Board, is to be your Secretary, as a Board of Assigned Revenue —

&c.

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An Application will be made at the proper time to His Highness the Nabob, for orders to his Amildars & Renters to receive their Directions from the Collectors.

Such other Steps as may be necessary for the Execution of this Arrangement, you will of course submit to Government.

I enclose Copies of the 5.th and 6.th Articles of the Treaty referred to in the first part of this Letter.

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Fort S.t George
25.th March 1790 —

(signed) J. Chamier Secry

To George Andrew Ram Esq.r
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore — desiring the Credit to be made in the Book of Pay on which the Rajah is to Pay on or before the 15.th April —

In reply to your Letter of the 22.nd Instant, I am by the Board directed to inform you that the Rajah is to have Credit for the 11,000 Pagodas received by you on the 15.th Instant, & for Rup.s 11,000 on account of Grain, provided that the same be charged at a proper price.

The above Sums, making that of Pagodas 22,000 are of course to be deducted from the one Lack of Pagodas to be received on or before the 15.th April — The Sum of Pagodas 38,000 in a Bill upon Venciah Narrain Pillah has been carried to the Rajah's Credit, and is not therefore to be deducted from the One Lack of Pagodas abovementioned

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

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(signed) J. Chamier Secry

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To Lieutenant Colonel Floyd

Commanding his Majesty's 6th Regiment Light Dragoons

in Camp

To Lieutenant Colonel Floyd
The Board are of opinion that an Allowance of 6 Pagodas pr Month is sufficient for all Expences attending the feeding a Horse. — To reconsider the Contract upon the present Terms, and transmit the Result to Government.

Sir

The Commander in Chief has laid before the Board your Letter to His Majesty's Deputy Adjutant General under date the 4th Instant, and your Letter of the 25th Instant has also been taken into Consideration by Government, who are of opinion, that the Allowance of 6 Pagodas pr Month, taken both in Peace and War, is sufficient for all Expences attending the feeding a Horse. — It is therefore desired you will personally reconsider this subject, and desire the Officers Commanding the 5th and 8th Regiments of Native Cavalry to do the same after which, you transmit the Result to Government, in order that the necessary Measures may be taken, if they should think a Contract upon the present Terms.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) J. Cherrier Secry

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26th March 1790 —

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore

The Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

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From the Resident at Travancore — The Enemy still carry on their Operations — the Rajah goes to Trivandaperam.

Honble Sir and Sirs

The Enemy continue to carry on their operations, but with such little progress, that I am led to believe the last

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27.th which are current here, that these preparations are a feint, while Tippoo is moving off with his army towards the Carnatic.

The Rajah left this two days ago, for Travandaporam, and is to return in fifteen days — he informed me he had vested full power in the Minister to transact all business for him in his absence, and desired me to prefer to him whenever I had occasion.

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

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27.th March 1790 —

29.th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. Nos 152. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166.)

To the Accountant General — To lay before the Board a detailed Account of the Items upon which he forms the Sum of 180,000 Pagodas, as due from the Nabob for Revenue Charges.

To Mr. Secretary Kay — with the Proceedings of this Government in the Military & Political Departments from the 1.st July to the 31.st December 1789; and Index subjoined — likewise Copy of the Country Correspondence for the same period.

To the Military Board — To report upon the Enclosed Letters from the Surgeon General to the army, and from Colonel Floyd — advising of the Resolution of the Board that the Functions of the Committees of Stores and Works should be performed by the Military Board

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — to provide for the Carriage of Provisions &c., and to Victual the Bengal Troops upon the same footing as those of the Coast Establishment, from the 1.st of April.

To

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

29th To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Informing him that the Storekeeper at Bangalore must be ordered to take Charge of the Grain wanting to compleat the Store, and that the Grain at Sagar must be ordered to collect the 1000 Garce of Grain, to secure it near the Fort.

To the agent & the Contractor for Victualling the Bengal Army

To W. Harington, agent to the Contractor for Victualling the Bengal army — The Commissary General of Grain & Provisions is to issue the Bengal Troops from the 1st of April next, upon the same as the Troops upon this Coast, till Instructions shall be received from Bengal. The accounts to be kept separate, as suggested in his Letter.

To the Contractors for Bullocks

To the Contractors for Bullocks — to provide from the 1st of April next such Draught & Carriage Bullocks as may be necessary for the Bengal Troops, upon the same terms as have been established for the Troops of this Establishment.

To the Committees of Works & Stores

To the Committee of Works & Committee of Stores — Advising the Resolution of the Board to transfer the business now Comprehended under the Committees of Works & Stores, to the Military Board and annexing the Resolutions published in General Orders.

To the Paymaster of the Southern Troops

To the Paymaster of the Southern Troops — informing him of the Allowance granted to the Surgeon General.

To Colonel Capper

To Colonel Capper — Informing him of the same.

To Masulipatam Vizagapatam Ganjam & Cuddalore.

To Masulipatam, Vizagapatam, Ganjam, & Cuddalore — Advising of the Transfer of the Business now Comprehended under the Committees of Works & Stores to the Military Board. —

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To Mr Macleod Collector in the Jaghire

To Mr. Macleod - Collector in the Jaghire - desiring to know what quantity of Rice he can immediately deliver at Pallacottah, for the use of the Troops; and whether he can, in the course of a few days, supply a sufficiency for a Stock of 150 days, for the Troops abovementioned, without distressing the Inhabitants.

To the Committee for Reporting upon the Bengal Regulations

To the Committee for Reporting upon the Bengal Regulations - Approving their Recommendation for Postponing the period at which the Bengal Plan for the new arranging and keeping the accounts of this Presidency was to have taken Effect -

To Mr Cockine Mr Kindersley Mr Ambrose & Mr Torin

To Mr. Cockine - appointing him, from the Expiration of this Month, to the Collectorship of the Ongole & Palnaud Districts

Mr Kindersley - to Ditto ——— of the Arcot Vz ——— Ditto

Mr Ambrose - to Ditto ——— of the Tritchinopoly ——— Ditto

& Mr Torin - to Ditto ——— of the Madurah & Mellore Ditto

with orders to repair to their several districts.

30th. Received the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. etc. 167. 168)

From Mr Dighton Collector with Jaghire -

From Mr. Richard Dighton, Collector in the Jaghire - advising that there are not above 10 Bamboo Coolies in District of Chinglepat; and recommending that the Order for Pressing the Inhabitants be not enforced.

From the late Committee for Investigating the accounts of the King's Troops.

From the late Committee for Investigating the accounts of the King's Troops - advising that a Copy of the Records of the Office for Investigating the King's Accounts, have been delivered over to the Military Paymaster -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor President

Edward John Holland
and
James Taylor Esqrs

Tuesday
30th. March 1790—

Minutes of last Consultations Read and Approved.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob
(also entered in C.C. No. 72.)

From the Nabob Wallaujah to Major General William Medows.

Dated 10th. of Rajut 1204, or 27th. March 1790
Received 28th. March 1790

From the Nabob. Expressive of Concern at the Governor's non-acquiescence in any of the propositions made by his Highness. Offers to relinquish his claim to the annual Tribute of 20,000 Pagodas from the Rajah of Tanjore, and to receive in lieu one Grain of Corn as a mark of Sovereignty until the Company's pleasure be known — Professes to pay two Lacks before the Expiration of the Months of March — Engages to

I have received your Letter dated the 23d. Instant, the Contents of which have caused me a good deal of uneasiness as my Friend has not assented to any one of the proposals which considering proper and right I had proposed: altho' I have now for more than fifty years been the firm & sincere Friend of the Company, & the English Nation, nor is there any thing I have earnestly at heart, as a continuation of this attachment By Gods favor, it is also evident, that the Company likewise

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to accede to the New Treaty entered by the Swallow upon certain conditions, and to retain one fourth of the Revenues of the Country, as stipulated by the late Treaty in time of War.

as well as my self, with for a continuation of that friendship, which has for so long a time been firmly Established between us. The Company take the greatest care of me, and kindly pay every attention to my representations: a convincing proof of which they have given in sending their orders by the Swallow to conclude a new Arrangement. My Friend, the most holy & Omnipotent God, is a God of Mercy as well Justice, the King of Great Britain is the Shadow of the Almighty; and my Friend is the Representative of the King. Mercy and Justice are what I claim; thanks to God that My Friend possesses them both. How then can my good fortune favor me more, since a person both just and merciful, like Earl Cornwallis, should be at the Head of Affairs in Bengal, and you My Friend, who are also just and merciful, at Madras.

On the 18th. Instant I wrote you on the subject of the New Treaty, (those excepting one Article) which I agreed to have referred to the determination of the Court of Directors at home. I assented to every other article in the New Treaty: I therefore represent to my Friend, that in the Event of suspending this Article until the determination of my Friends at home is finally known, it can be of no consequence. It is distressing that, without receiving any equivalent, I should be obliged to give up my hereditary family Rights, which have been established time immemorial. From the period that the Carnatic-Payen-Ghaut was first discovered, the Fort and district of Tanjore has been dependent on the Carnatic, and when the Grand father of the late Rajah by force possessed himself of Tanjore, he constantly remained subservient & obedient to the Governors of the Carnatic, and paid whatever

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Poitheuth was demanded by them: If this is not a proof of his dependance, I know not what can be. But since it appears that there is still some doubt in your mind what may be the intention of the Court of Directors, it is therefore my wish at this time, until their pleasure is known, to relinquish my Claim to the 20,000 Pagodas, which I mentioned in my former Letter, and in lieu thereof that One single Grain of Corn shall be sent me from that Country as an acknowledgement of my Sovereignty over it.

You inform me that it was not necessary to reply to these parts of my Letter respecting the Deposit Money, the Balance of the Sixth share of the Revenue under the management of the Company, and the Revenue of Arnee as the former Governors had written me particularly on those Subjects. - My Friend, if former Governors had completely settled these matters, I would not have troubled you respecting them; but I have not until this moment learnt whether the Court of Directors have determined any thing respecting the Deposit Money or not. With regard to the other Circumstances, it is true I have heard that in Mr. Davidson's Government, they were admitted of; & Lord Macartney afterwards acknowledged them: viz. it was agreed that I had a right to the Sixth share of the Revenue while under the Company's Management. The only cause that it was not then included in my Accounts was this, that, as I had a constant running account with the Company it might be included at any time. - I now procure the

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Effect of my own Negligence; & I request of you, my Friend, that I may not be subjected to loss, for having placed great confidence in those who no doubt were worthy of it.—

What you wrote respecting the 130000 Pagodas, and also, that the amount of the Grain which my Amuldars have delivered at many of the Garrisons, should be brought to my account, I have well understood. In two or three days I will send you accounts of the quantity. The Paymasters Receipts for the Sum of Pagodas 67,332.10.56 are ready; you can yourself examine them whatever time you may think proper, or appoint some Person to do so.

I have an unbounded Confidence in Earl Cornwallis, and you my Friend, & I am fully convinced that you will not involve my Country in the Distresses of War, if it can be avoided with honor & Security. I have not a doubt, in the Event of a War, that the consequences of the deliberation and consideration of my Friend, either in conjunction with Lord Cornwallis, or apart from him, will be an increase of honor & Glory. I have every reliance on the Courage and Discipline of your army, and on the Skill and experience of it's Commander; & by the assistance of the almighty, I hope to see the Tyrant Tippoo vanquished & bound in the hands of the victorious English; and, I expect, from your kindness, again to be put in possession of those Districts which I mentioned in my former Letter, & which of yore have been dependant on the Carnatic.—

My Friend, I am night & day employed in reflecting on what

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what you have written respecting the balance of the Kists &c. ; and in order to prevent any kind of interference of the Company in the Collection of the Revenue of my Country, They have to offer certain Considerations on this subject, which I trust my Friend will speedily accede to; which will be the cause of much tranquillity to me, and quiet of my Country, and agreeable to the Treaty:

Article 1st. I will before the Expiration of the present Month pay into the Company's Treasury, on account of the former Kist, two Lacs of Pagodas.

Article 2nd. I engage to accede to the new Treaty received by the Swallow, agreeable to the Articles and Terms proposed by the Company.

Article 3rd. As I have agreed to the Terms of the new Treaty I now require that it should be instituted, & the amount decreased, for which the Company have my own Assurance.

Article 4th. When I and my Friend have acceded to these Terms, then all accounts between me and the Company, from the beginning to this day, either on account of the late War, or on account of the Balance of the Kists, or any other Account distinct and not understood, to be settled and terminated.

Article 5th. And Whereas, it is stipulated in the Treaty that in the Event of a War, I should pay out of the Revenue of my Country, four fifths, I request that that Agreement may take place from to day – that of the five shares of the Revenue of my Country, I will pay four shares for the Expenses of the War.

What can I write more &c.

Translated from the Persian.

signed Joseph Garrow
Persian Translator

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The President recommends that the answer to the foregoing be deferred till Friday.

The President informs the Board, that since the Receipt of the above Letter, he has had several Communications with the Durbar, & that he entertains a sanguine hope that the Nabob will make such Payments in the course of every few days, & such Arrangements for Payments to take place in a few days afterwards, as he may enable the Board to reply satisfactorily to his Highness's Letter. The President trusts that before the next Meeting this matter will be finally arranged, & recommends therefore, that the answer to the foregoing be deferred until Friday.

Agreed that Letters be written to the Collectors appointed for the ceyded Districts, directing them not to move until further orders.

As there is a probability that the Arrangements made at last Meeting will not, for the present, be required, it is Agreed that Letters be written to the Collectors appointed, directing them not to move until further Orders.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

From the Military Board — Reporting upon Lieutenant Colonel Ross's Application for an Order to provide Lascars, Artificers &c.; and Inclosing the (Colonel Ross's) Report thereon — Also upon Major Palmer's Application for Bullocks &c. upon the Grain & Victualling Department.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Deputy Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 23rd. Instant.

Having considered the Letter from Colonel Ross, applying for an Order to provide Lascars, Artificers &c., as specified in the Return subjoined to it, We are of opinion that the Fascine Makers, both Maistries & Coolies, are necessary, as there will be no other Men of the same description with the

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the army; however, as there has been a considerable augmentation of Artificers for the Field, which occasions a very large Establishment of that Body of Men, We do not perceive the necessity, at present, of having the other artificers mentioned in the Return, as particularly attached to the Engineer Corps in the Field. The Fascine Makers, We are of opinion, may be employed in the manner proposed, depending upon the movement of the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Ross having entered a Caveat to the above opinion, We have the honor to enclose it's Copy, together with Copies of three Minutes on the occasion, by Colonels Capper & Malcolm.

The Establishment of Masdoy Artificers for Masuah, Tagar, Angola, & Innicondah, being judged necessary in the present situation of those Garrisons, We are of opinion they should be entertained for the present.

On Ensign Tatem's application for Passage Money from England to Bombay, and thence to Madras, We are of opinion, as Mr. Tatem was appointed an Ensign in his Majesty's 52nd Regiment previous to his departure from England, he should be allowed his Passage Money as an Ensign, deducting what he may have received as a Cadet from Bombay; but We do not see any reason in his Letter for allowing him Passage Money from Bombay to Madras.

We have duly considered the Paper referred to us, relative to the Grain & Victualling Department, which however being worded in such general terms, We have found it

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it difficult to enter into a minute detail on every part of it.

A Variety of articles appear in the Paper, said to be required in the Event of an army being ordered into the Field, and the Expense of providing them it is said may amount to from 1,000 to 1,200 Pagodas. To enable us to judge of the necessity of providing them, & the quantity required, We beg leave to recommend that the purposes for which these articles are required, and their relative proportions be specified; and such of them as are necessary, and in Store, We conceive should be supplied on Indent. That an Estimate of the prices of the articles not in Store, should be prepared by the Commissary, and approved, before an order is given for providing them; and that Weights & Measures be stamped under the orders of the Committee of Police.

We are further of opinion that Cattle ought to be supplied for the Troops at Wallaujanbaad, but that the estimated price in the Paper before us should not be admitted as a rate, at which Slaughter Cattle & Sheep are to be paid for by the Public; likewise, that a proportion of Paddy should be Beat into Rice at such Stations as your honor in Council may think necessary in the present situation of affairs: that Arrack should be placed in Store on the same Principle, and that Biscuit should be carried for the Reasons assigned.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

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signed { J. Capper
P. Ross
Henry Malcolm

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Lieutenant Colonel Ross's Dissent to the opinion of the Military Board - in Meeting 26th. March 1790 —

Lieutenant Colonel Ross cannot give up his opinion that the Lascars & Artificers are essentially necessary to the completion of the Service expected from the Engineers in the Field; the former assisting the Fascine & Gabion Makers, Cutting Timbers for Piquets, attending & assisting Artificers, taking care of Tools & Instruments, and many other Services which, tho' apparently trifling in detail, become essential in practice to the accelerating the Service.

The necessity of artificers to prepare Piquets for the Fascines is obvious, as the latter would be useless without the former; the repair of Tools, and many other Exigencies that constantly occur. It is asserted that the artificers attached to the other Corps, may be employed by the Engineers. Experience has sufficiently taught Colonel Ross that such artificers have employment enough in the Corps to which they are attached, & that the difficulty of procuring them is no small one; it must be allowed that such Corps have occasion for them at this time, or not at all, wherefore else are they a part of the Establishment of those Corps? - It will not be denied that the Engineer, if his Services are requisite in the Field, must have Workmen to perform such; and why he is now to lie on an inferior & degraded footing, which he never was on former occasions, subjected to difficulties for such assistance as he may require, at a Moment perhaps

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when it is not to be procured but under most unfavorable, disagreeable, and sometimes disgusting Circumstances, it is not easy for Colonel Ross to imagine.

Colonel Ross desires to impress these his Sentiments, in Justice to himself, the Corps he commands, and the Credit of, and fulfillment of Expectation from that part of it now ready to take the Field; and in support of what he asserts to be the necessity of the Case, he adverts to the two Sieges of Tanjore, and that of Pondicherry: that with all the advantages of no Exterior Attack, or any apprehension of it, they were protracted to a very considerable length of time, notwithstanding a more extensive Establishment than that now proposed, and under the present very different Circumstances, when a day's delay or more to the army encreases the Expences of that Army for the Space of such delay, were it even for one day only beyond the Expence of the Proposed Engineers Establishment, during the extent of a long Campaign, the truth of which is obvious on the slightest Calculation.

signed / Patrick Ross

Colonel Capper's Minute, on the above Subject

It is with concern I perceive that Colonel Ross considers the Engineer Corps degraded by being deprived of the Artificers, Lascars, & Fascine Makers. If the measure appeared to me in the same light, I should think any moderate Expence very well bestowed that would serve to maintain the Respectability of a Corps to whom so much

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Lieutenant Colonel Ross's Dissent to the opinion of the Military Board - in Meeting 26th. March 1790 —

Lieutenant Colonel Ross cannot give up his opinion that the Lascars & Artificers are essentially necessary to the completion of the Service expected from the Engineers in the Field; the former assisting the Fascine & Gabion Makers, Cutting Timbers for Requets, attending & assisting Artificers, taking care of Tools & Instruments, and many other Services which, tho' apparently trifling in detail, be essential in practice to the accelerating the Service.

The necessity of Artificers to prepare Requets & the Fascines is obvious, as the latter would be useless without the former; the repair of Tools, and many other Exigencies that constantly occur. It is asserted that the Artificers attached to the other Corps, may be employed by the Engineer Experience has sufficiently taught Colonel Ross that such Artificers have Employment enough in the Corps to which they are attached, & that the difficulty of procuring them is no small one; it must be allowed that such Corps have occasion for them at this time, or not at all, wherefore else are they a part of the Establishment of those Corps? - It will not be denied that the Engineer, if his Services are required in the Field, must have Workmen to perform such; and why he is now to lie on an inferior & degraded footing, when he never was on former occasions, subjected to difficulties for such Assistance as he may require, at a Moment's

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when it is not to be procured but under most unfavorable, disagreeable, and sometimes disgusting Circumstances, it is not easy for Colonel Ross to imagine.

Colonel Ross desires to impress these his Sentiments, in Justice to himself, the Corps he commands, and the Credit of, and fulfillment of Expectation from that part of it now ready to take the Field; and in support of what he asserts to be the necessity of the Case, he adverts to the two Sieges of Tanjore, and that of Pondicherry: that with all the advantages of no Exterior Attack, or any Apprehension of it, they were protracted to a very considerable length of time, notwithstanding a more extensive Establishment than that now proposed, and under the present very different Circumstances, when a day's delay or more to the army encreases the Expences of that Army for the space of such delay, were it even for one day only beyond the Expence of the Proposed Engineers Establishment, during the extent of a long Campaign, the truth of which is obvious on the slightest Calculation.

(signed) Patrick Ross

Colonel Capper's Minute, on the above Subject

It is with concern I perceive that Colonel Ross considers the Engineer Corps degraded by being deprived of the Artificers, Lascars, & Fascine Makers. If the measure appeared to me in the same light, I should think any moderate Expence very well bestowed that would serve to maintain the Respectability of a Corps to whom so much

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Consideration is due; But, as there is an immense Establishment of artificers, Lascars, & Coolies attached to the Army in the Field, and in the Event of a Siege, the major part of these would be placed under the Chief Engineer in Camp, I cannot bring myself to think that any Augmentation of the Number already too great is necessary unless it be to satisfy the Officers of Engineers, in which case, it may perhaps be effected by drafting some artificers, Lascars & Coolies from other Corps, & attaching them to the Engineers.

26th. March 1790 — (signed) S. Capper

Colonel Malcolm's Minute

It does not appear to me that a Body of artificers, as a fixed Establishment, being withheld for the present, or at any time, from the Corps of Engineers, or any part of it, is a Mark of Inferiority & Degradation.

26th. March 1790 — (signed) Henry. Malcolm

True Copies (signed) Dan.l Price acting Secry

Colonel Capper's Minute respecting the Establishment of Artificers.

Colonel Capper begs leave to remark, on this occasion, that in every Garrison, where there is a Battalion of Sepoys, an Engineer, and a Paymaster, according to the proposed Plan, there will be 3 Sets of Men with

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with artificers under them. As the heaviest Expence of these Establishments consists in the Number of Maistries, he is of opinion, that one Establishment should be formed for the Garrison, and put under the Engineer or Paymaster, subject of course to the order of the Commanding Officer, to be entertained and paid by the Paymaster, and not dismissed without the Consent of the Engineer.

A true Copy (signed) Danl. Ince
acting Secy

Read also the following Letter from the Chief Engineer, relating to the Contents of the Letter from the Military Board.

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

Honble Sir

From the Chief Engineer — Reclaiming Letter wrote him from the Chief Field Engineer, with the above Report from the Military Board —

At the request of Major Maule, I have the honor to lay before you a Letter he has addressed to me, upon the Service on which he is now ordered, and I must acknowledge that I feel the force of Major Maule's Arguments, and the Justice of his Observations.

If it should appear, as has been remarked at the Military Board, that there are more Artificers than required attached to the Corps and different Establishments in Camp, part of them should in propriety be reduced, or

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attached to those who want them. But, from my own Experience, I well know how necessary it is in every Department of the Service to have some trust-worthy People, in whom the Head of the Department to which they are attached can place Confidence; and without these, the publick Service can never be conducted to the best advantage, or with Dispatch. But, although my Arguments have failed to persuade the remaining Members of the Military Board of its propriety, yet, I trust they will prove sufficiently satisfactory to your Honble Board, to induce you not to permit an Establishment formed by Professional Men, after long and due Consideration, to be broke in upon; and such, I beg leave to say, as I think essential towards Expediting the public Service.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel & Chief Engineer

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To Lieutenant Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

Having considered the Conversation I had the honor of holding with you yesterday, on the Resolution of the Military Board, by which I find, as Commanding Engineer in the Field, I am to be deprived of the Establish-

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Establishment of Lascars and artificers on all former occasions attached to the Corps, I think it an indispensible Justice to the Department from to I have the honor of conducting, and my own Reputation as an Officer, to state at large to you the necessity of such an Establishment; and, in case of it's being finally withheld, to remove all responsibility from myself for the consequent Inconvenience and Retardment of the Service.

As I understand, after some Resistance on the part of the Members of the Military Board, the Fifty Gabion Makers proposed by the Establishment, & contended for by you, have at length been given up, I should not in this place have adverted to them, had it not served incontestibly to prove, that these Gentlemen had, without that Consideration of the subject which it required, too hastily determined to curtail the Field Establishment of the Engineer Corps, the Regulations for which were discussed and confirmed by Sir A. Campbell, himself a professional Man in that Line, and which had remained in force by the orders of Government for above the space of these two Years past.

It is needless for me, Sir, to point out, to an Officer of your Experience the necessity for the Lascars and artificers provided by the Establishment for field Service; but as I must request you will lay this address before the Honble the Governor in Council, I shall enter into a part of the detail of the Duties of each, and I do not

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doubt but the Honble Board will admit that the Exigency of the Service requires them. The Lascars from being attached to the Engineers in the Field, soon get into Habits with the Fascine & Gabion Makers, and thus are highly useful in assisting them in this particular & difficult Department of the Service, which when Masters of, they are indispensibly necessary to the several detached Working Parties, both of Europeans and Sepoys. Added to this, they are absolutely requisite for the felling such Timber as may be required for Piquets, and other Work; assisting Artificers in laying Platforms &c., taking care of Tools, carrying Instruments, attending Surveying Parties, and many other Duties, which tho' apparently trifling in detail, become great in practice to the forwarding and accelerating the Service. Opposites they will be very insufficient to, unless they have been previously habituated to them.

Without Artificers, neither Piquets nor the other necessary Articles of Timber can be provided, nor can Pioneers Tools be prepared, nor Platforms laid; nor, should any thing occur in the Mining Branch, can it be carried into Effect.

Since I learn from you it is advanced, that Artificers attached to the other Corps may be employed by the Engineers, I must beg leave to depart from my own experience and call upon yours to justify it, that such Artificers have Employment enough in the Corps to which they are attached, and that when they are furnished, it is with difficulty and reluctance; and when employed, are found to be the very Reverse of the People of that Description in the Army. Lascars &

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artificers upon such a footing coming to the Engineer occasionally from other Corps, can never, I hold it is a truth not to be denied, never become Competent to the Duties of that particular Department: They are, in the first place, ignorant of them, and will remain so from the assurance that they are not serving under those to whom they have taught themselves to look up to as their immediate Commanding Officer; sent for a temporary service, and as entire Strangers to what is expected from them, as they are to the Persons, Dispositions, and Habits of Command of those whom they are thus Momentarily placed under, they naturally become inattentive to orders issued under such Infeebled authority, & perform unwillingly and insufficiently the Work so required of them. — I shall not dwell longer upon the Effect such Circumstances operate upon the Natives of this Country, since every one who knows them can confirm the truth of it, in its fullest Extent.

I trust, Sir, you will believe, that no Man Exists, to whom it is more painful than it is to me, to be placed in any Predicament where it becomes necessary to speak either of my Services or myself; but in the situation I now feel myself, I hold it a Duty to say that, in the Matters I have the honor of submitting to the Honorable Board through you, I cannot, tho' governed by every impression that a Sense of Respect & Subordination can produce, allow any Knowledge of the requisites in

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in this Country for fulfilling the Duties of the Department I have the honor to Command, to supercede my own, which is founded upon the actual Service of the two Sieges of Tanjore in the Years 1771 and 1773, the Siege of Pondicherry in 1778, where I had the honor to Command the Northern attack upon that place, & the Capture of Ramnaud poram in the Year 1772.—

Having thus detailed my Ideas upon a subject very near my mind, I trust my opinions will have that weight with the Honble the Governor in Council, as to induce him to preserve to the Stations in the Army I am put in Charge of, what has hitherto been invariably attached to it, & that, while I assert from long tryed Experience, the necessity thereof, as essential to the Services expected from me, I shall have the satisfaction of knowing that entire Justice is done to the Motives of Public Zeal & Public Duty which compel me to it.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
signed George Maule
Major of Engineers

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Minute thereon

Government having taken the whole of the foregoing into Consideration, resolve to confirm the Opinions & recommendations of the Military Board, as contained in their Letter.

Agreed that the necessary orders be issued in consequence.—

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Read the following Letter from Bengal —

To the Honble John Hollond Esq.r

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir —

from Bengal — With further orders respecting the Pay & Allowances to be given to the Bengal Troops on the Coast. — Desiring that Correct Tables of the Rates of Pay of all Descriptions of Persons serving under this Presidency may be forwarded to Lieutenant Colonel Cockell.

We acquainted you in our Letter of the 17.th Instant, upon intimating our wishes relative to the Pay of the Bengal Troops ordered to the Coast, that while any of the Troops of this Presidency continue to act independantly of those of another Establishment, the Bengal Rates of Pay & Allowances should be the Standard adhered to; but that from the Time they join and begin to act in conjunction with the Troops belonging to your Establishment, the rate of Pay to the Bengal Troops should be regulated by the Troops of Madras, until they return again within our own Dominions.

Upon this Principle, We desired that the Pay and Allowances of all Descriptions of People attached to the 2.nd Battalion of Artillery (except the European Staff & Commissioned Officers) might be regulated by the Pay and allowances of your Presidency, from the date of the disembarkation of that Battalion at Fort S.t George; and so far, that is, as far as respects those Descriptions of People who proceeded to Madras by sea (excepting the European Staff & Commissioned Officers) the Rule We have laid down is to be observed. — But, upon further

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Consideration of it, We have been induced to alter it so far as regards the Troops proceeding by Land, and to direct that from and after the time that they shall arrive at Masulipatam, and until they recross the Soubanreeka River on their Return to these Provinces, the Rate of Pay & allowances to the Bengal Troops, including the several Classes of Lascars, Artificers, & Labourers, shall be regulated by the Rate of Pay &c. to the Troops of the same description of Persons under the Presidency of Madras.

We accordingly request that Correct Tables of the Rates of Pay of all Descriptions of People serving under the Madras Presidency may be forwarded to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, that the Paymaster may be guided thereby in his Disbursements to them, and that no difficulties may arise for want of this necessary Information.

We have the honor to be

Fort William
24th. February 1790

Sir Sir Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) Cornwallis

Peter Speke

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Communication of the foregoing be made to Colonel Capper, and that he be desired to prepare the requisite information for Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, on his arrival at Masulipatam.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Secretary Hay.

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

Sec'y Secretary May — The Supreme Board desire Copies furnished from Time to Time, with Copies of the Letters written to the Court, & to the Court of Directors by the Government of Fort St. George, beginning with the first Letters of the present year. Likewise Copies of any material Papers transmitted with such Letters to Europe

I have orders from the Governor General in Council to mention to you, for the Information of the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, his Lordship's Wish to be furnished, from Time to Time, with Copies of the Letters written from the different Departments at your Presidency to the Secret Committee, and to the Honble Court of Directors, beginning with the first Letters of the present Year, and accompanied by Copies of any material Papers and Accounts transmitted with them to Europe.

His Lordship has been induced to make this application, as the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors forward constantly to this Government Copies of their Orders to the other Presidencies, which referring to the Dispatches received from thence, it is material that his Lordship should be made acquainted with their several Subjects.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signd) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt.

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Agreed that Copies of the Letters from this Presidency to England, from the beginning of the present year, and in future, be transmitted to Bengal, conformably

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to the directions received from thence.

Read the following Letter from Monsieur Rivire

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor &c.a Council

Fort S.t George

Gent.n Gemen

From Monsieur Rivire, in the Service of the Nizam - offering to supply the Company with Horses on the Terms granted to Mr. Beadle.

I have been in the East Indies these 35 years and my long application have enabled me with a great knowledge of this Country; I have learnt the Mahrat Langage which I can speak very fluently. I am invested with an Honourable Title in the Service of Nabob Meeanw Raby Rauk by which means I enjoy a Considerable Credit.

Therefore, Gentlemen, being desirous to Testify to you my thankfulness for all the favors I received in on occasions, of the English Nation, and most exactly, the favor I have experienced from Major General Medows, who gave orders for the reimbursement of a Considerable Sum due to me by the Rajahs of Gunter, I have the honor to offer you my Cares to procure you such a quantity of Horses that Government should be in want of, to the amount of one Thousand and more. I have for such a Trade a sufficient Skill, and faithful Men to send in Markets where Horses are to be had.

I can furnish them on the same Conditions you to Mr. Edward Beadle, that is to say, the 14 hands 200 Rs. 14½ h.s 330 Rs. 15 h.s 400 Rs. delivered at Carnatic by the

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the Meeshemah.

But, Gentlemen, if such were your desires, the Horses should be delivered at Madras, by the care of a Commissioner, I should name to that purpose, in that case you will be accountable to me for all unavoidable Expences from Dassapelly to Madras.

As to the trust you may establish upon my fortune, I have the honor to observe to you, Gentlemen, that besides one Lack of Rupees due to me by the Rajahs of Gantoor, I am in Pondicherry the owner of four Houses, for which I have paid 50,000 Rupees.

If my cares and devoted services, Gentlemen, are agreeable to you, they will procure me the advantage to give you real Proofs of my Zeal and Acknowledgement.

I am, Gentlemen,

Madras 25th. March 1790 —

Your most obedient humble Servant

Signed Riviere

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The Board decline employing Mr. Riviere in the purchase of Horses.

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board - 26th. March 1790 —

From the Hospital Board - returning the accounts of the Surgeon of the 72d. Regiment to be audited agreeably to the Regulations now in force. - Recommending that Mr. Johnston be appointed to the 5th. Regiment of Cavalry - Mr. Bissett to the 25th. Battalion now

The Hospital Board have the honor to return Mr. Brown's accounts to be regulated according to the Field Arrangement lately published by Government. - But, considering that he has no guidance at the time, they hope some attention will be paid to that Circumstance in auditing them.

Ordered that the Bills be sent to the Commissary General, to be audited according to the late Regulations. —

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now in camp, & Mr Potter with the 5th. and 6th. Battalions.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr John Macarthur be withdrawn from the General Hospital Masulipatam, and appointed to the 5th. Approved Regiment of Native Cavalry; and that Mr. Alexander Boswell, Assistant Surgeons, be removed from the 27th. Battalion of Native Infantry now in Cantonment, to the 25th. in camp.

The 5th. and 6th. Battalions of Native Infantry being without Medical Assistants, the Approved Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Potter do the duty of those Battalions for the present

Jas. Anderson Physician General
Signed Colley L. Lucas Surgeon General
William Duffin Head Surgeon

Hospital Board
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From the Hospital Board — stating that Mr. Boswell has been put in arrest by Captain Sinnett, & enclosing Letter explaining the Case.

Read a Letter from Mr Boswell, Assistant Surgeon to the 27th. Battalion of Native Infantry, representing that he had been first put under Arrest, and afterwards more closely confined.

The Hospital Board are sorry to notice inattention to the orders of Government, in being left without official information in the Event of the

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Arrest of a Surgeon, or Assistant Surgeon; but deeming any interference on their part improper, beg leave to transmit Mr Boinwell's Letter to Government for their perusal.

Read a Letter from Mr Blackadder, Surgeon, stating that he had arrived at Pallamcotah on his way to this Presidency from Europe, where he had been on leave of absence,

(signed) Ja.s Anderson Physician General
Colley L.d Lucas Surgeon General
William Duffin Head Surgeon

To James Anderson Esq.r
President &c.a Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen

In consequence of a private dispute between me & an Officer of the Battalion to which I am attached, I was put under an Arrest by Captain Stewart Commanding the Battalion — Not being sufficiently acquainted with the Nature of an Arrest, by reason of my want of knowledge of the Military Laws, and in consequence, not attending to my Confinement so strictly as, perhaps, I ought to have done, Captain Stewart has accused me of breaking my arrest, ordered me into close Confinement, and given in a Crime against me accordingly, which has been forwarded to the Commander in Chief. I was no sooner informed —

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informed of the Encroachment I had made on the Military Law, although not intended, I am sure I made every possible Concession to Captain Stewart, but found that, as my Crime had gone to General Medows, it now rested solely with him.

Allow me therefore, Gentlemen, to request your Protection & Interest with the Commander in Chief, that the matter may be compromised without being brought to a Court Martial, as I am willing to make every requisite acknowledgment in order to have the business accommodated, even tho I am not conscious of any wilful breach of the Rules of the Service, but Courts Martial are, above all things, what I wish to avoid. If the General can be prevailed upon to give a latitude to the Commanding Officer here towards settling the business, from what has lately passed, I am sure it can be done. Submitting myself therefore entirely to your protection, & soliciting your influence in my favor. I have the honor to remain &c.

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Alexander Boswell
Assistant Surgeon 77th Regt. N.I.

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27th March 1790

A true Copy (signed) V. Conolly
Secy. Hospital Board

Read the following Letter from Colonel Bruce.

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

Hon'ble Sir

I have the honor to forward upon the Estimate of repairs required on the Hill Fort, with Plans explanatory, &c.

From Colonel Bruce, Commanding at Pallam — Ordering and Estimate for Repairs required to the Hill Fort, & explanatory Plans — Also a Letter from the Revd Mr Hill at the Bramins — with an Account of other Repairs — relating to the Fort.

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a section of the Fort Wall at the breach, and beg leave to inform you, that there other parts of the old Wall which are much bulged, & in danger of falling. The imperfect state of the new Works appears to be principally owing to proper Brick Masonry Casings, as they are built chiefly of Mud, and cannot be considered permanent Works, and were damaged by the Violence of the late Monsoon.

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I have directed the Engineer to report to me on the outworks begun by Major Gill, at the South East Angle of the Fort; & also of the Horn Work at the front of the Gateway, which I have the honor to enclose you.

The Repairs and Alterations to the Hill Forts are absolutely necessary. The alterations to the other Works may be dispensed with, until a more favorable opportunity.

I have the honor to be

Vellore March 25th. 1790

S.r Y.r M.st Ob.t H.ble Ser.t
signed/ Tho.s Bruce

Minute thereon

Agreed that the foregoing, with the Plans that accompanied it, be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Nixon.

His Excellency Major General William Medows
Governor in Council & Commander in Chief

From Colonel Nixon enclosing a copy of an Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Laboratory.

Sir Herewith I have the honor to send you a copy of an Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Laboratory, which, if it is your pleasure to have completed, beg that the same may be signified to Sir, your very obedient H.ble Servant
signed/ E. Nixon

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Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Laboratory in Poulton's Battery, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Inspection held here the beginning of January 1790 —

Brick Work in Chunam in two Cross Walls, proposed to be built in the large Rooms, 250 Cubic feet, a 3 fs. p. Cubic foot — 17.36

Brick Work in Chunam in raising the back & end Walls to make the Roof shelter slope, 112 Cubic feet a 3 fs. p. Cubic foot — 8.—

Taking off the present Roof, and new Roofing it again with flat & round Tiles laid in Chunam, Chunam Borders &c. 26 Squares of 10 feet, a 3 Pags. p. Square — 78.—

Raising the Floors of all the Rooms with River Sand, and making a new Chunam & Jelly Floor, 16 Squares at 1 Pg. — 16.—

Working up into 3 new Door frames of Mangrove Wood 30 Cubic Feet at 15 fanams p. Cubic foot — 4.34

Working up into 3 doors & 7 pair of Window Shutters, of 1½ Inch Mangrove Plank, 196 superficial feet, a 5 fs. p. 12 feet — 23.14

Expence of making the Brass Hinges, Hooks, Fastenings, & Nails for completing the Doors & Windows of the Laboratory — they are to be made of a part of unserviceable Brass Guns — 6.—

Working up into strong Shelfing, 750 superficial feet of Plank for different Rooms, including Chunam & Pegs fixing up &c. at 1 fs. p. foot — 88.4

Making a pair of Gates for the Entrance into the Laboratory which is 10 feet wide, 42 superl. feet of 2 Inch Plank, including Iron Work &c. a 8 fs. p. foot — 8.—

A New Laboratory Table, with a strong Frame of good Country Wood 9 feet by 3:6, including all — 1.—

Total Amount of the Estimate Pags. 264.—

Fritch. 3 January 10th 1790

A true Copy (signed) D. Jennings
Fort Engineer & Lieutenant

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The President Recommends that the Repairs to the Laboratory at Pitchinopoly be executed

The President being informed that the Repairs of the Laboratory at Pitchinopoly are absolutely necessary, recommends that they be executed.

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approved and ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kepper

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Kepper. Requesting to know what Pay and allowances are to be given to the Sibendy Sepoys, according to the General Order of the 13th. February 1790.

An application has been made to me from the Paymaster of Vellore, requesting to know, if, by the General Order of the 13th. February last, the Sibendy Sepoys are to have the same Pay & allowances, as the Regular Sepoys. — The Commandant of that Garrison is of opinion, that by the abovementioned General Order, they are entitled to such Pay & allowances from February last; & the Paymaster thinks, that it is only admissible in case of War. By the Book of Regulations, the Sibendy Sepoys are to receive only 10 fanams p.month, but they were not to receive Batta on any Occasion.

Judging from the nature of the Establishment, of Sibendy Sepoys, and from the Spirit of the orders in question, I should suppose it was intended in time of War, to give these Battalions the same Pay, during the War, as other Sepoy Corps, while they were on Duty in the Field. — But it remains yet to be explained, whether the whole Corps to be paid as effectives, from the 1st. of February last, when one

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of the Battalions is employed on Service; or whether the particular Battalion, actually employed, should receive that Indulgence, & the rest be paid according to the original Orders, as specified in the Book of Regulations.

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

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(signed) S. Capper
Lt. Col.

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The Board are of opinion that any Revenue Battalion when employed on the Service of the Regulars, shall receive the same Pay; but that those who are not so employed, should be paid according to the Regulations.

From Mr. Darvall

Read a Letter from Mr. Darvall (entered in vol. No. 169) stating that some difficulty has arisen with regard to the right of Paying the Revenue Troops when in Garrison; & requesting to have the orders of Government thereon.

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion, that when the Revenue Troops are employed on Revenue Service, they should be paid by Mr. Darvall as Paymaster to the Revenue Troops in the Masulipatam District. When they do the Duty of Regulars, they should be paid by the Paymasters of the respective Garrisons where Stationed.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

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John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From the Military Paymaster General - Requesting to know what particulars Troops are to be paid by Majr. Colt & Johnstone - & under what Head he is to carry Extraordinary Expences of Payment incurred by the Army.

As there appears to be some misconception with respect to the Payment of the Troops at & near Tritchinopoly, Mr. Johnstone supposing it to be the intention of Government that he is to continue to pay such of the Troops as belonged to the Cantonment, and that Mr. Colt is to pay those that have joined from other Stations only - I am to request that you will inform me if it is the intention of Government that this should be the case, or that Mr. Colt, who is appointed Paymaster to the Southern Army, is to pay the Troops now Encamped, & Mr. Johnston the Garrison only.

The Extraordinary Expences incurred at this time on account of the Troops, I conceive should be kept seperate in the Accounts; if it is the Wish of the Board that this should be the case, I request to know to what Head those Charges should be carried, and whether an Head of "Suspense 1789/90" will meet with their approbation: this Head may hereafter be adjusted by any other the Board may please to order.

I remain Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) John Turing
Mili.y Paym.r General

Pay Office - Madras
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The Board are of opinion that Mr. Colt should Pay the Troops encamped upon Tritchinopoly Plain, & Mr Johnston those in Garrison at Tritchinopoly.

The Governor in Council approves the carrying the Extraordinary Expences to the Head of Suspense 1789-90

Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From the Garrison Storekeeper — stating that the agent has claimed the Perquisite of the Gunny Bags in the delivery of Grain; & requesting the Interference of the Board in his favor.

I have the honor to lay before you for your consideration a Circumstance relative to the situation of the Employ of Garrison Storekeeper, which I have just had the honor of being appointed to — It is with respect to the Agent who insists upon my delivering the Gunny Bags with the Grain, otherwise he will not receive it: Not to impede the Service, I have hitherto done it; at the same time informed him that as I esteemed them a perquisite of my Employ, should immediately make a reference to the Honble Board to determine the same.

I beg leave to be permitted hereafter to state the several Grounds on which my Claim is founded, and do, with the greatest respect and submission, hope that on a Comparative view of the predicament of my Employ, its great responsibility & trouble, and the trifling & precarious Emolument annexed,

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with my length of Service, that you, Honble Sir, will be pleased to think me entitled to your protection, and that the Emolument alluded to will be judged by you the property of the Garrison Storekeeper –

1st. Because it was originally the perquisite of the Employ, uninterrupted for many Years.

2nd. Because it is a public acknowledged & Registered Emolument, and has annually been transmitted as such to the Honble Court of Directors. (But if the Agent as at present is permitted to draw them with the Grain, the Emolument becomes imaginary, existing no longer; consequently, the advantages of the Employ are misrepresented.

3rd. Lastly Because it is the only Emolument or receipt even at present to be expected from the Employ.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Vin.t Corbett

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Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that the acknowledged Perquisites upon Gunny Bags should remain with the Garrison Storekeeper as heretofore. –

From Mr. Macleod

Read a Letter from Mr. Macleod – Collector in the Jaghire (entered in M.B. No. 170) reporting the Grain he can supply for the Troops at Vellaurtah.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the abovementioned Letter be sent to Mr. Cockburn, that he may regulate his Indent accordingly.

Read the following Letters (entered in M.B. No. 171. 172. 173)

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From Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly - stating his ideas of the best manner of securing Grain for the Army

Minute thereon — The Board approve Colonel Kelly's Zeal for the public Service.

From Mr. Chase — From Mr. Chase - requesting to resign his Office of Clerk to the Committee of Stores.

Minute thereon — Agreed that Mr. Chase be permitted to resign conformably to his request.

From Ganjam — From Ganjam - requesting Permission for Mr. Tudor to come to the Presidency.

Minute thereon — Ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

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Honble Sirs

From Masulipatam - Inclosing Copy of a Letter received from Bengal - Advising that three monthly Lists are now in store, and requesting to know if a further Number should be got ready;

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Orders, Communicated to us in your Secretary's Letters of the 6th. 9th. & 12th. Instant, to which every attention shall be paid.

Your directions respecting the engaging Lists Boys have been communicated to the different Zemindars, Vakils to the different Collectors of Revenue in this District, and to the Paymaster of Samulcotah; by which means, We hope to be able to procure the Number you have required, notwithstanding the known repugnance that the Natives here have to forward to any distance

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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 Vellore were to be ordered into the Field; in consequence of which, they have recommended that an additional number of Doolies 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

Sir &c. &c. &c.
Anth.: Sadleir
signed / W.: Dobbyn
Sam.: Statham

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

A few days ago the Madras Government were requested to send orders to their Subordinates of Ganjam, Vizagapatam &c.
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 its 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 every necessary arrange for the Provision of them, & to take the trouble of regulating the wholesale rates at which the Troops 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 Camp will experience 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) L. Tombelle
Sub Secy

Fort William
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A true Copy (signed) A. Ross

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Agreed that the Chief and Council be desired to provide a sufficiency of Bullocks 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 1788 / 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 &c

The President recommends that Lieutenant
Thomas Hart be appointed Muster Master for the Centre
Division, vice Mr. Campbell Resigned.

The President recommends that Lieutenant Thomas Hart be appointed Muster Master for the Centre Division

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Approved

F. S. Sec.

Lieut. 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.

As 5 fanams 70 Cash for each Man p 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

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 pr month is ample for feeding the Horses belonging to the Cavalry - The greater Number of the 76th. Regiment applies for Wardens Horse to secure the Cattle from the Ravages of the White ants.

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On Colonel Floyd's Letter, We deem 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 most obedient faithful Servants

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signed J. Cupper
Henry Malcolm

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30th Colonel Cappers 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 ejected 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 Pram) 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 6 fanams 70 Cash instead of 3 fanams, to purchase Fowls, Chickens &c. — In short, upon a Comparison between the two Plans, We believe it will appear that the principal difference between them, under the head of Victual-

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30th victualling is, 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 Surveyor 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 observe that, after an Engagement, it is possible the Surgeons may be obliged to expend the whole of the 10 Pagodas 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 Sergeants to attend, the Returns were very Correct, as the Officers when Sick, find Wine & Spirits themselves, which constitute the principal Expence

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30.th of Bazar Medicines, the Surgeon can scarcely beat 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 Bazar 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. — 29.th 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 p day for each Man should be allowed for Fowls, Chickens, Sago, Curry Stuff &c.; and all other Contingencies, I considered that 5 fanams 70 Cash, p day

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30th ₰ 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 an useless 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 ₰ 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 ₰ 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 ₰ 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 Vince
Acting Secy

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — informing 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. They 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 —

Wm. Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain & Prov.

His Excellency Major General William Medows

Commander in Chief & Governor

& Council

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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 in Chief's Letters.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

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

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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 future 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 approved the Confidence of Government in their permitting me to lead 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 Post 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 Minds of the frontier Polligars, 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 publick Service.

I remain with respect

Yr. Yr. Yr.

signed Eccles Nixon

Head Quarters
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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 Cars 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 W. Conroy — 500 Cars of Measures of Rice are daily expected from the Southward — Gives an account of the Retreat carried on by Tippoo. Aid-de-camp 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 Rajah, 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 Glacis, and five Batteries Completed, which I am almost certain from one extremity of them to the other, must be near a Mile and half in extent. From the appearance of them, We are to 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 Rajah's 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

Parvour 22nd March 1792 — &c. &c. &c.

pr. Copy / George Powney

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 on 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 Port of
"Tripassore".—

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

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

Substance of a letter to the Nizam

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

To Colonel Musgrave

at

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at Pritchingsby 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 Wallanjanbad; 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 Requisites 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 Brice at Vellore, to be reported upon. — The Recommendations contained in their Letter of the 26th. Instant approved and Confirmed.

To Colonel Capper, 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 Hart appointed in his room.

To Messrs. Kindersley Torin Andrews & Sedaine

To the Collectors appointed for the assigned Revenue — 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 Sepoys and those not employed as such, are to be paid according to the original Orders entered in the Book of Regulations —

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31st. Inclosing 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 Master Master of Cattle Cuttack

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

To Mons. Riviere - declining his Offer for supplying this Government with Horses.

To Mr. Roger Carvall Paymaster to the Revenue Battalions in the Masulipatam District

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 Commanding the Troops Encamped at Wallajahbad.

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

To Mr. Chase

To Mr. Chase - with Commission to resign the Office of Clerk to the Committee of Stores.

To Mr. Corbett Garrison Storekeeper

To the Garrison Storekeeper - The Perquisite of Gunny Bags is to be attached as formerly to this 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 Secret

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31.st 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 Gen.l — 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 — 1.st Dispatched the undermentioned Letter, as entered in M.B. for the Month of April, N.o 1.

To the Surgeon Gen.l to the Army — To the Surgeon General to the Army — The Average Rate of Bread 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 when much 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 Holland
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. N°. 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 Friend

I promise to pay into the Company's Treasury, on or before the 4th. 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

Payments

Further, Nabob - Promising to pay into the Company's Treasury, on or before the 4th. April, 2 Lacs of Pagodas - to give Soucar Security for 2 Lacs more, to be paid within the Month of April &c. - And to pay in April, May & June, by equal Payments each Month, the March Kist, Viz. 7 Lacs of Pagodas

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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—inclosing 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 Revenue—

Having formed ourselves into a Board of Assigned Revenue conformably to your Orders notified to us by Mr. Secretary 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 Assent for collecting the Revenues of certain Countries to be assigned over

by him

Revenues cash. before they are allowed take Charge of their appointments.

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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 produc-tive 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

Revenues

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Revenues by the Aumils, Renters &c., 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.— Those 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 conveying them into immediate Execution;— that he should transmit without loss of time the most positive Orders to his Aumils &c. strictly to conform thereto; and that he should also furnish us with Copies, or Duplicates of such Orders to us and 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
Hon.ble Sirs Your
Most Obed.t Humble Servants

Edw.d Jno. Holland
Edw.d Saunders
Sam.l Call
Geo. Moubray

Fort St. George
29th March 1790

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

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

"A true Extract"
"(signed) Thos Kingsmill"
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"Consult: 7th December 1795."

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

"To Nellalur Cauvr, & Summoguem Mootelier ... of Tritchinopoly
"To Pedri alli Cauvr, & Timmelpa Mootelier ... of Tinnevelly
"To Mur Cattub addien, & Sittenam ... of Nellore
"To Ranga Row ... of Madura
"& To Ramanah ... of Palnaud

"Orders inclosed 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 1205, 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 Peishcaurs & Jaghires

"made

"made on the Revenues of the Phazely year 1191. 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."

A true Extract signed W.m 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

Honble Sir

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

From the 27.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

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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 dress 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

Camp 23.rd March 1790

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Knox

Read the following Letter from Major Sale.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council and Commander in Chief

Hon.ble 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 - stating that a Number of Peligars & others, (employed by Tippoo) have destroyed the Bank that turned the Water from the River in Ameen Naig's Peram.

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has sent a Number of Pollegars & Coolies who destroyed the Bank that turned the Water from the River in Imeen 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 Sultaune.

I have the honor to be

Hon. Sir &c. &c. &c.

(signed) Robert Sale

Madras 28th March 1790—

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 Rice for the Month of April be ground at the Natives, & the Ensuing Months Rice at Company's —

Being anxious to form a Junction of this and the Southern Camps 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 Enquiry 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, & unanimous.

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

Camp South of the Palar
31st. March 1790

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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Commander in Chief's Memorandums. — The Senior Lieutenant promoted to promotion, vice Lieutenant Hudson — Fort Lascars to carry the Poles of their respective Corps, and to be paid for this extraordinary Duty 3/4 of a Pagoda or 31. 6 per month, & otherwise the advantages of this Regulation. —

Memorandum.

Captain Hope reports that no accounts have been received of Lieutenant Hugh Madder of the 5th Battalion of Native Infantry since he went to Sea for Health about 14 Months ago — there is every reason to believe the Ship he embarked on is lost; the Senior Subaltern to succeed to Promotion, vice Madder, is Mr. J. Giraud.

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 3/4 of a Pagoda, (31. 6. 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 3/4 of a Pagoda Monthly for each Cooly 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	Bt. 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	476

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

4th. 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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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.

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

Majr. 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

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

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

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) John Turing
Garrison Storekeeper

Garrison Store Keeper's Office
18th 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 Leager of Arrack containing 128 Gallons
1 Butt of Wine - Butts - 13 Butts
7 Empty Leagers wanting 5 Hoops
226 Loose Staves
70 Pieces of heading
103 Iron Hoops
4 half Tubs
6 Bags Biscuit containing - 6 M 4

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(signed) William Bell Cooper

(signed) J. Turing
Gar. Stk. Kr.

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Memorandum

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

Edwd Fr Holland

James Taylor

Capt Brookfield Mantell

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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

from Mr. Bowney - Tippoo advances his Encampment 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 Counterscarpe.—

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 completed all his approaches. — He has begun another Battery a 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 Bowney

Resident

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3rd.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Bonney - Tippoo makes further advances. - 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 althō' 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

Parcour - 27th March 1790 —

&c &c &c (pigmee) George Bonney

Resident.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

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

Letters to

Dispatched the following, Colonel Musgrave and Colonel Nixon. —

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To Colonel Musgrave

Commanding the Troops Encamped South of the River

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

Sir

The Board have received your Letter of the 30th 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 & Tyger.

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

(signed) John Chamier
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To Colonel Nixon

at Trichinopoly

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

Sir

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

[signed] J. Chamier
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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 Worden 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 Permacoil. — From the Commandant at Permacoil — 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. Eastwood.

From the Barrack Master at 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 Wallanjaubaad — From the Paymaster at Wallanjaubaad — 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 Cullums 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 Pootoor. 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.

From

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3rd From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Inclosing an Estimate of the Quantity of Grains, 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
} Esqrs
and
James Taylor

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 Cheddah & Cranganore.

We have received your Letter, dated the 5th Inst. inclosing 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. Bay.

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 conceived 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

(Signed) Cornwallis

Peter Speke

Minute thereon

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

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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

Fort S. George

Hon'ble Sir

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

As there is every appearance hostilities will soon commence between the Hon'ble 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 Hon'ble 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

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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: all the enemy 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
&c. &c. &c.

Parour 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 Travancore, 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.

Route

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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 Bayuarrah — 20 Cos
Naugaung — 16 Ditto
Sooriapaut — 20 Ditto
Nulgaonda — 16 Ditto
Dairvur coondu — 16 Ditto
Sautaie paint — 16 Ditto
Paugtour — 12 Ditto

Resident's Minute thereon

As a Requisition for the two Battalions, with the 6 Six 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 Brathwaite, & 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

Fort S. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From the Military Board recommending that two Stone Mortars be sent to the Commandant at Tiagar — as ordered on account of the Condemned and unserviceable Stores in the arsenal to be delivered in

At our last Committee, We examined an Indent received from the Commandant of Tiagar, 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 them — Have examined & approved of 30 Arrack Carts 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 and Committee their exact State.

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

We have the honor to be

Hon. Hon. Hon. J. Capper

Fort S. George

30th March 1790

(signed) Henry Malcolm

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

From the Military Board with Note of the Places to which it has been judged expedient to remove the Corps from Chinglemoodoo, Arcot, Wallajanabad, and Tripasore — desiring to know if they are not to inspect the Bodies previous to their delivery to the Corps for Interment 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 Chinglemoodoo, Arcot, and Tripasore to places of Security, and proposing

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

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 Cots at Chuvillemoreoo & Arcot ..... } to Vellore, by the Lascars of that Garrisons.

The Cots at Wallaujanaad — to Chingleput, by the Lascars at Chingleput

The Cots 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 those furnished by they were equally good with 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

Fort S. George
1st April 1790

(signed) J. Capper
Henry Malcolm

To

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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 Head & Six Common Peons be sent to escort the Barrack at Court Chittamoor &c Topasses.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Secretary Charnier'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 Topasses, 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 very obedient humble Servants

Fort S. George
3rd April 1790

J. Capper
Henry Malcolm

To

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Military Board
have examined & approved
the Tents received from
the Military Storekeeper

The acting Commissary General of Stores having reported to us the receipt of 51 Officers Tents
25 Sepoys Ditto
42 Private Ditto
3 Nussary 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 obedient Servants

Fort St. George
3rd April 1790

J. Capper
signed
Henry Malcolm

Minute on the 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 Doolies, 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

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Sanjore - Operations against Canakee - his Party Routed by Lieutenant Lunatic at Covilcutrah - a Skirmish between the Peiswagur & Putteghery Peons - Recommendations to Colonel Trent to expel Canakee 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 Cooley 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 Meherry Peons 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 Canakee and the greatest part of his Adherents had acted as Auxiliaries with Moonedee, the Rajah of Vizianagur, in a late Invasion of

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the Putabyherry 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, be a

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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 Sanadeo 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 Stuart 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 Sanadeo 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 Sanadeo 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 Sanadeo lately descended from Caranjah with Sixty Men, to the Assistance of Mummedee in the abovementioned Invasion of Putaphgherry - The Prisoner added that Sanadeo was always supplied with Provisions from Vizianagur, & that, that Rajah also furnished him with pecuniary aids, but in them was so scanty, that Sanadeo's Partizans were

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much discontented.

As Colonel Trent seemed to place great confidence in his original Information that, Sanadeo 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 Sanadeo'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 Sanadeo'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 Sanadeo 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 & Sanadeo, 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.

We

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We have communicated these Sentiments to Lieutenant Colonel Trent, and have corrected a misapprehension under which he labored, of our Recommendation to establish a Post at Cavilabutrah, 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 Canoyah to take means of driving him from that Post.

Our Chief informs us, that the motive to the Invasion of Pettapghurry by the Vizianagur Rions 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 Rions into Pettapghurry, where they committed the Ravages before mentioned.

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

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, Sourcrah, & Sugur.

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 Munnedoo's hostile Intentions, and by an attempt which he had made to assassinate the Pretapagherry Pauter on his Return from settling the Rummabundy at Ganjam.

There is no doubt that Munnedoo 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 Sanaka'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 Pettapagherry, 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 Pettapagherry Pantar 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 We are so 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

Ganjam — 21st. March 1790 — &c. &c. &c.

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 officer 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.

agreeably

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

Dooley

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 forus 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 Smales 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 Retapagherry Vackeel, who was present, Sanadeo bore no part in the late Invasion of Retapagherry, by the Vizia-nagur Troops. 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 Boy 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 Mahmudoo Ishmaeel, 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 Sunasee from Caranjah.

Government has desired that, all unnecessary Expences in this District may be discontinued; and required from us upon what footing the Mahrotty 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

&c. &c. &c.

Morgan Williams

Signed { &c. Council

Caryam
20th March 1790.

A true Copy
Signed / Tho. Snodgrass
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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 / R. 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

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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 no shape contributed to Sanabee'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 uniform Tenor of my 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 serve as additions 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 —

I obey'd R. D.n Munro

Chief's Minute 21st. March 1790.

It is unnecessary for me to tread over the already too much beaten Path concerning Munnetoo, Sanabee, and Mudgeboo, as Government is already in possession of such Facts as 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.

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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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam - Mr. Binny Surgeon, applys Permission to visit the Residency - 158 Dooley Bearers have Voluntarily Engaged to serve with the Army, on the Coast as Officers.

Mr. Binny, Head Surgeon at this place, having requested of us to apply to your honor &c. for your Permission for his Visiting the Residency, 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, 158 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.

Arth. Sadleir
W. Dobbyn
Sam. Statham

Masulipatam
29th. March 1790

(signed)

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam Regarding the late Mr. Grahams accounts with Commissr. 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 Enclosed Correspondence.

We have the honor of informing Government, in a letter dated 20th. October last, that there appeared a deficiency in the Cash Kept 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,

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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 had 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 it, would have been thought worth noticing by us, if it had not been for the Inconveniencies that have arisen from it, by Casting us into a Correspondence with those, who complain that their Effects, which happened to be among the late Mr. Graham's, are withheld, &

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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 seized the Property; but the length of time that has since elapsed, & the Conduct observed by Colonel Brathwaite, 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 Brathwaite and not with us, to carry into Effect, & which, if he would have complied with in 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 know 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 Ule 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.l: Statham

Masulipatam
30.th March 1790.

(signed)

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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 Presidency, he applied to me to act 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 Presidency 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 Conicoply 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. Grahams 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 Ellore.

To

Fort St. George 6th. April 1790.

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 nevertheless 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 per 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 prove the Balance, so as that it may

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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.

Sam, Sir, &c. &c.

(signed) Andrew Scott Secy.

Masulipatam
20th. October 1789.—

Extract of a Letter to the Governor in Council — Dated the 20th. 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 Pags. 6,100; We think it necessary to transmit to your Honor &c. 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 27th. October 1789.

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

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you an Account Current signed by Mr. Graham, & delivered me by the Head Comcopply of the Paymaster's office at Ellore. It bears no date, but from a letter I received from that Gentleman dated Sept. 23d, it it appears that he had at that period signed it.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. (signed) R. Malcolm
acting Chief of Ellore

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Oct. 30th. 1789.

Dr. — Mr. Graham's Cash Account — Cr.

1789	To Balance up to 30th June			Madras Pagodas	Ps	F	G
				1940	2	-	45
	To House Expence for July		46 - 4.16				
	To Contingent Expence for Ditto		9 - 29.40				
	To Servants Wages for Ditto		64 - 24 -	117 - 57.56			
	To House Expences August		57 - 7 -				
	To Contingent Ditto Ditto		9 - 15.20				
	To Servants Wages Ditto		64 - 24 -	131 - 13.20			
	To Captain Lieutenant James Mackay's Pay & Batta			64 -	9 -	36	
	To Buckall Drivers & Bullocks feeding, Charges for June, July, Augt			222 -	49.65		
	To Portuguese Woman's Pay &c. for July			12 - 11 -	2 -		
	To Ditto Ditto Ditto for August			12 - 11 -	2 -		
	To Mr Ferguson			200 -	- -	-	
	To Mr Evans						
	Paid for Milk for Horse for June & July		4 - 32.40				
	Ditto Cowkeeper for Ditto Ditto		2 - - -				
	Ditto Horsekeeper for Ditto Ditto		26 - -	8.4 - 32.40			
	To Cash lent to Mr Malcolm			20 -	- -	-	
	To Cash lent to Mr Skipsey			20 -	- -	-	
	To Mr Collection						
	Paid to Mrs L			50 -	- -	-	
	To Cash paid to Captain Tutt			29 -	4 - 16		
	To Mr Doueton						
	Purchased a Carpet for him			20 -	- -	-	
	Paid Cooley Wire, for anker Pulley, Tappa Boy, & 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

	By Stoppages						
	for June		141 - 18 - 5				
	July		656 - 11 - 40				
	August		650 - - -	1747 -	29	45	
	By your Pay & Batta for July		80 - 14.56				
	By Ditto Ditto for August		80 - 14.56	160 -	29	32	
	By Mr Chamier - Cash received by Commission Money			28 -	8	32	
	By Cash received from Mr Skipsey			20 -	- -	-	
	By Profits for July & August			272 -	-	48	
	By Buckall Bullocks Pay for June July & August			235 -	29	32	
	By Oil, Matts, Botts, &c.			14 -	34	61	
	By Lieutenant Mackay's Temporary allowance			14 -	28	-	
	By Cash received from Mr Ferguson			200 -	- -		
				2722 -	34	10	
	By Balance			6100 -	- -	-	
				Madras Pagodas	8823 -	10	68

(signed) David Graham

Sept. 1st Errors Excepted

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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

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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

Masulipatam
16th. November 1789

(signed) Anth. Sadleir
&c. Council

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

Sir & Gentlemen

I have had 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. Colonel Chepshire, did on the 16th 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. 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, at 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
&c. &c. &c.

Ellore—November 15th 1789— (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 Brathwaite 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 had 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 Brathwaite'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 shewn 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.

(signed) Andrew Scott Secy

4th. November 1789.

Extract of a Letter to Colonel Brathwaite - 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 premeditate

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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, Sheriff's-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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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 seem yourself to entertain of Mr. Walker'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, & Gt. 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 Ffinn has plead 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

Masulipatam
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 Enquiry, 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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21st. November 1789 ——

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

The last part of your Letter, Sir & Gentlemen, and that part chiefly gives me very serious Concern indeed, because it accuses me of, or at least implies to me what you may 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 ideas; 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 Clydsore. You recommend to me to order a Committee, who are 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 undisputed Property of Persons claiming them, I am to let these 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 a merely Military Man, and as such at times vested with a small Portion of that sort of authority which you at all times

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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; and 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 Madurah, 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

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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 inforce, 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

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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 rest in 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. McMeekan informed me that Mr. Graham owed a Balance to the Company of 6,100 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 causing 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 caused that Letter to be delivered 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 Demand, 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 1st. 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.

Masulipatam
6th May 1790.

I am, &c, &c, &c.

Andrew Scott
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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

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

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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
Gn. Gn. Gn.

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 M.Ps. 4 C. 20 Madras Pagodas p month ——— 63. 15. 32

Ellore — February 1790 —
(signd) H. Montgomery

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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 will think proper; and that a Letter is accordingly written to the present Paymaster Mr. Thomas 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. Graham's 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

965 Fort St. George 6th April 1790—

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 Febry 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 Secy

Masulipatam
12th February 1796

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr
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,

Ellore 15th February 1796

sign'd Harry Taylor
Capt.

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, &c, 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

Above — February 14th 1790 —

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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 accommodation

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17th. February 1790

(prime) Andrew Scott
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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief, &c. 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 — Gentlemen Your most obedient Servant

(sign'd) 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 of

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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 Masu=
=lipatam, informing me that, they had sent you Direct=
=ions 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

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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 doing 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, & fill 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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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
Sir Sir Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J. H. Montgomery

Allore— 3rd. March 1790—

To Major Hugh Montgomery
at Allore

Sir

I am directed by the Chief & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 3rd. Instant, & to inform you, they are concerned that, either Yourself or any other Individual should have been put to the Inconvenience, by Colonel Brathwaite'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 &

Council

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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
Secy

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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 mode 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 Montgomerys 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, 1796

(signed) Andrew Scott Secy.

To Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Chief & Council

Masulipatam

The Humble Petition of Nicholas White

Sheweth

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 confidential Servant.

That after Mr. Grahams 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 Employ.

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 Ellore, 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 Ellore, 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 redress, 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— N.r Nott
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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 claimed with Mr. Graham's 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 Reenlisting 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
Secy to Govr

Fort William
16th March 1790

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 Esqr
Secretary at Fort St George

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal — Requesting 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 Govt; the Persian Copies including the Atkaut & Sinnams, or forms of address & Subscription, with other Particulars.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c &c
P. Tombelle Sub Secy

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 Establishment of the army ordered into the Field — Remarks on the subject — Stating the difference that has arisen between Mr. Corbett & him respecting the Acquisite of Gunny Bags —

Sir

I received your Letter of the 30th ultimo, with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Macleod, Collector in the Jaghire, 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 thought necessary 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 1/2 Pagodas
for each Southern or Common Country Bullock 2 1/2 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 Grounds 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 his respective Claims.

Having received orders to send a quantity of Rice to Comp., 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 Conceptlies 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 29th. 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 Pags. to 3 Fo. Bags; the amount of this perquisite is however "indefinite, as it Demands upon the Number of Bags delivered depends

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"to him, & the prices 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 ₹ 100 Bags, upon which he profits "according to the Quantity 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 Honble Board, that instead of endeavouring to deprive Mr. Corbett of any allowed Emolument of his Office, I have only endeavoured to preserve my own.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Wm. Cockburn
C.G. of Grain & Provisions

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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 Wallanjanbad 4th. March 1790 —

Sr.

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 Ser.

Camp. - Auloor. April 3rd 1790

Wm. Younge.
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 Seringapatam.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Cockburn

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

Honble Sir

Mr. Cockburn, one of the Contractors for Bullocks - requesting that a Certificate stating the Number of Bullocks employed for the Transport of the accompanying Ordnance Stores, and the Number of Carriages they did work with, may be given

The Contractors for Draught & Carriage Bullocks beg the favor to be informed what arrangement is made for the Conveyance of their Bullocks on Service.

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 on the Public as possible a Detachment 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.s Cockburn
for the Contractors

Fort S.t 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 - enclosing his Cash account with the Company - submits to the consideration of the Board the case of the Dealers who have Engaged to bring Rice to the Presidency - Requests that he may be favored with an Opinion from the Board, that his Conduct has merited their 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 24th. of September last, to this period. From this Statement, you will please to observe & C there appears a Balance of Cash in my hands of Pag.s 5544.20.8

& I request that I may be favored with your early Instructions regarding the disposal of this Sum.

I am

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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 increase 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 500 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 Assistance 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 most

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at the great Attaile 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 28th. 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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April	5th. To Cash paid for 66 Horses (since 26th. September last) as per particular Account, & Ps. General Agreb.		6696.28	Septr. 26th. By Balance in hand, as p. account transmitted & this Board this day		176.29.8
	To allowance to the Chabuck boys at 1 Rupee for each Horse		18.26	October 4th. By Cash the amount of 5 Bonds of Government of this date to Capn. George	4000	
	To Pay for an English Writer for 8 months at 8 Ps. per Month		66	26th. Discounted at 8 p. Cent	520	3480
	By Balance in hand		5518.20.8	1790 March 16th. By Cash the amount of 5 Bonds of Government of this date to Capn. George	3000	
				Discount at 12 p. Cent	360	2640
				By Cash the amount of this date	3000	
				Discount at 12½ p. Cent	375	2625
				By Cash the amount of three Bills of 2000 Pagodas each at this date	6000	
				20th. Discount at 15 p. Cent	600	5400
	Total Pagodas		12323.29.8		Total Pagodas	12323.29.8

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(signed) Jno. Macfie
Deputy Agent for purchasing Horses

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

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

From Lieut. Colonel George Campbell — Tendering his Services in the present Emergency; 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.

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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. Colonel, late H.M.'s ... Regiment

St Thomas' Mount
6th April 1790

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

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

To the Hon'ble General William Medows
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore — The Rajah's Peishcush will be discharged within the limited time — Disputing the Nabob's demand & dispute —

I received the orders of the Hon'ble Board, under date 27th Ultimo, acquainting me that an Abatement of 11,000 Pagodas paid to me, & of 11,000 Pagodas on account of Grain received would be allowed to His Excellency out of the last demands of him before the 15th June my last, only 80 Pgs has been remitted, but I have reason to think that the remaining 17,920 Pgs will be paid within the time limited — of the month of April 1790, 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

Tanjore 2nd April 1790

&c &c &c (signed) G. A. Rain Resident

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Fort S.t George 6.th April 1790—

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 May.

(signed) J. 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 5.th Battalion of Native Infantry deceased 31.st March 1790—

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

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

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

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

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Substance of a Petition from Venceta Row

Read a Petition from Venceta Row (entered in C.B. No. 14) stating his Claims to the Sagheredarship of Arnee, & complaining that, in the conferring it upon Seneraparow, 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.

Rd Gospel Manton

Edw.d Fr.s Holland

Jonn Taylor

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Diary

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

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts — To prepare and lay before the Board a Report of all the Balances which were outstanding on his audits 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 Price established for many Years has been Rupees 7 5/8 per Bullock. To entertain Persons for taking Care of the Barracks at Seetabuldee, Nagpore, & Trichinopoly in the manner recommended — The Officers Commanding the Regiments of Cavalry have Agreed to provide Grain 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 — Returns & List Transmitted by Lieut. Cuthbert of the Artillery 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 Circars. 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. Lance - Paymaster at Wallaujabaad — To the Paymaster at Wallaujabaad — The Batta 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 Disbursed — His Conduct Approved.

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 A. 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 &c &c.

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 Residency. A Committee, consisting of the Paymaster at Ellore & two other Persons, must be appointed in the Business of Mr. Graham's Effects, who are to deliver to the Owners such Things as are now secured with Mr. Graham's 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 hereafter 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 the Presidency

From Lieutenant Clerk. Barrack Master in the Northern Division — will, with all possible Expedition, comply with the order Contained in the Letter addressed to him under date 23d ult.

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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. Pyce - 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 them 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 - Enclosing Copies of Letter written by the President to Tippoo, & of the two last Letters received from Mr Powney - The Form to be sent to the others. to Bombay—

My Lord

We have been honored with the Receipt of your Lordships 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 Maxwell will move with his Force to Tritchinopoly .. 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

&c &c &c

Fort S. George
6th. April 1790—

(Signed) William Medows

&c. 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 Musgrave -

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 74th and 76th Kings Regiments - the Company's 1st European Battalion - the 25th 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, & Ranet-Nellore, 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 Force at Wallanjaubad, and contribute greatly to the supply of Provisions for that Quarter & for the Presidency, if the Nabob's Tributaries — Venkitagherry — 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 Chundernagherry 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 Vellore; 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 Chandernagherry. The 21st Battalion (one Company at Amee excepted) will then March from Vellore 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 Wallaujanbaad; leaving in Arnee the Dismounted Troopers, & the Invalid Artillery Men.

In drawing to the Head quarters of the 3d. Native Battalion at Tiagar, the two Companies of the Corps now Stationed at Permacoil & Ranet-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 Sibendies, according as Circumstances shall require.

Two 3 Pdrs. & some Stores at Permacoil 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 3d. 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 Wallaujanbaad: 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, to 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 Wallanjanaad, 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 correspond with the Minister upon the business pointed out to him - requesting Money.

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
(signed) George Powney
Resident

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

Hon'ble Sir

From Mr. Powney. The Trenches are brought within Ten or Twelve feet of the Counterscarp of the Ditch. His dispatches on Sea of Rupees to Mr. Torin at Palamcotah.

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 undisturbed. The Trenches 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
(signed) George Powney
Resident

P.S. I have dispatched one Sea of Rupees to Mr. Torin at Palamcotah.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble 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 Prisoners.

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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Leave 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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Signed { Edwd Pr Hollond
Edwd Saunders
Jas Call
George Monbray

Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Ponnamallee 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

Hon'ble Sir

The acting Commissary General of Stores having examined & approved an Indent of Accoutrements for the 3rd Battalion of Native Infantry at Tinjore, We beg leave to recommend that it be compleat 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 Company's Books

25 Arrack Carts
25 Platform Bullock
10 Ammunition Tumbrils

We

From the Military Board
Have examined & approved an Indent of Accoutrements for the 3rd Battalion of Native Infantry - Likewise a possibility of Carts and Tumbrils -

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We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

your most obedient and faithful
Servants

Fort St. George
5th April 1790

J. Kepper
(signed) Henry Malcolm

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

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

Honble Sir

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 Estimates
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.

Or.

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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 & Pagoda Godown on the Hill Fort at Chingar.—

Brick in Chunnam - Cub. feet 1876, a 3 fanams p foot			66 — —
Terrace Work in Lime — Lime — 300, a 48 p 100			28. 24 —
Chunamming with 2 Coats - Square feet 4576 - a 4 Rs p 100			167 — —
Timber Work			99 — —
		Pagodas	378. 24 —

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(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

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

Brick Work in Clay —	Cub feet 1876 - a 1½ fanams p foot		69 — —
Chunamming with 2 Coats	Sq. feet 1300, a 4 Rs p 100		52 — —
Tiled Roof	Square feet 800 a 8 Rs p 100 feet		64 — —
		Pagodas	185. 35 —

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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.

Read

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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 (additional) 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—

Yr. Yr. Yr.

(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 Mahon 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 3rd. April 1790—

Ensign Wm. 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 52nd 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, Acting Master to the Centre Division, do Muster the Troops in the Field.

That Captain Dixon, Deputy Adjutant General to the King's Troops, be directed to join the army in the Field, & to report to the Camp at Wallanjaubaad.

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. 31, 35)

From the Paymaster at Chingleput From — ditto — at Wallanjaubaad

from Mr. Balfour, Paymaster at Ching.leput, and from Mr. Tanner, Paymaster at Wallanjaubaad — the former proposing to Erect a Shed for Stores arrived from Wallanjaubaad — the latter enclosing an Application from Lieutenant Colonel Floyd for additional Pistollers.

Colonel Floyd applies for additional Pistollers

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.

Read

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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.

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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.

Lt Govr Josh Hardyn

Pdlo Jas Wo Nond

James Taylor

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Diary

Contents of a letter to the Nabob

10th. Sent Letter to the Nabob. (as entered in C.C. No. 80) desiring he will order the Rajah of Calastry to send to Chandernagherry 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.

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council & Commander in Chief.

Honble Sir

From Captain Knox — information of Tippoo's Proceedings: states the Difficulties he would encounter (if he was forced to quit his Station) from want of Forage &c. Rajah has attacked Tondiman's Country, but does not pass the daily Skirmishes before. —

I had the honor of describing to you the state of the Enemy's Works before the Lines in my Letter of the 23rd. Ultimo — His Trenches were yesterday said to lie on the brink of the Ditch; Yet 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 4,000 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 Porto Novo, I found it necessary, on account of a deficiency of Conveyance, to throw the Tumbrils & one half of the Stores into a small Fort upon the River side, opposite to Apsoon. 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 failure 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 Article 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

Hont Sir

From Mr Powney — 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 this 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 Mr 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

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10th almost extends as far as Palygheatcherry; from whence the Enemy now derive the greatest part of their Supplies.— The Cochin Rajah pays an annual Tribute to Tippoo for it. Should a Peace be concluded, 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: Since which they have fired three 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

Asstt

The Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

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

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 River
9th April 1790 - 8 o'Clock P.M.

Fr. Fr. Fr. (triplicate) Thomas Musgrave

Dispatched 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 Order 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 — Inclosing Letter & Estimates of the Chief Engineer at Tiagar; & from the Paymaster at Mallaujaubaad, 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 8th 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 — & Mr. Duffin 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 Shed provided for the Stores sent from Mallaujaubaad; and to state whether it can not, 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 Chingleput — From Captain Campbell — has assumed the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Chingleput, agreeable to General Orders.

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

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 Holland
and
James Taylor ——— } Esqrs

Tuesday —
13th April 1790 —

Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved —

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Musgrave

The Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Letter from Colonel Musgrave — The Troops have moved from their Encampment — Expects to reach Mandiwash the 17th Inst. — The Lascars have consented to carry the Tent Bamboos — The Bullocks formerly entertained for that Duty will be discharged

In compliance with your Secretary's Letter, under date the 2d 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 six Miles, and shall be enabled thereby to reach Mandiwash 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 Bullocks formerly entertained for that Duty —

I have the honor to be

Camp at Outramalore
10th April 1790

Thomas Musgrave
(signed)

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

Mandiwash Lascars

Read the following Letter from Mr. Powney.

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To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir

From Mr. Bonney – Tippoo has brought his Trenches to the Ditch – Advising of the Capture of a Snow belonging to Tippoo, by His Majesty's Ship Phœnix – a Battalion of Sepoys with Stores &c.a arrived at Tellicherry – Intends making another Dispatch to-morrow 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 3.rd Instant, from the Chief at Tellicherry, which informs me that Captain Byron of His Majesty's Ship Phœnix had brought in a Great 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.

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

I have the honor to remain

Surat 5.th April 1790

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) George Bonney

Resident

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Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To John Chamier Esq.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

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

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

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
J. Fombelle
Secretary

Fort William
26th March 1790.

Ordered that the Invoice of the Gunpowder, embarked on the Warren Hastings, be sent to the Military Board.

Directs thereon

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

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

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Read also a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, (entered in C.C. No. 82.) with Enclosure — 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 this Country, and that the Orders sent to Mr. Rawe may

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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 Resident'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 Revenues.

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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 8th — 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 compleated 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 resort to 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.

Cash received from the Nabob, to 12th. April, in Star Pags. 121332 —
By a Bill on Tritchinopoly ——— 43,103 1/2
164,435 1/2

Deposites in Madras Pagodas 23,800 — or 25,704
Portonovo Pagodas 2,338 - or - 2,015
Ditto - a new - 1,170 - or - 1080 — 28,704 —
193,139 1/2

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

Ordered that Letters to the Rajah of Tanjore, to the Nabob, & to Mr. Ram 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. & a Plan for executing the same. Resident remarks on the subject.

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter & Plan I have received from Mon.r Sonnerat, the Chief of the French Settlement of Yanam. That Gentleman is solicitous of your permission to sink some Boats in the River Guadaveery, 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.

M.r 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 time 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 M.r Sonnerat is desirous of turning, has been formed within

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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 increase, and now approaches so near to the North West Shore (where Lt. Lennerat 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

Yanam 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 Janam: 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 Donays, 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 possess 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.

Janam 20th. March 1790 I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) 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 M. 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 existing at Vellore — on the List of Articles required in the Department of Grain & Provisions — on the Company Cowrie's Letter dated the 6th. Inst. — On Major Mantle's Indent for Stationary — On Mr Bodle's made by the Barrack Master of the Centre Division — Requesting that they may receive a State of the Barrack at the different Stations. —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Thomson'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 Nowell'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 Barracks in the Hill Forts of Sacarow & Gazarow, & of the Pettah Wall of the Fort of Vellore itself; more particularly, as it is stated by Colonel Bruce that — "the Centre Hill mounts two heavier "Guns than are on it at present; and had Such been mounted "in it last War, Hyder could not with the use he did, erect "his Batteries against the great Fort." & therefore the proper Guns are directed to be placed in the Fort of Gazarow, We conceive the Repairs of the Barracks in the Walls of Sacarow, 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,

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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 Indent 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 former only of the former is of Canvas, with Curtains of strong Dungaree; But as the Barrack Master's Doolies are painted Green, & thereby render proof against bad Weather, & even 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.

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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

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(Signed) J. Capper
H. Malcolm
G. Hall

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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The Black Wall should be put in some state of Defence.

The Repairs to the Mill Forts are necessary, & should be executed — Those of Sazarow are essential to its Security. —

The Military Board cannot Consistently give an opinion on Colonel Gent'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) Dan.l Grace Acting Secry

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.y B.s No.s 51.52 —

From Mr. Hinderley — From Mr. Monsteen Ayr — requesting to resign his office of Assistant to the Persian Translator

Minute thereon — Ordered according by —

From the Commissary of Stores at Wallajanabad — From Lieutenant Morris Commissary of Stores at Wallajanabad with an Indent for Stationary.

Minute thereon — Ordered that the Indent be referred to the Consideration of the Military Board —

Ext. Geo. Stratton Warden — I have signed to this Covenant three times by the Orders of the Court of Directors which I am required — But for the reasons assigned by me in the Letter to the Court above, I was — and in circumstances, and from which Letter the Minute by which his Highness appears to have been Confined, I signed the Covenant under protest to the Court. — Thomas Taylor

Thomas Taylor