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To the Honble. Major General William Medows

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

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

From Colonel de Wangenheim proposing a Plan for the reinlistment of the Hanoverians whose Time of Service is nearly expired

Having been informed by the answer of the Board upon my last letter dated the 4th. of May, that the Clause'd questions cannot be omitted, and it being, in my present critical situation, impossible for me to take any further Steps, without having previously received his Majesty's further orders & Instructions respecting the Hanoverian Regiments; and wishing, at the same time, to see the Regiments remain in constant activity, for your Excellency's Command, during the present War, - I once more take the liberty to represent, because no further Re-inlistment, even for one Year, on account of the condition prescribed by Lord Cornwallis, can take place, that you would be pleased, when the term of those Men that are now engaged for 6 weeks, in the beginning of next Month, expires, - to grant permission of reinlisting all the Men whose time of Service is expired, for 6 months, and to continue to reinlist them from 6 months to 6 months, until the arrival of his Majesty's orders; and that in proportion to such an Engagement, they may receive the usual Bounty. - Thus, the Regiments would not only be able to furnish the necessary Number of Men required for Duty, but also nothing be done by which the Displeasure of His Majesty, perhaps, might be incurred.

I flatter myself the above Representation will not be disapproved, & have the honor to remain -

Madras S. 9th. May 1790

Fr. & Obt. Hble Servt. signed Wangenheim
Colonel

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Colonel De Wangenheim be informed that, the Board approve the Measure recommended by him of re-enlisting all the Men whose Time of Service is expired, for the Term of six Months; and if his Majesty's Orders should not arrive at the Expiration of that Time, that the Men may be again reinlisted for the same period, & so on until the King's pleasure shall be known.

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Resolved also, that each Man reinlisting for Six Months be allowed the Sum of 2½ Pagodas Bounty Money, including in the first Six Months enlisting Money. the Pericope the Six Weeks which the Hanoverian Troops are now serving bringing the Pagodas paid to Account accordingly.

Read the following Letter & Enclosures from the Resident at Tanjore.

To the Honble General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore — states his opinion upon the Rajah's Letter to the Resident dated the 27th. Ultimo — thinks his Excellency's Offer is not advantageous — has sent to Camp 50,000 Pagodas —

The Letter which his Excellency wrote to Government dated 27th. April 1790, was sent to me on Friday last, & a Copy of the Paragraphs relating to the War sent to me on Sunday. — Notwithstanding a great deal of art is used to make

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to the Title, and his circumstanas are such as not to enable him to assist the Rajah, were he inclined; which he is not, having no Confidence in the Management of the present Sirkeel.

The four Persons who gave Securities to me, for the Payment of 50,000 out of the 73,000 Pagodas I received last month, (the other 5000 being accounted for in Grain) are I am well informed incapable of granting any more, having already paid what was due from them to the Rajah - None of them were Srucars.

But the most exceptionable part of his Excellency's Letter is that in which he says - That taking into Consideration the favor done him by the Company, in reducing his Subsidy, he has communicated the benefit to his Subjects - which appears to me fallacious, for tho' his Excellency gave out that he would receive no more than 40 Pagodas of the Candy by raising the estimated price in proportion, the Revenue being (with very few Exceptions) received in Coin, no relief was afforded to his Subjects: in fact they were rather more oppressed. - It is my Intention to address a letter to the purport of the foregoing to his Excellency, that he may have an opportunity of replying to it, but have delayed it on account of a Letter I wrote to him for the Supply of the Camp, Copy of which I enclose.

I dispatched to Camp on the 3.rd Instant, the amount of 50,000 Star Pagodas, of which I gave a particular account to the D.y C.t Paymaster -

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Comparison of the Payments promised to John Holland Esqr. and to

The Rajah by agreement with Mr. Holland was to pay to the Company the following Kists, acknowledged in his Letter to General Medows dated 5th. April 1790

1789	November	20.571.31.33
	December	41,143.18.66
1790	January	41,143.18.66
	February	68,570.31.30
	March	68,570.31.30
	April	68,570.31.30
	May	41,143.18.66
	June	41,143.18.66
	July	34,284.37.65
	August	27,429.12.54
	September	27,428.12.54
	October	" " "
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	May	41,143.18.66
	June	41,143.18.66
	July	34,284.37.65
	August	27,429.12.54
	September	27,428.12.54
	October	" " "
24 Months or 2 years at 1,20,000 p annum		9,60,000—

Of these Kists the Rajah has paid, by the Account given in the said Letter, to the End of March 173,141.
which added to what has been further received by the Resident viz^t. 24,000 makes in all 197,141.12.35

(N.B. The Rajah by stating in the said Account Peeps as if actually paid, has confused it — It is differently stated in the Resident's Account, but the Total is the same) paid then? —

In March 173,141
In April 24,000.12.35

Substract ..... 197,141.12.35—

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C.C.

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May it please your Excellency

The supply of the army with Provisions being a matter of so much consequence in itself & what will give the most favorable impressions of your Sentiments to Government, I trust your Excellency will readily comply with every requisition I have to make for forwarding that purpose, agreeable to those warm professions which your Excellency was pleased to make on my delivery of the letter to your Excellency from Colonel Musgrave.

1st. A Head Bazar Man will write from the Camp, the articles chiefly wanted, and the quantity of each.

2nd. Your Excellency will be pleased to remit the Suncums on articles in every part of the Country thro which they may

3rd. The Bullock Men & Bazar Men who are in the follow also the Merchants who now furnish the Palace Stores should be allowed to go & come to and from Camp without tation from the Chunkum People, & I request your Excel to send them to me that I may give them a Cowle to that p

Villages

Sooba of Combiconum

Nunneelum
Narsimhapatta
Sangaulaporam
Nachar Coil
Trepuntora
Vadamuttum
Kotavausal
Tiebovanum
Rundannellore
Jallyoor
Maudalumpatta
Neppoo Coil

Sooba of Manarcoil

Maupela Cooppum
Munnargoody

Sooba of Mauyeveram

Sanganoor
Merganellsor
Konary rajaporam

Sooba of Paupanassum

Nakkuppee
Auvoor
Vombadu Paly
Annapum patta

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Ellore is, I am informed, the most proper for my March, in whatever the Services of the Detachment may be required. I shall therefore make Ellore my point of March, until I can receive your more express Instructions for my guidance.

I have addressed myself to the Chief of Masulipatam, entreating his assistance to forward the [illegible] of draft & Carriage Cattle, & establishment of artificers, for the Service of the Company of Artillery & Train [illegible] which has Embarked on the Honorable Company's [illegible]. & have transmitted to him Statements of [illegible] the articles which are requisite.

I shall also address [illegible] the Detachment, & recommend his [illegible] every necessary preparation for obey[illegible] such orders as you may be pleas[illegible] ment.

[illegible] the advantage of the [illegible] Corps of the Carnatic Establishment ha[illegible] insisted upon some, that from the pr[illegible] accommodation, & the hope of its [illegible] the Bengal Native Troops, I am [illegible] Concurrence to allow the Indulgence to them. If you should be pleased to admit this application, the Bell Tents, at present with the Corps, will become unnecessary, and the public Cattle allowed for their Carriage, will, with some small addition, transport the Tents of Companies; and your orders to the Storekeeper at Ellore

or

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the sick of the two Carnatic Battalions of artillery on that Station.

The Hospital Board, sensible how useful such an Institution Travancore Country might even prove to the Service, think it in on them to enclose Mr. Anderson for the perusal of Government.

Government are of opinion that an Hospital in the Travancore Country is unnecessary.

" Ja. Anderson
Physician General

[signed] " William Duffin
Head Surgeon

To James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General — & Members of the Hospital

Gentlemen

As there is by the late Medical Arrangement Establishment allowed for the sick of the Native Troops, but p your consideration the propriety of having an Hospital for of the sick of the Detachment at this place.—

I must beg leave to observe that the Native Troops since their arrival in the Travancore Country, have been, as you will perceive by the Monthly returns, much more sickly than they are in general found to be in the Carnatic: the greater part of them are afflicted with Ulcers of a very bad kind, which not only require rest, but constant attendance.— In time of Service it's impossible that the Regimental Surgeons can pay the necessary attention

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have every reason to expect the Enemy will commence their operations against this place immediately — The Detachment that is arrived has given the greatest Confidence to the People of the Country; Your Situation is now such, that we are under no apprehensions from the Enemy.

The Mauplemaurs in the interior part of the Country have, in consequence of the disturbances, taken advantage to make depredations, & have attacked two of my Tappalls and taken away their Dispatches — The has issued orders to prevent this in future, which be attended with Effect.

I have the honor to remain
Honble Sir
Your most devoted humble Ser

Jacottah
28th. April 1790.

(signed) George Powney
Resident

P.S. This moment I have a Letter from Mr. Taylor Chief at Tellicherry, dated the 27th. Instant, which h the following Paragraph. — "The Cartimaty Rajah "is arrived — the whole Country is in Arms against Tippoo — all his Ports in our Neighbourhood are in "our hands, & 500 Prisoners — most of them Carnatics, "whom We shall send to you, to be conveyed to the "Carnatic". —

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Copy of a Letter from the Bombay Government to Captain Knox or the officer commanding the Madras Troops, stationed with the Rajah of Travancore

Sir

Having judged proper, for the good of the Service, to fit out a strong Detachment from the Presidency to join the Rajah of Travancore, we desire you will put yourself under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Hartly, whom We have appointed to command the Expedition, & We shall apprize General Medows of your having taken upon ourselves to give you these Instructions.

Bombay Castle
12th. April 1790.

We are &c. &c.
(signed) { Robt. Abercrombie
D. Carnegie
Geo. Dick

Copy of a Letter from Governor Abercrombie to Captain [illegible]

Bombay. 13th. April

Sir

Hearing with very great anxiety the [illegible] situation of the Rajah of Travancore, I have, with the Concurrence of the Council, thought it expedient to detach for his support the 75th. Regiment, one Company of Artillery, two of Lascars, & two Native Battalions, under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, a very experienced Officer. Lord Cornwallis & General Medows are apprised of the Measure. — Colonel Hartley is instructed to co-operate with, or receive orders from the Officer Commanding the Southern Army of the Carnatic, as Situation & Circumstances may require.

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I will afford me the highest Gratification if I can contribute to the convenience or accommodation of your Detachment, & beg. Sir, that you will unreservedly apply for my assistance.

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

Camp on the Island of Ajeen,
25th. April 1790.

Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hartley to Captain Thomas

Sir

Your Letter of the 5th. Instant, I had the honor to receive; In reply to which, I can only say, that - wherever two Corps in the same Service come to act together, the Senior Officer of course, by the Rules of War & custom of the Army, takes the Command of the whole.

Whatever order or directions you may have received from the Government of Bombay, you will of course lay before that of Madras, who will no doubt give you such further instructions as they may judge necessary for the good of the Service.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. (signed) W. Hartley
Lt. Colo. 75th. Regiment

Head Quarters
Cyacottah 26th.
April 1790 —

Copy of a Letter from Captn. Knox to Lieut. Colonel Hartley

Sir

I had the honor of your letter of the 26th. Instant, & having considered the subject of it with attention, I cannot but think that, a pertinacious adherence to forms by which the

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Memorandums.

The President's Memorandums - Colonel Brathwaite to be directed to order Lieutenant Blair to join Major Montgomery, in the double Capacity of Brigade Major & Quarter Master - in case it is inconvenient to Lieutenant Blair, to order Lieutenant Berkely, to proceed - 10 Boys to be added to each Battalion of Native Infantry.

That a public Staff Officer being necessary for the Detachment under Major Montgomery, the Commander in Chief has directed Colonel Brathwaite to order Lieutenant Blair, Quarter Master of the 1st. Brigade, to join Major Montgomery, & to act with his Detachment in the double Capacity of Brigade Major & Quarter Master, but without receiving any addition of Pay on that account.

As it may not however be convenient for Colonel Brathwaite to spare Lieutenant Blair from the Duty in which he is employed under the Colonel's immediate orders, the Commander in Chief has authorized Colonel Brathwaite, in that Event, to direct Lieutenant William Berkeley of the 2nd. Battalion European Infantry to join Major Montgomery, to act as the public Officer of the Detachment in the double Capacity abovementioned, on the allowances of Brigade Major; and has further signified to the Colonel that, as soon as it is known which of the above named Officers have joined the Detachment, a Government Order will be issued on the Subject.

Forty Boys having been attached to each Battalion of Native Infantry, when the Establishment

of

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Diary

11th Sent the following Letters.

To the Honble. Major General Abercrombie Governor — & to the Gentlemen of Council at Tranquebar

Gentlemen

To the Governor & Council at Tranquebar - informing them of the President's Intention of joining the Army, & of the probability of his disembarking at Tranquebar.

We have the honor of announcing to you the intention of Major General Medows, of proceeding in a few days, on his Britannick Majesties Frigate the Vestal, to the Southward, & of the probability which there is of his disembarking at Tranquebar, where We have no doubt of his meeting with a polite reception from your Government.

The General has taken the liberty to order a Naique & Six Sepoys to be in waiting at Tranquebar for the purpose of escorting his Baggage, in the Event of his Landing — Allow your protection to this small party.

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

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Signed { Wm. Medows
& Council

To Sir Richard Strachan Bart.

To Sir Richard Strachan Commanding the Vestal Frigate - requesting him to convey Major General Medows to the Southward & to land him at Tranquebar or Negapatam

Commander of His Majesty's Frigate the Vestal

Sir

It being absolutely necessary for the public Service that Major General Medows should join the Army to the South-

ward

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11th to him from the 24th January to the 28th June – his Receipts to be forwarded to the Pay Office at Bombay.

To Colonel De Wangenheim

To Colonel de Wangenheim – approving the measure recommended by him, of re inlisting the Hanoverian Soldiers, whose Time of Service is expired, for the Term of six Months. – 2½ Pagodas Bounty Money to be allowed them; including in the first Six Months Inlisting Money the Pagoda already paid.

To Lieutenant Bulman

To Lieutenant Edward Bulman – declining the admission of his Claim, on account of Bullocks collected by him during the late War.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts – to report upon the accompanying papers received from the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board – to report their opinion upon the different measures recommended in the Enclosed Extracts of Letters from Colonel Musgrave & Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell.

To Lieutenant Collier

To Lieutenant Collier – the Board consent to his drawing his Arrears of Subsistence.

To Mr. William Harington Agent to the Contractor for Victualling the Bengal European Troops –

To Mr. William Harington – Informing him that the Governor General has approved the plan for victualling the Bengal Troops as suggested in his Letter 23rd March 1790.

Circular – to all Officers Commanding Garrisons Detachments &c.

Circular Letter – to all Officers Commanding Garrisons, Detachments &c. – Stating that the Board have entrusted the entire Management & Detail of the army South of the Coleroon to the President, as Commander in Chief, who leaves the Presidency in a few days. – To correspond with him, and obey his Orders.

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To John Chamier Esq.r
&c &c &c

Sir Vestal - Madras Roads - May 11.th 1790.

From Sir R. Strachan Bt. is ready to convey General Medows & his Suite to Nigapatam or Tranquebar - requesting to know when the General means to Embark

In answer to your Letter of this date, requesting me in the name of the Governor in Council to receive Major General Medows and his Suite on board, & Convey him to the Southward as far as Tranquebar or Negapatam, I am to acquaint you that I am ready to perform that Service, & wish to know when Major General Medows means to Embark, that I may transmit an account of my proceedings to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships on this Station. But I must desire you will inform the Board, that if I hear of the arrival of Commodore Cornwallis on this side the Peninsula before the Major General is Embarked on the Vestal, I shall be obliged, in compliance with the orders I am under, to sail from this Road to join the Commander in Chief.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant

(signed) R. J. Strachan

To John Chamier Esq.r
&c &c &c

Sir Vestal - Madras Roads 12.th May 1790.

From Sir R. Strachan Bt. advising of the orders he has received from the Commodore to proceed immediately to join the Squadron at Prince of Wales's Island - stating however, that

You will inform the Honble the Governor in Council that, in consequence of the arrival of his Majesty's Ship

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To the Honble Major General Medows.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Bengal - Expressing their Wishes that the Plan recommended by the Supreme Government on the 15th May, for introducing an Uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the several Company's Settlements in India, be carried into Execution

We are to acknowledge our receipt of your Letter of the 20th Instns, in which you are pleased to submit to us whether, in the present situation of affairs, it might not be proper to post pone, for one Year, at your Presidency, the Execution of the Plan recommended from hence, on the 15th of May, for introducing an uniformity of system in the Military Accounts of the several Settlements of the Company in India.

If the difficulty would not be greater than we suppose, in opening the Books of 1790-1 as we desired, (we have at present any reason before us to) we could still wish that this should be effected; for, on referring to the Reports of the Committee employed, at Madras, in the Investigation of the Army Accounts, We observe that they notice the great confusion, in which these were involved during the last War, and we think that the present Crisis should not be passed by, without the most vigorous Endeavor being used to establish the Efficacy of Controul, and the utmost Regularity, in the Accounts of your Military Disbursements in future.

But, if local Circumstances, of which we are not now particularly apprized, or if the near approach of the new Year of Account, should render much Exertion necessary to prepare and arrange the forms of abstracts & Disbursements

with

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Resolved, that the Recommendation of the Supreme Board, for the establishing an uniformity in keeping the accounts of the three Presidencies, be, if possible, immediately adopted.

Ordered, in consequence, that the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations do proceed to the Execution of this Work, & that they be directed to state such further arrangements as may be deemed necessary.

Read the following Letter from Colonel de Wangenheim

To the Honble Major General William Medows

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

Honble Sir

From Colonel de Wangenheim, recommending that the last period of reinlistment be allowed to expire, before the Men are again reinlisted.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Resolution, dated the 11th. Instant, upon my Letter of the 9th. May; for which favor, I return my most respectful thanks. - I am only to request that your Excellency would be pleased to alter the circumstances, with regard to the Pagoda Bounty Money, given to the 200 Men of the Hanoverian Regiments, who have engaged to serve for Six Weeks; and that this Money may not be deducted them from the Bounty they are to receive for an Inlistment of Six months, they not having received the Money upon any other Condition than to Serve for 6 Weeks, which time expires on the 7th June; for

which

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to inform you that, I always supposed those advances were to be made directly by his Highness — If I am mistaken, if the Funds for it are to be supplied in the first instance by the Company, it to constitute a Deduction from the Nizam's current Peishcush, as that Peishcush is in future to be paid by quarterly Instalments thro' the means of a Benares Banker, at Hyderabad, there will not I imagine be any difficulty in procuring remittances from thence to Camp; but in case any delay should occur in the Banker's performance of the Engagements which he has entered into with the Governor General, which I do not apprehend there will be — in such case, the only mode I know of, by which the necessary advances to the Detachment can be made is, thro' the Channel of the Troops at Masulipatam

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) John Kennaway

Camp at Shahpore
2nd. May 1790.

Agreed to inform Captain Kennaway, that the principal object is to secure regular payments for the Troops serving with the Nizam; and that, if a dependance can be placed upon the receipt of the necessary advances of Cash from the Nizam, he will in that case, make the application for them — but if on the contrary Captain Kennaway will then give the requisite notice to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, in order to enable them to furnish the Paymaster to the Detachment with the Sums required.

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Resolved, that it be notified to Captain Kennaway that

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I have not pressed for the remainder of the Lac of Pagodas, as it would be unsafe at present to send it thro the Country: As soon as we return to Security, I shall immediately call upon the Minister for it.

The Minister has consented to defray monthly the Expences of the Detachment under Colonel Hartley, during it's Stay in this Country. The Detachment is Encamped on this Island, and the operations of it must a great deal be regulated by those of the Enemy.

I am sorry to inform you, that all the Merchants who bring Horses for Sale, have left this; it will be therefore out of my power to ensure the Number of Horses which you directed me to enter into Engagements for. — There are, however, a number of Horses brought for Sale every year to Cochin, which the Rajah of Travancore has always the preference of: Should there be any, answering the description you have pointed out, with your permission, I will purchase them on account of Government.

I have the honor to remain
Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) George Powney
Resident

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Further Minute on the two foregoing Letters -

Agreed also, that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Travancore, desiring he will make all possible Exertions to furnish Provisions, Money, and every thing else of which Colonel Hartley's Detachment may stand in need - and reminding him, that a considerable portion of the Lack of Pagodas promised by him is not yet paid; & that the Board hope he will see the propriety of attending to it without loss of time.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hartley.

To the Honble. Major General Wm. Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Hartley - advising of the safe arrival of the Detachment under his Command - communicating Intelligence / as received from the French Resident / of the Strength & Disposition of Tippoo's Army - the Rajah of Cochin has declared in favor of the Company.

I presume you have ere this been informed of my being detached from Bombay with His Majesty's 75th. / Highland / Regiment, one Company of Artillery, & the Grenadier & Seventh Battalions of Native Infantry - I have now the honor to inform you that, I called at Tellicherry for Intelligence on the 22nd. Ultimo, & arrived here on the Evening of the 23rd.; having understood from two Express Vessels I met with at Sea, that Tippoo Sultaun had forced the Lines of Travancore on the 15th. April, & that the Rajah's Troops had fled from the Storm.

The purpose of my Commission could not be better effected than by a speedy Landing, which I immediately resolved on, and by the great exertions of that Zealous Officer Captain Byron

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to ascertain which, I detached a Party out under Cover of the Guns, and found a new made approach of one hundred & fifty toises in length, with a Battery at the head of the trench for 4 Guns, at the distance of four hundred Yards from the edge of our Ditch. These I immediately ordered to be destroyed, but which could not be compleated, being interrupted by a Body of the Enemy under Mons.r Lalley. The Sortie returned without any loss: Four of the Enemy were said to have been killed.

A Deserter from Tippoo's Camp came in the same day, named Sulaiem Hyder, who gave me the following Intelligence.

"That Tippoo Sultaun with his army was arrived "at the distance of five Cos's to the North East of Cranganore - he had "brought with him five Confidential Servants, Viz.t Comar "Deen Cawn, Meer Sawdor, Poorneah Kistna Row, and Bawr "Kistnah Row."

"The following Troops are with the Sultan:

"The first Catcherry consists of six Coosums each "Coosum of Twelve hundred Sepoys, fifty Rocket Men, & two Six Pounders.

"The second Catcherry of 4 Coosums 50 Rocket Men, & 2 Guns
" third ditto 3 ditto ditto & ditto
" fourth ditto 5 ditto ditto & ditto -

"His Cavalry consists of two hundred & fifty of his "Stable Horse, & about Six hundred Irregulars - he has besides "Two thousand Carnatics, & 6 Guns, five Pounders."

The Detachment under Monsieur Lalley against

Cranganore

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illiterate (tho' he has learnt mechanically to read his Sig
of Shree Ram Pretaub) it is impossible for any of his Subje
to give him advice, unknown to these People; tho' there
wanting some, even of his own Family, who are
of the Mischief his predilection for Shevarow occasion
would caution him if they durst. As he speaks the
it might be imagined that a little application to th
would enable him to read it in a short time; and
is an Instance in Serfojee (the adopted Son of the late
who since his removal, has learnt to read Dur
sufficient fluency: but a total want of all Applic
to be his Excellency's principal Character istic; he can hear
only see thro' the medium of those he is pleased to converse
him; and they, whenever they think he may suspect a Combin
which might occasion his anger, take an opportunity from
some frivolous pretence to stimulate his Jealousy against
Serfojee, & by that means dispose of him as they think proper
this is the case at present.

Having mentioned Serfojee I hope I may be
excused digressing to observe, that the Raja has hitherto this
day allowed him to pay his obeisance to his Mother by visiting
or taken any step towards an Establishment for Serfojee (as he
promised me during the late Government) who ever since his
Removal, has been maintained at my Expence.

With respect to the Re-establishment of Shree

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could not in Twenty Years recover the Depredations of the Enemy's Cavalry, the Exaggeration is apparent to every Per- in the least acquainted with the Resources of the Country — It is contrary by fact! — Nothing more is necessary to re- -blish the Country, than to encourage Cultivators to com- into it: but when these have been repeatedly inveigled by favorable Cowles, & those Cowles as often broken, an entire Confidence takes place, which is the only obstacle that at present are establishment of the Fertility of the Country in two or three Years.

On this Head, I should think it nec- that the Resident should be authorized to gr- Protection in the name of the Company. & th- -bly observed by the Rajah; and lest this may as trenching on the Sovereign Power of the C- might be forbid granting such Cowles, e- desire of the Rajah, signified in wr-

The absolute want of Proceedings throughout the Country, has forth in my Letter 29th January & that of Lake Government enclosing a Plan by that Gentleman for establishing a Court of Justice, to which I beg leave to refer not to lengthen too much my present letter. — If such were established, it would not only be an inexpressible

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could not in Twenty Years recover the Depredations of the Enemy's Cavalry, the Exaggeration is apparent to every Person in the least acquainted with the Resources of the Country — It is contrary by fact! — Nothing more is necessary to establish the Country, than to encourage Cultivators to come into it: but when these have been repeatedly inveigled by favorable Cowles, & those Cowles as often broken, an entire Confidence takes place, which is the only obstacle that can prevent an establishment of the Fertility of the Country in two or three Years.

On this Head, I should think it might be [illegible] that the Resident should be authorized to grant Protection in the name of the Company, & [illegible] keep abroad =bly observed by the Rajahs; and lest this may [illegible] it a Custom as trenching on the Sovereign Power of the [illegible] tunity to might be forbid granting such Cowles, except against desire of the Rajah, signified in writing [illegible] they think

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If the Rajah should have an irreconcilable aversion to make Bhavan Sirkeel, other Persons might without difficulty be found capable of conducting the affairs of the Country; But if an immediate Supply be wanted for the Expences of the War, Bhavan has Friends who would advance Two Lacks without delay upon his entering on the Employ.

I did not press his Excellency on the 19th. Ultimo for the payment of the March Kist, having, as I thought, an object of greater consequence in view, namely - the appointment of Ragoba; But, upon the 30th. Ultimo, when I had the honor to deliver to his Excellency a Letter from Colonel Musgrave, on the subject of supplying the Camp with Provisions, I mentioned the March Kist, & was answered that they had included that and every thing else in their offer in their Letter of 27th. April.

With respect to the Supply of Provisions, his Excellency has not yet granted the full order I wanted from him, & of course the Supply from hence has not yet taken place.

The recent Death of the Sirkeel's Son preventing me having an Interview with the Rajah 'till tomorrow night, I will no longer delay answering the Letter of the fourth.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) G. Ram Assistant

Tanjour
10th. May 1790.

taking no more than 12 ℘ Cent

Not being able to bear such Oppression, the Inhabitants have often quitted their Houses. - Even a few days many of the principal People addressed you, imploring the Company's Protection.

The present Sirkul Shevarow, has neither the nor Integrity, to manage the Country.

The Revenue is spent or squandered away, and at last they can give no account of it

As the Rajah is not versed in reading, he knows nothing but what his Servants or Minions are to tell him.

How often has he been entreated to bless his Country with the Introduction of Justice? - of which I drew a Plan at Sir Archibald Campbell's desire, which was offered to Rajah; but though he allowed the Utility, nay Necessity, he has not the firmness of mind to put it into Execution, because he knows that his Servants are against the regular administration of Justice.

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But could he be persuaded to introduce Justice, and consequently encourage Industry, his Revenue would be augmented wonderfully. - But when Inhabitants lose all the fruits of their Labours, they become despondent & Insolent.

Some Years ago, when there was almost a total Emigration, the Cultivation was abandoned, & a famine ensued. But as soon as the late Rajah yielded to the Intreaties of

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Sir, how shall they be removed by arguments?— that will be impossible. Nothing but almost peremptory orders sent by Government, will or can effect it.— If they both were called to the Presidency, all would go on well, without any considerable objection or opposition.

But having been favored with a perusal of your Letter to Government, I heartily agree with you in point of detaining those two persons here, in case their accounts are to be inspected.

(signed) C.F. Swartz

Resolved, that the particular Consideration of the above be deferred, until the Sentiments of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, upon the late Reference to his Lordship, shall be known.— In the mean time, Mr. Ram is to be directed to call upon the Rajah for the immediate Payment of the Kists due; & to inform his Excellency, that a communication will shortly be made of the Board's Determination upon the Contents of the Letter lately addressed by him to the President.

Minute thereon

payment

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor &c. Council

Fort S.t George

From Masulipatam — arriving of the arrival of the Houghton at Masulipatam,— Enclosing Copy of a letter from Bengal relative to the disposal of the Treasure in the Houghton

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Secretary's Letter of the 26.th & 28.th Ultimo, have been duly received, with the Papers Enclosed.

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Treasure for Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, for the use of the Detachment under his Command, with a Detachment of artillery consisting of of one Company, with three Companies of Lascars, & a Proportion of Ordnance, to join the Bengal Troops.

Captain Meares, the Commander of the Houghton, has received Instructions to return here as soon as he has landed the Men, Ordnance & Stores, & delivered the Treasure to your Order; and We request that the Treasure may remain under your Charge at Masulipatam, until the arrival of Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, or until he may think proper to send for it. - A Bill of Lading for the Money will be forwarded to you under Cover from the Ship, by the Deputy Master Attendant.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
11th. April 1790.

signed, Cornwallis
& Council

A true Copy
signed J.n Lumley
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Agreed, that the Chief & Council at Masulipatam be directed to order Captain Barton, with the Artillery and Lascars under his Command, to proceed to join Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, now on its March to Ellore.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To -

Fort St. George 14th May 1790

List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of April 1790.

Steel Bitts small			200
Tin Tube Boxes 18 Pounds		4	36
	5½ Inch	16	
	4½ Inch	16	
Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder			200
Ditto ——— for Hot Shells			1000
Barrels Empty for Powder - Tin foiled			600
Ditto for Ammunition			200
Bullock Collars			300
Brass Primers			20
Eyes Iron			30
Claw Hammers			30
Handspikes Purchasing			200
Priming Iron Large		100	300
Small		200	
Linstocks			20
Cotton Match		Lbs	100
Punches Sheet			100
Pincers for Tubes		Pairs	30
Yoke Pins, Teak Wood			1000
Salt Petre		Candy	1
Brimstone		Lb	40
Sponge Staves			100
Steel Spike round		300	450
Raggets		150	
Spring Spikes			100
Port fire Sticks			100
Dungaree Sand Bags Large			100
Small			100
Gunny Bags			600
Country Bellows			100
Canvas		Pairs	100
Borax		Bolts	100
Long Cloth White		Lb	100
Blue Cloth		Piece	200
Wax Cloth		Do	100
Charcoal		Do	200
Country Hides		Soops	1095
Coir Rope 1½ Inch			50
Gunny Needles		Coils	50
			500

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List of Military Stores &c. Continued.

Gunny Twine	M	627
Tamarins Wood - 8 Inch Square - 8 Feet long		6
Desk		1
Sheep Skins Black		15
Silk Threads		2
Soldering Irons		14
Blue Rope		56
Targets with Frames for Sepoys		6
Cotton Lash	Mo.	5. 5
Cotton Rope	Do.	21 12
Gunny Bags for ammunition		120
Slings for Fife Cases		25
Colour Staves Iron shod		12
Matts		145
Coconut Brushes		40
Brattics		2400
Loops		6
Bees & Pillows		32
Wooden Buckets		30
Case		1
Chests		99
Boxes		20
Casks		7

From the Gunpowder Contractor

Gun Powder Madras 60 lb Barrels		450

From the Gun Carriage Contractor

Mortar Carts		4
Arrack Carts		25
Sick Carts		25
Artificers Carts		4
Iron Chain Traces for Mortar Carts		4
ditto ——— for artificers Carts		4
Single Yokes		105
Double Yokes		250
Limber Poles. Spares		6

Carried forward

following Recommendations Viz.

That the Chains made during Sir Archibald Campbells Government, for hanging the Draw Bridge at the Sea Gate, be used in lieu of those now affixed to it.

That the Chains of all the other Draw Bridges of the Fort be examined, & some New Links made, for the purpose of replacing any defective parts.

That the Stockade on the North East Angle of the Black Town be completed, as well as the Gates of Communication to it, & the Palisadoe Gates for securing the Water courses [illegible] and

As the Lascars belonging to the Bengal Artillery have arrived, & joined their Corps, that those furnished from the Presidency to accompany the above Detachment on their march to Wallaujanbad, be ordered to return.

Colonel Ross has furnished us with a Memorandum of the Expense that will attend the Execution of the above Works; As it doesnt, however, ascertain at what rate, & We are not yet informed, in what time the Pioneer Stores can now be provided, We shall defer a Report respecting them until our next Meeting.

We have received from Colonel Bruce Recommendations for the alteration of the Gateway, the removal of the out Works, & the Construction of a Draw Bridge at Vellore with a Plan & Estimate of Expence. As these Alterations & Repairs do not appear to us indispensably necessary to the immediate Safety of that Garrison, & as We are still unacquainted with Lieutenant Colonel Gils's design,

for

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That the following quantity of Pioneer Stores, ordered always to be in readiness, cost, according to the Committee of Works' Books, as under

Fascines of 12 feet	2,000	a 20 Pag.s p.r hundred		400
9 ditto	2,000	a 15 d.o	d.o	300
6 ditto	2,000	a 10 d.o	d.o	200
Gabions	400	a 33 d.o	d.o	132
Hurdles	200	a 68 d.o	d.o	136
Piquets	20,000	a 4 d.o	p.r thousand	80
			Pagodas	1248

(signd) Patrick Ross

A true Copy (signd) Dan.l Ince
Acting Secry

Minute on the foregoing Letters

The Board approve the Proceedings reported in the above Letters - Agreed, that the Military Board be desired to give the necessary Directions.

Read the following Letter from Messrs.r Balfour Spalding & Bolt, Attornies to Colonel William Fullarton

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Messrs.r Balfour Spalding & Bolt - Enclosing original Papers in favor of Colonel Fullarton's Claim for the Hire of Bullocks employed last War with the Southern Army.

The Honble Governor in Council having been pleased to acquaint us that he was willing to receive any further Information respecting the unliquidated Claims of our Constituent Colonel

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the Numbers of Cattle so provided, yet, the circumstance of Ryhaut Cawn and others having (by order) kept up an Extra Supply for the Contingent Service of the Southern Army, I am, from my situation of Adjt. General, well acquainted with having at different times dispatched orders for their being employed, when the Carriage of Department was not equal to the particular Service, especially in the removal of Stores from Darraporam to the Company's Frontier in April 1783.

Were it possible, Gentlemen, that any opinion of mine could have weight with Government, in their Decision, I should certainly advance it; as my belief is that, the public Service would have been much impeded, & the orders for evacuating the Darraporam and Cutubalam Countries, could not have been effected without such additional Supply of Carriage for the Equipage, Stores, & other Incumbrances, ever to be found in an Army.

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

Fort St. George
3rd. August 1789.

To Messrs. Balfour Spalding and Colt

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to reply to your Letter, in which you request a communication of my knowledge respecting the Pallad Concern with the Southern army, during the greater part of the year 1784, which forms the matter of a Reference from the Honble

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(signed) Ant. Beale

Tinnery Cottah
1st. January 1790

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Minute on the foregoing Letter & Enclosures

Agreed, that a Copy of the above, with the orders of the Court of Directors upon Colonel Fullartons Claims, be referred to the opinion of the Military Board.

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

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — reporting fully on the Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly, enclosed to him under date the 8th. Instant.

I have received your Letter of the 8th. Instant, with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Johnston, Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly, upon which you desire me to report.

The only report I am enabled to make is, to state the order I received from Government, & the order sent to Mr. Johnston.

On the 8th. of January last, I received Directions from Government to complete the Stores of Grain in the Southern & Centre Division - with Letters from the Nabob to his Managers, said to be orders for the delivery of Grain to the Company - and I was further informed — "If necessary, Grain must be purchased of the new Crop."—

The same day I sent an order to Mr. Johnston to complete the Store of Tritchinopoly to 570 ½ Garce, directing him to call upon the Nabobs Manager for the quantity required, for which an order was Enclosed - as the quantity was small, did not think it necessary to mention purchasing.

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prudent to get in what was required, which he would do at the Bazar Price of the day - and requesting to be informed if it was the pleasure of Government he should do so. - This Letter I laid before Government on the 26.th February, stating that Mr. Johnston had already brought 137½ Sarce, and charged it at the Bazar Price, Viz.t Pag.s 34. 28.2 p.r Sarce; requesting to be informed if I was to authorize Mr. Johnston to complete the Store in the same manner, and suggesting that the Bazar Price should be certified by the Commanding Officer.

To this Letter I received no reply - Consequently none was sent to Mr. Johnston?

On the 1.st March Government, in consequence of the delays practised by the Nabob's Managers, & the evasive manner in which they answered all applications for Grain, revoked, and issued orders to place Guards over all the Paddy in the several Districts round the Forts where it was required, until the Company's wants should be supplied, in the manner therein detailed; & that order was sent to Mr. Johnston in common with the other Storekeepers, with Instructions from me to the same purport.

On the 23.rd ultimo, I addressed a Letter to Mr. Johnston, calling upon him for his Returns, which he has omitted to forward from the 25.th March to that date, & requesting to know the cause which rendered it necessary for him to purchase, instead of receiving the Grain from his Highness's Manager, as directed in my Letter of the 11.th January - to which he replied as follows -

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Columns — The Bengal Table, nor the Letter accompanying it did not specify whether it was the Sonaut, the Sicca, or what Rupee was used; so that the proportion sent home from the Paymaster General's Office, was that 103 Current Rupees make 100 Arcot, & 111 Current 100 Sonaut — 375 Arcot Rupees having been fixed upon by your Honble Board, as the proper rate of Exchange for 100 Star Pagodas, 8 all Rupees in Military Computations being invariably 8 Shillings, this makes the Sonaut Rupee equal to 2/ 2 31/90; but on comparing the Pay, in English Sterling Money, of Officers on this Coast, with the Pay, in Rupees of similar Ranks on the Bengal Establishment, I find the Rupee made use of in settling Bengal Pay to be rated at 2/ 6d: thus, the Pay of a Colonel on the Coast is 25/ Shillings p Day; of a Lieutenant Colonel 20/; of a Major 15/; of a Captain 10/ — and so on for other Ranks — if these be respectively divided by 10, 8, 6, 4 &c. Rupees (being Bengal Daily pay) the Quotients will give exactly 2/ 6d —

I have therefore made another Comparative Table of Pay and Staff allowances, valuing the Rupee at 2/ 6d, as above; which, with a copy of the former, I have the honor to lay before you.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. Capper
C. G. of Army Accounts

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A Comparative

Fort S.t George 18.th May 1790.

Agency Quarterly for the Stoppages, We humbly conceive that the Deficiency in the Ellore Stoppages, by the Insolvency of Mr. Graham's Estate, should be made good by the Company, otherwise the Officers commanding Corps of that Cantonment will sustain a loss in their Off Reckonings by an accident which could not be guarded against.

In order to prevent any thing of the kind in future, as well as for the more regular Distribution of the Off Reckonings, We beg leave to recommend to your Honor that, the Paymasters be directed henceforth to account monthly to the Agency for the Stoppages, & to transmit their Accounts punctually, according to the Form prescribed in the General Order of Government of the 5.th Febreary 1789.

The Sibendy Cloathing for the last year being almost compleated, we request that you will be pleased to order the usual amount of Pagodas 6,000 to be issued to us on that account, as We are now greatly in Arrear.

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

Fort S.t George
12.th May 1790.

(signed) { William Balfour
Henry Malcolm

Minute thereon.

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be referred to the opinion of the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Willis

To

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those Followers from Madras, & the difficulty of procuring others, the very movement of the Detachment was at one time precarious. — And I presume to hope it will appear to the Honble Board that I could not have a stronger Voucher than the Signature of the Commanding Officer.

In reply to the disavowal of M. Sadleir of all knowledge of the Establishment of Lascars, permit me, Sir, to trouble you so far as to refer you to the Records of Government in December 1789, in the fourth month after the Detachment was formed, and two months after M. Sadleir's arrival at Guntoor; in these you will find that a General Muster, at an unusual time, was expressly ordered by M. Sadleir in December, "to prove" — as he emphatically says in his Letter to Government — "the Efficiency of the various Depart-"ments at that critical Juncture" — for hostilities were hourly Expected; and, with other Note of imminent Invasion, the Resident at Hydrabad had indicated to Government the avowed resolution of Tippoo to renew the War from our Quarter: From this Muster M. Sadleir a[illegible] learned some Credit to himself in proving, by so true a Touchstone, the orders & Intentions of Government properly [illegible] effectuated, & thought proper also to sprinkle a small pro[illegible]tion upon me: He thanked me, and gave his unqualified a[illegible]pproval of the general Preparation. In the Returns pr[illegible]sented to him

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From the Commandant at Madura.

From the Commandant at Madura – Enclosing an Estimate of Work requisite to make a Pagoda Godown of a Room in the old Palace at Madura.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Paymaster at Madura be directed to execute the same, according to the Established Regulations.

From Captain Simon Baillie

From Captain Simon Baillie – requesting he may be permitted to draw his Arrears of Pay &c.a from the 20th. of January last, being the Day on which he Landed in India – and stating that he is disposed to take a Company's Bond for what other Sum may appear to be due to him by the Company.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be referred to the opinion of the Military Board.

The President takes Leave of the Board, in consequence of his Intention to Embark on the Vestal for the Southward on the 17th. Instant.

The President informs the Board that, it is his present Intention to Embark on the Vestal Frigate, for the purpose of proceeding to join the Army, early in the Morning of the 17th. Instant – He accordingly takes Leave of the Board.

Ca.s Geo.e Gabriel Wardes

John Turing
Coll.n Saunders

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John Turing
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General Medows proceeds from the Presidency on the 17th. Instant, to take the Command of the army.

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Sam, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed John Chamier Secry.

To Sir Richard Strachan Bart:
Commander of His Majestys Frigate
the Vestal.

To Sir Richard Strachan Bart: stating that it is absolutely necessary for the Good of the Service that he should convey General Medows to the Southward. — The General Embarks on the 17th. Instant.

Sir

Having laid before the Board your Letters of the 11th. & 12th. Instant, I am directed by them to inform you that they consider it absolutely necessary for the Good of the Service, that you should accommodate Major General Medows with a Passage to the Southward, as His Majestys Ship under your Command affords the only safe & expeditious Mode for the General to join the Army.

He purposes Embarking with his Suite, on Monday next, the 17th. Instant, in the Forenoon.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) John Chamier
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Fort St. George
14th. May 1790.—

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To the Rajah of Travancore

To the Rajah of Travancore — To pay particular attention as to the supplies of Provisions Money &c. for Lieutenant Colonel Hartley's Detachment — and to whatever may be suggested to him by the Resident and Commandant.

I have received the several Letters which you have transmitted to me by Mr. Powney — By the Detachment sent for your relief from Bombay, you will have had almost convincing proof of the attention paid to the protection of yourself & Country.

It now behoves to shew yourself fully deserving of the Company's protection — You must make all possible exertions to provide for the Detachment in your Country, in regard to Provisions, Money, and every thing else of which they may stand in need; and you must pay the greatest attention to what may be said to you by Mr. Powney & Lieutenant Colonel Hartley on these subjects.

You will also keep in remembrance that a considerable portion of the Lack of Pagodas is not yet paid, & you will see the propriety of attending to this without loss of time.

May your prosperity daily encrease!

What can I write more? —

Fort St. George
14th. May 1790.

(signed) Wm. Medows

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — as entered in M.B.
Nos. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73.

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To the Military Board — To the Military Board — to report their opinion upon a letter from Captain Simon Baillie.

To Masulipatam — To Masulipatam — Captain Barton & the artillery Lascars landed from the Houghton, are to proceed to join Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, now on its March to Ellore — Enclosing Copy of another Comparative Table of allowances &c., & Letter Explanatory of it.

To Mr. Powney — To the Resident at Travancore — advising of the Presidents Intention to join the Army — to obey his orders, & communicate to him any thing material that may occur — to keep up likewise, a constant Correspondence with the Board — Enclosing Letters for the Rajah & Lieutenant Colonel Hartley — To prevail upon the Rajah to obtain from the Rajah of Cochin such Horses as may suit the Cavalry.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Willis — The Charge of Pagodas 6182. 12. 49 for Extra Lascars, to be referred to the Court of Directors — Audit upon the other points has been confirmed — his recommendation for allowing three Water Carts, & Ten Puckallies for the Garrison of Chingleput for the Months of May and June only, approved. —

To the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Madura — To the Paymaster & Storekeeper at Madura — Enclosing an Estimate of Work requisite to make a Dubby Godown of a Room in the Old Palace of Madura — To be executed according to the establishedorder Regulations; & to be careful that the Expence do not exceed the Estimate — viz.t Pagodas 173. 36/ —

Reviewed

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As We find it to be totally inadequate to the purposes of providing in the Field, and as We have not otherwise Resources to enable us to do justice to a charge of so much Consequence, We beg leave to request that you will be pleased to direct the Pay-master General to make the full Disbursements in Camp; which mode, we will here take occasion to observe, was practised while the 2nd Regiment was in the Field, on the late Expedition into the Shevigungah Country.

We have the honor to be

Yr. Yr. Yr.

J. Burrowes
Wm. Younge
Henry Darley
J. Stevenson

Camp 10th May 1790.

(signed)

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

From Colonel Musgrave states his reasons for having recommended an addition of Staff Officers - and expressing his earnest Wishes for the speedy arrival of the Commander in Chief.

Honble Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's Letter under date the 7th Instant, & feel gratified that any part of my Conduct while in Charge of the Army, should have met with the approbation of your Honorable Board.

Satisfied in my own mind that no arrangement which regarded the Troops under my Command, was prompted by other Motives than the advancement of the Public Service, I regret that the late proposition of an increase to the Staff of the

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The Notice which your Honble Board has favored me with, relative to the Intentions of the Commander in Chief, & his Resolution to take upon himself the Command of the Army, affords me sincere satisfaction. I have only most earnestly to wish for his speedy arrival, that the Troops may be put in Motion, which on every account should now no longer be delayed. All preparations for Field Service are in perfect readiness; & the Supplies of Forage & Provision in this Neighbourhood become daily more scarce: these Circumstances, together with the unprepared State in which I understand, most of the Enemy's principal Forts at present are, render a forward movement of the utmost Consequence, at this Critical Period.

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Thomas Musgrave

Camp - Trichinopoly Plain
12th May 1790. ——

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Musgrave - Enclosing Extract of a letter from the Commandant at Madurah - respecting the disputes & disturbances between the Renters & Poligars in that District - Recommending the Subject to the particular attention of the Board; and advising of the steps taken by him.

Accompanying this, I have the honor to forward the Extract of a Letter from Major Sale Commanding the Garrison of Madura, which I take the liberty to recommend to your particular attention. - The outrage committed by the Rebels Sepoys at the Instigation of the Renter, was wanton and unprovoked

16th "Lingham Naig sometime, Soubah Row gave Security to
"Kistnabo's Soucar, that he would not molest Conicah Ramah
"Covindah — upon which he returned to his Country, paid
"every thing that was due to the Circar, & took Soubah Row's
"Receipts."

"When Ramah Swamy, the present Renter of these Districts
"succeeded Soubah Row, which was in the Month of
"March last, Conicah Ramah Covindah sent his Vackeel
"to Rama Swamy with some Presents, & settled every
"thing with them; since when, Ramah Swamy ordered
"him again to send his Vackeel, which he refused to do
"without Rama Swamy giving Security that he would
"not molest him."—

"In the Middle of the night of the 7th Instant, Ramah
"Swamy's Son, with a Party of Nabob's Sepoys, & some Pike-
"-men, went to plunder his Country, when Conniacah
"Ramah Covindah went out and spoke to Rama Swamy's
"Son, and told him that he never neglected the Sircar's
"Business, had paid all his Tribute, & had got Receipts for
"it. The Nabob's Sepoys were then ordered to fire, which
"they did four or five times, whereby his Son was danger-
"-ly wounded, & about thirty People killed & wounded.
"Amongst the Number was several of his Relations —
"the Mommygar of the Village is also dangerously wounded."

"I think it my Duty to acquaint you of this very irregular
"behaviour of the Nabob's Renters, for if they are not
"checked, it may be attended with great distress to this

"Garrison

16th. their being entertained; besides, altho' their Pay is not much
than the Pay of Sepoys, yet eventually, We conceive they
nearly as Expensive as Europeans.

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To Charles Ware Malet Esqr.

Resident at Poonah

Sir

To the Resident at Poona advising of General Medows having this day proceeded to take the command of the Army - to give the necessary Notification thereof to the Peishwa.

I am directed by the Board to inform you that Major General Medows proceeded this day from the Presidency in order to take the command of the army, which will immediately on his joining, be put in Motion.

You are requested to make the necessary Notifi=cation to the Peishwa.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) John Chamier Secry

Fort St. George
17th May 1790.

To the Honble W. S. Van de Graaff Esqr.

Governor & Council at Columbo

Honorable Sir and Sirs

To Columbo - advising of Major General Medows's departure to take the Command of the army - thanking them for the particular attention the Dutch Government at Cochin paid to the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Hartley.

We have now the honor to announce to you that General Medows has proceeded to take the Command of the army destined for offensive operations against that Disturber of the Publick tranquillity Tippoo Sultaun.

We have been informed by Lieutenant Colonel Hartley commanding our Troops in the Travancore Country, that he received great attentions from the Dutch Government of Cochin the

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From Mr. F. H. Skardon

17th Received Letter from Mr. F. Humphry Skardon (as entered in M.B. No. 76) requesting to be appointed Collector of the Havelly Lands at Vizagapatam, in the room of Mr. Keating deceased.

Minute thereon

Upon the above Letter it is necessary only to remark, that Mr. Keating is (for any thing the Board know to the contrary) in perfect health.

From the Hospital Board

Received Letter from the Hospital Board (as entered in M.B. No. 76) recommending that Mr. Bowie be appointed to do duty at the Factories of Maasepollam & Ingeram — Mr. Blackader with the 3d Regiment of European Infantry — & Mr. Haliburton, assistant Surgeon at Vizagapatam.

To the Residents at Maasepollam & Ingeram

Approved, and ordered in consequence, that Letters be drafted to the Residents at Maasepollam & Ingeram, informing them of Mr. Bowie's Appointment.

From the Military Paymaster General

Received Letter from the Military Paymaster General — (entered in M.B. No. 78) stating that he has sent orders to Mr. Colt to forward such Coins as he may have received from Travancore, & cannot dispose of without loss, to Mr. Fallofield, who will receive Instructions from the Board how to dispose of them.

To the Resident at Nagore

Ordered that a Letter be written to Mr. Fallofield (vide M.B. No. 79) directing him to dispose of the Coins at Negapatam & Nagore; and stating that if he cannot do it to advantage, the Money must be sent to the Presidency by the first secure Sea Conveyance.

From Mr. Willis — Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar

Received Letter from Mr. Willis (vide M.B. No. 80) stating his observations upon the Resolutions of Government on the Comptroller General's Audit of his (Mr. Willis's) Accounts as Paymaster &c. to the Guntoor Detachment and

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18th. from Lieutenant Grant —— And that Cornet Montgomery be instructed (vide M.B: Nº. 87.) to lay out the abovementioned Sum in the Purchase of such Horses as may be in the Madras Market, fit for the Native Cavalry.

To Cornet Montgomery

From Captain Fairfull Commander of the Ship Minerva

Received Letter from the Commander of the Minerva (as entered in M.B: Nº. 88) stating that the Wine shipped by the Company for the Recruits, was unfit for use; and that he was, in consequence, obliged to expend some of his own Sort, for which he encloses a Bill amounting, to

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To Captain Fairfull

Ordered (vide M.B: Nº. 89.) that the Bill be paid, and that the circumstance be notified to the Court of Directors — Ordered also, that the Chest of Wine be delivered to the Company's Superintendent of Medical Stores.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B Nºs. 90. 91. 92.)

To Captain R. Mackie Commanding at Arnee —

To the Commandant at Arnee — to deliver up the Pagoda, formerly appropriated for the reception of the Sick, to the Inhabitants, as being no longer necessary.

To the acting Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops

To the Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops — Enclosing a List of the Names of 200 Men belonging to the Hanoverian Regiments, who were reinlisted on the 28th. Ultimo, to receive 1 Pagoda Bounty Money. Each Hanoverian Soldier whose time of Service is expired, and who may reinlist from the 7th. June, for 6 Months, will be allowed 2½ Pagodas Bounty Money — Five hundred Pagodas, therefore, are to be advanced on the above account to each Regiment.

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To

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18th pleasure; and We beg to seize the Earliest opportunity of assureing you, that We shall use our utmost Endeavord to contribute to the Satisfaction of General Meoons when We have the honor to see him here.

The small Party, consisting of a Nayke, 4 S. Native Horsemen, mentioned in your Letter, are arrived yesterday, & are taken proper Care of.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants

. Anker
. Braun
(signed) . Fuglı
. S. Ehlbiörmen
. Francis Lichtenstein

Fort Dansborg
15th. May 1790.

To the Honble. Major General William Meoons
Governor &c. Council
Fort S. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Manulipatam — respecting the Embankment of the River Cuauvery — Enclosing Major Banks's Report, & a Sketch of the part of the River near Yanam, proposed to be turned by the French Chief at Yanam — Two Lacks of Rupees from Vizagapatam, & one from Ganjam arrived at Manulipatam the 7th Instant —

We have the honor of informing you in our Letter of the 25th Ultimo, that in consequence of your orders communicated to us in Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of the 13th., an Engineer would be sent to Yanam for the purpose of obtaining the necessary Information, whether the Embankment of the River, proposed by the French Chief of that Factory, was likely to prove of any detriment

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of Yanam, into the great Channel of the River Guadavery; & in order to be sufficiently satisfied on this head, I have followed the Course of the River, and observed at high Water its effects on the Banks, as also the tendency (at low Water) the Island has towards the Northward Shore. all which I have carefully laid down, and expressed in a Sketch which I have now the honor of laying before you; from which it will appear how necessary it is that the course of this Channel should be stopped up, & the Stream thrown into the greater, as it will ultimately be the means of preserving the Honble Company's Possessions on the other side of the Creek at Nillapillee, should Yanam meet with that Fate from the Freshes which is at present too striking to the Eye from high Tides only, the constant flowing and Ebbing of the Water.

The observation I have now made with regard to Nillapillee did not immediately occur to Mr Yates, when he addressed the Honble the Governor in Council, but is now more perfectly convinced how necessary the Embankment becomes, and that in the End it must prove of the greatest advantage.

The turning the Stream of this Channel will not be of the least detriment to the Southern Shore; as I am fully persuaded that the Stream when turned into its original course, will have the greater Effect on the South side of the Island, by washing part of it away, and be the means of

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for introducing an Uniformity of Accounts in the three Presidencies, cannot without great disadvantage be put into immediate Execution — that Effectual means are already taken to prevent the confusion of Accounts Complained of — Submitting the propriety of deferring for the present the orders alluded to —

1st Governor General in Council to your Honble Board. In obedience to your directions, we shall make the necessary preparations for carrying into Execution without loss of time the system of Uniformity in keeping the accounts of the three Presidencies, recommended from Bengal. But after perusing the abovemen-tioned Letter of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, We cannot think we should stand justified in his opinion, did We not attempt to shew what We feel the fullest conviction of ourselves — That the immediate adoption of this Plan is scarcely practicable; and that the Officers at the heads of Depart-ments under this Government, have already taken very effectual means to prevent the Intricacies & Confusion so much and so justly complained of, relative to the Military accounts during the last War.

The Regulations of the Service on this Coast, which were in force during the last War, were formed for the Honble Company's Troops only; and were by no means calculated for such a considerable Encrease of Force, as afterwards came to this Country. The number of Lascars, Artificers, Doobies, and other Followers, together with Draft & Carriage Cattle, which ought to be attached to Corps, was not ascertained; neither were Muster Masters appointed; nor was the Pay and Allowances of the Staff Officers of the Army, particularly those belonging to the Kings Troops, by any means settled. — The Receipts & Issues of Grain were not regu-lated; nor was the proportion of Military Stores fixed with that Clearness & Precision, which is necessary in this Extensive & expensive branch

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18th inextricable Confusion; but the Pay and Allowances of his Majesty's Troops are now issued by the King's Paymaster General & his Deputies – consequently, no change of System can be immediately requisite on this account. – And now having, We hope, clearly shewn that our present system of keeping the Military Accounts on this Coast, is very different from what it was during the last war, and by no means deficient in point of Regularity; We shall next proceed, with all possible Deference, to point out some serious Inconveniencies that, We fear, will arise to the Service from the adoption of the Bengal Plan, while the army is in the Field.

The first step necessary, must be the immediate abolition of the accounts of the present Month. New Vouchers must be made out, & consequently every Department of Military Disbursement on the Coast will, at this time of general hurry, be engaged in three operations at the same time – the recal of the current old Vouchers & Accounts – making out new ones – and each carrying on the Business of his own Department. – In these various and troublesome occupations, it is much to be apprehended that many of the Vouchers will be lost or destroyed; particularly whilst the Grand Army is in the Field – perhaps, in the Enemy's Country, or at least at a distance from the Presidency; and all the Troops on the Coast are actually in motion, or under orders to hold themselves in readiness at the shortest notice under the Existing Forms, Orders & Regulations stated in this Letter. – To transmit Copies of the

Forms

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Proceedings of the Committee for Reporting on the Regulations from Bengal

Fort S.t George 17.th May 1790.

At a Meeting — Present

Colonel Capper
M.r Roebuck
M.r Moubray
and
M.r Cockburn

Read the letter from the Honble the Governor in Council, with the Enclosures.

Resolved that the Bengal Papers, and the former Proceedings of the Committee be sent in circulation for the perusal of the Members, who will consider what orders may be necessary for Government to issue, if the Plan must be immediately adopted. But the present Crisis being very unfavorable for the introduction of a Plan entirely new, and rather Complicated, & the Committee considering the present existing Regulations on this Coast perfectly well calculated to prevent the Confusion which prevailed in the Military Accounts during the last War. Resolved to address Government, proposing that the Introduction of the New Plan be post poned for the present.

Crisis

J. Capper
R. Roebuck
(signed) Gx Moubray
T. Cockburn

Orders

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Fort S.t George May 1790.

18th satisfactory to your Lordship, I serve to justify our deferring for another Year the Execution of the orders contained in your Letter of 15th May 1789 — But in the mean time, We have directed our Auditor General to keep a Ledger on the principle described in Colonel Murray's Letter to your Government of 2nd april 1789.

We have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient humble
Servants
(signed) John Turing
Jr. Council

Fort S.t George
18th May 1790.

Received the following Letters from Mr. Powney

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Deputy Military Secretary
Fort S.t George

Sir

From Mr. Powney — Acknowledging the Receipt of the Cypher No. 11.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, inclosing Copy of the Cypher No. 11, which I shall take particular care to keep in a place of Security — It shall be returned, agreeably to direction, as soon as it shall be no longer necessary to write in Cypher —

I am, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) George Powney
Resident

Jacottah — 8th May 1790.

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Fort S. George May 1790.

19th Houses about the place — Two Kircarrahs came in yesterday from Tippoo's Camp — they report that Tippoo, with the greatest part of his Army has moved down to Alva, about 10 Miles from Paroor, where the Chinnamungalum River is fordable; and it was rumored in his Camp that he intended to penetrate into the Travancore Country — It is certain that he has sent off all the captured Guns & Stores to Palighautcherry; and that he derives all his present supplies of Provisions from that quarter. —

Upon the least Alarm, the Tappal Runs desert, and it is with the greatest difficulty, I can send Letters thro' the Country: this must account to you, Honble Sir, for the irregularity of my Communications.

I have the honor to remain
&c.
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Jacottah — 7th May 1790.

(signed) George Powney

19th Sent the following Letters to Bengal, & the Resident at Poonah.

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

To Bengal informing them of the loss of the Fort of Cranganore — of the situation of Colonel Hartley's Detachment on the Island of Vypeen — Enclosing Copy of Colonel Hartley's Letter, & of Mr Powney's dated 7th Instant.

My Lord.

We have this Instant received a Letter from our Resident at Travancore, Copy of which we have the honor to Enclose.

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Fort St. George 19th May 1790.

To the Resident at Poona
Advising of General Medows'
Intention of proceeding with
the Army into the Mysore
Country immediately on his
arrival at Tritchinopoly —
Communicating the Contents
of a Mr. Powney's Letter on the
Loss of Cranganore.

To
19th
To Charles Ware Malet Esqr.
Resident at Poonah

Sir

You were informed in a Letter from Jena under date the 17th Instant that Major General Medows had left the Presidency on that day; in order to take the Command of the Army. As soon as the General reaches Tritchinopoly, which it is expected he will do in a few days, the Grand army will immediately proceed to offensive operations against the Southern Dominions of the Chief of Mysore.

By the latest Intelligence from Travancore, the Board were informed that Cranganore is in possession of the Enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Hartley having thought it advisable, from the defenceless state of the Place, to withdraw the Garrison. It is also reported from the same Quarter, that Tippoo's Troops had penetrated as far as Parour, where they had burnt the whole of the Cantonment, & most of the Houses about the Place.

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

Fort St. George
19th May 1790.

(signed) John Chamier
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Translation of a letter sent to the Rajah of Travancore from Moodyan Pillah, formerly Commandant of Conjeeveram Battalion in the Rajah of Travancore's Service, now a Prisoner with Tippoo Sultaun.

When the Padeshaw took the Lines on the 15th April, I was made Prisoner with some Semidars, Havildars & Conjeeverams, I was taken to his Camp at Shalicoody. We had Provisions & Cloths given to us. Saw one of his Sirdars. On the 17th we were conducted to the Padeshaw. When you read the Letter which has been written by the Padeshaw's order, you will then be made acquainted of every thing. When We look at the Army he has with him, & the Provisions he has collected, I think We are not able to oppose him: We are not even able to fight against one tenth of his Army; I am therefore apprehensive We shall lose our Country. And, when I consider that those English Battalions, which were sent to give us assistance, gave us none, I think We shall lose our Country. If your Majesty will agree to the Padeshaw's Proposals, he will oppose any Polygars that may come to fight against you. His Sirdars told me that, if you wished to save your Country from ruin, you must send one of your head People with a Letter to the Padeshaw, & he would settle every thing agreeably to your wishes. I therefore hope your Majesty will be pleased to send one of your head Moormen & your Delavoy to the Padeshaw. A Rocket-man belonging to him, & one of our Men who was

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Fort St. George 21st May 1790.

will send orders to Colonel Hartley & Captain Knox to drive out and destroy this wicked Disturber, and to act in conjunction with, & assist me in every respect; for I wait your orders to them, to attack the Enemy — Of all other occurrences at this place, you will be informed by Mr Powney —

May your prosperity constantly encrease!

What can I write more? —

Translated from the Persian
(signed) Joseph Gazzon
Persian Translator

Copies of the foregoing to be sent to Bengal, & to the Commander in Chief

I agree that Copies of the foregoing be immediately transmitted to Bengal, & to the Commander in Chief

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

To John Chanier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions stating that the last order sent by the Nabob to his Managers at Madura, respecting the delivery of Grain, was incorrectly expressed — recommending that a New one be immediately obtained; & that Translations do in future accompany all orders from the Nabob to his Managers — stating the Quantity of Grain wanted to compleat the Garrison.

Sir

I forwarded to Mr Vaughan Storekeeper at Madura, the Nabobs orders to his Manager at Madura, which I understood contained positive Directions for the delivery of Grain to the Storekeeper; but Mr Vaughan writes me that the Renter informed him, when he delivered the order, that it did not concern him, but directed the delivery of Paddy to the Commanding Officer.

I beg you will lay this Letter before the Honble Board

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Fort S. George 21st. May 1790.

The Storekeeper informs me, that without the most positive orders from the Nabob, he expects to get very little more Grain from the Circar — Should that prove to be the case, I beg to know what orders I am to send to the Storekeeper: whether I am to authorize him to purchase Grain, & to what Extent, as to Price, he should be limitted. The Polligy People in that part of the Country, from whom alone he can expect to obtain Grain, do not understand the Words Trust or Credit, and consequently would consider the Grain taken upon the Storekeeper's Receipts payable in two Months, as a forcible seizure; which, in the present Crisis of affairs, might render that measure impolitick. — If, therefore, the Honble Board determine that Grain shall be purchased, the Storekeeper must be empowered to take up Money for that purpose.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Wm. Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Madras
19th. May 1790.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Deputy Secretary to the Military Department

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — stating the Quantity of Paddy wanting to complete the Stores at Tanjore & Tritchinopoly, & his opinion on Colonel Meuzac's proposal of moving Rice from Tanjore to

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 19th. covering Extract of a Letter from Mr. Johnston, Paymaster at Tritchinopoly to the Military Paymaster General.

The Store of Paddy ordered to be laid up at Tanjore was	Garce 2,000 — —
Of which was laid in by the last Report dated 10th. of July	1703. 261. 1/2
Wanting to Complete	296. 138. 7/2

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Servants Wages, Gunnies, and Wastage will fall very little short of the Price at which the same quantity could be laid in by the Circar at Tritchinopoly — and it would also be attended with the additional Expence of again Storing Tanjore, as the recommendation goes to the removal of the whole Store of that Garrison.

From the Information I have received from Mr. Kingsote, I have reason to think additional Expence on this Account will be avoided — in his Letter of the 13.th Instant he says — "I have to day sent 1,000 Bullocks to Tanjore for Rice, "as with to take as little from these Stores (meaning "Tritchinopoly) as possible — In a day or two I hope to be "able to send 3 or 4,000 to bring Grain from Tanjore to "Tritchinopoly, and shall assist all in my power to transport "the Grain to this place, as it will certainly be more convenient for "the army to receive their Supplies here than Tanjore."

I beg leave therefore to recommend that no more Grain shall be removed from Tanjore than can be effected by the Carriage of the Army: & that the Nabob be again applied to, to give the most positive Orders to his Managers at Tritchinopoly to throw in more Grain into that Garrison, and to require an exact Account of what may be expected to be placed there in one Month from this date — I shall write to the Storekeeper, urging every Exertion on his part. I will at the same time inform Mr. Johnston of the Resolution of Government of the 6.th Ultimo, relative to the provision of Grain. I am, Sir,

Madras — 21.st May 1790.

Your most obedient Servant /s/ Tho.s Cockburn
Commissary Gen.l of Stores & Prov.ns

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the Military auditor General at this Presidency to have furnished Government with a Continuation of these Statements to the 24.th December 1789, to have been sent to the Court of Directors with our last Dispatches, if the necessary Materials had been received from the other Presidencies, but, as these have not come in, I am directed to repeat the Request which I have quoted from my Letter of the 15.th of September 1788 — observing further, that, in the Accounts furnished in consequence of it, the Issues on account of the Troops serving under the Parliamentary Agreement of 1781, should be seperate from those to the four new Regiments.

His Lordship wishes that the Accounts from the 25.th June to the 24.th December 1789 should be furnished without delay, and indeed hopes that even those from the 25.th December 1789 to the 24.th June 1790, will be received here in due Time to be sent home with Dispatches, that will be forwarded from hence to the Honble Court of Directors in the Middle of August next. — His Lordship requests that similar Accounts may be sent to this Residency, as soon as possible after the 24.th June and 24.th December in every Year, and thinks that this should not interfere with the regular transmission from Madras to the Court of Directors, of all the Accounts which they have required to be sent to them, & particularly those mentioned in the Company's General Letter of the 9.th April 1788, of which I have the Pleasure to enclose an Extract.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed E Hay
Secry to Govt

Fort William
30.th April 1790.

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a Minute thereon Ordered that Copy of the above be sent to the King's & Company's Paymasters General, with Instructions strictly to conform to the orders therein contained.

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Calcutta.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal – desiring that all the Recruits for Bengal coming for England in the Coast & Bay Ships, may be detained at Madras.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council, to desire that the Governor in Council at Fort St. George will be pleased to detain all the Recruits that may come from England, in the Coast and Bay Ships that touch at Madras, for the European Regiments at this Presidency. –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. Tombelle
Sub Secy

Fort William
30th April 1790

Agreed that the above be notified to the Town Major

Read the following letter from Bombay.

Major General William Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From Bombay – have advanced Captain Torin's agents 50000 Rupees – Enclosing a demand from Lieutenants Young & Smith for 472 Rupees each.

Honorable Sir

We have duly received your Letter of the 5th March, & in consequence of your Request, advanced Captain Torin's agents, Timmell

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Read the following Letter from Masulipatam & Enclosure (as entered in M.B. 1798)

To the Honble Major General Williams Medows

Governor &c. Council

Fort S. George

Honorable Sir and Sirs

From Masulipatam - have nominated Mr. Robert Malcolm Paymaster to Major Montgomery's Detachment - Enclosing Copy of the Instructions sent him - And desiring to know if the Advances to Major Montgomery's Detachment are to be made from their Settlement - Enclosing a list of the Military Stores received by the Snow Hope - The Ordnance, Ammunition & Stores, with the Bengal Artillery arrived on the Worcester, are safely landed - The Paymaster at Samulcotah applies for leave to visit the Presidency.

We have duly received your Secretary's letters of the 5th. Instant, and feel ourselves honored and gratefully sensible of this Mark of your confidence, in authorizing us to appoint a Paymaster to Major Montgomery's Detachment. Having on a former occasion Recommended Mr. Robert Malcolm, on account of his Assiduity and attention to his Public Duties, as a Company's Servant, during the time of his being an Assistant at this Subordinacy, We have embraced the opportunity which you have now thought proper to afford us, of nominating him Paymaster & Storekeeper to the Detachment in question; for tho' we have already too few Assistants, & shall feel an Inconvenience in the loss of Mr. Malcolm, who is now in Charge of several places of trust, we would not wish to let these circumstances be any bar to his advantage, but rather hope it may have the effect of stimulating others to a proper Exertion in the Discharge of their Duties.-

We think it proper to enclose a Copy of the Letter of Instructions which Mr. Malcolm has been furnished with; and request your orders whether We are to make the necessary advances for the Pay of Major Montgomery's Detachment, and whether Mr. Malcolm is to send his Monthly accounts thro' us, or forward them direct to the Military Paymaster General.

Colonel

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tions by Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell have been sent to Colonel Brathwaite commanding the troops in this District, in order that they may be complied with as completely & speedily as possible, & the whole Detachment Equipped according to the Rules of Service, without any avoidable delay after its arrival.

We likewise forward a Letter transmitted to us by the Paymaster of Samulcotah for that purpose, wherein he solicits permission to visit the Presidency; and altho' this mode of application is different from what has been common, We attribute it to mistake, and not to any design in Mr. Royer.

Since Writing the above, your Secretary's letter of the 8th Instant has been received, and in case it should upon enquiry be found that, the Detachment of Bengal Artillery have brought Canvas Tents with them, directions shall be given for their being returned by the Houghton, conformably to your Orders.

We have the honor to be
very respectfully
Honorable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) " Anth: Sadleir
" W. Dobbyn
" Saml Statham

Masulipatam
16th May 1790. —

To W.

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or yourself, liable to unnecessary responsibility.

We cannot at present inform you whether the necessary advances for the payment of the Detachment are to be sent from hence, or in what manner you are to be supplied, neither can We inform you, whether your Monthly accounts and the Vouchers of your Disbursements are to be sent first to us, or forwarded immediately to the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency; altho' the latter will probably depend upon the former. — When We inform Government, however, of your appointment, We shall at the same time request their orders on these subjects, for our own and your information. — In the mean time, it is necessary for us to acquaint you, that besides the Detachment having been paid up to the time of its Marching from Chore, the Sum of 15000 M.Ps has been sent to Major Montgomery, until the appointment of a Paymaster should take place, & We shall now desire the Major to deliver the same over to you on your joining him.

With respect to the Offices which you at present hold at this place, We authorize you to deliver the immediate charge of them to whosoever you may think proper, until they can be otherwise disposed of.

We are, Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

(signed) Anthony Sadleir

Y.C.

Masulipatam
13th. May 1790 —

A true copy (signed) J.W. Scott Secy

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claim to this Mark of Indulgence and Attention, Government is pleased to Resolve, that he be permitted to repair as often & for as long a time as he shall find it necessary to Samulcotah - provided as the Military Head Quarters North of the Kistna, he shall, when there, carry on the Duties of his Station, both as they relate to the Division, & the particular Command of Ellore, except only in such matters as require immediate Attention, and will necessarily fall to the Senior Officer of the Troops at Ellore, in the absence of Colonel Brathwaite. And as the Honble Company have been pleased to grant to Colonel Brathwaite in reward of his Services, certain Emoluments at Ellore, which are not to be allowed to any Officer who may succeed him in that Station, they are pleased to express their approbation of Colonel Brathwaite's proposal that he should allow to whoever may be the Senior Officer during his absence, one third of the Emoluments arising from that Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Collins to join his Battalion at Ellore, but to continue to draw full Batta, as when at Samulcotah, as no additional Expence is thereby incurred to the Company.

Samulcotah to be considered in future the Head Quarters of the 1st. Revenue Battalion, & Captain Cudmore to relieve Lieutenant Colonel Collins in that Command.

To be published

As the Subject of the above Mo was arranged by, & had the concurrence of Major General Medows, it is Agreed that it be published.

The acting President informs the Board that he yesterday received the following Card from the Nabob's Eldest Son, accompanied by

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The Teeps to your Highness.

From a similar motive of guarding against delay, disappointment, & failure, I am obliged to decline accepting of the Draft drawn on Tritchinopoly at thirty days sight; it is herewith returned. Permit me to acquaint your Highness, it is the wish of the Board, in case Your Highness should be pleased to give Bills on responsible Persons at Tanjore or Tritchinopoly, that the period of Payment should not exceed Ten or Fifteen Days; and as Mr. Colt will proceed with the Army, that the Bills be made payable to Mr. Strange at Tanjore, or Mr. Johnston at Tritchinopoly.

I beg leave further to apprize your Highness, that particular Directions are sent to return all such Bills immediately to the Presidency, in case of the least delay in the acceptance, or failure in the payment of them.

I have the honor to be
May it please your Highness!
Your Highness's most obedient
& most faithful humble Servant
(signed) John Call

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Mr. Saunders's minute on the Note from the Ambat

Mr. Saunders is of opinion that the Characters of the two Soucars might be further Enquired into; & that the Teep and Draft be received, as Security only for the payment of the Sums specified in them — as he does not consider Teeps in the light of Payment for Cash.

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the Troops at this Station, where his Services are required

I have the honor to be

Wallajahbad
May 18th. 1790.

&c &c &c (signed) Robert Kelly

Agreed that Captain Doveton be appointed Secretary to Colonel Kelly, as the Officer in Command of the Centre Division of the Carnatic.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To the Honble. Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Military Board — Recommending that the Battering Train at Vellore be completed. The making of Gun Carriages, (reported by the Acting Commissary Genl. of Stores to be wanting at this Garrison & Vellore) to be postponed.

The acting Commissary General of Stores has laid before us a List of Iron & Brass Guns in Vellore, which want Carriages, with a return of Dimensions received from that Garrison — and as there are not at present in the Arsenal any Gun Carriages of the Dimensions required, We beg leave to recommend that the Battering Train be completed without delay. But the making Carriages for the Garrison Guns We are of opinion may be postponed.

We have the honor to be

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&c &c &c J. Capper
(signed) Patrick Ross
George Hall

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From the Chief Engineer

From the Chief Engineer – with application from Lieutenant Norris for some Peons to protect the Buildings at the Cavalry Cantonment of Conmatoor.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Norris's application be referred to the opinion of the Military Board.

From the Chief at Cuddalore

From the Chief of Cuddalore – Stating that the Vestal Frigate was seen off the Bar of that Port in the Evening of the 19th Instant, and that from the Wind which then prevailed, he was of opinion she would anchor at Tranquebar early in the Morning of the 20th. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, in the Letter now preparing for his Lordship.

The acting President recommends to the Board the adoption of the following Propositions.

The Office of Paymaster to the Garrison of Ponamallee abolished

That, the Office of Paymaster to the Garrison of Ponamallee be abolished.

The Garrisons of Ponamallee & Tripassore to be paid in future from Madras.

That, the Garrisons of Ponamallee & Tripassore be paid in future from Madras.

Mr Hawkins appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper at Chicacole

That Mr. William Hawkins be appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper at Chicacole, in the room of Mr. Gregory, who stands appointed to the Station of second in Council at Vizagapatam.

&c

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At a Consultation

Present,

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Saturday
22nd. May 1790.

The Honorable Major General William Medows
Absent upon service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

Read the following letter from Colonel Kelly

To the Honble John Turing Esqre.

Governor &c.

Honble Sir

From Colonel Kelly - requesting that all Intelligence coming from the Westward may pass thro' him to Government —

When I consider the responsibility of my present station, & the probability of some sudden irruption of the Enemy from the Westward, I am necessitated to request that, you will be pleased to put me in possession of whatever Intelligence may come in from that quarter; or rather, that it may pass thro' me to Government, as the loss of a day, in it's arrival to me, or even an hour in certain cases, may be of the utmost bad consequence to the Public.

The Intelligence passing thro' Wallajahbad to Madras, need not delay it an hour from Government; who will also, by this means, receive at the same time my Comments & Resolutions upon any important information which might require the movement of the Troops under my Command. —

Wallajahbad
21st. May 1790 —

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

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Diary

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

22nd. Sent Letter to his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 95) stating the improper Conduct of his Managers at Madurah & Tirtchinopoly respecting the delivery of Grain; and requesting that fresh orders may be sent.

Sent the following Letters

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief &c. Council at Masulipatam.

Gentlemen

* Masulipatam - respecting advances of Cash to Major Montgomery's Detachment. - The Paymaster to send his Monthly Accounts regularly to the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency. - That part of their Letter of the 11th Instant, respecting the deficiency of Military Stores landed from the Snow Hope, is referred to the Military Board - Mr. Hoyer permitted to visit the Presidency

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 14th. Instant, and to inform you that Mr. Malcolm's Appointment has been notified in General orders.

With respect to advances of Cash for the Pay of Major Montgomery's Detachment, I am to inform you, that Captain Kennaway the Resident at Hydrabad, has been desired to communicate his opinion on the subject to you. - If a dependance can be placed upon the Receipt of the necessary advances of Cash from the Nizam, this Board have desired he will make the application for them. - If there is any danger of Disappointment, Captain Kennaway will, in that Case, give the requisite Information to you, and you will be pleased to furnish the Paymaster to the Detachment with the Sums required. - The principal Object is to secure regular Payment for the Troops serving with the Nizam, & this has been very

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22nd of that Fort on the Evening of the 19th Instant, & that from the Winds then prevalent, it was expected General Medows would arrive at Tranquebar early in the morning of the 20th.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c (signed) John Turing

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To the Honorable Major General Medows
Commander in Chief of the King's & Company's Forces
on the Coast of Coromandel &c &c
at Trite/imopoly

Honorable Sir

To Major General Medows
Enclosing Copy of the last letter from Mr. Powney & of the Papers that accompanied it — The removal of Grain from Tanjore to Trichinopoly, as suggested by Colonel Musgrave, unnecessary — Mr. Cockburn's Letter on the subject Enclosed.

We think it necessary to transmit for your Information the accompanying Copy of a Letter with it's Enclosures, received this Morning from the Resident at Travancore.

We shall leave it entirely to your Judgement to send to Mr. Powney & to Lieutenant Colonel Hartley whatever orders may appear necessary to you, in consequence of the critical situation of affairs in the Travancore Country. We have however but little to apprehend for the safety of our Troops in that Quarter, as Colonel Hartley writes that they are strongly posted, & that the Communication with Cochin is open. Mr. Powney thinks notwithstanding, that it is the Intention of the Enemy to attack the Post.

A few days previous to your Departure from the Presidency, Colonel Musgrave applied to the Board for Permission to remove from the Stores at Tanjore, a sufficient quantity of Grain

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transmit them to you.

We are anxious to hear of your safe arrival at Pitchundy

We have the honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
(signed) John Call
&c. Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — assented in MB. Nos.
104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119.

To Colonel Kelly — To Colonel Kelly — Captain Doveton appointed his Secretary.

To Ditto — To Colonel Kelly — Lieutenant Kewitson's Application must come to the Board, thro' the Channel of the Commander in Chief. —

To the Paymaster & Storekeeper at Chicacole — To Mr. Gregory — Mr. Hawkins appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper at Chicacole — advising of his Appointment to the Paymastership of the Revenue Troops in the District of Viragapatam, in the room of Mr. Keating.

To Mr. W. Hawkins — To Mr William Hawkins — Appointing him Paymaster & Storekeeper at Chicacole in the room of Mr Gregory — To deliver over Charge of the Office of Paymaster at Conamallee to the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency.

To Mr. Michael Keating at Viragapatam — To Mr Michael Keating — In consequence of his appointment to the Management of the Wavelly Lands, Mr Gregory is appointed to succeed him in the Office of Paymaster to the Revenue Troops stationed in the Viragapatam District.

To Mr. R. Rochfort — Civil & Military Paymaster General — To the Civil & Military Paymaster General — Enclosing

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To the Comptroller Genl. of Army Accounts.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts — The charge of Firewood to the Troops at Masulipatam to be admitted, it having been invariably allowed.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — Approving the Measures reported in their Letter of the 16th. Instant — Enclosing Extract of a letter from Masulipatam respecting the short Delivery of Military Stores shipped on board the Snow Hope. — The Commander of the Vessel to be called upon to make Good the Deficiency — To report upon a Letter & Enclosure received from the Chief Engineer.

To the Paymaster & Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly.

To the Paymaster & Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly — To forward for the Information of Government, an account of what Grain may be expected to be received at Tritchinopoly in the course of one Month from this Time — Orders respecting the removal of Grain from Tanjore to Tritchinopoly, will be sent him by the Commander in Chief.

To Vizagapatam.

To Vizagapatam — advising of the new appointments of Majors Hawkins & Gregory.

To Colonel Kelly Commanding the Troops in the Carnatic Payen.

To Colonel Kelly — To deliver over the charge of the Cantonment at Mallayaubad to the Officer next in Command, & proceed himself to the Presidency.

23d. Received the undermentioned Letters — as entered in Mem. Nos. 120. 121. 122.

From the Commandant at Chundreghery.

From the Commandant at Chundreghery — The Commander in Chief has directed him to receive under his orders in that Garrison Two hundred Peons from the Calastry Rajah, & on their arrival, to order the Company of Sepoys now in Garrison to march to Vellore.

From Colonel Kelly.

24th. From Colonel Kelly — has delivered over the Charge of the Garrison at Mallayaubad to the Officer next in Command, & will proceed immediately to the Presidency — Requesting that proper Quarters may be prepared for him.

From

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The Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Military Board. Enclosing Regulations for issuing Grain in the Field, & the mode for making Stoppages for the same, together with the Minutes of the several Members on different parts of the Regulations.

We have the honor to lay before you Regulations for the Issue of Grain in the Field, and the mode of making the Stoppages for the same; together with a Minute of Colonel Malcolm, explaining the Principles on which they have been drawn out.

Colonels Capper & Ross having entered Minutes in objection to certain parts of these Regulations, We beg leave to lay them before you, as also Minutes of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm & Captain Hall in answer.

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

J. Capper
Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm
Geo. Hall

Fort St. George
16th May 1790.

(Signed)

Orders and Regulations

Government judges it necessary at this period to regulate certain matters on the subject of Grain & Provisions in the Field, and for the better arrangement of the Army Followers & Carriage, under some fixed System for the benefit of the Public Service; and is further pleased to determine that all former Orders on the same subject which militate against the orders & Regulations now

Resolved

of Grain on the principles laid down in the 3rd & 4th. Articles of this Regulation, the delivery of it shall be directed in public Orders under the Denominations of "Native Troops" and "Allowed Followers"

under 6th. That the following Descriptions of Men shall be Comprehended under those Denominations respectively, when Grain is ordered to be delivered from the Public Store:

Native Troops

The Native Officers & Men of the Corps of Native Cavalry and Native Infantry;

Pioneers The Gun Lascars for the Service of the Artillery
The Natives of the Corps of Engineers
The Guides.

Allowed Followers

Drivers of the Bullocks provided by Contract
Horsekeepers & Grass Cutters of Cavalry Ditto
Artificers
Buckallies
Stores Lascars for the Service of the Tents & Followers.
Coolies paid by the Company
Servants of the Public Departments, in the proportion allowed.
Private Servants with Corps, according to a fixed Proportion.

7th. That, in order to ascertain at all times the quantity & quality of Army Carriage & the number of Followers, & to check Expences in the most correct and useful manner for the public Service, the whole of both descriptions that are paid for at the Expence of the Company, to be placed under the immediate orders of the Corps & Departments respectively

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Native Troops.

Grain is to be drawn for the Native Troops (the Gun Lascars Excepted) by one Indent from each Corps, signed by the Commanding Officer of the Corps. The Indents are to specify the Detail, by Companies of each Rank, the number of days for which Grain is drawn, the Number of Seers, and the place & Date.

Grain for the Gun Lascars is to be drawn for on Indents signed by the Senior Regimental Officers in the Park, & in each Brigade respectively - that is to say, the number of Indents for Grain on account of the Gun Lascars, shall be in proportion to the Distribution of the Corps in Park & Brigade, and the distinction in each of Bengal & Coast Lascars, so that there may be no difficulty in making the stoppages, when there shall happen to be a mixed detail of those Troops in the Park or in any Brigade. - The Indents for the Gun Lascars must detail the same particulars as directed above.

The Stoppages for the value of the Grain delivered to the Native Troops, are to be made monthly from the Batta Bills of the Month in which it has been received, only that, as the Cavalry receive no specific Sum under the head of Batta, the Stoppages from them must be made from the Pay Rolls.

The amount of Stoppages is to be regulated by putting an abstract of the Quantity of Grain received in each month, upon the back of the Batta Bills of each Company for the

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Troops— But as it may happen, in calculating the Stoppages from the Cavalry (as they receive no specific Sum under the head of Batta, & as there are no odd fanams in their Pay from which the amount can be taken) that a Pagoda in each Mans pay will be encroached upon, and thereby deprive them of the benefit of the Casual Exchange of the Bazar, if the fanams should last more than Forty two per Pagoda— The Pay master is therefore directed to issue the Balance of each Cavalry Payroll in ready Money, after deducting the total amount of Stoppages, so that this loss to the Soldier, depending on the fluctuating exchange of the Bazar, may be reduced as low as possible.

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Whenever there is a necessity to issue Grain to the Native Troops from the Public Store, attention is to be paid, as far as is practicable, that the quantity delivered in any one month may be so regulated, as not to occasion Stoppages being made for the Pay or Batta of any other Months.

Allowed Followers

When Grain is to be issued to the Allowed Followers, the private Servants with Corps are to be supplied on separate Indents signed by the Officers respectively, who require the Grain for that description of allowed Followers— The Value of the Grain so supplied is to be accounted for by an abstract of the quantity being certified by each Officer on the back of his Batta Bill, for the same Month in which the Grain was received, and by the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, in the same form as ordered in the case of Grain delivered to the Native Troops, after comparing the abstracts with

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As the allowed Followers, to whom Grain may be supplied under the foregoing Arrangement by Divisions of Corps (with the exception of the Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters of Cavalry) the Servants in departments of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions, & of the Paymaster. & also such Followers with the latter as have not been distributed to any particular Division or Corps (are neither provided for the Service, nor paid by the Officers who sign the Grain Indents; it is therefore regulated, that every Indent so signed shall also be Countersigned by the Persons respectively who provide the Followers & pay them, in order that the said persons may be held responsible by such Countersignature, for the value of the Grain issued to the Men they provide and pay. This Countersignature will in general be the duty of the Agent for the Bullock Contractors, & of the Paymaster, the Signature in the first instance being only intended as the Regular Check on the quantity drawn for, as all the Followers that are to be supplied with Grain by means of these Indents, are placed under the immediate orders of the Officers who sign them.

But as the Commissary of Grain & Provisions & the Paymaster have a number of Followers (the public Servants of their Departments) and as the latter may have others under his immediate direction to be in readiness to supply Deficiencies, the Grain Indents for such Followers are to be signed by the said Paymaster & Commissary, & to be Countersigned by the Quarter Master General or other Public Officer, with whom the Commander in Chief may

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on the authority of their Indents, may be prevented. — And that a just distribution of what is drawn may be enforced. — And it is recommended to all Officers authorized to sign Grain Indents, to keep a Book, in which is to be entered a circumstantial Account of the Quantity for which they have given Indents.

Officers who happen to be removed from the Field by sickness or otherways, are to apply to the Paymaster in Camp, that the quantity of Grain for which they are responsible may be certified on the back of their Batta Bills whenever a Month's Batta becomes due, or by Letter in case they are not entitled at the time of leaving Camp to draw a Month's Batta; and no Paymaster, whether in Garrison or Cantonment, is authorized to discharge any Batta Bills, without a Voucher from the Paymaster in Camp that the Value of Grain has been accounted for by the Officer or other Person presenting the Batta Bills for payment.

All Grain Abstracts & Accounts are to be certified Monthly. —

A true Copy (signed) Dun. Ince
Acting Secry

Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm's Minute

I have endeavored to form the accompanying Draft of a General Order on the subject of Issuing Grain in the Field, & making the Stoppages as correctly as possible, under the

materially connected with this distribution are, a check on the quantity of Grain to be issued, the mode whereby the value of the Grain is to be reimbursed, a fair division of the Grain after it has been delivered from the Public Store, and strict justice to the Company, to the Soldier and to the followers, in the arrangement for making the Payments as they are to be obtained by Stoppages from their Pay or Batta.

The Exchange between Pagodas and Fanams requires, in my opinion, to be considered in the most attentive manner, to prevent Imposition on the Company & the Soldier.

I am not acquainted with any cause to authorize bringing the fanams to account at 45 ℔ Pagoda, while the established Exchange of the Company is 42; and I imagine it will be found that, when any given number of fanams is to be accounted for to the Company in Pagodas at the rate of 45 instead of 42, the loss to the Company will be something more than 7 Cent: and as the casual Exchange between the Pagoda and fanams is frequently more than 42 in the Buzar, being often 45 Rupees, I see no reason why the Soldier should not be paid in Pagodas, in all practicable cases, whenever Stoppages are made for a particular purpose, so as to encroach upon the Pagoda, which would otherways fall to be paid to him, in order to prevent his losing the benefit by changing his Pagoda, that would have arisen if the Stoppages for a particular purpose had not been made.

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and between him & the Paymaster General; and by no means requiring a new account with any other Department whatever, because the Paymaster has the means of accounting for the stoppages, and of taking credit for any Deficiencies that may happen in settling the abstracts of the quantity received before he issues Pay and Ballo: those abstracts being certified by the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, should close, I conceive, the transaction between the Paymaster & the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, in regard to the stoppages for Grain delivered by the latter.

(signed) Henry Malcolm

A true Copy (signed) Danl. Ines
acting Secy

Colonel Capper's Minute

It appears to me that the Bullocks being attached to the Corps, and not to be removed without the consent of the Commanding Officer is a sufficient check upon the number employed; and multiplying Checks, in my opinion, tends only to create difficulties and abuses; for this reason I do not approve of marking the Bullocks — But, at all events, if Government should think proper to adopt this measure, it may in my opinion be prudent to enquire if the owners of the Cattle would like to have them marked in the manner proposed — otherwise they may

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after deducting for his Rice, should be precisely fixed.

The Marking of Bullocks by order of Government, may, I apprehend, be attended with Inconvenience, that of alarming the Bullock People for their property, by assuming a right to mark their Cattle without their Consent; and as the Contractors are expected to keep the Corps complete, the number of changes that must take place, will defeat the purpose the marking is meant to answer.

(signed) Patrick Ross.

Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm's Minute

The fluctuation in the Pay of the Soldier, which Lieutenant Colonel Ross so properly wishes to prevent, is occasioned by the Pay, which should be issued in Pagodas, being Exchanged into fanams, by which the Soldier loses three fanams on every Pagoda so changed, supposing the Buzar to be 45, and in proportion, when the Exchange is above 42. This being the case; the Regulation I have proposed is to limit the loss as much as possible, so that the total loss to any particular Troop shall only arise on the number of fanams (divided by 42) of which the amount of the Grain Abstracts consist. Instead of the loss being sustained on one Pagoda of each Man's Pay, and there is no difficulty in settling it in this manner, as it turns on the amount of Stoppages in fanams

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the rest, they were easily found amongst those of the other Corps, by the mark being upon them; and if any Bullocks were employed to carry Women & Baggage on the line of March, I was enabled by the mark to detect and punish the Offenders: — had not the Cattle been marked, such abuses could never have been discovered, & the Spare Cattle would have constantly been used for such purposes, which to my knowledge is very frequently practised, to the very great detriment of the Service.

Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, who during the last War was Commissary of Stores in Camp, had all the Bullocks of his Department marked with the Initials of it; by which means he prevented the abuses and misapplication of the Cattle, that a Department so extensive would otherwise have been liable to; and to my certain knowledge, the Maistries under him have frequently discovered Bullocks that had been lost, and afterwards picked up by the private Followers of Bazar People, owing to their having had a mark branded upon them.

I had the whole of the Bullocks in my Department numbered — Whenever any of the numbers became unserviceable, and were replaced by the Agent with others, I had always the new Bullocks marked with the same mark that the old one bore; and whenever a levelling of Tents took place, & in consequence of it the Bullocks were given up with them, those remaining were numbered afresh — the new number being branded upon the old, was sufficiently distinct to be known without the least difficulty.

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private Persons, who had picked up such as had strayed away from the line of march, and that he strengthened his Claim by pointing out the Mark, which put the matter out of Doubt; and he thereby recovered Cattle, that probably would otherwise have been lost to him.

As I am fully of opinion that, marking the Bullocks of the Army will produce an advantage both to the owners & the Service, I give my Vote for it's being ordered.

I agree in opinion with Colonel Malcolm on the subject of the Exchange. /signed/ George Hall

Fort S.t George
13th. May 1790.

True Copies /signed/ Dan.l Ince
Acting Secry.

Minute on the foregoing Letter & Enclosures –

The Board having attentively considered the foregoing Papers, Resolve that the General Order, recommended, be issued, & that a Copy of it be sent to General Medows, requesting he will publish it to the Army, and enforce a Compliance with the specified Regulations.

A Teep, received from the Nabob, returned protested by the Paymaster in Camp.

The acting President lays before the Board a Teep delivered to him by the Military Paymaster General, to whom it has been returned by the Paymaster in Camp. – protested by the latter.

Minute thereon

As this Teep was presented to the Governor by the Nabob, & by the Governor's directions forwarded to Tritchinopoly, it is Agreed, that it be returned to his Highness, accompanying

it

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To

C. W. Malet Esqr.

Resident at Poona

Sir

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 7th. Instant; and, tho' the doubts you express of the Poonah Durbar, in regard to it's ratifying the Engagements lately entered into with you cannot but afford ground for apprehensions; yet these apprehensions are in some measure counterbalanced by the Accounts which are given me here of the Peishwa being sincere in his intentions in regard to the War, & his having proposed that Hostilities should be commenced, in which he will be confirmed by the reply which has been given by the Nizam, urging that Perseram Raw should immediately cross the Kistnah & co-operate with the Force intended by the Nizam for the Conquest of the Country situated between that River and the Tumbuddra.--

I regret with you that the Nizam could not make the Execution of the Treaty referred to him compatible with his Interests, since, as you observe, could that have been effected, all Parties would now have been firmly bound.-- My utmost Exertions were used to obtain his Highness's unqualified accession; but when it is considered what Arts of Prevarication & Delay are used by the People of this Country before they can be brought to commit themselves in the most trifling proposition, a truth which I have no doubt your

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arrival at Gagtoor, where the number to be Assembled Meer abul Cossim informs me, will amount at least to 30,000 Cavalry, in which the Lieuc Mohabut Sing's Forces, which are very highly spoken of, are not included.

I have the honor to forward for your information Copies of my Dispatch to the Governor General of the 11th. 12th. Instant; in the case of which it may appear necessary to you to use some caution, as the Minister has intimated to me that it was not the Nizam's intention to communicate the subject of it to the Peishwa, 'till it was known whether the application would be complied with.

Camp at Mallapore
13th May 1790.

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

A true Copy (signed) W. Edmonstone
Asst.

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Tanjore.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary to Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Ram - Inclosing Copy of a Note he has sent the Rajah, requesting the Payment of the March and April Kists -

I received this morning your Letter of the 14th. - transmitting to which you will do me the favor to acquaint the Honble Board, that having on the 30th. Ultimo an Interview with the Rajah, I mentioned the Payment of the March Kist, to which it was

replied

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I am still at a loss in what Sum to Debit the Rajah for the Month of April in my Accounts, as expressed in that Letter.

The Death of the Sirkeel's Daughter in law will prevent them from transacting business for 10 days, if the Ceremonies of his Castare fully observed.

I am entering into an agreement with some Merchants of this place, for the advance of 5000 Chuckrams to supply the Camp with 100 Bullocks Load of Rice p.r diem, until the army arrives at Carroor, & 50 Bullocks Load of Rice p.r diem when the army shall have marched to the Westward of Carroor.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c (signed) L.t Ram Resident

P.S. — The Rajah has promised an answer to morrow.

Tanjore
18.th May 1790

May it please Your Excellency!

I am sorry at this busy time any accident should prevent me having the honor of seeing your Excellency on Public Business; but having received a third Letter from Government, desiring to know when Your Excellency intends paying the Kists due for March & April last, I request your Excellency will favor me with an Express Answer in writing, as soon as possible. — I am likewise directed by Government to acquaint your Excellency that, the Proposal in your Letter to the Governor of the 28.th Ultimo, is at present under their consideration.

I am, with all due respect
Your Excellency's sincere Friend
and Well Wisher
(signed) L.t Ram
Resident

Tanjour — 18.th May 1790.

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that, according to my Accounts, I could not agree with his Excellency that any part of the March Kist had been paid, even taking the Kists according to Mr. Hollond's Agreement; and that possibly the President's stay here might be so short as not to allow him time for the settling of any business. He replied, in that case he should write a Letter to the Honorable Board, and transmit it through me — and this was all the answer I could get from him on this head.

When asked his Excellency when he would be pleased to send to me his Soucars, who were to pay the Seven Lac & Sixty thousand Pagodas, (agreeable to his proposal of the 28th. Ultimo) that I might question them of their Resources. — He replied, that they had not at all agreed, but if he found his proposal was accepted, he then did not doubt of being able to produce them.

Sheravon the Sirkeel was not present on account of the recent death of his Daughter in law; but, on some report, he has absconded to his old lurking place in the Palace.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed J. Ram Resident

Tanjour
20th. May 1790

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At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

acting President

Thursday 27th May 1790.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

The acting President lays before the Board the following Letter this Instant received from Bengal.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Bengal - are decidedly of opinion that, it will be highly advantageous to the Company to assume the Management of the Nabob's Country during the War - recommending that His Highness be called upon for his acquiescence to the measure.

We have received your Letter dated the 1st Instant, and it gives us the greatest concern to learn from it that, notwithstanding the pressure of your wants at this Critical juncture, you have not been able to obtain Payment of the Arrear which is at present due by the Nabob of Arcot to the Honble Company according to the Tenor of the Treaty concluded with his Highness by Sir Archibald Campbell in the year 1787. or according to the Terms of the Propositions from the Court of Directors, contained in their Letter dated 20th August 1788, and which have been recently accepted by the Nabob: We are also

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We are likewise so much convinced that his Highness's weakness, indolence, or facility of disposition has long left his Subjects to groan under a corrupt and most oppressive System of Administration, that We are clearly of opinion that, by obtaining possession of the entire Management of the whole Country, you would essentially serve the Nabob himself and the Company, as well as the Interests of humanity.

We therefore not only entirely agree in opinion with you, respecting the utility of the measure, but We recommend in the most earnest manner, that you will use every persuasive Means in your power to induce him to entrust your Government, at least during the Continuance of the present War, with the uncontrouled Management of the whole of his Territories; and should you be so fortunate as to prevail upon him to adopt this salutary determination, We are convinced that you will see the necessity of taking every possible means to shew him, in the most clear and satisfactory manner, that you take no more for the general Expence of the War, than the precise Sum stipulated by the Treaty, and that you are punctual in paying the Instalments due to him regularly into his Highness's Treasury.

Many solid Advantages would result to all Parties from this Arrangement; and it would not be the least important, that it would put it in your power, by fair & equitable treatment, to conciliate the good will & attachment of his Highness's Tributary Polygars in the Southern Districts, who are often driven to despair by the oppressive Exactions of his Managers,

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Paper to be delivered to the Nabob, in consequence of the foregoing Letter from Bengal.

Mr. Turing, on the part of Government, has the honor to state to the Nabob —— That, as His Highness's Payments since the Departure of the Governor, have been very trifling, and as no Assurances are given, upon which Government can depend, of Receipts of money any ways proportioned to their wants, or to the just Demands which the Company have upon his Highness, it is thought necessary to desire from his Highness unequivocal Explanations as to his late Receipts from his Country, and the appropriation of them.

It may be presumed, that there has been great mismanagement on the part of his Highness's Amildars, for his Highness otherwise would have realized more from his Country, & of course would have made greater payments to the Company.

The Company being engaged in War, of which the sole Management is left to their Servants, it is of the utmost importance that they should have the uncontrouled Management of the Resources by which it is to be carried on.

It is true that there is a Treaty existing between the Company and his Highness, by which a Provision is made for the Event of War; but as it is apprehended that this provision would be very Embarrassing & ultimately inefficient, it is judged Expedient to call them formally upon his highness for an unequivocal mark of his Zeal for the publick Cause, & attachment to the

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Dr His Highness the Nabob Mahomed ally Cawn his account

in Conformity to

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Augst 1st To Balance due this day as p. Account delivered

the Nabob Governor in Council 1787

Arrears of Charges Collections ..... 180,000 — —

Ditto for Ditto ..... 1498,195.16.35.

1,678,195.16.35

Pagodas 1,678,195.16.35

Fort St. George

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* N.B. The Nabobs last Instalment of this Year for three Lacks of Pagodas is payable on Delivery

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The following Card requesting an Interview, being drafted, is approved, and ordered to be immediately dispatched to the Nabob.

Card to the Nabob requesting to know at what hour this Evening or to morrow it will be agreeable to his Highness to receive him at Chepauk House.

Mr. Swiney presents his respectful Compliments to his Highness the Nabob Vallajaur, & having business of importance with his Highness, upon which it is necessary to confer without loss of time, begs to know at what hour this Evening or to morrow, it will be agreeable to his Highness to receive him at Chepauk House.

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John Swiney

Diary

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To George Andrew Ram Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore – desiring him to urge the Rajah to the Discharge of his March & April Kists. – No alteration to be made in the April Kist –

The Board have received your letters of the 18th. & 20th. Instant, with their Enclosures; & your's of the 6th was also safely received.

It is the desire of Government, that you should constantly and strenuously urge the Rajah to the discharge of his March & April Kists, maintaining the Arguments you have already used, and assuring him that an immediate liquidation is expected. The April Kist is, as before, one Lack of Pagodas, for there does not appear any good reason for making any alteration in this respect, in consequence of the Company's Orders for reducing the Rajah's subsidy from 4 to 3½ Lacks a year, because half a Lack is to be paid by him on account of Peishcush, which completes the Sum to four Lacks as before. – For these reasons, it has not been thought necessary to direct any alteration to be made in the april Kist –

I am Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
25th. May 1790. –

(signed) John Chamier
Secy.

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To Mr. Cockburn – to credit the Stores for the Quantity of Rice Stores at Pitchinopoly – Mr. Johnston to give Receipts to his Highness's Managers –

Sir

The Board have received your Letter of yesterday's date, & have perused Mr. Johnstone's Copy. His

1504 Fort St. George May 1790.

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
27th
Governor General &c. &c.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that I have just received a Note from Meer Abul Cossim, informing me, that Hafiz fered ud dien, by means of Kutbud dien Khan, Tippoos Vackeel, has obtained possession of Gudapa & established a force in a Village of Cuddapa belonging to Tippoo, and at the same time transmitting me an Arzee from Kutbudien Khan to the Nizam, Translate of which is Enclosed. His Highness moved to this place to day, which is about four Cos from our last ground.

I have the honor to be, with the utmost Respect,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant.

(signed) John Kennaway

Camp near Ferukhnagur
15th May 1790.

A true Copy (signed) N Edmenstone
Asst.

Translate of an Arzee from Kutbudien Khan to the Nizam.

In a happy and fortunate hour, your Highness's Letter was delivered to me &c. &c. &c. - Having arrived at the Village of Gaamcotta under the Jurisdiction of the Nabob of Kurnool, I parted from Hafez fered ud dien, & proceeded towards Gazurpelly. - With the blessing of God, in the course of 10 or 15 days, the proofs of my Attachment to your Highness's Service will clearly appear. Your Highness will be informed of further particulars from the letters of Hafez fered ud dien.

A true Copy (signed) N Edmenstone
Asst.

Fort St. George May 1790.

27th in the Travancore Country, it is doubtful to me whether your Government wishes to receive any public occurrences thro' the medium of my Correspondence; I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to favor me with directions on that point. — The Enemy having completely Invested Cranganore on the Land side, and raised three Batteries against it, one of which was opened on the 5th Instant, the Commanding Officer deemed it expedient to withdraw the Garrison on the night of the 6th, and the Enemy took possession of the Fort next morning. — Cariapooly, a small Fort on the Southern Bank of the Chinnamungalum River & opposite to Cranganore, was on the morning of the 7th abandoned by the Rajah's Troops and possessed by the Enemy. — Appearances justify a Conjecture that he meditates an attack upon this Island: A large Body of his Infantry has crossed the Chinnamungalum River & taken possession of Paroor; & Parties are seen hovering upon the River which seperates the Island of Ajeen from the Paroor District.

If he does bend his force to this Quarter, I shall do myself the honor of acquainting you of it.

I have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) T. Knox

Camp on the Island of Ajeen
9th May 1790.

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27th whole of Tippoo's army has moved off, and is gone towards Caliahatcherry - a very small Party of the Enemy only remains at Parour & Cranganore appears quite deserted.

A Letter which I have received from the Chief at Tellicherry informs me that Major Dow had taken all the Enemy's Posts about that place - that the Coliate and Cartinand Rajahs, whom I had sent from hence, are assembling their People, and have agreed to enter into Alliance with the Company, and to assert their independency of Tippoo's Yoke - that the Chief & Factors meant immediately to put them in possession of the Posts taken in their respective Countries, and to supply them with Ammunition for their Defence.

I have the honor to remain with every sentiment of respect

Honble Sir

Your most devoted & most obedt Servant

(signed) Geo. Stratton

Calicut - 16th May 1790.

Received the undermentioned Letters - & entered in Mr. Fs

126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132.

From Lieutenant Colonel Harris.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Harris - Enclosing a Letter from Lt. Conway &
& a Petition from certain Persons belonging to the Post Office at
Tritchinopoly; also the Proceedings of a Committee of Storekeepers
in

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27th. Stoppages for the same. — To report upon a Letter & Enclosure from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To the Commandant at Permacoil — To Lieutenant Brunton, Commanding at Permacoil. — To forward such Intelligence as may be thought of consequence, to the Senior Member of Council at the Presidency.

To the Military Paymaster General — To the Military Paymaster General — Enclosing a Demand preferred by Lieutenants P. Young and J. Smith; and noting an Extract of a Letter from the Government of Bombay for his Guidance.

Sent the following Letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell

Commanding the Bengal Detachment at Ellore.

Sir

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell. — Enclosing Plan of a Route from Ellore to Wallanjaubad. — To advise Government of his Progress Southward.

In order to facilitate your March to Wallanjaubad, I am directed by the Board to send you the Enclosed Plan of a Route from Ellore to Wallanjaubad. — Directions will be given to supply your Detachment with every thing that the Districts may afford through which you are to pass.

You are desired occasionally to advise the Government of your Progress Southward.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort S. George
27th. May 1790.

pro. John Chamier
Secy.

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To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

Agent for the Bullock Contractors

Sir

To the agent for the Bullock contractors - respecting 1908 Carriage Bullocks undisposed of to the Northward, & their replacing the Bullocks employed with Major Montgomery's Detachment

The Board have recieved your Letter of Yesterday's date. - As it appears that there are 1908 Carriage Bullocks undisposed of to the Northward, you will be pleased to order their being sent to the Presidency, at the time the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell moves south from Ellore - first complying with such Indents as may be made to you for the use of that Detachment, & the Artillery attached to it.

The Bullocks to be employed with Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, are to be paid for from the time of their being mustered - The Residue to be paid for after Crossing the Kistna, agreeably to former Resolution.

The 180 Draft and 180 Carriage Bullocks employed with Major Montgomery's Detachment, are to be replaced as soon as possible, & to be employed in the Masulipatam District as occasion may require.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort S.t George
28th. May 1790.

signed John Chamier
Secy

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 91) requesting that every attention may be paid to the supply of all the articles that may be wanting for Lieut.t Col.o Cockerell's Detachment

Received

N.B. This Letter having been misplaced, is again entered in Diary & Consultation 1.st June 1790. Page

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29th.

To Captain Simon Baillie — To be permitted to draw Pay from the 20th January last — Necessary orders will be issued to the Paymaster.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore — Captain Baillie permitted to draw Pay from the 20th January last, the date of his arrival at Ceylon.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General — The Board leave to him the mode of Payment of the Garrisons of Pornamallee & Tripatore. A Bengal Bond granted for 6,000 Pagodas for 6000 Pagodas, in favor of the Agents for Clothing the army, on Account of the Bengal Clothing.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts — To apply to the Military Board for such returns of Quarters &c as may require — To specify the number of Persons it will be necessary to employ to keep the Ledger, as recommended from Bengal, & the Expence it will occasion.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Mr. Secretary Hay — advising of General Abercrombie's arrival at Vellore, & of his having put the army in Motion.

To the Collector in the Northern Circars

To the Collector in the Northern Circars — To give every Assistance to the four Companies fortifying the property of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

To the Agents for Clothing the Army

To the Agents for Clothing the army — Approving their having completed the Clothing of the four Battalions in the Manilla Establishment — To complete the Clothing of the other Sepoy Corps according to their new Establishment — The Paymaster at Vellore to pay them Rupees 1306. 11. 11. the amount of Stoppages in the Vellore Cantonment during the Paymastership of Mr. Graham — A Bill on Bengal for Pr. 6,000 will be advanced them on account of the Bengal Clothing.

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Fort St. George 28th. May 1790.

To the Hon'ble the Council
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Camp at Pitchinopoly, May 24th 1790.

I have the honor to acquaint you with my arrival
on the morning when I have found every thing in the high
state of repair when Colonel Musgrave has had the command.

Though I should not myself have appointed Aid de
Camps to Officers under the rank of Colonel, yet as I find it
a manner done I am told the Expedition permitted it, I am to
request your permitting them to remain. I mean to put the
army in motion the day after to morrow - and have the
Honor to be with great respect
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servant

Wm. Medows

Governor & President

The Commander in Chief having accepted his
wish that the appointment of Aid de Camps, recommended
by Colonel Musgrave, be confirmed, they are now confirmed
accordingly.

Read the following Letter from the Agent for the
Bullock Contractors.

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

Honorable Sirs

The Contractors for Draught Bullocks
having received orders to furnish with all possible Expedition
Bullocks

Fort S.t George 28.th May 1790

notwithstanding it will appear by the Return Enclosed that some of the Bullocks had been entertained about a Month before.

"Sir

"I will thank you to forward to me a Certificate, stating "the day the Bullocks, certified by you to have been procured by the "Contractors Agent, depart from Ellore to the Southward - which will "I suppose, be known by the date of the March of the Guard granted "to protect them on the Road; and you will further oblige me by "inserting the number of days required for their crossing the Kistna - "My reason for asking a Certificate in this form is, because, agreable "to the orders of Government, they do not come upon Pay until "they are on this side of the River."

"21.st April 1790."

On the 23.d April the Contractors received orders to provide 100 Draft Bullocks for a Detachment to Land from Bengal at Masulipatam; and soon after, Intimation that a Detachment was to proceed from Ellore to Hydrabad - These Circumstances, added to the expected arrival of Colonel Cockrells Detachment, & the impracticability of immediately procuring Bullocks if required, induced me to send off orders to countermand the dispatch of the Bullocks South, until the wants of the several Detachments should be supplied - and directing that, if they were not required, they should proceed South with the Bengal Detachment for the use of the Centre Division, where they would certainly be requisite; no more Bullocks being ordered for it, than were necessary for the Camp Equipage, Store & Ordonance Departments, and any sudden call could not

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not be requisite, but when all the Troops are in the Field, & a considerable Force is come from Bengal, it will be with no small difficulty that I shall be able to keep the Accounts with Regularity, even with this additional assistance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed / J. Capper
Col.o

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28th May 1790.

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that the charge of 150 Pagodas per mensem, for keeping a Ledger, is considerably too high. Agreed, that Colonel Capper be informed, that it is hoped he will be able to procure the necessary assistance at a much less Expence to the Honble Company.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

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

From Masulipatam - stating the bad condition of the Tents arrived from Bengal on the Houghton, & the steps taken in consequence.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 11th Instant, and of informing you, that the Detachment of Artillery that arrived from Bengal on the Houghton, has already received orders from Colonel

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not be requisite, but when all the Troops are in the Field, & a considerable Force is come from Bengal, it will be with no small difficulty that, I shall be able to keep the Accounts with Regularity, even with this additional assistance.

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

Fort S. George
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signed / J. Capper
Col. Vs.

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that the charge of 150 Pagodas p.mensem, for keeping a Ledger, is considerably too high. Agreed, that Colonel Capper be informed, that it is hoped he will be able to procure the Necessary Assistance at a much less Expence to the Honble Company.

Read the following Letter from Manilipatam.

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

From Manilipatam - stating the bad condition of the Tents arrived from Bengal on the Houghton, & the steps taken in Consequence.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 14th Instant, and of informing you, that the Detachment of Artillery that arrived from Bengal on the Houghton, has already received orders from Colonel

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Opinion of the Committee of Stores, We thought it for the best, there being only four of these Tents in number, that they should also be sent back to Calcutta, by the Houghton, as well as the Canvas Tents; which has accordingly been done. Captain Barton has since Indented for a complete set of Tents for his Detachment, and We are sorry to find that, the state of the Stores here is such, that there are not Tents sufficient for the Officers of one Company of Artillery. A Copy of the Letter from the Committee communicating this Information, is also herewith Enclosed; and as the Storekeeper happens to have a few Tents of his own, which the Committee have recommended to be taken on the present occasion, We have given our Consent to such of the Storekeeper's Tents being issued, as come under the Description of those Indented for by Captain Barton. — We conceive that the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, may be about this time on the borders of this District; and it is not improbable, that after so long a march, he may wish to have some part of his Camp Equipage Exchanged; but if this should be the case, it appears by the Letter from the Committee of Stores, that he can receive no assistance whatever here — at least, in the article of Tents.

We have the honor of enclosing our Consultations for March, & a Return of Military Stores for last month.

We have the honor to be
Yr. Hble. Servts.
signed { Anth. Sadleir
W. Dobbyn
Sam. Statham.

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for his Detachment being altogether unfit for actual Field Service, and Captain Barton remaining at this time without any, as the whole of the Tents he brought with him are reshipped on board the Houghton for Bengal. — The Committee understand the Storekeeper has a few made up, & recommend to the Board taking them. The Committee also think it necessary to acquaint the Board, that some time ago, they indented to the Presidency for Tents, but none have been sent; that, in consequence, We judge it proper to acquaint the Board that Colonel Cockerell's Detachment in all probability will be in want of Tents, also the 28th. Battalion, and, without a supply, said to arrive from Madras, they must remain in distress, and might impede the Service for want of them, as the Store-house is at this time unable to furnish any; and understanding Colonel Cockerell is expected at Ellore in every short time, We recommend making up a Number without delay.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servants

Masulipatam
17th. May 1790.

signed { William Dobbyn
For. Committee Stores.

Enclosed is the List of the Tents the Storekeeper has now of his own.

2 Field Officers Tents
6 Officers Tents
5 Arm Tents
2 Private Tents

A true Copy. signed A. Scott
Secy

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a condition to be sent with Troops going on actual Service, We have judged it most proper to return those also by the Houghton; and have the honor of informing your Lordship &c., that, in conformity to the orders we have received, the Detachment shall be as well equipped with Coast Stores as the Stores at this place can afford.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully,
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servants
(signed) Anth. Sadleir &c. Council

Masulipatam
17th. May 1790.

A true Copy (signed) A. Scott
Secy.

Minute on the foregoing Letter & Enclosures

Agreed that an Extract from the above Letter, respecting Stores, be transmitted to the Military Board.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

The Honble John Turing Esqr.
Acting President in Council

Honble Sir

From the Military Board - reporting a Claim from Captain Ogg for Sabras Prize Money - the Application from Colonel Fullarton's Agents - the Application from the Agents for floating the Army - Captain Baillie's Application for Pay - And the disposition of the Bullocks undisposed of to the Northward & of those employed with Major Montgomery's & Colonel Cockerell's Detachments - &c.

We have been honored by the receipt of your Commands under date the 7th. 14th. 15th. and 18th. Instant.

The Agent for Sabras Prize Money has referred to us a Claim from Captain Ogg to Prize Money arising from the Sale of a Vessel and Cargo, taken in the roads of Sabras, after his arrival in the Fort, & constituting part of that Garrison.

Altho'

fail; We, however, Conceive it would be ameans still more effectual to the prevention of similar inconveniencies than that recommended, were Security to be required from all Paymasters, when appointed, for the amount of the Sum likely to be lodged in their hands, both for the Public Disbursements & on account of Stoppages.— For present convenience, if this mode is not adopted, We see no objection to issuing the General Order proposed in the letter from the agents.

The Payment of 6,000 Pagodas appearing to be usual for Tibendy Cloathing, We beg leave to recommend it accordingly.

On the Representation of Captain Simon Baillie, We have to remark that, no officer is entitled to receive Pay before the date of his arrival in one of the Company's Settlements; however, as the case of Captain Baillie appears to be singular, as he was charged with publick Paequets from the India House, We recommend his request for Pay from the day of his arrival at Ceylon to your favorable Consideration, should it appear that he has made no charge for Expences in bringing the Packets from thence.— With respect to his other Claims on the Company, having no Documents, We are unable to form any opinion on them.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter addressed us by Colonel Braithwaite, and as he represents that the Establishment of Bullocks for Ellore has been sent with the Detachment under the Command of Major Montgomery;

We

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To Colonel James Capper
&c. Members of the Military Board

Sir and Gentlemen

By order of Government 180 Draught & 180 Carriage Bullocks have been kept up at Ellore by the Contractors, but these and more have been sent with a Detachment which has Marched under the Command of Major Montgomery.— As Bullocks of both denominations are constantly wanted in the District, for the occasional transporting of Guns & Stores, and may be difficult to be got hereafter as the Bengal Detachmt. will draw a large supply from this District, I addressed the Chief & Council to know if the Contractor's Agent should be ordered to replace the 180 Draft & 180 Carriage at the Cantonment of Ellore, to be ready for any Service: they have answered me that they are not in possession of any orders to enable them to answer the question; I therefore think it not improper to submit the same question to you, & request you will be pleased to inform yourselves and me of the Intention of Government, in regard to this business.

I have the honor to be
Sir and Gentlemen
Your very obedient Servant

Samuel Davis
May 10th. 1790.

(signed) John Brathwaite

A true Copy (signed) Danl. Ince
Acting Secry

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The Commanding Officer of Artillery has reported to us that, Mr. Boyd's Guns are full proof; and We have the honor to acquaint you that, his Statement of their Value, after deducting Expences of proving them, amounts to Pags. 295.30 Fs.

As the Enclosed Indent is conformable to the annual Indent ordered by Sir Archibald Campbell for the Commissary of Stores at Wallanjaubad, We beg leave to recommend that it be complied with.

The following Tents received from the Military Storekeeper having been examined, and found to be agreable to Muster, they have accordingly been received on the Company's Books - Viz.t

Private Tents		63
Serjy	Ditto	10
Necessary	Ditto	18.

The Conductor's Books, and those of the Director of the Laboratory have likewise been examined, and found to be regularly brought up to the End of the preceding month.

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Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants

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J. Capper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

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positive order to his Manager at Maturah, to deliver over the Paddy of the District to the Storekeeper without delay; and requesting that an order may be issued by Government to all Officers and Paymasters, directing them to receive, without objection, the Grain that may be tendered to them by his Highness's Naibs, passing their Receipts for the quantity delivered. —— The latter stating, the cause why the Bill for 12000 Pagodas, returned by Mr. Colt was not paid, & desiring that the same may be sent to Mr. Johnstone, when it will be regularly paid — Enclosing a Bill on Tanjore in favor of Mr. Stranze for 50,000 Pagodas payable in 24 days, & a Sep for 50,000 Pagodas, payable in 30 days.

John Irving
Coll. Saunders

Encl. Geo. St. Martin Esq.

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob — Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 100) enclosing a Bill upon Soobarow Soucar, for Pags. 20,000, which has been returned Protested by the Paymaster to the army.

Dispatched the undermentioned letters, as entered in M.B. Nos. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.

To the Military Paymaster General — To the Military Paymaster General — Bombay Presidency to be credited for 50,000 Bombay Rupees — To advise the Military Paymaster General there of the same.

To the Military Board — To the Military Board — to report upon a letter from Mr. Taner, in which he applies to be Barrack Master at Arnee.

To the Commandant at Poonamallee — To Captain Shawe, commanding at Poonamallee — To order the Doolies expected at Poonamallee from Wallajanbad to proceed immediately to the Presidency.

To Major Tonyn - or Officer Commanding the 1st Regt. N. Cavalry — To Major Tonyn — to consider himself under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell commanding at Wallajanbad.

To Mr. Secretary Hay — To Mr. Secretary Hay — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Byron of his Majesty's Frigate Phanix.

Receives the following Letter

To the Honble the Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From Captain Byron with Intelligence. Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you of my arrival at Madras from the Malabar Coast — We left Tellicherry

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29th Fighting Men at Cannanore when I quitted the Coast, part of which arrived on the 12th from Mangelore.

Phanix Madras Road.
May 29th 1790.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) George Anson Byron

The Honble John Turing Esqr
in Council

Hble Sir

From the Military Paymaster General — Enclosing a Bill received from the Nabob for 20,000 S.Ps returned Protested for Non-Acceptance. Vide C.C. No 100.

I have the honor to enclose you a Bill of his Highness the Nabob, for 20,000 Star Pagodas on Soobarow Souear at Vitchinopoly, returned Protested for Non-Acceptance.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
(signed) Benjamin Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

Pay Office Madras
28th May 1790.—

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

Hble Sir,

From W. Powney — has reason to suppose that Tippoo is moving off all his Troops from the Travancore Country — Colonel Hartley gives orders for the Troops to Canton on the Island of Vipeen.

The Intelligence brought in daily confirms that which I mentioned in my last, of the Enemy having moved off his Forces from this Quarter. — The Party that was at Paroor has quitted it, and I believe it is the Intention of Tippoo to leave none of his Troops in the places he has mentioned.

Colonel Hartley has given out orders for the Troops to Canton upon this Island, as the Rains are daily

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At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esq.

Acting President

Edward Saunders Esq.

Tuesday
1st. June 1790.

The Honorable Major General William Medows

absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Powney.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Powney – The Rajah of Cochin offers to become a Tributary of the Company. Enclosing Letter to the Governor from the Rajah, on the subject

I do myself the honor to transmit you the accompanying Letter from the Rajah of Cochin, which was delivered to me this day by his Minister – From the Contents of it, you will perceive that the Rajah means to throw off all allegiance to Tippoo, and to cultivate an alliance with the Honble Company.

It appears to me that a connection with the Cochin Rajah on the terms he proposes, will be a desireable object on many Grounds – it will not only seperate from

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to him, will be acceded to.— There can be no obstacles, I believe, from the Treaty which subsists between the Dutch Company & the Cochin Rajah; for the Minister assures me that, the alliance between them is merely that of Friendship, and that there exists no Clause in the Treaty, to prevent the Rajah from forming any connection whatever with any other Power.— I have requested a sight of the Treaty, which the Minister has promised me I shall have: as soon as I see it, I shall transmit you a Copy of it.

The Rajah of Cochin is very anxious for a speedy answer to the letter he has done himself the honor of writing to you, and has requested me to mention this to you.

I have the honor to remain
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signd) George Powney
Resident

Read the following Translation of the letter from the Rajah of Cochin (entered also in C. C. No 101.)

From the Rajah of Cochin to the Honble Major General Medows.
Governor of Madras

From the Rajah of Cochin Expressing his Wish of becoming an ally of the Company.

When the Nabob Hyder ally invaded these parts, he committed Encroachments upon my Country, which I defended by the Assistance of the Dutch Company, and my Relation the Rajah of Travancore, and till lately have preserved.— Tippoo Sultaun

Scottish.
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of my desire to become an Ally of the English Company, which I hope will be represented to your Excellency by them. — I take the liberty to assure your Excellency of my sincere wish to establish a perpetual Friendship and Alliance with the English Company, for the preservation of my Country. — I hope to be honored with a Letter in answer, so that my wishes may be accomplished; and that Victory may constantly attend your Arms is my sincere desire.'

Dated in the Palace of Cochin — 15th. May 1790. —

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters. —

The Board approve the Proceedings and Recommendations of Mr. Powney, respecting the Offers of the Rajah of Cochin.

Resolved, that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Cochin, with Expressions of Satisfaction at his proposal of connecting himself with the English Company, and with Assurances of Protection; provided it does not interfere with any Engagements into which he may have entered with the Dutch at Cochin, and provided he will make such arrangements with Mr. Powney, as he will notify on the part of Government.

Resolved that Mr. Powney be instructed to exhibit to the Rajah the propriety of his becoming a tributary to the Company in the manner in which he was to Tippoo — And, in return, he will be assisted by them in the recovery of the Possessions wrested from him, & rendered independent of the Chief of Mysore.

Resolved

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Treaty sent to Poonah for Ratification — Enclosing Copy of his Letter to Lord Cornwallis on the Subject.

I hope I shall soon be able to give the Nizam the Assurances he so earnestly expects, of the operations of the Southern army having been commenced.

The Treaty with His Highness, founded on the preleminary Articles formerly transmitted to you with some alterations by which it has been made to correspond pretty nearly with Mr Malet's Treaty, has been adjusted and transmitted to Poonah to be communicated to the Peishwa — On its return from thence it will be made final, when I shall forward to you a Copy of it — In the mean time, an Engagement with his Highness has been interchanged, specifying that the conditions of the Treaty shall be binding, with the Exception of one Article, the insertion of which Lord Cornwallis has assented to on condition it is not objected to by the Peishwah, whether that Article which Establishes that — "should any difference arise between any "two of the Confederates, the third shall be bound to interpose his "good Offices, & take every means in his power to bring such "difference, in an amicable way, to a just Settlement" — be allowed to remain or not.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed John Kennaway

Camp at Ryakul
18th May 1790.

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I had consulted his advantage as much as the Company's, which was in fact the same, and that the same motives still induced me to urge him to push on, instead of thinking of any delay - that the operations of the Southern Army, under the immediate direction of General Medows, might be expected to commence in the course of ten or twelve days, which would correspond pretty nearly with the time of his Highness's arrival at the Kistna - that the Ellore Detachment would be ready at Dastour in the course of four or five days to execute any service which he might allot to it - and that Colonel Hartley's Detachment from Bombay had arrived to the support of the Travancore Rajah.

After the above Conversation had passed I requested to be informed what answer had been given by Balajee Punbit to the alteration which had been proposed in the 10th article of Mr. Malet's Treaty from hence, when the Minister acquainted me that Balajee Punbit had agreed to it, and promised that the next Dawk dispatched from Poonah should convey it's final adjustment - that the only difference was with respect to the Nabob of Sanore, who was not to pay any Tribute to the Peishwa; which being the case, I have no idea that his Highness will require any for himself, & therefore think I may venture to congratulate your Lordship on the prospect there is of this Business being in a fair train of a speedy adjustment. - The Minister continued with informing me that Tippoo's Vackeel had proceeded on to

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managers

strict orders to the Managers of the Nellore, Ongole &c.
Districts to pay every attention to the supply of all
articles which the Bengal Detachment may be in want
of on it's march to the Southward.

Minute thereon

Agreed, that his Highness be requested to send
further orders to his Managers, directing them to lay in
quantity sufficient quantities of Firewood & Straw at the several Villages
daily near the Stages of each day's March; and that a Copy of the Route
be at the same time transmitted to his Highness.

Read the following Letter from Ganjam (with
Enclosures Entered in Mr. B. Nos. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164.)

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

Honble Sir

From Ganjam - Recommending that the Mohurry Peons be employed under the Commanding Officer - & requesting to be informed what Pay is to be issued to the Revenue Battalions in the Districts - Surplus & Deficiency of Stores delivered from the Expedition.

returns

We duly received our Secretary Chamier's Letters of
the 3rd 6th and 12th March, & two of 27th & one of 28th April.

Herewith We have the honor to transmit to you a
Copy of the Record of our Proceedings in this Department for
the Month of March, also the Returns of Troops and Stores in
this Garrison and District, and of light & heavy Garrison
and Field Ordnance, together with the Journal of our Committee
of Stores for the Month of April.

In our Letter to the Board of Revenue dated 15th
January 1790, we recognized that the Mohurry Peons had been
of great Service, and expressed apprehension that were they
disbanded

the auxiliaries from Chigutty, Pretapgherry &c.. We are the more free to make this recommendation, for that we find it entirely consonant to the Sentiments of the Board of Revenue which, in a letter to us dated the 22nd. March 1790, expresses a Conviction that no blame is imputable to the Rajah for the late disorders of this District, a sentiment in which We are entirely acquiescent.

The Detachment of Bengal Troops mentioned in your Secretary's Letter of the 12th. of March, arrived at this place the 22nd., and quitted it the 26th. of April. - It was abundantly supplied with every necessary, and its progress facilitated by every means in our power.

We have since been at liberty to take measures to procure the Dooley Bearers required by your Secretary's letter of the 6th. March, and are informed by our Chiefs, that they will be ready to proceed in about fifteen days.

In our letter of the 25th. March, We informed you, that application had been made to us to put the Revenue Companies here upon the full Establishment of Regular Sepoys, and requested your Instructions on the occasion: recently We have received the accompanying letter & Enclosure from the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison, in consequence by which, We have issued the full pay for the Month of April, & have now to request that you will inform us as early

as

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of the Zemindary.

Further Minute thereon.

With regard to the Pay of the Revenue Battalions, it is Agreed, that when Employed, they are to be paid as Effectives — When not employed, they are to be paid according to the original Orders specified in the Book of Regulations.

Ditto Ditto.

Ordered, that an Extract of the above Letter respecting Stores be sent to the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from the acting Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops

John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the [illegible] Deputy King's Paymaster [illegible] respecting King's Office Charges which the Comptroller General objects to.

The Comptroller General of Army Accounts having objected to a Charge in the Accounts of the King's Paymaster General, under the Head of King's Office Charges, I take the liberty of enclosing a Copy of his Letter on that subject with the reply of Mr. Mitford thereto, which I request you will do me the favor to lay before the Honble Board. I make no doubt the reasons given will be sufficient to induce the Board to permit the Charge objected to by the Comptroller to stand as an Item in the King's Paymaster's Accounts; and as the Comptroller may have Credit in his Account for the amount advanced him for this purpose, and the Charge is carried to the Debit of the Crown and not the Company, I trust the Board will in consequence give direction to the Comptroller to pass the

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Accounts, and send it home seperately to the Paymaster General who will at once determine if it is admissible, and to whose account it ought to be charged.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble servant
(signed) J. Capper
Clk. C.

Fort St. George
24th. April 1790.

Colonel Capper
Comptroller General of army accounts
Sir,

I am honored with your favor bearing date 24th. April, on the subject of King's Pay Office Charges, and must beg leave to make some observation on the latter part of it.

You say "it would be better to leave this Article (alluding to King's Pay Office Charges) altogether out of the Account & send it "home seperately to the Paymaster General of his Majesty's Forces, "who will at once determine if it is admissible, and to whose Account "it ought to be charged."

I must inform you, Sir, that the Expences of Mr. Burke's Office have been existing Charges ever since October 1783, when Mr. Burke first received his Dispensation, and these specific Charges have been long since regularly transmitted to the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces. Whitehall: & I presumably

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24th August, inserted in his Indent with Government the precise amount required for the discharge of his Office Expences; and for which, he of course gave Credit to the Honble Company in Account with the Crown. — All that, I believe, Mr Burke requires is that, he may be furnished with a fund sufficient to pay his Deputies their Salaries, and for any other Casual Exigency of his Office, for which due Credit is given the Honble Company in their Account with the Crown — without considering himself in any shape or respect answerable to your Audit, for what relate to his Office Expences.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) R Mitford
Dy Pmr Gl. Kg's Troops

King's Pay Office
Fort St. George 26th April 1790.

A true copy (signed) Joseph Garrow
A.G.P.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copies of the above be transmitted to Bengal, & that the Governor General in Council be informed that the matter will remain in suspense until his Lordship's orders upon the Subject are received.

In the mean time, however, it is resolved to continue to comply with the Indents for Cash of the King's Pay Office, including the Office Charges.

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from Bengall.

To

Report upon the Garrison Storekeeper's Accounts from 1st May 1789. to 30th April 1790.

	Amount of Deficiency	Cost of Deficiency	Deficiency by measuring, Decay, Vermin, & Breakage	What per Cent	Loss by Sales	Total Loss per Cent.	Storekeepers observations on the several Entries for Deficiencies
Rice	24140 11 7½	218 12 43	912. 33 50	[a] 3 7/8	3479 28 19	10 7/8	[a] Measuring, decay & Vermin owing Chiefly to the greater part of the Quantity being sawlice, and unfit to be put into store, which was repeatedly represented to Government by the Garrison Storekeeper
Paddy	16193 26 76	188 39 21	340 27 39	[b] 2	1248 . .	10 9/10	[b] Leakage
Salt Provisions	4.371. 24 32	. . .	. . .		541 10 66	12 3/8	
Oil	655 13 10	. . .	19 5 27	[c] 2 7/8	. . .	2 7/8	
Water Casks	. . .	. . .	. . .		. . .	.	
Weighing Materials	. . .	. . .	. . .		. . .	.	
Cooking Attendals	. . .	. . .	. . .		. . .	.	
Ropes, Canvy Staff &c	. . .	. . .	. . .		. . .	.	
Pots & Pans	17 29 67	. . .	4 5 . 22		. . .	22.	Breakage
Wooden Horses	507. —	. . .	9 . . 1½		. . .	1½	1 Horse broke
Tarpaulins	37310.	. . .	186 17 32	50 nearly	. . .	50 nearly	in constant use since July 1788 Twenty, and now no longer fit for Service.
Jars	623.32	. . .	44 . . 7		. . .	7	71 Pegue Jars broke in the Course of the Year.
Dead Stock	. . .	. . .	. . .		. . .	.	629 Palmiras expended in making an Enclosure upon the Rabbit Grounds at different times.

Sydney Cove 1st June 1790.

signed J. Harper Capt. &c.

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Read the undermentioned Letters - entered in WB.

Nos. 165.166.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - requesting to know to what Head he is to carry the Expences incurred by the late Preparations for War & present Charges of the Army & Detachments in the Field.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Cockburn be directed to carry the Expences to the Head of "Suspense account for the Year 1789-90."

From Mr. Surgeon Main at Tritchinopoly.

From the Head Surgeon at Tritchinopoly - requesting the allowance of Full Batta, in consequence of the Establishment of a General Hospital at Warriore.

Minute thereon

Inadmissible.

Ex. Consult. Wardens.

John Turing
Edw.d Saunders

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Ensign at this Presidency.

Para: 5th. Ordered that Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board.

Para: 6th. Ordered that the Adjutant General be directed to notify the Contents of this Paragraph to Thomas Cox, and that he be discharged agreeably to the Honble Court's Instructions.

Recruits Landed

The acting President informs the Board that, he has ordered the Recruits which arrived on the Ships Triton, Hindostan, & Lord Thurlow to be landed.

Edr Gustel Mortenz

John Turing
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At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President

Wednesday
2nd June 1790. Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

Packet by the Honble Company's Ship Lord Thurlow opened, Resolutions upon the Court's Letter.

The Honble Company's Ship Lord Thurlow having arrived from England with a Packet from the Court of Directors, the same is now opened, and found to contain a Letter to the Military Department dated 29th January 1790 - upon which the following Orders are immediately passed.

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Para: 1st. requires no particular Orders.

Para: 3rd. Ordered that Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Military Paymaster General, with Instructions to attend to its Contents.

Para: 4th. Ordered that Mr Hazard a Cadet appointed by by the Honble Company, do receive a Commission of

Ensign

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the amount on the several Entries for Deficiencies in the Garrison Storekeeper's Accounts be carried to the Head of Profit & Loss, and the Books adjusted accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay

Charles N. White Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

From the Secretary at Bombay with an Adjustment between the Madras and Bombay Presidencies - & a Petition from Charles Tod & James Bowen for Pond. Prize Money.

I have in Command from the President in Council to enclose, for the notice of the proper Officer, an Adjustment between Madras Presidency and this, and to signify his Wish that the Governor in Council will cause him to be furnished with a similar one, in order that every Disbursement on account of this Government may be brought upon it's General Books.

I am further directed to enclose a Petition from one Charles Tod, the merits of which it is requested the Governor in Council will cause to be Investigated, & Satisfaction made to the Party, if he is found entitled to it.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signd William Page

Bombay Castle
12th. May 1790.

Agreed that an Extract of the foregoing Letter with the Account referred to, be transmitted to the Military Paymaster General, with orders to pay Attention to the Requisition of the Bombay Government

Minute thereon

Agreed, that Mr. John Tulloh, Attorney to the Agent for Pondicherry Prize Money, be directed to report upon the Petition of Charles Tod and James Bowen.

Ditto Ditto

Read

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to pay the amount of each Receipt when due, the Parties will wait until the Funds of the said Treasury shall be adequate to the discharge of their Demand, on the Condition of Interest being allowed to them at the rate of 8 ℔ Cent ℔ annum, on all such Sums as may thus remain unpaid for after the periods at which they may become due 'till the same shall be liquidated.

J. Duncan (signd)

A true Copy (signd) J. Tombelle
Sub Secy

Agreed that a Notification of the above be made to Captain Kennaway

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from the Comptroller General of army accounts.

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.
President in Council.

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller Genl. of Army Accounts - inclosing his report upon the Garrison Storekeeper's Accounts from the 1st. May 1789, to the 30th April 1790 —

Conformably to your Commands of the 11th. Instant, I have examined the Accounts of the Garrison Storekeeper's Department, from the 1st. May 1789. to the 30th April 1790, & now have the honor to lay before you a Report upon them.

I am with great respect
Yr. Hble. Servt. J. Kapper C.G.A.

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John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal – Enclosing copy of an Engagement entered into with a House at Benares to discharge at Hydrabad, the Amount of the annual Peishcush payable by the Company to the Nizam.

I am directed to transmit to you, for the Information of the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, the accompanying Copy of a Translation of an Engagement entered into by the House of Bhayram and Gopaul Doss (of which Bhavanny Doss is the principal Partner.) with the Resident at Benares, to discharge at Hydrabad the amount of the annual Peishcush payable by the Honble Company to the Nizam: A Copy of the Engagement in the Nagree Language, is also forwarded to you.

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

Fort William
12th. May 1790.

(signed) J. Pombelle
Sub Secry

Translation of an Engagement entered into by the House of Bhayram & Gopaul Doss (of which Bhavanny Doss is the principal Partner) to discharge at Hydrabad the amount of the annual Peishcush payable by the Honble Company to the Nizam.

We, the House of Bhayram & Gopaul Doss engage by this Writing

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humbly conceive it cannot be a question, to whose account the King's Pay Office Charges should be placed, for it is self evident to the Crown, and they have been from October 1783, - supposing it would not admit of a Doubt. Charged to account of the Crown accordingly.

These Charges it is true, are submitted to you in the accounts of this Office in august 1789, for the first time - and for this special reason.

Previous to that period Mr. Burke retained in his hands for the Crown's use, whatever Surplusage might remain in his Office Chest at the Expiration of each Muster, which enabled him from that Fund to discharge any Demands made upon his Office on the Crown side; he therefore did not think it incumbent in him to state his Office Expences, which was no charge against the Company, in his account with them, but to regularly transmit them home to his own Office.

The Letter addressed by Mr. Secretary Chamier dated 29th. October 1789, altered this principle, for it states that, "all Balances were in future to be carried forward." - which in its Effect deprived Mr. Burke of that Source from whence he had been enabled to pay his Deputies, and discharge any incidental Expences incurred by his Office: therefore it became necessary he should provide a fund for those Expences which that order of the Company, thro' Mr. Chamier, deprived him of. provide

Mr. Burke naturally from that period - Viz.t

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the King's Paymaster's accounts including this Item.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

King's Pay Office
29th May 1790.

(signed) Joseph Garrow
Acting D.Z.K.rs Pay.r

To
Robert Mitford Esq.r
Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops.

Sir,

In your accounts of August to October 1789. I perceive a Charge of Pagodas 1511-9-50 for office Charges, which I find by Mr. Burke's letters, he does not think subject to the Controul or Audit of the Comptroller General of army Accounts at this Presidency: and he farther says that Colonel Ross Secretary to Lord Cornwallis informed him that, his Lordship did not see he had any thing to do with the Office Charges on the King's side; and that they seemed to be a matter between the King's Paymaster General and Mr. Burke.

If Lord Cornwallis does not think this Charge is cognizable by him, and Mr. Burke is of opinion that it is not subject to the Controul or audit of my Office, I do not see any reason why it should be inserted in the Accounts now before me: and these circumstances considered, I should imagine it would be better to leave this article altogether out of the

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as possible, whether We are to pay up the arrears of the difference from the 1st. of February, and to continue their Disbursements for the future Months..

The following is an Abstract of the Surplus & Deficiencies Stores delivered by the Experiment compared with their Invoice.

Deficiencies

Surplus

Paper Cylinder 6 Pr. ——— 400.

Deficiency

Copper Hoops ——— 1
Match Country ——— 5 lbs. 1
Country Hide ——— 1

Enclosed We have the honor to transmit to you a List of unserviceable Stores which We have advertised for Public Sale.

advertised

We have the honor to be with the greatest respect

with the

Honorable Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Bangalore - 17th May 1790.

(Signed) M. Williams
R. D. Munro
George Wynch

Agreed that the Chief & Council be informed, that the Board acquiesce in their Recommendation respecting the Moherry Peons, making the necessary deduction of 100, in the number in the present Peace Establishment

that

to the

Wheels

Minute thereon

disbanded, they would dispeminate disorder by joining in the revolt of Sanadeo — On the 28th of the same month, Colonel Trent informed us that, from the best Information he could procure, the Moherry Peons amounted to eight hundred, and gave an opinion that if they were to act unser the Direction of the Commanding Officer, they might certainly be employed to advantage, they were accordingly placed unser his immediate orders.

The reduction of our Force by the removal of the 28th Battalion, and the renewal of Sanadeo's Incursions, added to the injury which the Climate of the interior parts of the Country was experienced to inflict upon our Troops, rendered it necessary that the Ranee's Peons should be augmented from 809 to 980, the good Effects of which have been experienced upon several occasions, where the Peons unsupported by our Sepoys have repelled the Invasions of Sanadeo.

We heard the honor to inclose to you the Copy of a Letter / and of the Account to which it refers / from the Ranee of Moherry; these will complete your Information on this subject, and We have only to add a suggestion that, from her accounts should be deducted the Expence of four hundred Peons, which is the Peace Establishment of the Zemindary as reported by the Committee of Circuit, and a recommendation that she be allowed a Remission proportioned to the present Encrease upon that Establishment and to the Contingencies of

the

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The Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council &c.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that, having attended at the Durbar yesterday Evening, His Highness informed me that in consequence of my repeated Solicitations he had, without waiting for the necessary accounts of the motions of the Southern army, and contrary to his own opinion, hastened his measures and commenced Hostilities — that he had already acquainted me of Hafez Feroz-u-dien having established himself in a place belonging to the Enemy, which place was on the South side of the Tumbudra River; since which he had received advice from Khudadien Khân of his having seperated himself from his Colleague Ali Reza Khân, who has reported his defection and the Nizam's Intentions to Tippoo, and that a Force was collecting in consequence — to resist which it was necessary that Hafez Feroz-u-dien should be immediately supported. His Highness added that, if I had any reason to doubt the forwardness of our Preparations, he would yet stop, and desist from proceeding further 'till the proper time to begin should arrive; meaning, 'till the commencement of his, and the operations of the Southern Army could be made to correspond with each other — in reply to which I observed to his Highness that, in the representations I had made to him of the necessity of beginning without delay,

— I have

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Resolved also, that Mr. Powney be instructed to ascertain, with the utmost precision, what has been the situation of the Rajah in regard to Tippoo & to the Dutch at Cochin — after which, an agreement is to be drawn out, and the Rajah's assent procured to it, when it will be sent to the Presidency, where the necessary steps will be taken for the confirmation of it, if approved.

It is further Resolved, that a Letter be written to the Dutch Government at Cochin, with acknowledgements for the very zealous & friendly Assistance given by them to Lieutenant Colonel Hartley; and requesting to know what are the Cochin Rajah's Engagements with the Dutch East India Company, so that nothing may occur in the Board's acquiescence with the Rajah's offer which may in any manner disturb the good Understanding subsisting between the two Companies.

Ordered, that the above Resolutions be communicated to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, & to Major General Medows.

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from Captain Kennaway.

To
The Honble Major General Medows
Governor &c. &c.

From Captain Kennaway Honble Sir
Commencement of Hostilities on the part of the Nizam, against the Dominions of Tippoo — Treaty

I have the honor to forward, for your Information, a copy of my address of this date to the Governor General,

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Sultaun, a short time ago, marched into my Country, & advanced into my Capital Places & Districts, injured the Inhabitants, advanced and acted against the Fort of my Relation the Rajah of Travancore and took it; all which transactions, your Excellency will be informed of by Letters from the Rajah of Travancore. The Sudden and treacherous conduct of Tippoo has induced me to come to the determination of having no further connexion with him. I have heard of the Wisdom, Justice, & Prudence with which his Majesty the King of Great Britain, & the English Company are Endowed. It is my Prayer to God to bless me with their perpetual Friendship and Alliance, and by their means to preserve my Country. — My Sentiments on this occasion, and the Situation of my Country, have been represented to Mr. Powney the Paymaster verbally and by Letters, which I hope will come to your Excellency's Knowledge. — I entreat your Excellency will be so good as to make inquiries into my honor and Character, as well as the difficulties under which I now labor, and that you will protect and re-establish me in my Country, of which I have been deprived, & preserve me against such Calamities. — I will make every acknowledgement that lies in my power, in return for the Service which the English Company will render, in restoring me to my Country: His my firm wish to become their ally. — I have rendered very essential Service to, and assisted with some Money the English Army, when the Army came to the parts of Calicut and Calicaudcherry, and assured Colonels Humberston & Fullarton

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29th daily expected to commence [illegible]
hostilely take place.

I have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient humble
(signed) Geo. Leith

Secottah 19th May 1790.

30th Received a letter from [illegible]
153/ [illegible]
Wallanjaubad back to this place with [illegible]
74th Regiment — Enclosing the G.O. [illegible]
in that manner.

Sent the following letter to Bombay

From the Commandant at Poonamallee

To the Hon'ble Colonel Abercrombie

Governor in Council at Bombay

Hon'ble Sir,

To Bombay — advising of General Medows having taken the command of the Army; and of his having marched on the 26th from Vellinopoly

We have the honor to inform you that the President, Major General Medows, [illegible] the Army on Vellinopoly Plain on the 19th [illegible] marched on the 26th towards the Bagur Country

We shall have the pleasure of communicating material occurrences [illegible]

We have &c &c &c

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30th May 1790.

[illegible] 1790. 1st June 1790.

[illegible]ry possessing much Influence on
[illegible]ast, but will yield to us many advan-
[illegible]e of his Possessions, in the prosecution
[illegible] Cochin Rajah's Country extends to
Paighatcherry — The Revenue arising
the North of the Travancore Lines,
taken, amounts to three Lacs of Rupees
Rajah of Cochin pays annually
[illegible]opees to Tippoo — The whole of this
[illegible]nds of the Enemy; and what the Rajah
informed, yields a greater Revenue
[illegible].

[illegible]tion of Tippoo must shortly be drawn
not have it in his power to keep a
[illegible]in what he has conquered; it will therefore
[illegible] to it's former Possessors — The Rajah
[illegible]n possession of it, & protected by the
Independency of Tippoo, which he
[illegible], will agree to any terms that you
[illegible]pect to the tenure of it — In short,
become Tributary to the Company
[illegible]as to Tippoo.

[illegible]hat has passed on this subject between
myself, I have reason to conclude
you may judge proper to make
to him

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29th daily expected to commence, when no operation can possibly take place.

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signd) George Powney

President

Trichinopoly 19th May 1790.

30th Received letter from Captain Shawe (a sentence in MB No. 158) — advising that he has sent the Doolies arrived from Wallajanabad back to that place, with Convalescents of the 74th Regiment — Enclosing the G.O. authorizing him to act in that manner.

Sent the following letter to Bombay.

From the Commandant at Ponamallee

To the Honble Colonel Abercrombie

Governor in Council at Bombay.

Honble Sir,

To Bombay — advising of General Medows having taken the Command of the Army, and of his having Marched on the 26th from Trichinopoly

We have the honor to inform you that our President, Major General Medows, assumed the command of the Army on Trichinopoly Plain on the 24th Instant, & marched on the 26th towards the Mysore Country.

We shall have the pleasure of communicating all material occurrences, & have the honor to be

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&c &c &c (signd) John Turing

&c. Council

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29th

the 15th. May. Major Dow was then Encamped within 3 or 4 miles of Cananore – but intended the next day to break Ground & return to Garrison, having taken all the small Forts round the Settlement, and cleared the Country of Tippoo's Troops. The loss of the English were Eight killed and Fifty wounded; among the latter were Mr. Hooke the Major-Brigade, and Mr. Manby of the Engineers.

On the 19th. we were at Cochin – Colonel Hartley was Encamped upon the North End of Ayacottah – The two Madras Battalions were upon the same Ground – You must have heard that the Garrison of Cranganore withdrew on the 6th. of May in the Evening, and that Lally took possession of the Fort on the 7th. in the Morning; since which Tippoo has been throwing away his time in blowing up the Fort & dismantling the outworks – he has laid the whole Country waste about Paroor; Chinnamungalum & the adjacent Villages are burnt to ashes. His army are still upon the Travancore Lines, but had collected all his Troops on the Kistnacotah Side, by which I imagine he intended to move – Colonel Hartley had thoughts of cantoning at Paroor – but the season was so far advanced, before Tippoo quitted the Ground, he came to a determination of putting on his present Encampment.

There was a report at Cochin of Tippoo having sent a Detachment of Fifteen thousand Men against Tellicherry, but I do not believe it to be true: I know he has five thousand

Fighting

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Diary

29 Sent the following Letter to the Agent for the Bullock Contractors.

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

Agent for the Bullock Contractors

Sir,

To Mr. Cockburn respecting 1908 Carriage & Draft Bullocks unsupposed of to the Northward.

The Board have received your Letter of yesterday's date — as it appears that there are 1908 Carriage Bullocks unsupposed of to the Northward, you will be pleased to order their being sent to the Residency, at the Time the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell moves South from Ellore; first complying with such Indents as may be made to you for the use of that Detachment and the Artillery attached to it. The Bullocks so employed with Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, are to be paid for from the Time of their being Mustered. — The Residue to be paid for after crossing the Kistnah, agreeably to former Resolution.

The 180 Draft & 180 Carriage Bullocks employed with Major Montgomery's Detachment are to be replaced as soon as possible, & to be employed in the Masulipatam District as occasion may require.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) John Chamier
Secy

Fort St. George
29th May 1790.

he conceives that, by the General orders of the 25th. January 1788, he is entitled to be Barrack Master of that Garrison; and that, as the Barrack Master in the Centre Division is of a different opinion, he requests the Board will decide in whose Right the Station at present belongs.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a copy of the abovementioned Letter be referred to the Military Board for their opinion.

From the Military Paymaster General

From the Military Paymaster General — states that he cannot give the Bombay Presidency Credit for the 50,000 Rupees paid to Captain Lieutenant John Lorin, until he is informed what Rupees they are, and the Exchange they bear.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Credit be given for 50,000 Bombay Rupees, and that the same be notified by Mr. Roebuck to the Military Paymaster General at that Presidency, in order that an adjustment may be made, if it should hereafter be found necessary.

Substance of two letters from the Nabob

Read two letters from his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.C. Nos. 98. 99.) dated the 25th. & 27th. Instant — The former stating, that his Highness has written a

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Colonel James Capper

President of the Military Board.

Sir

I have the honor of sending for the Inspection of the Military Board, a Private Tent of my own Invention, which I request you will pay particular attention to. Its utility and saving to the Company will I hope, strike your judicious Board in the light it does myself.

The Tent, you will perceive, is intended for half a Company of Europeans, with their Arms, on common Services, but will do very well for a whole Company on Emergencies, there being seldom above 50 Men off Duty and out of the Hospital in the strongest Companies in the Field, and that number of Men & arms can easily be lodged under so fine a Canopy as it forms; the Circumference of which within the Walls, when properly pitched, being 66 feet.

To Officers of Service I need say nothing on the subject more than that, I wish the Tent to have a fair Tryal, by every kind of comparison between it and three Private Tents and one Bell Tent - such as We have now in use; that violent heats, such as We have at present, and Cold rainy Weather may be in view when the comparison is made; and that every allowance be made for an ill finished Muster, which I rather preferred sending in this imperfect State, than that it should miss the General's observation before he quits the Presidency.

The

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To the Honble John Turing Esqr.
Acting President in Council

Honble Sir

From the Military Board - the Commander of the Swan Hope will be called upon to make good the Deficiency of Stores Landed at Masulipatam - Reporting their opinion on the Plan of a Tent made by Colonel Kelly; & of the Value of the Tents tendered by Mr Boyd.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 21st Instant, & shall, in obedience thereto, call upon the Commander of the Hope to make good the deficiency of Stores consigned to Masulipatam.

We cannot on this occasion omit to remark, the inattention which has been shewn so frequently of late by the Commanders of Country Vessels to the Public Interest in the delivery of Military Stores, and with deference to submit whether it may not be necessary, at a period so critical as the present when the greatest punctuality is requisite, to notify to all Commanders receiving Stores on freight, that besides being held responsible for any loss or Deficiency, every future irregularity of this nature will be followed by the severest marks of your Displeasure.

Colonel Kelly has submitted to our inspection a private Tent of his own Invention, which appearing to answer the purposes intended by him, We beg leave to recommend that the Military Storekeeper be ordered to make up a Tent agreeably to it's Muster, & the Directions contained in the Colonel's Letter, which We have the honor to Enclose. As soon as We are furnished with his Estimate, a Comparative Statement of the Expence will be made between the Tents now in use, and those of the new Invention.

The

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We are induced to propose their being replaced by nearly an equal number — With respect to the Artillery expected at Masulipatam by the Houghton, should it be the Intention to march them from that Garrison, they will require both Draught & Carriage Bullocks; and as some may also be required for Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, to replace such as may have died or become unserviceable on the March from Bengal, We beg leave to submit whether 1908 Carriage Bullocks, which We understand, from the Contractors, still remain to be disposed of to the Northward, should not be kept up until the arrival of the above Detachments; and after these Establishments are completed, whether the remainder may not be ordered down for the use of the Center Division.

Captain Flint has represented to us the necessity of repairing a Granary in the lower Fort of Chagar, accompanied with an Estimate of the Expence, amounting to Pagodas 118.18; and as it appears that 64 Garce of Paddy contained in it, will otherwise be damaged, & the Building itself daily growing worse if not immediately repaired, We accordingly recommend it.

Flint

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

Fort St. George
25th. May 1790.

J. Cappier
(signed) " Patrick Roys.
" Geo: Hall

To

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and on the Expence of repairing a Granary in the Fort of Tiagor – Enclosing a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite on the subject of Bullocks.

Altho' We do not conceive that this point is legally cognizable by us, We beg leave, in obedience to your Commands, and at the Instance of the agent, to offer it as our opinion that, if Captain Agg can establish the proof of his arrival in Sabras previous to the Capture of the Vessel in the Roads, he is entitled to a share of the Prize Money arising therefrom.

On referring to the Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence, their Report to the Honble the Court of Directors, & the resolution of the Court thereon, We find that a considerable part of Colonel Fullarton's Claims to Bullock Hire for the Southern army has already been adjusted in England – In addition to these Papers, We have also carefully examined the Letters of Captains Bannerman & Oram, & Lieutenant Beale, brought forward by the Attornies, or Agents of Colonel Fullarton, in support of his Claims – However, as We do not perceive that any new lights are thrown upon this Business, in either of those Letters, or in any other Documents before us, We are precluded from offering a decisive opinion of the Subject.

The Native Corps being under orders to complete to the War Establishment, We are of opinion the Cloathing Indents in consequence should be complied with; and that the Agents have acted properly in providing the Cloathing for the additional Companies to the Battalions going on Service to Hydrabad.

With respect to the Insolvency of the late Mr. Graham's Estate, We do not deem ourselves competent to determine on whom the loss, accruing to the Cloathing agency, should fall

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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have been honored with the receipt of your Commands dated the 15th. Ultimo, by the Ship Houghton, & have been informed by Captain Barton, the Officer in command of the Artillery Embarked thereon, that the Detachment, Ordnance, Ammunition, and Stores were safely landed. The Treasure consigned to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell has likewise been landed, and shall be kept in charge, in the condition it was received, until he arrives or sends for it, of which he has been informed.

Since the arrival of the Houghton, We received Directions from the Government of Fort St. George, — "that if the "Bengal Artillery, coming by sea on the Houghton, should "bring with them Bengal Canvas Tents, We should give "orders to the Commander of the Ship not to send on shore the "Tents, but to reconvey them to Calcutta". — Conformably to these orders, application was made to Captain Barton, who furnished a Return of Tents, Copy of which is Enclosed; and Captain Munro of the Houghton has been desired to receive the Canvas Tents again on board. The Bengal Cloth Tents having been examined by the Committee of Stores at this Place, in Consequence of Captain Barton's request; and the Committee being of opinion that, they are not in

a condition

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Return of the Camp Equipage belonging to the Detachment under the Command of Captain John Barton —

—— Masulipatam 14th. May 1790. ——

	Marquees			Tents			
	Jinghams lined Common.	Country Square	Private	Bell	Necessary	Wanting to Complete
Serviceable							
Repairable							
Unserviceable							
Serviceable							
Repairable							
Unserviceable							
Serviceable							
Repairable							
Unserviceable							
Serviceable							
Repairable							
Unserviceable							
Magazine Tent							
Grand Total	1	4	14	4	2		

NB. — On Examination I find that, one of those under the head of Country Square is of Canvas, the other three of Country Cloth; the Private, Bell, & Necessary Tents are all of Canvas, — A Magazine Tent I forgot to Insert for on leaving Bengal. The Magazine Tent should be of Canvas.

A true Copy / signed / A. W. Scott Secy

(signed) J. Barton
a. Captain, Bengal Artillery

Anthony Sadleir Esq.
Chief — & Council of Masulipatam.

Gentlemen.

The Storekeeper having laid before us Insents he has received from Captain Barton Commanding Officer of the Bengal Artillery, who arrived on the Houghton, for Tents in Exchange for those returned to Bengal, We judge it necessary to inform you that there are not in Store sufficient to Complete it, particularly as the four Marquees indented for

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Fort St. George 28th. May 1790.

Colonel Brathwaite to proceed to Ellore. Copies of the comparative Table between the Pay of the Bengal & Coast Establishments, which came enclosed in your Secretary's Letter of the 20th. ultimo, had been transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell and Captain Barton, and We shall now transmit Copies of that received in Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 10th. Instant, to be Substituted for the former.

The Detachment of artillery, together with the Ordnance & Stores that came on the Houghton, having been landed, that Ship left this Port yesterday on her return to Bengal, conformably to the orders which the Commander Captain Munro received from the Government General; and We have the honor of Enclosing a Copy of the Letter which We addressed to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, in answer to one We received, a Copy of which has already been forwarded with our Letter to your Honor &c. dated the 7th. Instant.

In consequence of the Reciept of your Secretary's Letter of the 8th. Instant, application was made to Captain Barton for Information, whether the Tents that had come with the Artillery under his Command, were of Canvas or not; in consequence of which he furnished a Return, a Copy of which is Enclosed. Happearing when the Tents came to be unpacked, that those of Country Cloth were in very bad condition, Captain Barton requested that there might be a Survey of them by the Committee of Stores at this place, when it was found that none of them were in proper Condition to be sent with Troops going on actual Service. In consequence of this

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform M.r Cockburn that the 1908 Carriage Bullocks at disposed of to the Northward may be sent to the Presidency, at the Time the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell moves South from Ellore — first complying with such Indents as may be made for the use of that Detachment, & the Artillery attached to it. The Hire of the Extra Bullocks commencing from the time of their crossing the Kistna.

Letter Ditto

Ordered that the 360 Draft & Carriage Bullocks, employed with Major Montgomery's Detachment, be replaced as soon as possible, & employed in the Masulipatam District, as occasion may require.

Read the following Letter from the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts.

To John Chamier Esq.r

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir.

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts — stating the Assistance he will require to enable him to keep his Ledger as recommended by the Bengal Government & the Expence attending it.

I have been honored with the Commands of the Board of the 27th Ultimo, & request you will be pleased to inform them that, it is not in my power, to say precisely, what the Expence of the additional Assistance will be for keeping a Ledger; but I suppose it could not be less than 150 Pag.s a month, for no trustworthy European will undertake the business under 100 Pag.s P.r month at best; and under him he must have one Native at 15, and 4 or 5 Malabar Writers at 10 Pag.s a month. In time of Peace perhaps so many might

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not possibly be supplied in this quarter.

Of the 2938 Carriage Bullocks provided, 530 were furnished for the Hydrabad Detachment, which could not otherwise have moved for some time - 500 were dispatched to the Presidency, previous to the arrival of my order directing their stay, - and 1908 remains for the use of the Bengal Detachment, should they be required - or to accompany it South for the use of the Center Division, if thought necessary.

The Number of Bullocks Indented for the Center Division for the Corps. Store and ordnance Departments to this day are --- Draught Bullocks - 750.
Carriage Bullocks - 2,447.
What additional number may be required when the junction of the Bengal Detachment takes place, and the Army may have occasion to move, it is Impossible for me to Estimate, as it depends upon the Additional Stores they may require, the number of Men to feed, and the number of days provision it may be deemed requisite to carry with the Division - But, the number must, I conceive greatly exceed 1900, which will only carry about 14 days Rice for 8,000 Men.

It remains with the Hon'ble Board to determine whether, from the Circumstances here stated, the Contractors ought to be allowed to consider the Bullocks entertained at Ellore and Samulcotah in the Company's Pay from the date of the Certificates / the day they were actually entertained & mustered in the Company's Service / or, from the day they might have arrived on the South side of the Kistnah, had not the order to detain them, for the reasons herein mentioned, been dispatched.

The Exertions made by the Contractors were, in their opinion, for the Good of the Service, and tho' not strictly confor-

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gomery's Detachment—
Enclosing Return of Bullocks
Employed at Ellore, Samulcotah
& Guntoor—

Bullocks for the Carriage of Forty Day's Provision. for the Army,
and the Countries near the Center Division having suffered a
considerable Drain, from the numbers previously provided for
the Camp Equipage & Stores, they lost not a moment (in order
to secure the supply required beyond a possibility of failure) in
dispatching orders to their Agents as far North as Ellore, to
procure and dispatch a certain Number of Carriage Bullocks
for the Service of the Grand Army, with the least possible delay—
and on the 27th. March, addressed Colonel Brathwaite as follows.

Sir

"The Bearer, Veeraswamy, will have occasion to
"apply to you for Guards to accompany the Bullocks he has been
"ordered to provide in your quarter — Orders have, I believe, been
"sent to you by Government, to certify the number produced
"before being sent off, and to grant Guards for their protection; I
"hope you will be so good to give every Assistance in your power
"to forward this very essential Service. — I have written to Mr.
"Oram to give an order for the Bullocks being permitted to graze
"near Ellore until they are to be dispatched."

From the state of forwardness the supplies for
the Grand Army were in on the 20th. April, and finding from the
Exertions We made, that they would soon be completed — I sent
orders to our Agents at Ellore to stop entertaining more Bullocks,
and to send off immediately those Entertained — and, that the
Letter of the Order of Government of the 24th. February should
be observed, I wrote Colonel Brathwaite as follows, notwith-

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28th.

In consequence of the Letter to Masulipatam, directing that the Agents for Cloathing the Army be paid Sa.Rs. 1306.11.10 - Mr. Saunders desires to observe, that the Losses the Company have suffered by such Deficiencies render it necessary, in his Judgement, that one Key of the Paymaster's Cash Chest should be kept by the Commanding Officer, or that similar Security (the same as practised in Bengal) should be given by the several Paymasters.

Mr. Saunder's Observation in Consequence of the Deficiency of Cash for a Period in the late Mr. Graham's Paymastership.

The above Subject must stand for further Consideration.

Mr. Turing's Opinion

At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President

Friday 28th. May 1790.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief.

To

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From the Deputy Military Paymaster General.

Received Letter from the Deputy Military Paymaster General — (as entered in M.B. No. 137.) requesting to know if he is to make the Disbursements to the Garrisons at Poonamallee and Tripassore, in the manner practised before the appointment of M. Hawkins.

To the Deputy Military Paymaster General

Ordered that M. Garrow be informed (vide M.B. No. 138.) that the Board have thought proper to leave the mode of Payments to the Garrisons of Poonamallee & Tripassore to the Military Paymaster General.

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — To instruct the Paymaster at Ellore to pay M. Pugoras 1,306. 11. 40 to the agents for cloathing the army, being a Deficiency in the Amount of Stoppages for a period in the late M. Graham's Paymastership.

To the Commandant at Angola

To the Commandant at Angola — To use all possible exertions in assisting Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment on its March to the Southward.

To the Commandant at Guntoor

To Major Wynch, Commanding at Guntoor — To give Instructions to the Engineer in the Guntoor Circar to survey & Report the Value of a House built by M. Willis, Paymaster at Guntoor.

To M. Francis Lind — Military Storekeeper.

To the Military Storekeeper — To receive the Guns that may be tendered to him by M. Boyd, who will be paid for them, agreeably to the Value affixed by the Military Board.

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27th Route from Ellore to Wallajaubaad by Cicacolum, Baupetlah, Angole, Nellore, Nizarpet, Poonamallee, and Manimungalum

Names of Places.		British Miles
From Ellore to	Kaumbole	13.5
	Mudenoor, or Muddoor	15.75
	Cicacolum, upon the North bank of the River Kistna	15.5
	Kungal, or Kanugala	14.63
	Sanbole	11.46
	Baupetlah	14.
	Vantipollam	14.65
	Raperlaus	15.
	Yeamenbundoor River	
	Angole	13.
	Yellgellair River	
	Tungatoor	12.
	Palair River	
	Manair River South Bank	11.50
	Ramcapatam	11.2
	Manmillaboroo	11.6
	Chepelair River	
	Olloor	13.5
	Pugrain River	
	Penna River North Bank	16.68
	Nellore	
	Tanketychellum ka Cheller	12.5
	Mumbole	11.5
	Gundora River	
	Chempore	1.92
	Karware (Colonel Pearce)	5.38
	Chootonomooky River	
	Nizarpet	12.28
	Akarampauk	11.37
	Akamapeet ka Cheller	10.
	Arambacee (By Colonel Pearce's Route	12.62
	Goomrapoondy (From Arambacee Choultry to Goomrapoondy Measured)	11.
	Cortillair River North Bank (By Lieutenant Mahl)	5.
	Poonapauneum Ditto	9.
	Poonamallee Ditto	15.40
	Puddapy near Manimungalum Ditto	14.
	Wallajaubaad Ditto	14.
	British Miles	352.94

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27th in that Garrison — Lord Cornwallis, by a private Letter to General Medows, approves the raising Five Lacks by Loan at 10 P Cent.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly, which States that the Receipts granted by him for Grain are now falling due.

From Columbo — From Columbo — Enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to Bengal — requesting to be informed of any material Operations that occur, in respect to the War with Tippoo; & that it likewise be seperately communicated to the Government of Cochin, which is independant of Columbo.

From the Commandant at Tonamallee — From Captain Shawe — The two Companies of the 76th Regiment, under Orders for Tripassore, have marched.

From Colonel Kepper — From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — For the purpose of keeping a Ledger, agreeably to the Form recommended by Lord Cornwallis, it will be necessary to employ an European Book Keeper, and an additional Number of Writers, with an Increase of Stationary.

From Colonel Kepper — From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — Recommending that a General Return of Quarters be procured without delay — Enclosing a Letter he has received from Mr. Willis respecting House Rent.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — as Entered in P.C.P. Nos 133. 134. 135. 136.

To Bengal. — To Bengal — Enclosing a Letter from the Government of Colombo

To the Military Board. — To the Military Board — approving the Regulations proposed for the Issue of Grain in the Field, & the Mode for making

Stoppages

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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council &c &c

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Powney — There is every appearance of Tippoo's drawing off his army, & it is said to Caliphatcherry.

The reports which were yesterday current in the Enemy's Camp, of movements towards this quarter, were purposely circulated to cover their Intentions of moving off their Forces — A large Detachment which was Encamped at Carour, left it at daybreak this morning; & from accounts which have been brought in during the course of this day, there is every appearance that Tippoo is drawing off his army, & it is said to Caliphatcherry: — Six Coosums left this yesterday, for that place.

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Jacotah
12th. May 1790.

/ signed / Geo. Powney
Resident

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council &c &c

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Powney — almost the whole of Tippoo's Forces are moved off & gone towards Caliphatcherry — Communicating Intelligence received from Major Dow of his Troops in the Country near Tellicherry.

Nothing material has occurred since last did myself the honor of addressing you — From every Account brought in, there is reason to conclude, almost

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary Fort S. George

Sir

From the Resident Tanjour - advising of General Medows's Arrival at Vellum, and the probability of his joining the Camp on the Night of the 23d.

You will be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that yesterday I met the President at Syampet, & accompanied him to Tanjour, where he was visited by the Rajah, and afterwards, by the President's consent, by Serfojee - This Morning, the Visit was returned by the President to the Raja, and at his desire, by me to Serfojee - I accompanied the President to Vellum, from whence he set out about Seven this Evening, and in all Probability will be in Camp by Midnight - The Visits were merely Complimentary.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant.

Tanjour -

Sunday - 23rd - May 1790.

(signd) G Ram Resident

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council - Commander in Chief &c.

Honble Sir -

From Captain Knox - Advising of Tippoo's having taken Possession of the Forts of Bramganore, Cariapooly, & Parur -

I had the honor to receive your Instructions of the 27th Ultimo, & have intimated your pleasure to Lieutenant Colonel Hartley. Being now divested of Command, excepting what relates to the interior detail of the Coast Troops acting

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His Highness the Nabob having been applied to on the subject of the Grain collected in the Trichinopoly District, has informed the Board that, the whole quantity Stored is the property of the Circar, and that he has settled with those who had Mortgages upon it; The Nabob is therefore to have Credit for the quantity Stored, and Mr. Johnston is to be directed to give Receipts to his Highness's Managers - informing the Mortgagees, that the Nabob will be answerable to them for such Claims as they may have upon the Grain collected in the District, & stored for the Public Service.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signd) John Shamier

Fort S. George
26th May 1790.

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Received the following Letters.

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor &c. Fort S. George

Hon'ble Sir

From the Resident at Hyderabad. — The Nizam's Army moves to Furuk Nagur — Enclosing Copies of his last letter to Lord Cornwallis.

I have the honor to forward for your Information, Copy of my Letter to Lord Cornwallis of yesterday, with its Enclosure, and have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient & faithful Servant

Camp near Furuknagur
16th May 1790. ——

(signd) John Kennaway

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Diary

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

27th. Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C. C. No. 96.) requesting him to reply to several Letters addressed to him by Major General Medows; and to pay attention to what has been already written him, on the subject of his Arrears. Enclosing a Bill delivered by his Highness to the Governor, which is returned Protested from Tritchinopoly. Remarks thereon.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Hon'ble Sir

To Major General Medows. Enclosing a General Order published at the Presidency respecting Grain &c. and requesting him to publish it in Camp.

We have now the honor to enclose a General Order published at the Presidency, agreeably to the Recommendations of the Military Board, delivered in, in consequence of a Requisition from Government.

We considered it with attention, previous to a confirmation of it; and We trust it will be attended with beneficial Consequences to the Service.

We request you will be pleased to publish it to the Army, & to enforce a compliance with the specified Regulations.

We have the honor to be, with great Esteem

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) John Turing

&c. Council

Fort St. George
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Current with the Honorable Company } Cr.
the Existing Treaty ——————————— }

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April 30	By Cash received this Month		126,396.—
May	" By Bill on Tritchinopoly for Porto Novo Pagodas 50,000		43,103.18
	By Bills on Bombarjee at Tritchinopoly		20,000.—
	" By Bills on Soubaroo - accepted		20,000.—
	27th By Cash received this Month		4,160.—
			213,659.18
	By Balance due by his Highness		1,464,535,34.35
		Pagodas	1,678,195.16.35

27th May 1790.
Excepted
(signed) George Monbray
Accountant

N.B. Deposites in Madras Pagodas & Rupees ——— 8155.—
A Sheep on Bonnapillie due 31st Instant, taken 27th } 48,000.—
May 1790 ——————————— }

Pagodas 56,155.—

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the Company, and to desire that he will voluntarily make over to Government, the Charge & Management of his Country during the War.

The approaching termination of the Revenue Year affords a fair opportunity of making the necessary Arrangements, in which all possible attention shall be paid to his Highness's honor, and every Security afforded for the regular Payment to his Highness of the fifth part of the Revenues of the Carnatic, & other allowances specified by Treaty. — The Accounts during the Assignment shall at all times be laid before his Highness.

His Highness's account with the Company, made up to the present day, is now presented to him, and affords a Melancholy proof of Mismanagement on the part of his Highness's Servants. — This is the only mode of accounting for the large Amount due to the Company.

It will reflect great honor upon his Highness, if he voluntarily assigns over his Country. — It is a measure which will relieve his Highness from endless Embarrassments & Solicitude, which at his advanced time of life is an object of the greatest Importance. — With whom would he trust the Management of his Revenues, if not with those who are to defend his Person & Country?

Mr. Turing requests that his Highness will without loss of time reply to what is now submitted to his Consideration. — From the high respect which the Government bear to his Highness, it is hoped that his acquiescence will be given — Thus all Solicitations & disagreeable measures will be obviated.

P.S.

Fort St. George 27th May 1790:

Managers, and whose hearty Co-operation would be of the utmost Value to us in the present Contest.

You will, of course, understand that the Sentiments which We have given respecting your Line of Conduct towards the Nabob, are, upon the present occasion, equally applicable to the Rajah of Tanjore.

We are, Honble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
11th May 1790.

(signd) Cornwallis
Peter Speke

Minute thereon

The Board proceed to take into particular Consideration the Contents of the foregoing Letter, & are of opinion that not a moment should be lost in endeavoring to obtain the Nabob's Assent to a voluntary Assignment of his Country, during the War; for which purpose, it is Agreed, that the acting President, be desired to request a Conference with His Highness, & that he do proceed to Chepauk House, accompanied by the Secretary.

It is further Agreed, that the matter to be communicated to the Nabob be committed to Paper, and that after being read it be left with his Highness, should he desire it.

Resolved that the following be stated to his Highness by the acting President.

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also much concerned that there is no reasonable ground to hope that he will fulfil the Engagements contracted by that Treaty, to furnish the specified Proportion of his Revenues towards defraying the Expences of the War, in which the Company is now involved, with a Prince, whose Father's, or his own, ambitious and violent disposition has occasioned so many Calamities to his Highness's Family & Dominions, and repeatedly threatened them with ruin.

From a regard to the long connexion that has subsisted between the Nabob & the English Nation, & from the respect which is due to his Highness's Station and personal Character, we are persuaded that you will be inclined to treat him on every occasion not only with the strictest Justice, but also with the utmost delicacy.

The latter consideration however, cannot, consistently with the Duty that you owe to your own public Stations, be allowed to operate to the essential prejudice of the Company's Affairs, & especially on an occasion, when a weak forbearance, on your part, might prove highly injurious to his Highness's own substantial Interests.

Upon that principle, We do not hesitate in declaring that, at a Time when the Company's Resources are so much strained, and when pecuniary Supplies are so indispensably necessary for ensuring the success of the War, it would even be criminal in you to relax in requiring of his Highness the full Execution of the above mentioned Treaty and propositions, either by a punctual discharge of the Proportion of his Revenues, which he is bound to furnish, at the periods that were specified, or by an immediate surrender of the Districts, that were named, to the Management of your Government.

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1791 Fort S. George 25th May 1790.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters

Resolved that Mr. Ram be directed to urge the Rajah to the Discharge of the March & April, the latter being, as before, one Lack of Pagodas. Kists

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Read Letter from Colonel Capper (as entered in M.B. No. 122) Enclosing a Bill for Arrears due to the Quarter Master of Invalids at the Presidency, which he reports to be correct.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above be referred to the Military Board for their opinion.

Lieut Percival Marston

John Turing
Com Saunders

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Ex. Geo. Hill Secretary

John Turing
Col. Saunders

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To M. John Chamier
Military Secretary

Sir

Relative to Nawab relating to Assistance & Forbearance from the South the Rajah the subject of the Outstanding Balances

You will be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that yesterday Evening I had a Conference with his Excellency, on the subject of the Outstanding Balances, as follows.

His Excellency at first told me (as hinted in my Letter to you of the 18th.) that every Kist & Balance was meant to be included in his Letter to the President of the 28th. Ultimo.

I answered that his proposal had been for sometime under the consideration of the Board, as I had before informed him, notwithstanding which the Honble Board in the meantime considered his Excellency as answerable for the March & April Kists, (his proposal beginning from May,) as they had repeatedly written to me, & I as often mentioned to his Excellency.

His Excellency replied that, the President having intimated an Intention of claiming four fifths of the Revenue, according to the Treaty, from the 1st. April; and his proposal being made up liew of that, the April Kist must of course be considered as contained in that Proposal.

I then asked his Excellency when he intended to pay the March Kist — to which he replied that he had already paid 30,000 Pagodas of that Kist — that the remainder was a trifle between him and the Company, and that when he should have the honor of seeing the Governor, and knowing whether or not his Proposal was accepted, it might be easily settled. — I answered

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replied that, that was included in the letter of the Rajah to the President of the 28th. ultimo; & I have reason to believe that they have not an idea of paying any Sist independant of the Payments mentioned therein.— Again upon the 11th. Instant, having another Interview with his Excellency, I delivered to him a Letter to the purport mentioned in mine of the 6th. Instant to the Board, to which I added a Pera; acquainting his Excellency that, the President had his proposals of the 28th. ultimo under consideration, and in the mean time, it was expected he would pay his outstanding Balances.— This I delivered in writing, because that day being the day of Procession of the large Swamy Coach I apprehended it would make a greater impression than any thing I should at that time deliver in Words.— To this I have not to this day received any answer.— After receiving your Letter of the 14th. this morning, I sent a Message to the Palace, desiring an Interview; but received an answer that, I could not see his Excellency on account of the severe indisposition of the Sirkeel's Daughter in law, (who is since dead) and that his Excellency has taken Physic; I therefore sent the enclosed Note; and shall keep this Letter open until the setting out of the Post, in hopes of an answer, which I will be careful to dispatch to the Presidency the moment I receive it.

In your Letter of the 14th., in your Enumeration of Letters received from me by the Board, you have not taken notice of mine of the 6th. Enclosing a Comparison of the Payments promised to John Holland Esq. and to General Medows; I have therefore enclosed a Duplicate, as it gives me an opportunity of correcting a mistake, I believe, was in that Letter, wherein I have mentioned that the Rajah had promised his people to take no more of the crop than 40 p Cent, instead of which, I should have said 60 p Cent.—

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Fort St. George 25th. May 1792.

Candor & Experience will induce you readily to admit, it will not appear surprizing that I should not have succeeded in obtaining the Nizam's Assent, without his proposing some Alterations to a Treaty consisting of 15 Articles, by one of which Important Rights of his might have been lost to him. That the alterations proposed were not unreasonable, the acquiescence which you mention they have in general obtained, is a proof; and that they were not improperly insisted on, or should have prevented the ratification of the Treaty at the time prescribed, the manner in which his Highness approved of my writing to you on the Subject, namely - "that whatever Adjustment should "be come to on them I had no doubt would meet with his approbation" - I think renders equally evident.

The Treaty with the Nizam, in it's corrected Form, has been communicated to the Mahratta Vackeels, and every alteration which they have suggested, admitted into it. - I hope to forward two Copies of it to you tomorrow, one as it stood before it was shewn to them, and one as it is now to remain.

I do not apprehend the force in present in camp amounts to the number your Information states it at, as most of the Troops intended for the War, particularly the Ministers & Shums ul Omrahs Russalas which are the best appointed in the Nizam's Service, have been kept out to prevent a scarcity of Fodder in the Camp, and are not to join till our

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it with a letter from the acting President, urging the Nabob to a speedy liquidation of his arrears.

Ordered that a Letter be drafted accordingly.

Acting President informs that Colonel Kelly is appointed a Member of the Military Board.

The acting President informs the Board that Colonel Kelly is arrived at the Presidency, & has been appointed a Member of the Military Board.

Appointed

The acting President thinks it necessary to record it as the opinion of General Medows, that Colonel Kelly should sit at the Military Board, next under Colonel Capper.

Ordered that the necessary notification be given of Colonel Kelly's appointment, & of the place assigned him at the Military Board.

Read the following letter from Captain Kennaway.

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

Hon'ble Sir

Capt. Kennaway giving copy of a letter wrote by him to the Resident at Poona, relative to the Sentiments of the Durbar in the present crisis.

I have the honor to forward for your Information, a Copy of a Letter which I wrote yesterday to Mr. Malet.

I have the honor to be, with great Respect,
Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed J. Kennaway

Camp at Amullapore
14th. May 1790.

To

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Fort S. George 25th. May 1790.

I am also of opinion that marking the Bullocks of the army would produce a very good Effect to the Service at Musters, for on a Muster being ordered, the owners constantly make a practice of borrowing them from the Bazar People, & persons who keep them for carrying Baggage, to make up deficiencies. This would be entirely obviated by having the whole of the Cattle employed in the Public Service marked, as it may be presumed that Persons who have Bullocks for their own use, would be averse to having them marked for Musters, as it might subject them to be claimed by the Persons whose Cattle bore the marks that might have been put upon the Bullocks, merely to accommodate others on those occasions.

The Agents also, and owners of Cattle, on observing on the line of march that, the bullocks having a distinguishing Mark, were improperly Employed, would no doubt represent it to the Commanding Officer of the Army, and thereby prevent future abuses: — add to which that, Officers Commanding Corps would be able to perceive whether any of the Cattle marked with the Initials and Numbers of their Corps, were improperly Employed, & who would hold the Persons under whose Charge they were, responsible to them for a misapplication of the Cattle destined for the public Service.

I do not recollect any objections ever having been made by the owners of the Cattle to their being marked, as they well know the Intention of it; and I now recollect more than one Instance of a Bullock Maistry's having claimed Bullocks from

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being exchanged at 42, and then being deducted from each Pay roll, instead of the Value of the Grain being deducted from each Man.

It will be found that during the late War, the Inhabitants made no objection to the Bullocks being marked, & that the interior Arrangement of the latter in Corps and Departments cannot be managed without marking them; and I am decidedly of opinion, that if the mode of Exchange is not settled on the principles I have proposed, the Soldier will suffer very greatly, & the Public in an equal Proportion: and that marking the Bullocks may be found a very useful Check in conducting the Duty of Masters in the Field.

(signed) Henry Malcolm

Captain Hall's Minute.

I am of opinion that the marking of the Cattle of the Army, with the Initials and number of the Departments & Corps that compose it, would neither produce bad Effects to the Service, upon the Minds of the owners – On the contrary I believe it would be rather productive of Advantage than otherwise to both, for the following reasons.

During the last War, I was employed in the Office of Quarter Master of Artillery, and recollect that I found it necessary to mark the Bullocks employed in that Department, to enable the People in charge of them, (and the Tents &c. of the Corps of Artillery, which are always divided thro' the whole line of the Army) to collect & keep the Cattle together, and if by accident any of them separated from the

take away their cattle while the army is in the field, and thereby greatly distress the Service.

I do not wish to retard the operation of any measure upon speculative opinions, the truth or error of which must be proved by practice, and for that reason I agree generally in these new regulations for Grain; but I cannot grant my entire concurrence in them, as I foresee some Confusion that may arise from the measures we have adopted, respecting the exchange; Altho' I think many of the alterations are very salutary, I could have wished that they had been introduced in time of Peace, for if what what appears specious in Theory is found wrong in practice, very serious losses & inconveniencies may arise to the Service, while the army is in the Field.

(signed) James Capper

Lieutenant Colonel Ross's Minute.

Lieutenant Colonel Ross is of opinion that the most serious consequences are to be apprehended by admitting of a fluctuation in the Pay of the troops, under any plea whatever — And as the Exchange in all Countries varies occasionally, this must be the case if Colonel Malcolm's proposition is to be adopted. He therefore thinks the rate at which the Native Horseman (to which this regulation particularly alludes) is to be paid his fanams,

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I am ready to answer any objection that is advanced against the practicability of the mode, as set down in the Regulations for making Stoppages on account of Grain, from the Native Cavalry, whose Pay & Batta in each rank is drawn in Pazodas without any odd fanams. The same attention is not required to the Men of the Native Infantry, as their Batta being paid in fanams & Cash, provides a sufficient number of that Coin, to answer the Stoppages on account of Grain, without encroaching on the Pazoda of their Pay.

In the regulations for the Commissary of Grain & Provisions in Camp, I observe that the Stoppages in fanams are to appear in his accounts, altho' no fanams are paid into his hands, as the value of the Grain is reimbursed to the Company by Stoppages.

I am of opinion therefore, that the introduction of the fanams as above is by no means necessary, and is also irregular: The Commissary having the Charge of the Grain, on the part of the Company, his account in Grain should, I conceive, be balanced by his being debited for the quantity he receives, whether out of the Stores, by purchase, or otherways, and by his taking Credit for the Issues of Grain on Vouchers to be produced, and for the Wastage; and it is, I conceive, in the province of the Paymaster in Camp to account for the Stoppages, the transaction itself being an interior matter between him & Corps or Individuals,

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the principles which I conceive Government wish to establish, in a matter of so much importance to the public Service. — Nothing appears to me so indispensably necessary on this subject, as to establish certain forms and interior regulations in Corps and Departments relative to army Carriage and followers of every Description, but more particularly relative to those who are paid for at the Expense of the Company — Their numbers are so considerable, & the Expence of attending them so great, that while they are provided for the Public Service by no more than one or two persons having an Interest more or less in the business, against which it is almost impossible to guard (under any system that can be devised) so comprehensively as could be wished, even in regard to check on the numbers for which the Company is to pay, independant of any additional matter, in the Transactions of which the Interests of the Company are concerned. This additional matter may be found of equal Importance, may greater, than that which in order appears the first; for on a systematic Arrangement of it on honest principles, will depend in a very great measure the fate of the army that is maintained to preserve the Dominions of our Country in this part of the World — I mean the Provisions of the army destined for field operations, and every matter connected with the distribution of it to the many thousands of which a large Camp in this Country always consists; while at the same time there may be a necessity to carry it at the Expence of the Company. The points

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direct the Returns of allowed Followers to be lodged for his Information;— the Signature in this case being the responsible Voucher for the value of the Grain, & the Countersignature the Check on the quantity drawn for.

General Regulations on the Mode of Issue, and making the Stoppages.

The Commissary of Grain & Provisions is not to comply with any Indent that is not signed & countersigned according to the rules laid down; and he is to preserve all Vouchers with the utmost care & regularity, that there may be no delay in comparing them with the Abstracts of Grain ordered to be put on the back of Pay Rolls & Batta Bills.— The Initials of any Man's name is not to be accounted the Signature or Countersignature that is regulated to be the Voucher, and the Countersignature is invariably to be put on the back of the Indents.

As the Paymaster in camp will see all orders issued for the delivery of Grain, he is not to discharge any Pay Roll or Batta Bill of the Months in which Grain has been delivered that has not the abstract of the Quantity of Grain upon the back of it, certified in the form prescribed; and is to be held responsible for any Loss that is sustained by neglecting this part of his Duty.

All Officers in the Command of Brigades, Divisions, & Corps are to use every means in their power to be as correct in the detail of Bullocks & Followers, as of the Soldiers under their Command, in order that every irregularity, in regard to the quantity of Grain issued from the Public Store, so far as depends

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with the Indents signed by the Officers for the private Servants with Corps.

Every other description of allowed Followers are to be drawn for in Divisions & Corps, according to the following Distribution, by one Indent for each Division or Corps that has not a mixed Detail of Followers belonging to Bengal & the Coast, in which case there must be two Indents.

Department of the Commissary General of Stores. – Indent to be signed by the Commissary General of Stores, and the Commanding Officer of Artillery.

Ordnance and Artillery in the Park. – Indents to be signed by the Commanding Officer of Artillery in the Park.

Ordnance and Artillery in each Brigade – Indents to be signed by the Commanding Officer of Artillery in each Brigade.

Corps of Cavalry and Infantry – Pioneers & Guides – The Indents to be signed by the Commanding Officers of Corps respectively; only the Commanding Officers of Troops in a Regiment of European Cavalry, and the Commanding Officers of Regiments of Native Cavalry are to sign seperate Indents for their Horsekeepers & Grass Cutters &c.t. – One Indent for each Troop of the former, & one for each Regiment of the latter.

The General & Brigade Staff Officers, & other Officers, as also every Department having an Establishment of Followers attached to them, or under their Charge, over and above the numbers drawn for by Divisions & Corps as already detailed, are to be considered as so many seperate Divisions – and Grain is to be drawn for them by one Indent for each, signed by these Officers & Heads of Departments respectively.

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same month, which is to be signed by the Officer Commanding the Company & the Corps, & by the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, after he has examined the abstract, in the following form —

Abstract of Rice received this Month

			Sicca
June 1.st	Received as p.r Gen.l Indent	Indent	800
" 10.th	Ditto	Ditto	800
" 20.th	Ditto	Ditto	800
			2400 Sicca at 11 fanams for
			12 Sicca, is 2200 fanams

Co.s E.F.
Com.t of Gr.n & P.s

A. B. Commanding the Company,
C. D. Commanding the Battalion

The Batta Bills of each Company are then to be collected and sent to the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, who is to compare the abstracts of Grain on the back of them with the General Indents of the Corps they belong to respectively; and if he finds they agree he is to certify the same by his Signature on the back of each Batta Bill — But should there be any difference in regard to the quantity between the account of the Corps and that of the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, it is immediately to be Investigated and settled between them? — The abstract of the quantity of Grain delivered and received being certified in the form prescribed, is the Paymasters Voucher for making the Stoppages.

For the reasons already assigned, the abstracts to ascertain the Quantity received by the Native Cavalry, and to authorize making the Stoppages, are to be put on the back of the Payrolls, instead of the Batta Bills — In other respects, the same form is to be observed for the Cavalry, as is directed for the other Native

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respectively to which they are attached during the Service, & shall not be removeable from them, except on the application, or with the Concurrence of the Officers under whose orders they are placed; & shall be returned Monthly, or oftener, by the said Officers and Heads of Departments, on the same principle and at the same time with Troops. — And that the utmost attention be paid to ascertain all Casualties at the bottom of the Returns, agreeably to a form that will be prescribed.

8th. That, the Carriage & followers paid for at the Expence of the Company, shall not be Employed, except for the public Service.

9th. That every Draft & Carriage Bullock employed at the Expence of the Company shall be marked with the number of the Corps to which they are attached, and with the Initials of the Department; care being taken to make some distinction in the Marks, where there may be two Corps of the same number.

10th. That before Indents for Grain, & the Vouchers for making the Stoppages are complied with, by the Commissary of Grain & Provisions & the Paymaster respectively, the said Indents & Vouchers shall be authenticated on principles that will place every possible check on the quantity of Grain drawn for, and secure to the Company a ready and certain mode of payment for the value of the Grain.

11th. That, when Grain is delivered to the Native Troops & Followers, it shall be done under the following Form of Indents & Rules for making the Stoppages.

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Resolved upon, shall cease & be of no effect from this date.

It is therefore Resolved, and is hereby Ordered and Regulated as follows Viz.

1st. That it shall be considered the invariable rule on Field Service to establish a Public Bazar, in which is to be regulated the price of every Article for the Consumption of the Troops, & Followers, on the most moderate terms that the situation of the Army will admit.

2nd. That the Bazar with the army or Detachments in the Field, shall be placed under the Superintendence & Controul of a Public Officer, appointed by the Commander in Chief; & shall be so constituted that a proportion of it may move occasionally with Brigades or Corps without inconvenience or derangement.

3rd. That Grain (except what is required for victualling the European Troops) is not to be carried in the Field at the public Expence, or Issued to the Native Troops from the Public Store, unless in cases of absolute necessity, of which the Commanding Officer in the Field must be the Judge. Grain when so issued to the Native Troops must be paid for by Stoppages at the rate of Eleven single fanams for Twelve Pucka Seer, or 10 lb. 32 oz. Sa. Wt.

4th. That Grain is not to be issued to the Followers of the army, except from Stationary Magazines; and from them, only when the Commanding Officer shall judge it indispensably necessary. Grain when so issued to the Followers, is to be paid for by Stoppages at the rate of one single fanam for one Pucka Seer, or 11 lb. 13 oz. Sa. Wt.

5th. That when the necessity of the Service shall require the Issue

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24th From Colonel Capper - Enclosing Statement of Gratuity due to Serjeant Burn, Quarter Master of Invalids.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letter - as entered in M.B. Nos. 123, 124, 125. -

To Colonel Kelly - Informing him of his being appointed a Member of the Military Board - to sit next under Colonel Capper.

To the Military Board - advising them of Colonel Kelly's appointment to a Seat in the Military Board. -

To Captain Shawe - To order such Detail as may be necessary to enable the Two Companies of the 76th, directed to March to Tripassore, to proceed without delay to their Station.

At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqre.

Tuesday 25th May 1790. Acting President.

Edward Saunders Esqre.

The Honorable Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

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a Statement of allowances paid to the Officers of his Majesty's Navy, by the Presidency of Bombay. — To prepare in future similar Statements of the Sums advanced by him on that account. — Advising of the Bombay Government's having advanced 50,000 Rupees to Captain Lieutenant Torin for the purchase of Horses; and that this Presidency is accordingly to be Debited for the amount. — Enclosing Copy of a letter from Bengal: to lay before the Board the Statement therein required; which must be examined and certified by the King's Paymaster or his Deputy.

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Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations. — Advising of the Board's having again written to the Governor General, respecting the Plan recommended for introducing an Uniformity in the Accounts of the three Presidencies — Desiring them to postpone for one year the Execution of the orders issued to them under date the 14th. Instant — Directing that a Ledger be kept by Colonel Capper on the principle described in the 94th. 95th. and 96th. Paragraphs of Colonel Murray's letter to Lord Cornwallis of the 2nd. April 1789, and in No. 18 of the Enclosure which accompanied it.

To the Acting Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops

To Mr. Joseph Farrow — To pay particular attention to the orders contained in the Enclosed Copy of a letter from Bengal. —

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Informing him that the Nabob has been written to on the subjects recommended in his letters of the 19th. and 21st. Instant. — Copy of his letter of the 21st. Instant has been sent to the Commander in Chief for his decision; who has likewise been written to on the subject of the removal of Grain from Tanjore to Trichinopoly.

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to subsist the army during it's stay at Tritchinopoly, by which means the Depot in the latter Garrison would remain entire — The Board approved the suggestion of Colonel Musgrave, & left it to his Management. — Since then, however, We have received a letter from the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions, in which he sets forth the propriety of not drawing from Tanjore a larger Quantity of Grain than can be carried by the Bullocks of the army; & states that it will be less expensive to the Company to collect from the contiguous Countries around Tritchinopoly the Quantity of Grain required, than to hire Bullocks for it's removal from Tanjore.

We enclose Copy of the letter from Mr. Cockburn, & beg leave to recommend it to your attention.

The Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly has reported, that he has received Directions from Colonel Musgrave to purchase 200 Garce of Grain for the Native Cavalry; but as the Officers in Command of Regiments have contracted with Government for the feeding of the Horses during the War, We do not conceive that the Company should be put to any Expence on that Account.

Colonel Kelly has laid before us a Letter from Lieutenant Hewitson, requesting to be placed on the Pension List, & enclosing a Surgeon's Certificate, which declares his Inability for Field Service.

As We are of opinion that the application of Lieutenant Hewitson should come thro' the Channel of the Commander in Chief, We have returned the Papers to Colonel Kelly, & have directed him to

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very strongly enforced in Letters from Bengal.—

The Board desire you will inform Mr. Malcolm, that his Monthly accounts are to be regularly transmitted to the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency.

The Military Board will be informed of that part of your Letter, respecting the deficiency in the Stores landed from the Hope.

The Board have not any objection to Mr. Rovers visiting the Presidency.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) John Shamier
Secy.

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

My Lord.

Despatch - Enclosing copy of Letter from Mr. Powney with the Papers that accompanied it - Advising Arrival of Mr. Rovers having left Cuddalore for Pulicat

We had the honor to address your Lordship in Council on the 19th Instant, upon the Situation of Affairs at Travancore; and We now think it necessary, in continuation of the Subject, to enclose Copy of a Letter from Mr. Powney, received this morning, with the Papers that accompanied it.

We have great pleasure in communicating to your Lordship, that by a Letter just received from our Chief at Cuddalore, We are informed that, the Nestal Frigate was seen to the Southward

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&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) John Cramer
Secy.

Fort St. George
1st. May 1790.

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

My Lord.

To Bengal — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Powney, with the Papers that accompanied it — advising of Vessel & Stores having been taken off Cuddalore the 19th Instant

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Mr. Turing moves, that the Extract of the Minute delivered in by Major General Medows on the 7th Instant, respecting Colonel Kelly, be now Read.

Read accordingly, as follows

Gen.l Medows's Minute of 7th Instant, respecting Colonel Kelly

"Upon the departure of the President, Colonel Kelly will come to the Presidency, "under whom the Town Major will execute the Garrison Duties, under the "orders of the Senior Member of Government; and the Brigade Major "will circulate the necessary orders to the out Posts in the Centre "Division."

To be carried into immediate Execution

Mr. Turing further proposes, that the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, contained in the above Extract, be carried into immediate Effect.

Colonel Kelly to deliver over the Charge of the Cantonment at Wallajahbad to the Officer next in Command, and proceed himself to the Presidency.

Ordered, in Conformity to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Colonel Kelly be directed to deliver over charge of the Cantonment at Wallajaubad to the Officer next in Command, and proceed himself to the Presidency.

Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Commd.t at Wallajaubad

Agreed, that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, the Officer next in Command to Colonel Kelly, be appointed to command at Wallajaubad.

The Board adjourn to Tuesday the 25th Instant.

Ed.d Geo.e Hilliard Harris Esqr

John Turing

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That Mr. Gregory be appointed Paymaster to the Revenue Troops in the Vizagapatam District, vacant by the appointment of Mr. Keating to the management of the Wavelly Lands.

The Board approve the foregoing Recommendations. agree that they be published in General Orders.

John Turing
Cor. Saunders

…b 21st May 1790.

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… Mr. Keating to the management

…pproue the foregoing Recommendations.
… in General orders.

John Turing
Colo. Secretary

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Mr Turing's minute of this date.

The acting President adheres to his opinion of the Propriety of returning the Teep & Draft without delay — Agrees therefore, that the Letter to the Nabob be translated and dispatched.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kelly.

To the Honorable John Turing Esqr.
Governor in Council
Fort S. George

Hon'ble Sir

Colonel Kelly — commanding Captain Underwood appointed Secretary, Lieutenant Ogg to be appointed Cantonment Adjutant, & Brigade Major — Requesting that Lieutenant Rand be ordered to join the Detach. at Wallajahbad

The Command of the Center Division of the Army having, by the absence of the Commander in Chief, devolved upon me, Government will, I trust, do me the honor to appoint for me such Staff as may appear to them necessary, in order to carry on the business incident to the Station I now hold — And in making such Appointments, Government will I hope place me upon the same footing with Colonel Brathwaite who holds a similar Station in the Northern Division.

I beg leave to name Captain Doveton, of my own Regiment, as the Gentleman whom I wish to be appointed my Secretary. Upon taking the Command of the Cantonments of Wallajaubad & Chivillemoredoo, I found it necessary to appoint Lieutenant Ogg, Adjutant of the 4th. Battalion, European Infantry, to act as Cantonment Adjutant, as there was no Major of Brigade present. Government will, I hope, confirm that Appointment, or in lieu appoint him a Major of Brigade.

Lieutenant Rand Quarter Master of Brigade doing duty at the Presidency will, I trust, be ordered to join the

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by a Sep.t & Draft for one Lack of Pagodas; and proposes, for the reasons assigned in the following Letter, (vide C.C. No. 94.) which he recommends should be written to the Nabob, that the Sep.t & Draft be returned.

The Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to John Turing Esq.r — and has the pleasure to enclose a Draft on Booderjee's Somatista Otumjee for 50,000 Star Pagodas, payable after 32 days sight to Oliver Colt Esq.r at Trichinopoly; and also accompanies this, a Sep.t of Kewalrum Soucar, for 50,000 Star Pagodas, payable after 15 days from the date thereof — Both amount is on account of the Nabob Mallaujah's Kists.

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To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Highness!

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Sep.t for Pagodas Fifty Thousand, (50,000) for Kewalrum, Soucar of this place, & a Draft for the same Sum on Booderjee's Somatista Otumjee, at Trichinopoly, intended in part discharge of your Highness's Payments to the Company, as mentioned in your Letter of the 1st ultimo.

The former being made payable at so distant a Date as forty five days, and having reason to believe that Kewalram is not a Man of Property or Credit, I am under the necessity of returning the

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The Board approve the Instructions given by the Chief & Council to Mr. Robert Malcolm, the Gentleman whom they have appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper to Major Montgomery's Detachment.

With respect to advances of Cash for the Pay of the Detachment, it is agreed to inform the Chief & Council, that Captain Kennaway has been desired to make application to the Nizam for the payment of the necessary sums; but that if there is any Danger of Disappointment, the requisite Sum must be advanced from Masulipatam, upon Notice being given by Capt. Kennaway.

Agreed that the Monthly accounts of the Detachment be sent by Mr. Malcolm, direct to the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency.

Ordered, that an Extract of that part of the Letter from Masulipatam regarding the Stores landed from the Hope, be sent to the Military Board.

Agreed, that Mr. Floyer, the Paymaster at Samulcotah, be permitted to visit the Presidency.

The acting President lays before the Board the proposed following General Order, which he recommends should be issued, agreeably to the desire of the Commander in Chief.

G. O. On the representation & application of Colonel Brathwaite to the Commander in chief, which states that - his Constitution, much impaired by his peculiar sufferings in the Service, will not now admit of active exertion on his part, more particularly during the hotter Months in the Year, when he finds it essentially necessary to reside on the Sea Coast; - As the merits and faithful Services of that Officer have a reasonable

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To. Mr. Robt. Malcolm

Sir

The Honble the Governor in Council judging it necessary that a Company's Civil Servant should accompany Major Montgomery's Detachment, as Paymaster and Storekeeper; and having been pleased to authorise us to make this Appointment, in order to afford us an opportunity of rewarding the Zeal and Attention of such Servant under our Authority, as might appear to us deserving of it, We accordingly appoint you Paymaster and Storekeeper to the above Detachment; and desire that you will proceed to join it with all convenient speed.

The Experience which you have already had in the Duties of a Paymaster & Storekeeper, renders it the less necessary for us to furnish you with any particular Instructions for your Guidance, trusting that you will do justice to our nomination, by a strict attention to the Regulations and orders of Government now in force. In regard to incidental Charges, for which no express Rule may have been laid down, if any such should occur, We can only point out that part of the existing orders to your attention, whereby it is directed that whatever the Commanding Officer requires, shall in the first instance be complied with; and if contrary to your opinion, that you are to represent the same as soon as possible. This seems to us particularly necessary to be observed by you in a distant situation, that the public Service may not be, on the one hand, impeded, and on the other, that by an immediate Representation & application for orders, the Company may be as little liable as possible to suffer loss.

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1639 Fort S. George 21st May 1790.

Colonel Brathwaite shall be furnished by us with a Copy of your Secretary's other Letter of the 5th. Instant, and the Paymaster at Ellore desired to Pay the Contractor's Bill for Bullocks. Whatever jealousy others may have been actuated by on this occasion, it certainly did not exist with us - as it does not belong to us either to Insent for or discharge Bullocks that have been Insented for; but merely to express our Sense of the Existing orders, in which Colonel Brathwaite's opinion was declaredly the same as our own, altho' he acted as if it had been different; and We were under the necessity of making the Reference, as the Employment of the Bullocks could not be certified by the Storekeeper, who never received them, which Certificate is necessary by the Existing Regulations, to authorize Payment.

We have the honor of enclosing a list of Military Stores received by the Snow Hope, by which it will appear that there is a deficiency in some Articles and a Surplus in others, above what the List specifies. The Committee of Stores inform us, that the Hope having Sailed before the Stores could be examined, they had not an opportunity of calling on the Commander to make good the deficiency - Neither has a Receipt been granted to him.

Captain Barton who Commands the Detachment of Bengal Artillery, arrived on the Houghton, reports that the Detachments Ordnance, Ammunition & Stores are all safely landed. - Insents for Bullocks and Artificers transmitted

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1437. Fort St. George 21st May 1790.

Memorandum of the sums paid the Commanders & Officers of Commodore Cornwallis's Squadron.

(himself not being arrived) Fifty thousand Rupees, for which We have Debited your Presidency.

We are to request you will give orders for the payment of the accompanying Demand preferred by Lieutenants P. Young & J. Smith in equal Proportion, or 172 Rupees each.

The Honble Commodore Cornwallis having left this Port with his Squadron, We think it necessary to acquaint you, although he has not apprized us whither he means to proceed, that We have paid the Sum of Rupees 10,961 — 68, to the Commanders & Officers of the Squadron, as particularized in the accompanying Memorandum. —

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Bombay Castle
8th May 1790. —

(Signed) Robert Abercrombie
D. Carnegie
George Dick

Minutes on the foregoing Letter.

Agreed that the Statement of Allowances paid to the officers of his Majesty's Navy at Bombay, be transmitted to the Civil Paymaster General, who must be directed in future to prepare similar Statements, for the Information of the other Presidencies in India.

Of Sums advanced on this account

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be informed of the Sum advanced by the President in Council of Bombay, to Captain Lieutenant John Torin, for the purchase of Horses for the Cavalry, in order that Credit might be given that Presidency for the Amount.

John

Read

Ordered that the demand preferred by Lieutenants Young and Smith for wages & provisions be referred to the

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Fort S.t George 21st May 1790.

Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors — dated 9th April 1788.

Para 2nd "It is necessary to inform you, that the terms "upon which these four Regiments are to be employed "in India, are very different from those respecting the "Regiments at present there — Instead of their being "paid for at a certain rate, it is intended that, whatever "may be their actual Expence shall be provided for by "the Company — The account of whatever Expences may "be incurred previous to the Embarkation of the Troops, "and which may be incurred hereafter by the Recruiting "Service, and by the payment of Arrears, Off Reckonings, "& other Charges here, will be defrayed by ourselves at "home — From the time of their Embarkation, which is to "be reckoned from the 25th. Ultimo, an account must be "kept between our several Presidencies, and his Majesty's "Deputy Paymaster General in India; and Money must "be regularly issued by you to him, according to the "real Expences incurred, and actually defrayed by him "for the above Regiments serving at your Presidency. "The account abovementioned must be regularly trans- "mitted to us by every Conveyance — With respect "to the additional Allowances to the Officers & Men, you "will be guided by our orders in this respect, of "December 1778, and January 1782."

A true Extract

(signed) C. Hay

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Fort S. George 21st May 1790.

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort S. George

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Fort S. George 21st. May 1790.

Tritchinopoly. Commencing Abstracts for Letter from the Board in this Dept. this Recommendation in consequence of the Letter annexed to—

The Store of Paddy ordered for Tritchinopoly was ——— Garce 1855 = 125 —
Of which was laid in, by the Storekeepers last Report, dated 27th Apl. 1826. 193. 10
Wanting to Complete ——— 28. 206. 2.

It was Estimated that 720 Garce of Paddy, beat into Rice, would be required to enable the Army to move with a sufficient Stock from Tritchinopoly; and, in order that the Stock should be kept up, Government on the 27th. April Resolved, that all the Grain procurable from the Contiguous Countries should be laid in at Tritchinopoly; orders were in consequence obtained from the Nabob, to his Phouzdar, to that purport, and Colonel Musgrave was desired to employ the Bullocks of the Army on that Service.

I forwarded the order to Mr. Johnston on the 28th. April, & enclosed to him the Nabob's order to his Phouzdar, but have not received any answer to enable me to inform the Board what quantity of Grain may be expected from the Nabob's Managers.

Colonel Musgrave could not have been acquainted with the resolution of the Honble Board to keep up the Store at Tritchinopoly by replacing the Issues from the Country, when he suggested the removal of the Store at Tanjore to Tritchinopoly, in his Letter of the 1st. Instant.

It is not in my power to furnish the Board with an accurate Estimate of the Expence that will attend the removing 2000 Garce of Paddy from Tanjore to Tritchinopoly. But, I have reason to apprehend the Charge of Bullock hire,

Servants

Fort St. George 27th May 1790.

Garrison stores at the Returns & Establishment to be upon hand. Orders to know the state of quantity, Price &c.

Boards, and obtain a fresh and positive order to the Nabob's Manager, to bring in, with the least possible delay, and deliver to the Storekeeper the whole of the Grain now in the Districts under his Management; and I take the liberty to recommend that Translations of all orders from the Nabob to his Managers, wherein the Company are concerned, shall accompany them, for the information of Company's Servants, whose Duty it may be to call upon the Nabob's Managers for performance of such orders.

The Storekeeper complains heavely of the Nabob's Manager having mixed the Carr & Sumba Paddy, which renders it less fit for Store, the latter being the only Grain which keeps for any time; and he also complains of the Obstacles he meets with from the Shoursdar, in his Endeavors to get People to beat out the Rice ordered for the Army, and, of a total want of Exertion in carrying the orders of his Highness, respecting the supplies of the Garrison into Executions.

The Complement of Grain required for the Garrison of Madura, is ---- Paddy ---------- Garce 152. 303. 4-
Now in Store ---------- 125. 40.-
Wanting to Complete the Garrison Stock Garce 27. 263. 4-

The Storekeeper has received Colonel Musgraves orders to prepare 100 Garce of Rice for the Army, so that there is wanting to complete the quantity required, Paddy Garce 227. Marcals 263. & 4 Seers.

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Fort St. George 21st. May 1790.

From the Rajah of Travancore to the Honble. Major General Medows.

Dated 16th. Shabaun 1204. or 1st. May 1790.

Receives 21st. May 1790.—

The Rajah of Travancore begs the assistance of the Lines. begs the support & assistance of the Company. to punish the Enemy.

Mr. Powney has no doubt long before this informed you of the dispersion of the Troops, & of the Enemy's remaining in possession of the Lines.— This Event, which it was determined by the almighty should thus come to pass, has been the cause of much Distress.— I have during the whole course of my life constantly & entirely depended upon & solicited the Assistance of the Company.— Without doubt, you will in consequence of this Event, which has caused me infinite distress of Mind & has a bad appearance, turn your whole attention to the retaliating & punishing such conduct.— At the time that the Enemy made the Assault, our Troops with propriety retreated in order, along with the Battalions to Ayacottah, still keeping possession of Cangranore, & other Places on the Island on this side the River, near the sea.— By favor of the almighty, & your kindness, a proper Detachment under Command of Colonel Hartley, arrived here at this time from Bombay, & on the 10th. Shabaun (25th. April) landed by Water at that place, which gave us great Confidence.— I am now employed, agreeable to the advice of the Colonel, in preparing every thing for the Detachment.— As I have no dependance whatever, but upon the aid & protection of the Company, it remains with you to consider the mode to oppose & repulse the Enemy.— Therefore hope that, of your real friendship for me you

will

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Fort St. George 21st May 1790.

Taken carry this letter to you, & you will be pleased to return them in 4 days with one of your head men with a letter.

If your Sirdars know what I have written, I am afraid they will persuade you to act Contrary to it. Told the Minister that, these were Lines erected by your former Sirdars, & that when I consider the state of them, & the Provisions which were collected, I did not think We should be able to maintain them - at this the Minister grew Angry, & did not think so - You will therefore send a proper Man to the Dadesham to settle every thing.

Translation of a Letter without Signature, sent with the former Letter - but in the same hand writing.

Having been made Prisoners by the Dadesham, he has behaved to all of us properly, & has given us cloaths & Victuals, & he takes great care of all those he made Prisoners -- The Dadesham sent for us to his Presence, and ordered us to write to your Majesty to the following Effect. That you must be cautious in not giveing him displeasure at this Juncture - That he does not wish to take your Country; & that he did not know the reason you should have erected Lines in the Circar's Country - That your Majesty was a Wise Man, & understood what was proper - That it was the Intention & wish of the English to possess your Country, every body knew: that you must be sensible of this yourself - That you have reigned many years, and very Charitably - That, if

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1423. Fort St. George 21st May 1790.

At a Consultation

Present

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Acting President

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Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

Read the following Letter & Enclosures from the Resident at Travancore.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council &c Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Encl. Mr Powney - Enclosing Translations of two letters sent to Rajah, by order of Tippoo, from one of the Commandants of a Nair Battalion now a Prisoner with him - Tippoo retains at Coimbetore - Expects some Enterprize against Travancore -

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The Enemy remain in this quarter in full Force. I have accounts that Tippoo is at Coimbetore, and there are appearances that he meditates some Enterprize towards this place.

Travancore - 11th May 1790. I have the honor to be &c &c &c (signed) Geo. Powney Resident

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We have lately received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, in which he informs us, that he is Encamped, with the whole of the Detachment in a strong post upon the Island of Vypeen – his Flanks being well guarded, and the Communication with Cochin open. – A Copy of Colonel Hartley's Letter is enclosed for Your Lordship's more particular Information. Vipeen

We shall again address your Lordship, the moment we have further Intelligence of Tippoo's operations in the Travancore Country. – We are hopeful, however, that the Motions of our Southern Army, which will commence as soon as General Meadows joins, will occasion a favorable change in the Situation of affairs at Travancore.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) John Turing
Jas Council

To

Fort S.t George
19.th May 1790.

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18th

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

Honble Sir

Mr Powney — Monsieur Lally's Party are carrying on operations against Cranganore — Tippoo still remains upon the Lines with his Army, and is sending all the Guns and ammunition that fell into his hands to Salighautcherry. — I have from undoubted Information that Tippoo derives all his Supplies of Provisions from the above Place.

I have the honor to be

Cochin — 5th May 1790. &c &c &c (signed) George Powney
Resident

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

Honble Sir

Powney — Tippoo ... of the Fort ... Body of ... crossed the ... River — ... Cantonment ... Parour — ... Intelligence ... Travancore ... Tippoo's Camp —

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Fort S. George May 1790.

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18th.

Ordered that a Copy of the above be transmitted to Bengal as an Enclosure in the following Letter.

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

Regret Submitting Impracticability of depriving from the Execution of Plan recommended containing an uniformity of System in Accounts of the Presidencies; & having the Committee on the subject

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from your Lordship in Council, under date the 23rd Ultimo, & are much concerned that so many References have been made from hence, upon the subject of an Uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies.

We are fully persuaded of the Utility of the Measure, & should long since have adopted it in all it's Branches, as recommended by your Lordship, if the Public Officers under this Government, upon whose Judgement from their knowledge of the subject of Accounts upon this Coast, we were in some degree bound to rely, had not so decisively stated the Inconveniencies that would certainly follow the adoption of the Measure upon the Coast, during the active Scene in which We are at present Employed.

We take leave to enclose to your Lordship in Council, a Copy of the Letter which We have received from the Committee, whom We had appointed for the Purpose of carrying into Execution the Plan recommended by your Lordship — Their Arguments against it's immediate adoption, We trust will appear satis=

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Fort S. George. May 1790.

18th Forms hereafter to be observed by the Paymasters, would require at least the Space of a month, and it cannot be supposed they should be clearly comprehended immediately they are perused. — Weare therefore of opinion that, they cannot be carried into Effect while the Army is in the Field. If the Communication between the Grand Army and the Presidency should be cut off, which Event may possibly happen, as the Army advances into the Enemy's Country, & explanations of the New System should be required by the Officers in the different Departments in the Field, Weare fearful a Confusion would arise between annulling the old and introducing the new System.

Under these Circumstances, and the Impression of the Importance of preserving at this Crisis, a System of Accounts sometime Established, and generally understood, We humbly submit to your Consideration, the propriety of deferring, for the present, the Execution of the orders from Bengal.

We are, with great respect,
Honble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
signed / F. Capper
Benjamin Roebuck
Geo. Moubray
Tho. Cockburn

Fort S. George
18th May 1790.

18th of Military Disbursement. — But it was one of the first cares of this Government, after the establishment of the Military Board, to have Tables of Pay and allowances for every Corps clearly drawn out, accompanied by Regulations, which very minutely specify at what times, & under what Circumstances they were to be paid; so that, from an Officer of the highest Rank to the Private Soldier, every person in the Army became perfectly acquainted with what he is entitled to receive. — Tables also have been published, fixing precisely what number of Followers & Cattle of every Denomination are to be attached to each Corps in the Field, in what manner they are to be supplied with Stores, and on what Terms they are to be Fed; and finally, Muster Masters have been Established, with orders corresponding with those given to his Majesty's Commissaries of Musters; so that, with such clear Instructions, & such minute and distinct Checks in every Department, it is almost impossible that any Officer can venture to demand more than he is entitled to receive, or any person whomsoever plead Ignorance of his Duty: but if any one thro' wilful Ignorance or Inattention should transgress, the Paymaster would be inexcusable for complying with those Demands; and even if a connivance may be supposed probable between the Officer and the Paymaster, it is impossible, if the Auditor General does his Duty, that any Error or fraud what-ever in the Paymaster's Accounts can possibly escape detection. During the last War also, the Accounts of the King's & Company's Troops were blended together, which necessarily occasioned inextrica-

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Fort S.t George. May 1790.

18th winding the proper Channel. — The present small Stream between the Island and North Shore, is so shallow as not to allow any Boats of burthen to go thro'. —

The Island is little else than Sand, but should Government judge it necessary, Land marks can easily be set.

Accompanying are two Plans of Ground, agreeable to the Board's orders, & at the request of M.r Yeats. I took one for Captain Dawson at Coringa.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.rs
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) George Banks
Major Engineer

Masulipatam
7th May 1790. —

A true copy (signed) A.r Scott Secr.y

Masulipatam
to
the Resident at Ingeram

Observed that Letters be written to Masulipatam, & the Resident at Ingeram (vide M.B. N.o 96-97.) advising of the Boards acquiescence in the Request preferred by M.r Sonerat, provided proper Land Marks be fixed at the present low Water Mark, by which all Disputes & Discussions will be avoided.

Received the following Letter from the Committee for Reporting upon the Bengal Regulations

To the Hon.ble Major General Medows
Governor in Council &c.a

From the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations - stating that they have recommended to the Bengal Government for

Honorable Sir

We have been honored with your Commands, accompanying the Copy of a Letter from the Right Hon.ble the Governor

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Fort S. George. May 1790.

18th. to the Company's Possessions; and We have now the honor of transmitting Major Banks's Report, together with the Sketch received from him of the part of the River in question; by which it appears, that what Mr. Sonerat proposes to do, is nothing more than to turn that branch of the River Guadavery into it's original Channel, the doing of which is more likely to be of advantage than detriment to the adjacent Country belonging to the Company.

We have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 1st. Ultimo, which did not reach us until the 30th., with which We shall comply.— The two Lacks of Rupees from Viragapatam, & one Lack from Tanjam arrived on the 7th. Instant.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants
" Anth: Sadleir
" W. Dobbyn
" Sam: Statham.

Masulipatam
4th. May 1790.— (Signed)

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief & Council at Masulipatam.

Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your orders I have examined the situation of the proposed Embankment by the French Chief at Yanam, to effect the turning of a small Stream from the Town

of

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Fort S. George May 1790

19th.

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board — to direct Mr. Ruddiman, Apothecary and Superintendant of Medical Stores, to receive Charge of a Chest of Port Wine, shipped on the Minerva for the use of the Recruits, but which Captain Fairfull has reported unfit for Use.

From the Military Paymaster General

Received Letter from the Military Paymaster General (as entered in M.B. N.o 93) Enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly, desiring to know in what manner he is to be furnished with Money, for the purpose of discharging the Expence of transporting Grain from Tanjore to Tritchinopoly, and for the purchase of 200 Garce of Gram as Provision for the Cavalry.

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To Commissary General Grain & Provisions

Ordered that the subject regarding Grain be referred to the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions, (vide M.B. N.o 94) informing him, at the same time, that the Company are not to lay up Gram, as the Officers Commanding the Regiments of Cavalry have agreed to supply that article during the War.

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To the Military Paymaster General

Ordered also, that Mr. Johnston be directed by the Military Paymaster General (vide M.B. N.o 95) to draw for such Sums as are actually wanted for the Disbursements of the Garrison of Tritchinopoly, upon the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency.

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor — & Council at Fort S.t George

From the Government at Tanjore — will use their utmost Endeavors to contribute to the satisfaction of General Medows, on his arrival at Tanjore

Gentlemen

We have been honored with your Letter of 11th Instant. The Intimation which it contains has procured us particular

pleasure

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Fort St. George May 1790.

18th and requesting that a General Reference on the Charges objected to may be made to the Court of Directors.

To Mr. Paymaster Willis & Auditor Bruce

Ordered that Mr. Willis be informed (vide MB. No. 81) that the Charge of Extra Lascars will be referred to the Court of Directors, but that, with respect to the other objectionable Charges, the Board have already finally decided.

From Military Board

Received Letter from the Military Board (vide MB. No. 82) recommending that Gabions & Fascines may be immediately ordered to be put in hand for the Security of the Settlement: Enclosing Lieutenant Colonel Ross's Minute on the Subject, and an Estimate of the number necessary, & the Expence of making them &c.

To the Military Board

Ordered that the Military Board be informed (vide MB. No. 83) in reply to the abovementioned Letter &c., and to that of the 14th Instant, that Government approve their Proceedings reported therein; and desire that Proposals be published for furnishing by Contract, the Gabions, Fascines &c. recommended by the Chief Engineer.

From Major Tonyn & from Cornet Montgomery

Received Letters from Major Tonyn, & from Cornet Montgomery (as entered in MB. Nos. 84. 85) — the former stating that he has sent Adjutant Montgomery to the Presidency for the purpose of making some Purchases of Horses, & recommending, for the Good of the Service, that he be authorized to buy the remount Horses himself, and to nominate proper Persons to act under his Instructions. — The latter, advising of his arrival at the Presidency, and requesting Instructions, & the necessary supply of Cash for making the Purchases required.

To the Military Paymaster General

Ordered that the Military Paymaster General be directed (vide MB. No. 86) to deliver over to Cornet Montgomery the Cash received from

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Fort St. George May 1790.

17th

We beg you to make our acknowledgements on this account, and to receive our assurances that, We shall at all times be very happy to testify the Esteem & Regard with which

We have the honor to be

Fs. Fs. Fs. John Turing

(signed) { Fs. Council

Fort St George
May 17th 1790.

To the Right Honorable

Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

Advising Genl Medows's assuming the Command & Communicating Intelligence from Travancore & forwarding his Stores, Ammunition, & Artillery to Dindigul &c.

We have the honor to inform Your Lordship, that our President Major General Medows has this day embarked upon his Majesty's Frigate the Vestal, which is to convey him to Tranquebar or Negapatam, from whence he will proceed by land to join the army.

The latest Intelligence We have from the Travancore Country is dated the 5th Instant, and states that Monsieur Lally's Party is carrying on operations against Cranganore; and that Tippoo still remains upon the Lines with his army, and is sending all the Guns & Ammunition that fell into his hands, to Dalighatcherry.

We have the honor to remain

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[signed] &c Council

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May 1790.

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Advising departure of Commissioner from Travancore and forwarding his Letters, Ammunition, to Palighatcherry.

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&c &c &c John Turing

[signed] &c Council

Fort St. George
May 1790

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16th

Ordered that Colonel Musgrave be informed, in Reply to his Letters dated the 5th. 7th. 11th. 12th. and 13th. Instant, (Vide Letter in the M.B. No 78.) that, considering the recommendation of the Surgeon General as involving a matter of interior Vocational detail, the Board have resolved to leave it to the discretion and decision of the Commanding Officer in the Field; aswell as the recommendation respecting the entertaining the Topasses, and to the Quantum of Advances to Officers Commanding Regiments of Native Cavalry.—Batta, or Extra Allowances to Artificers to be Paid. The Batta to the Guides is not to be encreased beyond what is Established in G.O. Approving the Steps taken by him, in consequence of Major Sale's Report of the Conduct of the Renter of Mahara.

17th

At Ten o'Clock this Morning, the Honorable Major General Medows Embarked on his Majesty's Frigate the Vestal, for the Southward, having previously delivered over the Charge of the Government to John Turing Esqr., the Senior Member of Council on the Spot.

General Medows informed the Board, previous to his Departure, that His Highness the Nabob's Eldest Son, Ombat ul Omrah, signified to him that the Grain in Store at Vellore was the Property of the Circar; and that his Highness has written to Mr. Samuel Johnston, stating that, the Quantity of Grain brought, & bringing in, will be accounted for in the next Crop.

Sent the following Letters.

To

Fort S. George May 1790.

16th "Garrison at this particular time, when it is absolutely
"necessary to conciliate the Good will of all the Poligars in
"this Neighbourhood; who, if they are countenanced &
"protected, may be of Service; but if they are oppressed by
"the Managers, it may induce them to be very troublesome".

"Robert Sale"

True Copy (signed) Ja. Campbell, (signed)

The Honble Major General William Medows

President in Council

Honble Sir

We have been honored by the Receipt of M. Secretary Chamier's Letters of the 9th and 11th Instant.

From the arguments stated in the Surgeon Generals address, We do not see a necessity to alter the original form of the Regulations for the Field Hospital; as, however, his different Recommendations appear to be matters of interior & occasional Detail, and may be necessary under particular Circumstances, We are of opinion they should be left to the discretion & decision of the Commanding Officer in the Field.

Unless the Topasses are deemed absolutely necessary as an addition to the number of Troops required at this period; We are induced, from the consideration of their being neither so serviceable as the Native Troops, nor sufficiently to be depended upon, to withhold a Recommendation

to

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16th unprovoked; and I am hopeful your Honorable Board will see fit to procure from his Highness the most positive orders against any repetition of such Violence; for, as Major Sale very justly remarks, the Conciliation of the Polygars about Madura, in particular, is in the present posture of Public Affairs, of much Importance.

I have also communicated with the Sons of the Nabob at this place, who preside over these Districts & that of Madura, urging in forcible Terms the absolute necessity there is, for putting a stop to such ill timed oppression on the part of the Circar

I have the honor to be

Hon^ble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Thomas Musgrave

Tellicherry Fort St. George
May 1790.

Extract of a letter from Major Sale, Commanding at Madura, to Colonel Musgrave - dated 11th May 1790.

"Yesterday I received a Letter from Coniacah Rama Covindah,
"the Nelliacondah Polygar, Complaining of the Usage he
"has received from the Renters of this District, to whom he
"pays Tribute. He begins his Letter by saying that, last
"Year when Soubah Row was Renter, he paid his Tribute
"to him, afterwhich Soubah Row assisted by Trimboor
"Monnygar plundered his Country; upon which he
"quitted it, and went to Lingham Naig -- after living with
"Lingham

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16th the Army should be thought by you unusual or improper.—
Your Honorable Board will admit that, the last disposition of the
Forces under this Presidency having been modelled entirely upon
a Peace Establishment, it is obvious the approach of Hostilities
must necessarily cause augmentations thro'out the whole of
the System; and in no part, I still remain decided in think=
=ing, is this Increase so much required as in the line of Staff.—
I must observe also, that it is not the rank alone held by an
Officer which entitles him to be allowed an aid de Camp; but
the extent of Command he stands entrusted with, is, according
to my Ideas, the most impartial view for beholding the
subject — Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, from Seniority, Commands
a Wing of this Army, and has unser his immediate orders Ten
Corps; Lieutenant Colonel Floyd, from the same Cause, Commands
the Cavalry of the Army; &c. Lieutenant Colonel Giels the Artillery
of the line: Such being the case, your Honorable Board
will readily judge how impossible it must be for these Officers
to circulate their orders, or to see them obeyed, unless aided by
such auxiliaries as I presumed to recommend. At the same
time, I am anxious it should be remarked that, the Impropri=
=ety of allowing an aid de Camp to any Rank beneath a Colonel
has not originated with me: Lieutenant Colonel Macleod,
Commanding a Wing of Sir Eyre Coote's Army during the late
War in the Carnatic, having been indulged with the nomination
of an Officer in that Capacity.

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16th Received the following Letters from Colonel Musgrave

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Col. Musgrave's Letter from the Commanding Officers of Cavalry requesting the Monthly Allowance for feeding Horses may be made.

The Enclosed Letter has been addressed to me by the Officers commanding Regiments of Native Cavalry with this army — The request it contains I did not conceive myself authorized to comply with, unless by the Sanction of your orders, I have therefore the honor to transmit it for the Consideration of your Honorable Board.

Monopoly Plain May 1790.—

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

Colonel Thomas Musgrave.

Commanding the Army.

Sir

A Mode of payment for feeding the Horses of the Honorable Company's Cavalry, having taken place during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell, when the Regiments were in Cantonment, viz. by giving only one half of the Monthly account in Money, and the other half in Bills on the Northern Circars — The Paymaster General of the army does not consider himself authorized to make any alteration in that Arrangement, unless sanctioned by your orders.

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Secretary Hay

To M.r Secretary Hay – Enclosing another Comparative Table of Allowances &c.a; with a Letter Explanatory thereof from the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts.

Committee for reporting on the Bengal Regulations

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations – the different Measures proposed by them, for the Establishment of an Uniformity in the Accounts of the three Presidencies, to be carried into Execution. Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Bengal Government on the Subject.

Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore – desiring him to call upon the Rajah for the immediate Payment of the Kists due; and to inform his Excellency that, the Contents of the Letter lately addressed by him to the President, are under Consideration.

Commandant at Madura

To the Commandant at Madura – Informing him that the Paymaster has received Instructions to repair the Room in the old Palace at Madura, for the reception of Grain, in the manner recommended.

Lieut.t Col.o Wangenheim

To Colonel de Wangenheim – Consenting to the Plan proposed by him of allowing the last period of reinlistment to expire before the Men are again reinlisted – The Sum of 2½ Pagodas to be allowed to each Man who may reinlist for 6 Months, from the 1.st June next.

Military Board

To the Military Board – To report their opinion upon Colonel Fullarton's Claims, as stated in an Enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors, & original Letters from the Colonel's Agents in India on the Subject – Proceedings under date the 9.th Instant Approved. An Order will be issued to M.r Boyd to deliver the Guns to Captain Hall to be proved – To report upon an application from the Agents for Cloathing the Troops.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Hartley

Commanding the Detachment in the

Travancore Country.

Sir

Lt Colonel Hartley
with Copy
Major General
Transmit
the Presidency
& Commander
in Chief of all
Circumstances
&c.

The Board have received from the Bombay Government an account of the Detachment under your Command, & the objects for which it was fitted out. They have also received your Letter of the 1st Instant, & have been informed by Captain Knox of his having put himself under your orders.

The Board have a perfect confidence that your operations will be directed to the public good, and by the best & most expeditious modes that may be in your power; they do not therefore send you any precise orders, but desire you will be guided by such as you may receive from Major General Meadows, who now proceeds to take the Command of the army: In the Event of his not sending you any, you will act according to your Discretion.

You will be pleased to transmit regularly to the Presidency, as well as to the Commander in Chief, a detail of all material Circumstances that may occur; & you will consult occasionally with Mr. Powney upon such points, wherein his Influence with the Rajahs of Travancore & Cochin, & his confidential Station from this Government may render it proper & necessary.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant.

(signed) John Chamier
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Diary

14th Sent the following Letters -

To Captain Kennaway

Resident at Hydrabad.

Sir

Having laid before the Board your Letter of the 2nd. Instant, I am directed by them to observe, that the principal object is to secure regular payments for the Troops serving with the Nizam, and this is very strongly enforced in a Letter lately received from Bengal, of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy for your information.

If you are of opinion that a Dependance can be placed upon the receipt of the necessary advances of Cash from the Nizam, the Board are of opinion and accordingly desire that you will make the application for them; but if there is any danger of disappointment, they hope you will give the requisite notice to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, in order that they may immediately furnish the Paymaster to the Detachment with the Sums required.

The Board have a perfect reliance in your Management of this business, & have no doubt of your settling it in such a manner as may be agreeable to the Bengal Government and to them. It will be particularly satisfactory, if the Detachment can be paid regularly, independent of the Funds of this Government, upon which there are so many & such large Demands is

General.

by me the next morning, the Lascars were of course included; and tho' he now seems to have lost all Recollection of the Fact, he then, in his peculiar idiom, expressed his satisfaction to find that - "he "had blood, not Paper for his Money". - I thank my God that many heard him, & that the whole army were Witnesses of the Muster.

14 May 14th. 1790. I have the honor to be
&c &c (signd) Richd. Legge Willis

Altho' the Board do not consider themselves authorized to release Mr. Willis from the Charge incurred on account of Extra Lascars; yet, as they have reason to believe that the People were actually with the Detachment, it is agreed to refer the subject to the Decision of the Honble Court of Directors, with whom it must rest to shew further Indulgence to Mr. Willis, - The Board are the more inclined to this reference, as it is probable Sir Archibald Campbell, who is now in Europe, may Explain the orders he gave to the Satisfaction of the Honble Court.

Agreed that Copy of Mr. Willis's Letter be sent to Colonel Capper, whose audit on Mr. Willis's Accounts, in other Points, have been already Confirmed.

Read the undermentioned Letters - entered in M.B.

Nos 60. 61.

Comptroller of Accounts. From Colonel Capper - recommending that, during the Months of May & June, the Paymaster at Chingleput be allowed three additional Water Carts & ten Buckallies, in consequence of the Water being dried up in the Wells, & being therefore under the necessity of bringing it from the River Palar, at the Distance of a Mile from the Garrison.

Ordered accordingly.

From

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To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c.

Sir

Being at Angole forwarding Stores to Innicondy, I had this Moment the honor to receive your Letter, requiring me to forward to Government any written order I might have from Colonel Eidingtoun for the Establishment of Lascars with the Guntoor Detachment.

I do not recollect, that I propose any particular order from the Commanding Officer, for that purpose; but I have what, I am induced to hope, will be equally, if not more satisfactory to Government on that head: I have the originals of regular Returns made to him of Lascars &c., and which I doubt not the Quarter Master of the Detachment can confirm; and I have Colonel Eidingtoun's full approval, Sanction, & confirmation of the Number of Lascars, uncontrovertibly ascertained by his Signature to all my accounts as Paymaster, during the time he Commanded the Detachment; some parts of which Accounts were altered by me on his objections, previous to their being sent with his Signature affixed, as they now stand in the Paymaster's Office. This Confirmation was readily given, from his Knowledge of our want of Preparation at Angole, when, from Desertion of

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Agreed that Copies of the foregoing be transmitted to Bengal and to Masulipatam.

Read the following Letter from the Agents for Cloathing.

To The Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S. George

Honble Sir

Having lately received Cloathing Indents for the additional Companies of the Native Troops, we think it necessary to acquaint your Honble Board of this Circumstance, & to request your Sanction for complying with them; and at the same time to represent to you, that We were induced to compleat the Cloathing for the four Battalions stationed in the Masulipatam District to the Establishment of Ten Companies, on being informed by the Adjutant General, that two of them would be ordered on Detachment to join the Nizam — which We hope will meet with your Approbation.

On receiving the Accounts of the Ellore Stoppages, we were concerned to find that, in the deficiency of the late Mr. Graham's Cash there are included the Stoppages of the Ellore Cantonment for the Months of July and August last, amounting to Madras Pagodas 1306. 11. 80.

The order of Government of the 5th. February 1789, appointing the new Agency for Cloathing the army, having directed the Paymasters of Garrisons & Cantonments to account to the

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"When I applies to the Nabobs here, in consequence of your Instruc-
"tions, to deliver Grain for the use of the Stores, they informed me
"they had none; I therefore thought it adviseable to purchase the
"Quantity your Letter authorized me to lay in, as a Provision for the
"Garrison: had I not done so, I should not have had the power to
"fulfill your wishes; as it was daily disposed of in Quantity in the
"different Districts, without being brought into the Fort"

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) Tho: Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

The President informs the Board that he has desired
desired the Nabob to inform him whether the Grain stored at
Tritchinopoly & Collected in that District, is the property of the
Circar, & if it is not, what Quantity belongs to Individuals.—
When this Point is ascertained, further notice may be taken of
the foregoing Letter.

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from Colonel
Capper.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

The Pay and Allowances on the Madras Establish-
ment in the Comparative Table, sent to your Honble Board last
Month, were reduced to Sonant Rupees, & when compared with those on the
Bengal Establishment, the differences were put down in their proper
Columns.

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On the 9th. January, Sent Mr. Johnston a fresh order to the Nabob's Manager to supply any quantity he might require, & that further orders would be sent him.

In consequence of Reports from several Garrisons that the Nabob's orders were not attended to, and that in fact the Managers did not consider them as orders to deliver Grain to the Company, the Nabob was again applied to for more positive Directions to them; and on the 12th. January I forwarded to Mr. Johnston a third order from his Highness to this Phoudar at Pitchinopoly.

On the 13th. January, I received orders from Government to lay in at Pitchinopoly an additional Store of 1285 Garce, and the same day sent directions to Mr. Johnston to call upon the Nabob's Manager for that Quantity.

Fearing similar delays might take place on the part of the Nabob's People at Pitchinopoly as had experienced at other Garrisons, and that Store being of infinite Importance - I on the 18th. of the same Month wrote Mr. Johnston (as I had before done to the Storekeepers in consequence of the Board's orders "to purchase, Borrow if necessary) that if any material delay was likely to arise on the part of his Highness's Manager, in delivering the Grain he required from them, that he must himself take measures to lay up the quantity ordered; informing me when he determined to do so, and the cause which rendered it necessary.

In a letter of the 19th. February Mr. Johnston informed me that the Phoudar of Pitchinopoly had not delivered any Grain in Consequence of the orders sent him, & stating that it might be

present

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more especially recollect that, during the time I was in charge of the Engineers Department, after the Commissary had informed me that he could not supply me with Carriage, I have often been obliged to apply to Colonel Fullarton for a supply of Bullocks, & my application seldom failed of being complied with; particularly on one occasion, I well remember, having received by Colonel Fullarton's order from Quarter Master Charnley four hundred Bullocks to assist in carrying the Stores of the above Department. — The uncommon exertions made by Colonel Fullarton to supply the army with Bullocks, rendered it's operations so effectual; & that many of these Bullocks were maintained, as stated by Colonel Fullarton, must be well known to every Officer, as well as me, whose situation admitted of information on this subject: that it should not be known to Mr. Jackson, who did not receive his Commission to audit the Accounts of the Southern Army till long after it was dissolved, & who was not previously acquainted with the Nature of the Service Conducted & Effected by Colonel Fullarton, is by no means surprizing. — It is a matter so well known to every Officer in that Army, and at the Head of Departments, that Colonel Fullarton maintained Bullocks to supply Exigencies, that Mr. Jackson must certainly object from <u>some other cause</u> than from that of it's being deficient in authenticity.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.
(signed) J. Bannerman

Tritchinopoly
20th. October 1789.

Agreed

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the Court of Directors to the Government of Madras.— The elapse of time, & not having foreseen that my testimony would be necessary to substantiate a Claim which I apprehended was settled long ago, renders me not so competent to speak on the subject, as I could wish. However, I well remember that a considerable proportion of Cattle had been provided by the exertions of Colonel Fullarton, (to which I sincerely believe, at that period of general Distress & Poverty, could only have been effected by the zealous Care for the public Good he united with his official Influence), which were put under the Charge of Ensign Chaanly, Deputy Quarter Master General, who supplied the Deficiencies of Corps and Departments upon Indent from the Officers whose Duty it was to make them.— 'After our Return from the Dalighatchery & Coimbetour Expedition, these Cattle were employed in carrying Grain to the different Stations of the Army; which till the Month of March was divided into three Bodies, from which smaller Detachments were made for the purpose of supplying Grain &c.

— About the middle of March, the hostile Appearance of some of Tippoo's Troops, who actually cut off a great part of the 9th. Battalion in the Neighbourhood of Caroor, rendered it necessary to assemble a Considerable Force in that Quarter.'

I have great reason to assert, as far as a Memory not very defective can give a Sanction, that the Number of Bullocks provided, as I have stated above, were considerably encreased, for the distance of transporting & difficulty of providing Grain when We fell back in January, because of the Cessation of

Hostilities

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Colonel Fullarton, for the Hire of Bullocks employed last War with the Southern Army, amounting to Pagodas 14,318; and Colonel Fullarton having in his Letter to your Honble Board, under Date the 10th. July 1788, referred to the Testimony of Captains Oram, Beale Bannerman and Agnew, We have the honor to send you the original Letters which We have received from the three first named Gentlemen, Captain Agnew not having yet arrived in India.

Colonel Fullarton's Letter to Government above alluded to, together with the Papers which accompanied it, are all upon the Records of Government, & explain so fully the Nature of the Claim, that it would be superfluous in us to trouble your Honor with any thing on the Subject, further than, to express the Colonel's Confidence in the Justice of Government to reimburse him for an Expenditure from his Private Funds for promoting the Success of the important Public Service on which he was Employed.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Balfour Spalding & Colt

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6th. May 1790

To. Messrs. Balfour Spalding and Colt.

Gentlemen

The Papers from Colonel Fullarton, which you did me the honor to send for my perusal, I have read over — altho' it is not in my power to write with Certainty, as to the

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for the outworks, We recommend that they be post poned for the present—

We have also received an address from Lieutenant Linerieke, stating some additional reasons in support of his late Claims for allowances in the Field, which has induced us to reconsider the subject, & further to recommend that he be permitted to draw for Stationery & Candles only.— But to admit his Claims to Horse & other Allowances, as Deputy Judge Advocate in the Field, would only open a Door for similar Applications from the Paymaster & Muster Master, & consequently be productive of a great increase of Expenses.

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

(signed) J. Capper
P. Ross
Henry Malcolm

Fort St George
9th May 1790.

Lieutenant Colonel Ross acquaints the Military Board that, in the annual Repairs which accompanied his Letter to Government, the Estimate of the Works, on which the Superior Board has requested our opinion, stands thus

Stockade North East Angle & Black Town Wall—

Carpenters Work	821. 40. 50
Water Courses North Face Ditto	68— —
Elephant Gate Ditto — Ditto	234— —
Ditto — Ditto West Face Ditto	234— —
Wooden Bars for the above Gates	14— —
Gates & Bridges of Fort St George & out Works Carpenters and Paint Work	322. 2—
	Pagodas 1694. — 50

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List of Military Stores &c. Continued

From the Civil Storekeeper

Bellows Smith's large Europe	Pair	1
Tar	Barrels	5
Europe Rope 2½ Inch	Coil	1
Chalk	℔	100
Brass Compasses	Pairs	5
Standing Vices		1
Iron Square Bars 20	Cwt	7. 1
Flat Ditto 50	Ditto	21. 3. 1
Steel Ditto 20	Ditto	1. 3. 16
Files		264
Wambro Lines	Lbs	14
Log Lines	do.	44

From the Import Warehousekeeper

Lead	Cwt	33. 7. 1

(signed) J. Wall
Acting Commissary Genl. Stores

A true Copy (signed) Dan. Ince
Acting Secry

To the Honble Major General William Medows
President in Council

Honble Sir

From the Military Board Recommending that the Guns picked up in the Roads be proved - And that certain Works proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Ross be put into Execution - Reporting upon Lieutenant Limrickes Claim - Enclosing Estimate of the Expence of the Works proved

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamiers letters of the 30th ultimo, & 4th. Instant with it's Enclosures.

The Guns picked up in the Roads being of a Calibre which is always useful, We recommend that orders be accordingly given for proving them.

As the Works proposed by Colonel Ross, to be executed, appear to us to merit attention, We beg leave to submit the following

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List of Military Stores &c Continued . .

Sewing Needles		700
Screw Plates with Tops		50
Scissars	Pairs	100
Brandy	Bottles	107
Europe Junk	Cwt	100
Teak Sinnamon Planks		15
Teak Cutties		2
Knapsacks vitry new pattern		750
Linseed Oil	Gallons	20
Wood Oil	Meas.s	60½
Cocoanut Oil	Do	262½
Tents Field Officers		15
Officers		49
Private		125
Sepoy		45
Necessary		48
Cartridge Pouches		1000
Shoulder Belts		1000
Bayonet Scabbards for Firelocks		200
Drum Hoops Batter		200
Flesh		500
Sticks	Pairs	200
Cords		200
Reels		50
Brass Plates for Accoutrements		800
Nails	℔	80
Grease	Dozens	25
Caddy Musk	Loops	70
Dusters	?	4
Sal Armoniac	℔	59
Camphire	℔	18
Loom Coir	Mds	3
Cotton	℔	100
Sheathing Boards		300
Pots and Pans		66
Straw	Bundles	5
Fire Wood	Billets	8550
Flour	Measures	66
Cambrick	Piece	£
Brooms	Bundles	43
Bettelas	Pieces	2
Red Wood	Candies	5

Carried forward

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To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Military Board. Covering List of Articles received from Military Storekeeper last Month - also List of Carts &c. arrives from the Contractors yards - 450 Barrels Gunpowder Landed at Madras

We have the honor to enclose a Copy of a List of Articles received from the Military Storekeeper in last Month; as also, of the following Carts &c. from the Contractors Yard. - The former being found on Examination to be equal to Muster, & the latter made of good Materials, they have accordingly been received on the Company's Books - viz.

Arrack Carts		25
Sick	Ditto	15
Mortar	Ditto	4
Chain Traces for	Ditto	4
Artificers Carts		4
Yokes	Double	150.

The acting Commissary General of Stores has laid before us a Proof Report of 450 Barrels of Madras Powder, all which, being above proof, have also been received on the Company's Books.

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

J. Capper
signed Patrick Ross
Henry Malcolm

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We have the honor of informing you that, the Houghton Indiaman arrived in these Roads on the Evening of the 5th. Instant; & We herewith enclose Copy of the Letter Which We received by her, and which was sent on shore Yesterday Evening.

The amount of the Treasure consigned by the Houghton to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, which is not mentioned in the body of the letter, is specified in the Bill of Lading to be 150,000 Arcot Rupees, & shall be taken Charge of until the arrival of his Detachment, or until he sends for it, of which he shall be advised.

The Detachment of artillery, Stores, &c., will be landed as soon as possible, but will necessarily take up some time, as the Ship lays at present at a considerable distance to the Northward, & the Wind blowing in general strong from the Southward to the Westward at this Season of the Year, makes it difficult for Boats to come on shore.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c., Anth: Sadleir

(signed) W. Dobbyn

Sam: Statham

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

Gentlemen

We have ordered the Honble Company's Ship Houghton to proceed to your subordinate with a Consignment of Treasure

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revise the accounts of the two last years, the present Sirkeel and his Friends would have reason to tremble. If they were enjoined to restore that which they have taken unjustly, the Rajah would pay off his Balance with great Ease.

But, if this proposal should be entirely, or partly approved by the Honble Board, it would, I think, be advisable not only to ask Bhava whether he would take that Charge upon him, but likewise to recommend it to the Rajah, & insist upon his Concurrence; so that it might appear, in some measure, as an act of his own. — To facilitate the whole, one or two bad advisers should be removed, who, by indulging the Rajah in some favorite pleasures, captivate his Mind to his & his Country's Ruin. Baba

Be so kind as to forward this my Letter to the Honble Board, with my humble respects.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) C. T. Swartze

P. S. The last Paragraph of my Letter is the most exceptionable, which I not only acknowledge, but even feel. — But, if the Honble Board should be pleased to remove Shivarow & Chinna Moodely from the Administration, the Rajah might be persuaded to admit Bhava as Inspector of the Revenues. — Should these two people remain in power, they and their Friends would frustrate the design of Government; But.

Sir,

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Friends, & promised Justice / of which he gave some proofs / how chearfully did the People exert themselves, working almost Night & Day, tho' it was late in season; so that instead of the dreaded famine, it was blessed with a rich Crop!

That promise then given, & published by the late Rajah, and which was published again by the present Rajah, is now totally disregarded.

As this is the true but Melancholy state of the Country, I cannot think that the Rajah will be able to make good his promise of paying 7,60,000 Pagodas, from May 1790, to the End of June 1791.

But should he really pay it by the help of the abovementioned Dubashes and their Friends, then I tremble at the Consequences, as the poor Inhabitants must pay all the exorbitant Interest on those advanced Sums.

If so, what will become of the Welfare of the Country, & the dignity of the Rajah! — Surely so many Lacks of People were not created to satisfy the rapaciousness of plundering Dubashes!

And, if there should be any, even a slight Invasion of the Enemy, the damage done by them would be exaggerated, & the promised payment interrupted.

Considering all these things, it appears to me advisable

To — appoint Bhava, the late Sirkeel, Inspector and Collector of the Revenue, or at least Inspector of all the Accounts.

To — protect him in the discharge of his Office

To — restrain him from Cruelty & Oppression —

To

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To G. A. Ram Esqr. Resident

Tanjour May 8th. 1790

Sir

I have perused the letter written to you by Govern=ment. In obedience to the desire of the Honble Board, I will disclose my thoughts respecting the Collection of the 4/5ths of the Tanjore Revenues, with a due attention to the Rajah's dignity.

The present method of governing this Country is highly destructive to the Welfare of the Country, & the dignity of the Rajah.

The Rajah has delivered up the Management of the Country to five or six rapacious Dubashes: These People having lent some Money to the Rajah, exercise almost arbitrary Power in confining and beating the Inhabitants & employing their Creatures.

The Inhabitants are obliged to take the Circar's share of Paddy, & to pay 4 Fan: for a Kalam, when they can hardly sell it for 3 Fan: — The Money which the Inhabitants are to pay for the Circar's Share of Paddy, was formerly collected in April; but now it is exacted 2 or 3 months before. — The Inhabitants not having ready Money, are directed to borrow that Money from the Dubashes, or those who are Connected with them: they pay 8, 9, and even 10 p/cent premium, & 3 or 4 p/cent p/month Interest. This Money is afterwards Exacted by Peons, to whom the poor Inhabitants must pay Batta. — All this is done in contradiction to the order of

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Benefit to the Country, but save the Rajah and his Ministers an infinite deal of trouble.— They however seem to think it more honorable, that their Creatures, and especially any one who lends Money to the Rajah, should have an unlimitted power of oppression, than, that the industrious Subjects of the Rajah should find Protection.— all their Promises and Pretences on this subject have come to nothing.

I have in my last letter made a Comparison between what was promised to the late & present Government; I have only to add I am now perfectly convinced of what I from the first thought of the Rajah's proposal, that it will not be in the power of his Excellency to perform it. He has not yet sent me any of his Saucars or others that are to be answerable for the Payments.

The produce of the Country from this time to next April, may certainly be taken at Ten Lacks; nor do I think that desultory Incursions of the Enemy's Horse would much impair it: if indeed, a more serious Invasion should take place, that of course must be allowed for.

I am not clear as to the Expediency of ordering Shevaroy & China to Madras, as mentioned in Mr. Swartz's letter. If any retrospection of their Conduct is to be made, as hinted in the same letter, their presence here should seem necessary; and as long as they are effectually debarred from all connexion with the Rajah, could I think be attended with no bad Consequence.

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I believe all that Mr. Swartze says of his Character to be just: to which may be further added, that notwithstanding every Instrument was employed after his disgrace, it was not possible to convict him of Imbezzlement during his administration — I should however think it expedient to appoint Inspectors on the part of the Company, on the different Cuttakabars, as mentioned in my Letter of the 20th. Ultimo (which had the approbation of Mr. Swartze) The Mode of Receipt - 4/5ths. of the Revenue - gives a fair plea for it, as I believe it has been common, when a Short or Proportion of the Revenue has been demanded. — The Expence appears to me trifling, in comparison of the knowledge that would be acquired to the Company, & the certain Check it would afford on all misma-nagement & oppression of the Inhabitants - and this is the reason the present favorites of his Excellency are so set against it; tho' they have not had the Assurance entirely to deny the good Effects that might be expected from it. As to the Disgrace which they pretend would accrue to the Rajah in the Eyes of his People, I must observe once for all that, his Excellency and his Favorites have Routine of nearly the same Expressions on two Occasions - One, when the natural advantages of the Country are urged, to imply ability to pay his Subsidy — the other, when any regulation is proposed that would tend to Check the Peculation of his Servants. —

When he says in his Letter that this Country

could

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Read the following Letter & Enclosures from the Resident at Tanjore.

To the Honble General Wm. Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore - enclosing a letter to Lieutenant Corbet; with a letter to the Company's Tanjore Cowle enclosing a letter from Mr Swartz, stating his opinion on the subject.

I received the orders of Government under date the 4th. Instant, enclosing Copy of the Rajahs Letter of 27th. April. & desiring my opinion & that of Mr Swartz on his proposal, & on the best method of securing the 4/5ths of the Revenue to the Company -- Enclosed is Mr Swartz's Answer - with whom I entirely agree, that a radical Cure to the Evils this Country labors under can be expected, but by the removal of the present favorites, Shevarow, & Chinia Mootelier; and this I believe might be effected by a peremptory Letter from Government to the Rajah: tho' it should not be concealed that his Excellency during the late Government of Mr. Hollond positively refused to send Shevarow to Madras - There was however at that time no letter immediately from the Governor to the Rajah

The Cause of the Infatuation of the Rajah for these People, is that, they have made him believe that he owes his Seat on the Musnud of Tanjore, and the approval of it at home, to their Intrigues; & that if he were to part with them, his Title would be liable to a new Investigation.

As no one sees him but in the presence of one of them, it is scarcely possible to undeceive him; and being totally illiterate

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"Cranganore, consists of one Coosum of two thousand Sepoys-
"Lally's Troops about five hundred, one hundred & twenty of whom
"are Europeans- two Guns, one a seven, the other a nine Pounder".

"Two Coosums & one thousand Carnatics are stationed
"at Poyacottah".

"Two Coosums have been sent to the Nauger
"Country - three Coosums have been detached to the Northward -
"one Coosum is stationed at the place where the Enemy Stormed,
"(Mellore) in order to dispatch Stores, Guns, & Ammunition to
"Coimbetour & Paligha tcherry."

"The Lines have been erased, & Tippoo intends
"to move to the Northward in four days."

"Tippoo Sultaun sent for some of the Rajah's Prisoners,
"Taken at Mellore, & asked them whether the English Battalion had
"been upon the Lines - They answered that the Rajah had
"desired the Battalions to go to the Assistance of his Troops, which
"they refused to Comply with, telling him that the English and
"Tippoo Sultaun were upon good Terms; therefore they
"could not go against Tippoo - It is said in his Camp, that
"the English do not mean to proceed against the Sultaun."

On the 27th I received an Embassy from the King
of Cochin (to whom this Island and most of the surrounding
Country belongs, & who is a tributary to Tippoo) The Ambassador
assured me that the King his Master would join the Rajah of
Travancore, and give every assistance in his power in carrying

on

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Byron / of his Majesty's Ship Phanix, who voluntarily attended the Fleet from Tellicherry / my Troops & Stores were all landed the day after.

Soon learnt from Mr. Powney the Resident, that such an aid for the Rajah could not have come at a more critical moment: the whole of this Country was abandoned - People of every description had fled to the Southward - the Panic was universal; & had Tippoo pursued with five hundred Men, he might have marched unmolested to Cape Comorin. The arrival of my Detachment has as suddenly inspirited them; the Villages around, & the fishing Vessels, which were desolate, are again peopled - the Bazars are supplied, and the Rajah's Troops flock in by hundreds.

Having a greater quantity of Stores & Ammunition than is immediately wanted in the Field, I have made a Depôt at Cochin, the Governor, Mynheer Van Angelbeck, readily offering me every assistance. I am now Encamped on the Island of Vipeen, my right 12 miles from Cochin, & my left 4 miles from Aiacotta. The two Battalions of your Presidency, Commanded by Captain Knox, are under my orders by directions from the Government of Bombay.

On the 29th. Ultimo, I visited the Fort of Cranganore, the only post that did not fly. I found in it a Garrison of three of the Rajah's Battalions. The Commandant informed me of Mons. Lally's being within a few hundred Yards of his Lines, but he knew not whether there were any Works:-

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To the Honble. Major General Wm. Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Bonny. A Party of Plunderers crossed the Chinnamungalum River, but are gone back again. The Rajah of Cochin declares in favor of the Company.

Tippoo with his army still remains upon the Lines, & Mons.r Lally is carrying on his approaches against Ranganore. From the report of a Deserter who came in yesterday, We are led to conclude that Tippoo intends to persevere in his attempt against Ranganore. A small party of the Enemy yesterday crossed the Chinnamungalum River, and penetrated as far as Carore. it was only a plundering party which re-crossed again in the Evening.

The Cochin Minister has been with me, & has on the part of the Cochin Rajah unequivocally declared in favor of the Honble Company; and has promised every assistance in his power to distress the Enemy. The Rajah of Cochin is to address your Honble Government on the Subject.

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) George Bonney

Resident

Jacottah
3rd. May 1790.

As it is of consequence to procure Horses at this Juncture, it is agreed to direct Mr. Bonney to prevail upon the Rajah of Travancore to obtain from the Rajah of Cochin, such as may suit the Cavalry.

Minute on the foregoing Letter.

agreed

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that it would be particularly satisfactory if the Detachment could be regularly paid independent of the Funds of this Government, upon which there are so many and such large Demands.

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Travancore

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

Intelligence of the Reports that prevail in Camp respecting Tippoo's intentions, & of the Enemy commencing his operations against Cranganore. The Merchants who bring these Reports from that Country have left Seringapatam (in case he should stay there that would not be known for the present) if he is to proceed there.

The greatest part of Tippoo's Army still remains in this Neighbourhood – Tippoo himself is also here – Three Coopsums have been detached, it is supposed, towards Palighatcherry – Two different reports have been brought in from his Camp: – one is, that he is going towards Palighatcherry with his whole army; & the other, that he intends to cross the Chinnarungalum River with 25,000 Men, and penetrate into the Travancore Country; by which means, he would get in the rear of this Detachment – The latter would be a very hazardous Enterprize, & I scarce think, at this Juncture, when our army in the Carnatic is about moving, he would attempt it; & the situation of our Detachment is such, that it cannot be affected by any attempt he can make. – A Day or two must discover his Intentions.

Mons.r Lally with his Party, have commenced operations against Cranganore, which are not yet much advanced. – I believe it is Colonel Hartley's Intention to maintain this Post, as he considers it of considerable Importance.

I have

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which Date the new Reinlistment for 6 months is to begin afterwards — And it is very much to be feared that, the deduction of this one Pagoda will create many difficulties & hinderances, by which the reinlistment for 6 months will not only suffer a great deal, but also many men, perhaps, be induced not to reinlist.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Wangenheim
Colonel

Madras - 18th. May 1790.

As Colonel de Wangenheim has stated that many difficulties will be removed, by the Board's acquiescing in the measure recommended by him of allowing the last period of reinlistment to expire before the Men are again reinlisted,

Minute thereon

It is Resolved, that the Sum of 2½ Pagodas shall be given to each Man who may reinlist for Six Months from the 7th. of June next

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.

John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Sir

From Captain Kennaway — stating his opinion as to the best mode of making the Current advances to the Detachment ordered to join the Nizam.

I have received your Letter of the 20th Ultimo, informing me of the Board's request that, I would give my opinion as to the best mode of making the Current advances to the Detachment ordered to join the Nizam, in reply to which, I have the honor to

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with that Correctness & Precision which are indispensably requisite, we should then hope that even this might be accomplished within the Month of June next, & that the Books, on the new System, might be brought up from the 1st. of May.

The late Government of Bombay, aided by the Zeal of Colonel Harris, accomplished this necessary work with promptitude and ability; & we are persuaded that Colonel Capper, the Military auditor General at Fort St. George, would also do his part, for the same End, when instructed.

We have thus stated to you our Wishes, with a view to impress them forcibly on your attention, should it be practicable to comply with them; but, if it be not so, we must in general, tho' strongly, recommend to you to caution the Officers of your Government to avoid the Intricacies and Confusion, of which the late Committee so much, & so justly complained, relative to the Military accounts during the last War, enjoining them strictly to take proper measures for opening the Books on the new Plan, at furthest, on the 1st. of May 1791; and We beg leave to mention that, We think it, in the mean Time, indispensably necessary towards Effectual Controul, that your Military auditor General should be directed to keep a Ledger on the Principle described in the 93rd. 94th. and 96th. Paragraphs of Colonel Murray's Letter of the 2nd. of April 1789, & in No. 18 of the Enclosures which accompanied it.

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) " Cornwallis
" Chas. Stuart
" Peter Speke

to this Government

Fort William
23rd April 1790

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that he will convey the General & his Suite to the Southward if absolutely necessary

Ship Perseverence in the Road, who left the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships on this Station off the Island of Ceylon, & bound to Prince of Wales's Island in the Straits of Malacca / I am under the necessity, in compliance with my orders, to join the Commodore without delay; but, as I shall be happy on all occasions, and particularly at this important period, to do my utmost to forward the public Service, if the Honble the Governor in Council will make it appear to me that there is no other safe & expeditious mode for the General to join the army to the Southward, but by taking his passage in the Vestal, I shall think myself justified in deviating from the orders I am under, & having landed him at Tranquebar, or Negapatam, proceed to join the Commodore.

I am Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

signed / R. Strachan

Agreed that Sir Richard Strachan be informed, that the Board consider it absolutely necessary for the Good of the Service, that he should accommodate the Commander in Chief with a Passage to the Southward, as his Majesty's Frigate the Vestal affords the only safe & Expeditious mode for the General to join the army.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Chief Engineer

12th. To the Chief Engineer – The Chains made in Sir Campbell's time, for hanging the Draw Bridges at the Sea Gate, to be used in lieu of those now affixed – The Chains at the other Draw Bridges of the Fort to be examined – The Stockade at the N.E. angle of the Black Town, as well as the Gates of Communication to it, & the Palisade Gates for securing the Water Courses, to be completed. The Lascars sent with the Bengal Artillery to Wallajahbad, to be ordered to return. Vide to Vellore the Platforms recommended by the Military Board.

13th. Receives the undermentioned Letter – entered in M.P.B. No. 59.

From the Asst Secretary at Bengal

From the Asst Secretary at Bengal – Enclosing Six Bills of Lading of Military Stores shipped on Board the Houghton & Chesterfield, for this Presidency –

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor – President –

Friday 14th. May 1790.

John Turing — } Esqrs.
and
Edward Saunders }

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Sir Richard Strachan Bart. — To

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11th. Southward as soon as possible, and that he should go from hence to Tranquebar or Negapatam by sea; there being no Vessel in the Road fit to convey him to the Southward with dispatch but his Majesty's Ship under your Command, I am directed by the Governor in Council to request that you will receive the General & his Suite on Board, & convey him to either of the abovementioned Ports as may be found most convenient. As this measure is of great Consequence to the public service, the Board trust you will comply with their request, unless the orders of the Commodore shall have prescribed some other Service of more Importance.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
signed/ John Chamier
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Fort St. George
11th. May 1790.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters - as entered in the Bks
Nos 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58.

To Major Tonyn — To Major Tonyn - To send an intelligent Officer of his Regiment to the Presidency for the purpose of making some purchases of Horses - to be put upon the same footing as Lieutenant Maisie & his Successor Lieutenant a Grant.

To the Hospital Board — To the Hospital Board - Inclosing Extract of a Letter from Vizagapatam & desiring them to report their opinion upon the Contents - the removals & appointments mentioned in their proceedings of the 10th Instant, approved. The Hospital at Travancore may for the present be dispensed with.

To the King's Deputy Paymaster General — To the King's Deputy Paymaster General - to pay to Lieutenant Collier of his Majesty's 77th Regiment, the Arrears of Subsistence due

to

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of the Battalions was Eight Companies; Ten Boys in addition are required on the same principle, in consequence of two Companies having been added to the Establishment of a Battalion of Native Infantry.

Minute thereon.

The Board approve the President's recommendations, & desire he will give the necessary orders to Colonel Brathwaite.

Letter to be written to Sir Richard Strachan Commander of the Vestal Frigate requesting him to convey the General & his Suite to the Southward.

The President recommends that a Letter be written to Sir Richard Strachan Bart. Commander of his Majesty's Frigate the Vestal, requesting he will convey the General & his Suite to the Southward, landing them at Negapatam or Tranquebar, as may be found most convenient.

Ordered accordingly.

Lt. Colonel Maxwell

John Turing
Coll. Laundess

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the public Service might be impeded, would be unpleasing to that Government under which I have the honor to serve — Upon this Idea, I am disposed to receive your orders, & shall submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council of the Madras Presidency the Instructions I have received from the Bombay Government, with Copies of our Correspondence.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c (signed) Tho.s Knox

Camp on the Island of Aseen
28th. April 1790. —

Read the undermentioned Letters — entered in M.B.
Nos. 46. 47.

From Lieutenant Collier of his Majesty's 77th. Regt.—

From Lieutenant Collier of his Majesty's 77th. Regiment, — stating his distressed Situation; & requesting his arrears of Subsistence & Payment of House Rent, until an opportunity shall offer for his proceeding to join his Regiment at Bombay.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Lieutenant Collier's arrears of Subsis=tence be discharged.

From Lieutenant Bulman of 24th. Batt.n of Native Infantry

From Lieutenant Edward Bulman of the 24th. Battalion of Native Infantry — stating that, he delivered to M.r Kenworthy, deputy agent during the War, two hundred head of Cattle for the use of the Army, & requesting payment for the same.

Minute thereon

The Board decline the admission of Lieutenant Bulman's Claim.

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief, lays before the Board the following Memorandums.

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In the mean time I trust that your Zeal for the public Good will lead you chearfully to obey any orders Lieutenant Colonel Hartley may find it necessary to give you. — I am also confident, from the high Character you bear, that you will afford the Detachment every assistance in your power, with regard to Provisions &c. &c.

I have the honor to remain
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Robt. Abercrombie

Copy of a letter from Captain Knox to Lieut. Colonel Hartley.

Sir

I am honored with a Letter from the Bombay Government, which requires me to put under your orders the Detachment of Madras Troops I have the honor to Command. — The critical situation of affairs at this moment leaves me in no doubt how to act — Waiving the Discussion of a point of interference between the Presidencies of Madras & Bombay, I have no hesitation to put myself under your orders; but as something is due to my own Security, I must annex one Condition to my Compliance, namely, that if the Honble Board of Madras, under whose immediate orders I am placed, & to whom I am responsible for my Conduct, disapprove of the Step, I shall be at full liberty to resume the Command of the Detachment of the Coast Troops, with all the powers vested in me by the Madras Government.

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To the Honble. Major General Wm. Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief &c

Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

*From Captain Knox — Inclosing Copies of letters from the Bombay Government. & of his Correspondence with Colonel Hartley, with a view of delivering over the Command of the Detachment Recruits &c in the Travancore Country — Hopes to remain in the Opinion of Members of Government, that he will make any Approaches against the Fort

I have the honor to lay before you Copies of letters from the Bombay Government, & my Correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, of whose arrival with a Detachment of Bombay Troops I apprized you on the 24th. Instant.

Altho' it appears to me that my particular situation might have exempted me from a compliance with the orders of the Bombay Presidency — upon a full persuasion that you would have reprehended such an ill timed assertion of Rights, I have given way to the urgency of the Case, and earnestly hope for your approbation — It was in my opinion a respect due to your Government to stipulate the conditions of my resigning the Command of the Madras Establishment, & putting myself under the orders of an Officer of a different Establishment.

The Enemy still remains in the Neighbourhood of Trangauore, but has not yet broke Ground, or made any approaches against the Fort — When any thing Extraordinary occurs, I shall do myself the honor to give you the earliest Intelligence of it

I have the honor to be

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

Camp on the Island of Ajeen
28th. April 1790.

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attention to them, as the Sick are unable to attend the Detachment in the different movements it may have occasion to make, and in consequence many useful Men may be lost to the Service.

I have no doubt but that you will with me see the propriety of an Hospital being Established here; & if the measure meets your approbation, I have to request you will transmit the necessary orders for that purpose.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Alexander Anderson
Surgeon

il 1790.

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

Read the following Letter from Travancore.

The Honble Major General William Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir

Since I did myself the honor of writing to you, nothing material has occurred here — My time has been totally occupied in providing every thing necessary for the Troops, the whole of whom are now disembarked, with the greatest part of the Stores.

Tippoo still continues here with his Army, & his attention is now apparently directed towards Cunganore — Mons. Lally with his Party have taken post within a Mile of it; and, from the report of two French Deserters who came in Yesterday, I have

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...at Masulipatam, for the Issue of Sixty Sepoy Tents to the Bengal Detachment on my Indent, will be necessary to secure this Assistance to the Troops.

I am Honble Sir,
&c &c &c

(signed) Wm. Cockerell
Lieut. Colonel Commanding the
Southern Detachment of Bengal Troops

...at Govindpour
...26th. 1790

...ote thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the last Paragraph of the above Letter be referred to the Opinion of the Military Board.

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board.

...Hospital Board 10th. May 1790.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. John Goldie, Assistant Surgeon, be removed from the General Hospital to the 2nd Battalion of Native Infantry; & that Mr. John Thompson, Assistant Surgeon, who is come to the Presidency for the recovery of his health, be stationed at the General Hospital.

The Hospital Board have the honor to acquaint Government with the arrival of Mr. Thomas Beckett, Assistant Surgeon, on the Minerva, & recommend that he do duty at the General Hospital, until further ordered.

Read a Letter from Mr. Anderson, Surgeon with the Resident at Travancore, recommending an Hospital for the care of the

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1st Orders should be given to the Inhabitants to sell their Paddy freely to the aforesaid Bullock Men & Bazar People, in whatever Villages it may suit them to buy it, without hindrance from your Excellency's People in such Villages.

5th In case any obstruction or Molestation should happen to these People, a clear and positive order should be given by the Palace to Gunnapetty Subbiah instantly to remove it.

Your ready compliance with these requisitions will be highly Satisfactory to the Governor, to Colonel Musgrave, &

Mem. Thereon

to your Excellency's sincere Friend & well wisher

(signed) George Andrew Ram

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel

Hospital Board — Revells.

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2nd Battalion

Infantry, left them

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on their Route South —

Means to make Ellore his

point of March — requests

that orders may be sent to

the Storekeeper at Ellore or

Manilipatam to issue to

Lieut. Pinto upon his Bounty

to the Bengal Detachment

Major General Wm. Medows

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Noble Sir

I did myself the pleasure to address you on the

Inst. — and am now to acquaint you that, the Detachment

of Bengal Troops marched from Ganjam, on their Route South,

this Day.

The Spirit of my Instructions to proceed to Manilipa-

tam, I consider to direct my Route on the public Southern

Road, that I may be in a situation to comply with any orders

you may be pleased to honor me with; and the Station of

Ellore

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Major General Medows - by the Rajah of Tanjore

The Rajah in his Letter to General Medows 27th. April 1790 - Promises to pay as follows -

Amount of the Kists (according to agreement with Mr. Holland) for the Months of July, august & September, but as nothing is received from the Country between June & November, this Money should be in hand at least by the End of June, & therefore no difficulty can occure in paying it.

The Rajah makes no mention in his Letter of any Intention of paying it afterwards.

	May	70.000 "	300.000
	June	70.000 "	
	July	60.000 "	
	August	50.000 "	
	September	50.000 "	
	October	25.000 "	
	November	25.000 "	
	December	25.000 "	
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	February	70.000 "	
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	April	70.000 "	
	May	65.000 "	
	June	60.000 "	

July 34.284.37.65
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September 27.428.12.54

Total promised by Letter 27th April 760.000 — paid by the Rajah — Remains 762.858 — due the Ends of October 1791 - by Agreement with Mr. Holland

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Amount of Kists for July, August, & September.

6th. May 1790.

C. Ram Resident

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I am somewhat at a loss as to the amount of the Kist I ought to debit the Rajah in his account for the Month of april - If I rightly understand the Extract sent to me from the General Letter, the Court of Directors expect from his Excellency Star Pags. 45,000 for the first three years after the Establishment of the new Arrangement, (and 50000 afterwards) in which case the Kist would be about Star Pags. 64,285.- But by an Agreement made by his agents with M. Holland, he was to pay Star Pags. 48,000 - viz. 45,000 to the Company & 3,000 to his Funded Creditors; in which case the April Kist would be Star Pags. 68,570.31.30, as appears by his Letter to Government of the 5th. April - I request the orders of the Board on this Subject.

An opinion has unfortunately prevailed among the Natives that his Excellency, or rather those he calls Soucars are going to take some violent measures to raise the Money he has promised to Government, & in consequence a number of them have fled to the Little Fort, claiming the protection of the English, & asserting that they cannot trust to his Excellency's promises, his Minister having repeatedly broken the Cowles they have occasionally granted them. - The absence of these People from the Countries they belong to, may be of bad consequence to the Ensuing Cultivation.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) G. Ram Resident

Sanjore
6th. May 1790.

P.S. I have made a further Indent for Stationary to the Naval Store keeper, the useful articles in this Office being nearly Expended which I hope may be complied with
(signed) G. Ram.