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At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President

Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major General William Medows

Absent upon Service

Thursday 3rd June 1790.

The Acting President now Reports to the Board his Proceedings with the Durbar since the meeting of Council of the 27th Ultimo, and lays before them the following Papers which passed between him & the Durbar since that Period.—

Proceedings of the Acting President with the Durbar, in consequence of the Letter from Bengal dated 11th May 1790.—

In answer to his Card addressed to the Nabob, & entered in Consult. the 27th Ultimo, he received the following

His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah Bahauder presents his Compliments to John Turing Esqr., and acquaints him that he was not well these three or four Days past — but however he will have the pleasure of sending his Son Amdut ul Omrah Bahauder to Mr. Turing's own house this Evening at 8 o'Clock.

27th May 1790.

The Nabob's Son waited upon the Acting President in the Evening of the 27th, and being informed that it was the

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desire of the Acting President to Communicate his business personally to the Nabob, he took his leave, and on the next day, the following Card was received.

The Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to John Turing Esqr., and has the pleasure to inform him from Nabob Wallaujah that, if Mr. Turing is not particularly engaged, His Highness will be glad to see him this Evening at half past 6 o'clock, at Chepauk House.

22d. May 1790.

The acting President accompanied by Mr. Webster & Chanier waited upon the Nabob, on the Evening of the 26th. agreeably to Appointment, after a short preamble Communicated to him the purport of his Visit - he then read the Paper containing the particulars.

His Highness informed the acting President, thro' the medium of Hudson who was the Interpreter, that the business imparted to him was of such Consequence as to require consideration - that he was in a very weak state of Health, but would give his answer as soon as possible - requesting that the Paper read might be left with him.

The acting President having left the Paper with his Highness, took his Leave.

On the first Instant, not having received an

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Answer from the Durbar, the acting President, with the Concurrence of Mr. Saumarez, sent the following Card to the Nabob's Son.

Council Chamber. 1st. June 1790.

Mr. Turing presents his Compliments to His Highness Omdit ul omrah, and requests to know, when His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah purposes giving his answer to the Contents of the Paper left with him on Saturday Evening. Mr. Turing is exceedingly desirous of having his Highness's Answer without delay.

To this Card, the following answer was immediately given.

The Nabob Omdit ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to John Turing Esqr., and has the pleasure of receiving his Card of this days date; and in reply to which, he is to inform me him, that Nabob Wallaujah was not able to see the Paper till yesterday, owing to a State of Illness which caused him to keep inside of the Mahal; but his Highness will wait upon Nabob Wallaujah this Evening, and will acquaint Mr. Turing to morrow, when he proposes to send an Answer to the said Paper.

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Yesterday the acting President received the following Note.

The Nabob Omdit ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Governor John Turing, & has the pleasure to inform him, from Nabob Wallaujah, that he will send an Answer to the Paper next Monday.

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The acting President & Mr. Saunders being of opinion, that the Nabob's reply should if possible be obtained without further loss of time, the following Card was sent to the Nabob's Son.

Government House - 2nd June 1790.

Mr. Turing presents his Compliments to the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Bahauder, and begs leave to mention, in Answer to his Note received this Morning, that it is Mr. Turing's wish to be favored with the reply of his Highness the Nabob Wallaujah at an earlier period than Monday - Mr. Turing therefore trusts his Highness will be so good to send it in time to be laid before Council on Friday - If any Explanations are wanted, Mr. Turing is ready to attend his Highness the Nabob Wallaujah, for the purpose of making them.

In answer to which the following was received.

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The Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Governor John Turing - and he is to acquaint him, that it is the Illness of Nabob Wallaujah that prevents of replying to his Letter earlier than Monday next; but his Highness will wait on Nabob Wallaujah to try if he could not send it sooner. - His Highness is very much obliged to Governor Turing for his Offer to Explain the Paper but he perfectly understands the Contents of it.

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The acting President has thought it incumbent to state the whole of his Proceedings in detail before the Board, in order to shew, that no time has been lost, nor efforts wanting to bring to an Issue, a subject of so much Importance to the Public Service.

Exd. Chas Harris

John Turing
Cons. Saunders

Diary

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

3rd Sent Letters to the Nabob & Rajah of Cochin (as entered in C.C. Nos. 103 & 104.) To the former, requesting his Highness to send orders to his Managers to lay in Firewood & Straw for the use of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, at the several Villages near the Stages of daily March: Enclosing Copy of the Route which the Detachment will take - requesting him to send Duplicates of the orders which he may issue to his Managers.

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Cochin

— To the latter - informing him that Government accept with pleasure the Offer he has made to connect himself with the Company - desiring him to state the Engagements he has entered into with the Dutch Government at Cochin - further particulars will be communicated by Mr. Powney.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Hon'ble Major General Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief &c.

Hon'ble Sir

To Major General Medows - the Aid de Camps recommended by Colonel Musgrave Confirmed. Enclosing Copy of Mr. Powney's Letter respecting the Treaty to be formed with the Rajah of Cochin - the Instructions sent to Mr. Powney in consequence - forwarding Copy of Captain Kennaway's last Dispatch.

We have been honored with your Letter of the 24th Ultimo, & have confirmed the Aid de Camps recommended by Colonel Musgrave, agreeably to your desire.

We have the pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter received from the Resident at Travancore; and to inform you

3rd you, that We have approved his Conduct; & desired the Acting President to reply to the Letter from the Rajah of Cochin, expressing in general terms our concurrence in his wish of being connected with the Company.

We have also instructed Mr. Powney to make all possible Enquiries respecting the Rajah's Situation with the Dutch, the extent of his Territories, and the amount of the Tribute he has been accustomed to pay to Tippoo. - Having obtained all the necessary Elucidations, We have desired him to draft an Agreement, (having for a Ground Work that the Rajah shall be Tributary to the Company in the same manner he has been to Tippoo) to which he is to obtain the Rajah's acquiescence, and then transmit it to the Presidency to be confirmed, if approved by the Bengal Government, to whom We shall refer it with such observations as may occur.

We take this opportunity of sending you Copy of Captain Kennaway's last Dispatch to this Government.

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

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(signed) John Turing
& Co. Council

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To Mr. George Powney

Resident at Travancore

Sir

To Mr. Powney instructing him what steps he should take in drawing up the agreement with the Rajah of Cochin – Enclosing copy of a letter written to the Dutch Government of Cochin on the subject of the Rajah's Engagements with them.

The Board have received your Letters dated the 19th and 21st Ultimo, with their Enclosures – They approve your Proceedings and Recommendations respecting the Offers of the Rajah of Cochin, to whom a Letter is now written in answer to the one which he addressed to General Abbotts.

In addition to what is said in the letter now sent to the Rajah of Cochin, you will exhibit to him the propriety of his becoming a Tributary to the Company in the manner in which he was to Tippoo, provided they assist him in recovering the Possessions wrested from him, and render him independent of Tippoo.

You must endeavor to ascertain with great precision what was his situation with Tippoo, the Extent and Limits of his Possessions, – and in short every particular that can elucidate the subject.

After you shall have arranged this matter, you will draw out an Agreement, and procure the Rajah's assent to it, when you will send it to the Presidency, where the necessary steps will be taken for the confirmation of it, if approved. – You will make all the requisite Enquiries from the Rajah of Travancore, and from the Dutch, & transmit the result to Government.

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The Board take this opportunity of addressing a Letter to the Dutch Government at Cochin, which you will be pleased to deliver – a copy is sent for your Information

I am &c.

Your most obedient humble Servant

signed John Chamier

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To the Honble J. G. Ingelbeck Esq.

Governor &c. – and to the Gentlemen of Council at Cochin

Gentlemen

Cochin – advising of the application made by the Rajah of Cochin to connect himself with the English – requesting to be informed of the Engagements subsisting between the Dutch East India Company & the Rajah.

Mr. Powney, our Resident at Travancore, having transmitted to us a Letter from the Rajah of Cochin, wherein he expresses a desire of connecting himself with the English East India Company, and of shaking off his allegiance to Tippoo, We request to know what are the Rajah's Engagements with the Dutch East India Company, that nothing may occur which might in any manner disturb the good understanding subsisting between the two Companies.

We have directed Mr. Powney to make particular Enquiries into this subject, & shall Esteem ourselves obliged by your facilitating them.

We take this opportunity of making our acknowledgements to you for the very Zealous & friendly assistance which you have lately given to Lieutenant Colonel

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3.d Colonel Hartley, and to the objects which We have pursued in the Vicinity of your Territories.

We have the honor to inform you that General Medows marched with a very powerful army on the 26.th Ult.o from Tritchinopoly, in order to revenge the Insult which has been offered to the English East India Company.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) John Turing

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To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

The acting Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops has addressed us a Letter, Copy of which We have the honor to enclose, respecting a Charge objected to by Colonel Capper in the Accounts of his Majesty's Paymaster General, under the Head of "King's Office Charges."

We have postponed issuing any orders to Colonel Capper for the admission of the Charge, until we are favored with your Lordship's opinion, whether the objectionable Charge should stand as an Item in the King's Paymasters Accounts

To Bengal requesting the opinion of the Supreme Board upon a Charge in the Accounts of the Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops under the Head of King's Office Charges, deemed objectionable by the Comptroller General.

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3.rd Accounts, or whether it should be as Colonel Capper has proposed in his letter to the late Deputy Paymaster — "left altogether "out of the Accounts, & sent home seperately, to the Paymaster "General, who will at once determine, if it be admissible, & "to whose account it ought to be Charged."

We shall continue to comply with the intents & Cash of the King's Pay Office, including the Office Charges, until we are honored with your Lordship's Instructions on the subject

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
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(signed) John Turing

1.st Council

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal — communicating the instructions sent to Mr Turing on the subject of the Treaty to be made with the Rajah of Cochin

We have the honor to inform you that the Army under the Command of General Medows was near Courtallum on the 28.th Ultimo.

We enclose Copies of a Letter received from the Resident at Travancore with one from the Rajah of Cochin, to which We have desired the acting Resident to reply, Expressing in general

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in general terms our Concurrence in his wish of being connected with the Company.

We have instructed the Resident at Travancore to make all possible Enquiry respecting the Rajah's Situation with the Dutch, the Extent of his Territories, & the amount of the Tribute he has formerly paid to Tippoo. After obtaining all the necessary Explanations, we have desired Mr. Powney to draw out an Agreement, having for its Basis that, the Rajah of Cochin shall henceforward be a Tributary to the Company in the same manner as he has been with Tippoo, to which Agreement Mr. Powney is to obtain the Rajah's acquiescence, & then transmit it to us, by whom it will be forwarded to your Lordship in Council with such observations as may occur.

In order to prevent any Misunderstanding with the Dutch on this point, We have written to the Govern-ment at Cochin, desiring to know the nature of the Rajah of Cochin's Engagements with the Dutch East India Company.

These Measures, which We have thus had the honor of reporting to you, being conformable to your Instruc-tions of the 27th January 1790, will We trust be honored with your approbation.

We have received a Copy of the agreement made for the Payment of the Current Peishcush due to the Nizam.

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Nizam — We trust the Agreement will be renewed for future Years, as this Government will not, without difficulty be able to provide for the payment of it.

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

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

My Lord

To Bengal Enclosing Copy of Tippoo's letter to Governor.

We have this instant received from Major General Medows a letter addressed to him by Tippoo Sultaun, in reply to our President's letter dated 6th April.

A Copy of the Translation of Tippoo's Letter We have now the honor to enclose for Your Lordship's Information.

It is not our Intention to make any reply to Tippoo.

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

Fort St. George
2nd June 1790.

3rd Dispatched the undermentioned Letters, as entered in M.B. for the Month of June Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

To Ganjam

To Ganjam – acquiescing in their Recommendations respecting the Moherry Deons – the Revenue Battalions, when employed in field or Garrison, to be paid as Effectives: those unemployed to be paid as specified in the original orders.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General – to pay attention to an Enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Government at Bombay.

To the Acting Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops.

To the Acting Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops – the Comptroller General having objected to the admission of the King's Office Charges, it is transmitted for the decision of the Governor General.

To the Resident at Poona

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Resident at Poona – The Southern Army moved on the 26th.

To the Resident at Hydrabad – with the same Information; stating the agreement entered into with a House at Benares to discharge at Hydrabad, the amount of the annual Peishcush due from the Company to the Nizam.

To Mr. Nicol Mein – Head Surgeon at Tritchinopoly.

To Mr. Surgeon Mein – The request contained in his Letter of the 25th Ultimo, for Full Batta, is Inadmissible.

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions – The Charges incurred by the late Preparations for War, to be carried to the Account of "Suspense" for the Year 1789-90.

To Colonel Capper

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts – The several Entries for Deficiencies in the Garrison Storekeeper's Accounts to be carried to the Head of Profit & Loss, & the Books adjusted accordingly.

To Mr. John Tulloh – Attorney to the Agents for Pondicherry Prize Money.

To Mr. John Tulloh – to report upon an Enclosed Petition addressed to the Government of Bombay, by Charles Tod & James Bowen for their

3rd their Shares of Pondicherry Prize Money.

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Powney – Enclosing Copies of Letters he has written to the Rajah of Travancore & other Malabar Rajahs, & of the former's Answer – Applies to the Rajah for the Payment of the Balance of the Lac of Pagodas – Tippoo has quitted the Travancore Country, & is Marching rapidly towards Palicaudcherry.

I do my self the honor to transmit you the accompanying Letters which I have addressed to the Rajah of Travancore & other Malabar Rajahs – The Travancore Rajah's answer accompanies this likewise. – My principal design in writing to him was to press him for the Balance of the Lac of Pagodas which he has promised to advance, and which yet remains to be performed – As his reply to this part of the Letter is not very satisfactory, I shall again write to him on the subject.

The Enemy's Troops have quitted this quarter entirely – The last accounts which came in from Tippoo's Camp mention, that he was marching very rapidly towards Palyghatcherry, from whence he was to proceed to Coimbetour.

I have the honor to remain

Honorable Sir

Your most devoted & most humble Servant

(signed) George Powney

Resident

Cottah
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To the Rajah of Travancore

I transmit the accompanying Letters for the Rajahs of Calicut, Calestry, & Cotumgherry, which I request the favor of you to send, and procure me answers to them. — Altho' we are well assured of their being affected to the Interests of the Honble Company, it is nevertheless necessary that they should give unequivocal assurances of it from themselves, and in their own handwriting. I have consulted with your Minister upon this subject, and he will write you the particulars.

I congratulate you sincerely on the arri[illegible] Colonel Hartley's Detachment — By the blessing of God, [illegible] come at a very critical time: It has not only saved this Co[illegible] but I make no doubt in a short time, you will see that the Enemy will be [illegible] to quit that part of your Country which they have take[illegible] you — you must now be well convinced the part that Honble Company intends to take in this War — their s[illegible] to you a large Body of Troops evinces their Friendship for y[illegible] The War will be now prosecuted against your Enemy with greatest vigor; and the English arms are so powerful, by favor of God, your Enemy will be soon so much reduced, th[illegible] hereafter you never will be again troubled by him. — Y[illegible] must be sensible that the War the Honble Company are [illegible] in is on your account — it is true likewise they are bound engage in it on account of their own honor — They always [illegible] the

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the strictest attention to the Treaties which they enter into with their allies. — You are well acquainted of all this, and of the great Exertions the Company are making to carry on the War with Effect, and to bring it to a speedy and honorable issue. — This is the period that every Ally must come forward and shew his Zeal by the Assistance he gives — I am well convinced you will be among the first. — The troubles, We have lately had, have prevented me from urging you for the Payment of the Balance of the one Lac of Pagodas which you have promised to advance. — You have paid 2 Lacks of Rupees, and there now remains to be paid 175,000 Rupees. — I am sure you will give orders that this Sum be paid into my hands immediately, that I may have the satisfaction to inform the Honble Governor at Madras of your having fulfilled your promise — By the return of the Tappal, I trust this will be done —

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well

Your Minister has Engaged that the Expences of the Detachment under Colonel Hartley shall be defrayed monthly by you — You are a sensible Man, therefore it is unnecessary to say, there must be punctuality in this payment — It is reasonable to expect that when Troops come into your Country for the defence of it, they must be paid by you — be assured that when this War is finished, the Honble Company will regard their Allies in proportion to the Zeal they shew in the cause, & the assistance they render; & I am persuaded you will, by

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3rd your Exertions, claim their first attention — I shall be happy
to hear of your health — you know my Friendship for you
have therefore taken the liberty of writing to you as a
to whom I wish every good and every success.

What can I say more?

(signed) George Powney
Resident.

Jaccobtah 4th May 1790.

To the Rajah of Calicut

As you have been driven from your Co
by Tippoo Sultaun, and your Subjects have suffered
enormities from his cruel disposition, I am well conv
you will take the first opportunity of revenging yourse
that you will use every Exertion to distroys the commo
Enemy — The period is now arrived for you to come for
in this Service — You will have every Assistance from
Honble Company in the cause; & provided you act vigo
and detach from Tippoo all those that are at present
country in his Interest, I am authorized to tell you th
Company will render you independant of the Mysore Co
You must answer me unequivocally what your Intentions are
in what manner it will be the best mode of carrying into Execu
-tion our Designs against the Enemy —

What can I say more to Friend? —

(signed) George Powney
Resident.

Jaccobtah 4th May 1790.

N.B. The same to the Rajahs of Palestry & Cotumgherry

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Translation of a Letter from Ram Rajah Bahauder of Travancore
to George Powney Esqr.

I have received your Letter, I understand
the contents of it — You are pleased to mention in it that,
you have enclosed three Letters for the Rajahs of Palestry,
Cotumgherry and Calicut, desiring me to transmit them
to those Rajahs, and send their answers to you — likewise
to remit to you immediately the Balance of 9 Lacks Rupees
for the Company — I return you the Cotumgherry
and Palestry Rajahs Letters, as they are not in my Country:
they are gone to their own Country, if you send the Letters
to Tellicherry, they will be delivered to them — I have
sent the Letter to the Calicut Rajah by my Hircarrahs,
& as soon as I receive his answer, I will send it to you —
In order to pay you the Balance of the Rupees for the
Company, I am waiting to receive Money from them on
account of the Trade in which I am engaged with them.
— I am highly concerned to have experienced so much loss
as I have lately done, professing the Company's Protection,
and while you are with me — I must attribute this
to my bad fortune; however, I am in hopes to receive more
of the Company's Protection. — I refer you to my
Dewan, Kasava Pillah for other particulars ——

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To the Honble 3rd John Turing Esqr.

President in Council

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Nagore communicating Intelligence received by Ship from Tellicherry.

I think it my Duty to acquaint you that a Ship arrived at Negapatam this day, Commanded by Captain Hall, who left Tellicherry last Sunday Sennight, and the Accounts he brings are that Colonel Hartley's Detachment had not been attacked — that Tippoo, it was generally said, had withdrawn from the Travancore Lines with his Forces — that the Troops at Tellicherry had taken several Prisoners in the Neighbouring Country, & sent them into Cochin; and that they were all in the Highest Spirits.

This Intelligence, which I have Communicated to the General, is probably of a later date than any that has been received from the other Coast.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honorable Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) E. H. Fallofield

Nagore — 1st June 1790.

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.

&c. &c. &c.

From Colonel de Wangenheim stating the number of soldiers already reinlisted for the term of 6 months —

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that the Reinlistment of the Men of the Hanoverian Regiments, whose time

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3rd Service is expired, for the term of Six months, is going on very successfully — Their number in the 14th Regiment amounts already to 182, and the 15th Regiment imitates nearly in the same manner.

Besides the above number, all most all the Non-Commissioned Officers whose time of Service was likewise expired, and who desired to be dispensed with from doing duty, are reinlisted and receive two Pagodas and a half bounty each. — This very much promotes the Engaging of the Privates, encourages and makes them Content; so that if at any future Period another Reinlistment should be insisted upon, the best success may be expected.

As soon as the whole business is finished, I will not fail to transmit the List of the Names of the Men thus inlisted, together with an account of the Money received from the Pay Office for the purpose of issuing Bounty.

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c. &c. (signed) Wangenheim

Colonel

Madras

June 1790.

At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Friday

4th June 1790.

The Honorable Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to Major General Medows, which was dispatched from Comp. by Lieutenant Colonel Harris. [vide also C.C. No. 105.]

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjour to the Honble Major General Medows President & Governor &c. &c.

From the Rajah of Tanjore complaining of the conduct of the Resident in placing a Guard over the House of his Servant Baba, who was at that time in confinement by his Excellency's orders - requesting that immediate orders be sent to remove the Guard, & that Mr. Ram be answerable - Enclosing Copy of the Letter he addressed the Officer Commanding, & of the Answer -

At a time when your attention must be wholly Engrossed by considerations of the Impending War, I am unwilling to intrude upon your Excellency with any affairs subject, but the trouble to which I have been exposed, and the disrespect which has been offered to me by Mr. Ram, - I cannot avoid, great, as my Government has been so much Oppressed, that I must waive all Ceremony - I entreat your Excellency in the most earnest manner to protect me, and to do me some the respect which is due! - When mention the extent of these troubles, your Excellency will hardly give credit; I am therefore preparing a diffuse relation of these Circumstances, which I shall be presented in a few days. - For the present I beg leave to draw your attention to one occurrence, which absolutely calls for the immediate Interposition of your Justice - for it has impaired that respect which is due to my Dignity, and has swallowed up the authority I ought to exercise over my own Country. From

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From among the Company's Sepoys which are Stationed at Mr. Rams, that Gentleman some days since sent a party to the House of my Servant, named Baba: For some months past, I have confined him to his House, & at the very same time, when Mr. Ram sent the Sepoys to the House of Baba, he was in confinement by my order. - He sent the Guard, he said, that he might enquire into Baba's Conduct - He has not only taken this measure without any previous Communication to me, but even to this time he had never uttered a syllable upon the subject. I writ a letter to the Commanding Officer, Captain Stendoring, to request that the Guard might be withdrawn, but he did not comply with my desire. - I enclose, for Your Excellency's information, Copies of my Letter and of his answer.

Baba, for a long while exercised the function of Dewan to my Government - During this time he afflicted my People with the greatest oppression & Injustice; he was open to Bribery & Corruption, whence arose much detriment to the State; and he heaped Destruction upon many of my Subjects. - By these means, he acquired to himself large Treasures. - The former Governor (Sir A. Campbell) writ many Letters upon the subject of dismissing Baba: at length my Brother, convinced of the Injustice & Intrigue to which Baba had given loose, displaced & confined him. - Your Excellency must be convinced that, if any resource beside myself be given to my Subjects, my

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authority cannot exist – it is plain to the whole World – If this be permitted, Mr. Ram's authority will appear greater than mine, and he will be styled of the People – Maharaz.

I call heaven to witness the sincerity of my regard and attachment to the Hon'ble Company; to preserve their Friendship, I am ready to sacrifice my life and property – but, if my honor and dignity be trampled upon, I shall be unworthy of their Friendship. – Will any Surdar by interfering with the Servant of another Master, offer to him that disrespect which Mr. Ram has offered to me? –

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You are my elder Brother! I have no resource but in your Excellency. Therefore, to preserve to me a due respect, and to protect me, rests with your Excellency. – I entreat you to remove the Guard, and to free me from the Insult which has been thus publickly offered to me. – So long as the Guard shall be suffered to remain, my authority cannot be respected by any one – my honor will suffer debasement; and the necessary preparations for the ensuing Crop will be totally frustrated.

Tanjour
28 9th May 1790 –

To a friend why should I write more? –

A true Translation (signed) J. Webbe
Mahratta Translator

To Captain Glendoning
Commanding Tanjour

It is with very great astonishment & concern that

that I learn a Guard of the Company's Sepoys have been placed over the House and Person of one of the Servants of the Circar, called Bata; who had been closely confined by my brother, but was afterwards released from that close Confinement by me, & put in honorable Confinement at his House – that is, he was forbid to go out of his house, and Hircarrahs were placed for that purpose, until I had time to examine his Conduct finally – As you must be sensible that this is directly contrary to the repeated Letters and orders of the Court of Directors, who have forbid, under the severest punishment, all Interference in the internal management of my affairs, I hope you will see the impropriety of it, and order the Guard to be immediately withdrawn.

The Company's Troops are to protect my Person & Dignity, and when I require it to assist in the Collection of my Revenue; but the Hon'ble Company never ordered or intended them to act in opposition to me, or to disgrace me, nor to screen the Servants of the Circar from the Enquiry which may be necessary, from their peculation or dishonesty. – By the Company's Troops being employed on such improper Services, my honor and dignity, which the Company have promised to maintain, is destroyed, the Reins of Government loosened, and the greatest Confusion & disorder prevails. – As you are a wise Man, you must be sensible of these bad consequences; and I appeal to you whether

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whether from the Reports which may spread about, in consequence of this measure, my authority in the Country is totally ruined or not. I hope and trust that, on the Receipt of this Letter, you will immediately remove the Guard, and forbid Your Sepoys to interfere with any of my subjects unless I particularly require their Assistance.

Tanjour
27th. May 1790.

To His Excellency the Rajah

In answer to the Letter you did me the honor of writing, I Permit me to assure your Excellency that, I never gave any order to post a Guard over any of your Excellency's Subjects, and that it is done perfectly unknown to me; & that I shall by this nights post, faithfully transmit to the Governor your Excellency's Letter with my Answer thereto.

I have the honor to be, with the most profound respect,

Your Excellency's
Most obedient & most devoted Servant
(signed) Charles Rendoning
Captain Commanding

Tanjour
28th. May 1790.

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

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To John Cranmer Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore - relating the substance of a Conference he has had with the Rajah, on the subject of the March & April Kists - and stating his reasons for sending a Guard to protect Baba - & several Estimates of the Revenues &c. of the Tanjore Country Ceded

You will be pleased to acquaint the Honble Board that Yesterday Evening, I had a Conference with the Rajah on the subject of the March and April Kists: His Excellency said much the same as on the preceding Interview mentioned in my Letter of 30th Ultimo, That he considered the April Kist as included in his proposal of 27th April &c. To which I answered, that I had represented this to the Honble Board, who nevertheless had written to me again to press the Payment of the April as well as of the March Kist, his Excellency's Proposal of the 27th respecting to begin from May. His Excellency then said, he was unable to pay either the March or April Kists 'till the Honble Board should have determined on his proposal. I then asked his Excellency when he would be pleased to send those Soucars to me, who were to be answerable for the payments in that Proposal - to which his answer was still the same, that he could not send them until that Proposal had been accepted.

After this his Excellency introduced new matter - he said, that he had settled with his Soucars to pay the Company 80,000 according to his Agreement with Mr. Hollond; but that, the news of the 4/5ths. to be taken during

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the War has occasioned them to fall off from their former offers.

His Excellency was then pleased to lay the blame of this not being able to pay the March's Rent, to my having placed a Guard of Sepoys for the Protection of Bhawa, but by what Induction was not very plain — However as this is a matter of which he will complain heavily, it appears necessary for me to be particular in the account of it.

The Hon'ble Board will be pleased to recollect that my Letter inclosing one from Mr. Swartz was dated 10th. Ulto. Your Letter acknowledging the Receipt of that is dated 11th. My answer wherein I have said "that on some report the Sirkeel had taken his old lurking place in the Palace" is dated 20th. The General arrived on the 22nd. and set out again on the 23rd. Till that time no Notice whatsoever had been taken of Bhawa; but scarcely had the General turned his Back when Eight or Ten Hircarrahs & Peons from the Palace beset his House, (in addition to the one Peon & one Hircarrah that has been always kept there) and in such a manner as to prevent his complying with the wants of Nature — At the same time they sent for a number of the Inhabitants to the Palace, and by threats & punishment endeavored to make them give false Testimony in writing against Bhawa — This could only proceed from the Jealousy of the Rajah's Ministers upon some Surmises they had received about the 20th. — As I have every reason to think that

that Bhawa was totally unacquainted with the date and tenor of my Letter & that of Mr. Swartz to Government; & indeed, had he come to a knowledge of them by some unaccountable means, it is highly improbable that a Man of any prudence should expose himself to the Resentment of such malicious People, 'till he was assured of the Company's Protection.

On this occasion I considered myself both in honor, and on account of the Interest of the Company whilst my Letter of the 10th. was still under Consideration, to afford him that protection which thro' my means he stood in need of; accordingly on his application to me in writing, received 25th., I placed a Guard of Sepoys for his protection — On which his Excellency sent the Letter to the Commandant which is endorsed, & which Captain Glendoning sent to me — The Letter alone is sufficient to justify the Innocence of Bhawa, as no one Charge of Delinquency is pretended; but it says that only one Hircarrah was kept over Bhawa — this is true (with the omission of a Peon) to the 23rd., after which Eight or Ten Hircarrahs were added as I have before related — Indeed it was acknowledged last night at the Palace, that it was intended upon Charges they were collecting against him, to place Bhawa in Confinement in the Palace, from which in Mr. Swartz's opinion, he would never have come out alive.

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If the Honble Board advert to my Letter of 20th Ultimo, they will perceive that the Rajah's Answer respecting the March Kist is not a whit more satisfactory than the present — That the placing a Guard at Bhavis House should in five days prevent their paying the Money, is an Effect totally inadequate to the cause assigned; but their plea amounts to a Confession that they had not collected any Money ready for that Kist, much less by their proposal of 3,00,000 by September, &. 7,60,000 by next June. — In short it appears from the whole of their Conduct, that by their Proposal of 27th April, no more was meant than to amuse the Board & gain time at any rate. — It's evident the Rajah has no Money, & that his Ministers are without Credit, and if they have amassed Money during their administration, are unwilling to risk it in future speculations on his Country. — By the Enclosed Abstract of Receipts and Disburdements in the Tanjore Country during the Government of the present Rajah & under Sheravow as Sirkul — i.e., from the Year 1786 to the present, after allowance is made for Extraordinary as well as ordinary Expences, it will appear that a Balance of upwards of Thirteen Lacks of Pagodas remains unaccounted for.

The Receipts are supported by four Cowlnamas for the respective Years 1786. 1787. 1788. 1789 — an Estimate

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Estimate for the Year 1790 is added.

It is the part of the Minister to make out the Disbursements; but if it be thought necessary to enter into the particulars of the Expenditure set down in the Abstract, it will not be difficult to arrange them in proper form.

In the mean time Sheravow & Chinna Mooddelier are pursuing measures of a very dangerous nature. — Having inticed the Head People in the several Villages of Manar Gooby (whom I mentioned to have taken Refuge in the small Fort) into the Palace, they are detained there as Prisoners, and every means of Compulsion employed to engage them to give Bonds for more than they can possibly perform: The Consequence will be, that as soon as they are suffered to return to their Country, it will be abandoned by the Inhabitants, and the Crop for the Ensuing Year lost.

There is no occasion to remark to the Board on the destructive Tendency of this Conduct, particularly at this Season.

In fact the Inhabitants of the Country in general having been made to pay more than they ought to have done, and this being the period when Encouragement to them is necessary, it will be very ill Policy to exact any thing

thing further 'till the month of November: Thos. if Persons in whom any Confidence could be placed were put into the Management of the Country, Moniad men would readily advance what Sums might be necessary, on the Revenue to be expended next Year. — This is likewise the time for repairing the Banks of the Rivers, as the Waters may be daily expected to rise; notwithstanding which, Seven considerable Breaches remain open on a principal Branch of the Venar, only; which if not attended to, will entirely ruin the Cultivation in that Part.

The Inhabitants of the Pandanalour District have quitted that Country, and taken shelter in the Nabob's, chiefly on account of a Man put over them, by Chinna Modalier's Interest, named Soobramoney Moodelier, who keeps in his Service a Party of plundering Poligars, headed by a portugueze Man. — An Extraordinary Petition having been presented to me by the unfortunate Pandanellour People, I sent one of my Hircars to enquire into the truth of it. This Report is annexed.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant

(signed) G. Ram
Resident

Tanjour
1st June 1790.

P.S. I have just Money enough to answer the Paymaster's Indent for May.

Report

Report of the Hircar — taken by Mr. Swartze.

The Hircar who has been sent to Pandanalour says —

1st. That the principal Inhabitants have left the place, and are gone into the Nabob's Country.

2nd. Chinna Moodelier has recalled a Poligar who formerly was infamous for his Robberies, for which he was put in prison by Bhava; and that this Man, called Nilagere Paduatshy, is at present pursuing the same Robberies, by taking from the Inhabitants Bullocks and money.

3rd. That the abovementioned Poligar employs a Portugueze Man (called John) who is Encamped at Pandenellour with forty Men, who have Firelocks and Spears. Before this Portugueze Man Commanded many more, to the amount of 500 men, but at present the best part are dispersed, but ready at a moment's call. These People and the Portugueze obey the Poligar, but all are under the Inspection of Soobramoney Moodelier. — They had formerly a Gun, but that is at present not to be seen.

4th. That there is no sign of Cultivation; nor are the Banks or Water Courses repaired.

A true Copy (signed) George Andrew Ram

Abstract

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Abstract of the Collections and other Sums received in the Tanjore Country, and of [illegible] and 1789 — and an Estimate of the Collections

Collections

Years	Sundry Pallies Collections	Estates forfeited	Inhabitants Mans 10 p.ct	Corner Mans 6 p.ct	Orie Imposed 6 p.ct Loan	Amount of the Corner Mans according 6 p.ct Loan Imposed	Salaam and other articles	Sum Collected by the Sircar into Store Pagodas	Charges for Charities in different Villages
	Pallies.	Cullums.	Cullums.	Cullums.	Star Pagodas.	Chuckrums.	Chuckrums.	Chuckrums.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.
1786	41.270.	73,61,600.	2,44,640.	44,16,960.	2 2/5 p.c.	12,14,664.	832,923.	2,53,587.	255,661½	41667.
1787	47.180.	83,78,609.	33,84,344.	49,94,185.	2 2/5 p.c.	13,10,961.	3,72,938	20,38,906.	249,544.	41667.
1788	47.120.	83,93,010.	33,59,216	50,38,824.	4½ p.c.	22,67,470.	7,19,659.	29,87,130.	1,24,463½	41667.
1789.	51,250.	91,20,763½.	41,33,755½	49,87,007½	from 3½ to 4½	20,33,270.	5,15,132.	25,48,402.	1,06,184.	41667.
	186,820.	332,59,011½.	132,22,053½	194,36,956½.		68,26,373.	28,01,653.	96,28,026.	3,99,085½.	166668.

* Namely — Balance due at the death of the late Rajah — 185464½
Kists for the year 1786 — 400000.
585,464½

N.B. Sir Archibald Campbell's Treaty was not made quite the 10th April 1787.

Estimates for 1790. 54,250. 97,00,763. 44,03,755. 52,97,008. from 4 to 4½ 2160. 970. 518. 134. 26,79. 104. 16. 93,511. 41,667.

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the Public and Private Expences of the Rajah for the years 1786. 1787. 1788. that may be expected for the year 1790.

Expences of the Rajah

	Ordinary Expences						Extraordinary Expences			
	Wages for Ministers, Emissaries, Secretaries, Interpreters &c in different Villages.	Allowance Charges on different Villages	Repairs of Pagodas, Bunds of Rivers, &c	Rajah's Durbar on Expences of the different Office	Rajah's House Expences &c &c	General Charges of the late Rajah 1786. of the Mother of the present Rajah 1788.	Expended at the Marriage of the present Rajah's Daughter	Money paid the Honorable Company	Total Expences	Remains unaccounted for
	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.	Star Pagodas.
	41,000.	41,000.	41,000.	104,167.	45,833.	20,000.	,	*5,85,464½.	9,20,131½	,
	41,000.	41,000.	41,000.	104,167.	45,833.	,	,	5,92,477½.	9,07,094½	,
	41,000.	41,000.	41,000.	104,167.	45,833.	5,000.	,	3,70,000.	6,89,667.	5,54,970½
	41,000.	41,000.	41,000.	104,167.	45,833.	.	25,000.	3,13,000.	6,52,667.	3,87,497.
	164,000.	164,000.	164,000.	416,668.	183,332.	25,000.	25,000.	18,60,892.	31,69,559½.	9,42,467½

At the Death of the late Rajah, there was in two Treasuries. Viz.

1786	in one thereof to the Europeans	34,000.	
	in another	2,50,000.	284000
1787.	Borrowed from Dubashes		166000
Ditto	Jewels Mortgaged for		25,000
1788	Borrowed from Tranquebar		80,000.
			1491,467½
1786.	The Rajah took out of the abovementioned Treasuries on account of this Expence	64469½	
1787	Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto	57561.	
		deduct	122,030½
	Remains unaccounted for		13,69,447.

41,000. 41,000. 41,000. 104,167. 45,833.

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Shevarow Sirkeel Year 1786.

Sooba of Paupnasum.

Cultivated Vallies 6400 - produce.

Paddy Cullums	14,41,600.		
Inhabitants share	5,76,640.		
Circar's D°	8,64,960 - a 2¾	2,37,864.	
22 p Cent medium from the Inhabitants, & Custom &c.		31,714.2	
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c.		13,000.	
Putty Caudoo		10,000.	
Now Naudoo		35,500.	
Forced from different People		6,000.	3,34,078.2

Sooba of Manar Goody

Cultivated Vallies 14,100 - Produce

Paddy Collums	2,00,000.		
Inhabitants share	8,00,000.		
Circar's Share	12,00,000 a 2¾	3,30,000.	
16 p Cent medium from the Inhabitants		32,000.	
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu, &c.		28,000.	
Forced from different People		19,800.	
Mucura ambulam		28,000.	
Shrootteeriem - or Custom for the Ground		7,300.	
Custom for the Cuzanah		1,650.	4,46,750.

Sooba of Combiconum

Cultivated Vallies - 11,180 - produce.

Paddy Cullums	2,00,000.		
Inhabitants share	8,00,000.		
Circar's Share	12,00,000 a 2¾	3,30,000.	
16 p Cent on the Inhabitants at a medium		32,000.	
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c.		11,661.	
Custom for the Cuzanah		1,650.	
Forced from different people		10,000.	
Apparaudum - or Fines		2,000.	3,87,311.

Carried forward 11,68,139.2

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Brought forward Chuckrums 11,68,139.2

Cooba of Mayaviram

Cultivated Tallies 7090 - Produce	15,41,000.		
Inhabitants Share	6,16,400.		
Circar's Share	9,24,600	a 2¾	2,54,265.
Cudutul about 20 ℔ Cent on the Inhabitants at a medium			38,200 "
Dry Grain, Putta Cuttu &c			20,000 "
Forced from different People			7,000 "
Custom for the Cuzanah			1,271 "
			3,20,736 "

Cooba of Seyahlee

Cultivated Tallies 2,500 - produce	379,000.		
Inhabitants Share	151,600.		
Circar Share	227,400	a 2¾	62,532 "
Dry Grain Putta Cuttu &c			9,000 "
From the Inhabitants Cudutul			7,580 "
Forced from different People			3000 " 82,112 "
Sunkum of the Tanjour			65,000 "
Ditto Combiconum			67,000 "
Ditto Manar Goody			25,400 "
Ditto Villum &c			6,000 "
Ditto Puttoo sollah			8,000 " 171,400 "
Bunther			6,300 "
Ditto Second			13,000 " 18,300 "
Pusky or other Custom			1,500 "
Arrack Contract			5,000 "
Cuttubotah			110,000 "
Tribute of Trangubar			5000 "
Forced from Bhara & Gunnapetty Sorbiah			75,000 "
Ditto from Muzumnadars, Habildars &c &c			96,400 " 292,900 "
		Chuckrums	20,53,587.2
		Exch. a 24 fanams ℔ Star Pagodas	8,55,661.8

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Brought forward Chuckrums — 11,92,993.7½

Sooba of Mayararam.

Cultivated Vallies 8850. Produce

Paddy Cullums	16,76,336.		
Inhabitants Share	6,70,534.		
Circar Ditto	10,05,802. a 2⅝ fs each	264,023.	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		26,820.7	
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		15,000.	
Custom for the Cuzanah		1320.	
Goonjoysee or Forced		6,000.	
			313,163.7

Sooba of Seyahlee

Cultivated Vallies 2150 — Produce

Paddy Cullums	435,000.		
Inhabitants Share	207,000.		
Circar Ditto	228,000. a Do. Do.	59,850.	
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		9,000.	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		8,700.	
Forced		3,000.	
Custom for the Cuzahna		299.	
			80,849.

Tursee or Coarse Land — for 5 Soobas, & some more Villages.

Cultivated Vallies 1600 — produce	200,000.		
40 ℘ Cent for Inhabitants share	80,000.		
Circar Ditto	120,000. a Do. Do.	31,500.	
20 ℘ Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		3,200.	
			34,700.
Now Naudoo		13,500.	
Putty Caudoo		10,000.	
			23,500.

Junkum of Tanjour Fort

		60,000.	
Ditto	Combiconum	67,000.	
Ditto	Tremulavausal	5,300.	
Ditto	Manarcoil	25,400.	
Ditto	Puttu Cotah	5,000.	
Ditto	Vellum	6,500.	
			169,200.
Arrack Contract		5,000.	
Pusky or other Custom		1,500.	
Putty Caudoo, & Vallampittoo		110,000.	
Curry turry		13,000.	
Boy Sail		40,000.	
			169,500.
Forcibly taken out of the Houses of Baba & his Relations		34,000.	
Forced of Gunjee Naig		15,000.	
Ditto of Gunepetty Soobiah		6,000.	
			55,000.

Chuckrums — 20,38,906.4.14

Exchange at 24 fanams ℘ Pagoda — 849,544.8.14

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Shevaron Sirkeel Year 1787.

Sooba of Paupanasum

Cultivated Vallies 8800 produce

Paddy Culleems	16,76,000.		
Inhabitants Share	6,70,400.		
	10,05,600 — a 2 5/8 each	2,63,970.	
Circars Share		35,367.	
22 ℘ Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		13,000.	
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.a		1,320.	
Custom for the Cuzanah		5,000.	
Goomjoysee or Forced			3,18,657.

Sooba of Manarcoil

Cultivated Vallies 14,600 — Produce

Paddy Culleems	22,91,273.		
Inhabitants share	9,16,510.		
Circar Ditto	13,74,763. a Do. Do.	3,60,875.7½	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		34,368.	
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c.a		38,200.	
Auacury Aumbalam		28,000.	
Throotiurum — or Custom for the Ground		7,300.	
Goomjoysee — or Forced		16,200.	
Custom for the Cuzanah		1,715.	4,86,658.7½

Sooba of Combiconum

Cultivated Vallies 11,180 — Produce

Paddy Culleems	21,00,000.		
Inhabitants share	8,40,000.		
Circar Share	12,60,000. a Do. Do.	3,30,750.	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		33,600.	
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.a		11,661.	
Goomjoysee		10,000.	
Custom for the Cuzanah		1,667.	3,87,678.

Carried forward Chuckrums 11,92,993.7½

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Shevaron Sirkeel. Year 1788

Sooba of Paupanasum.

Cultivated Vallies 8,000, Produce	1658,900.		
Inhabitants share	663,560.		
Circar share	995,340. a 4½	447,903.	
22 p Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		34,295. 8	
Goonjoysee		5,000.	
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		13,000.	500,198. 8

Sooba of Manargoody

Cultivated Vallies 15,200 - Produce	2400,040.		
Inhabitants share	960,016.		
Circar share	1440,024 a Ditto	648,010 8	
15 p Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		36,000.	
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c.		26,060.	
Goonjoysee or Forced		9,600.	
Anacurry Ambalum		28,000.	
Shrootierum or Custom for the Ground		7,300.	
Custom for the Cuzanha		3,240.	758,210.

Sooba of Combiconum

Cultivated Vallies 11,180 - Produce	2000,000		
Inhabitants share	800,000		
Circar share	1200,000. a Ditto	540,000.	
16 p Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		32,000.	
Dry Grain - Puttu Cuttu &c.		11,661.	
Goonjoysee		10,000.	
Fines &c.		1,500.	
Fees for Treasury		2,700.	597,061

Sooba of Mayavaram

Cultivated Vallies 9,000 - Produce	1638,100.		
Inhabitants share	655,240.		
Circar Ditto	982,860 - a 4½	442,287.	
20 p Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		32,762.	
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		15,000.	
Treasury Fees or Custom for the Cuzana		2,212.	
Goonjoysee		3,000.	495,261.

Carried forward Chuckrums 2351,531. 6

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Brought forward Chuckrums			23,51,531.6
Sooba of Seyahlee			
Cultivated Vallies 2,000. Produce	4,51,000.		
Inhabitants share	1,80,400.		
Circar share	2,70,600. a 4½	1,21,770.	
20 ℘ Cent from Inhabitants Cudutul		9,020.	
Goonjoysee		2,000.	
Treasury Fees		609.	
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c.		9,000.	1,42,399.
Tursee themade – for 5 Soobas			
Cultivated Vallies 1740. Produce	2,50,000.		
40 ℘ Cent Inhabitants share	1,00,000.		
Circar share	1,50,000 a Ditto		67,500.
Sooba of Puttu Cotta			1,10,000.
Sunkum of Tanjour Fort		50,000.	
Ditto Combiconum		67,000.	
Ditto Mayavaram		25,400.	
Ditto Vellum		7,000.	
Ditto Puttu Cotta		5,000.	1,54,400.
Tremulasavel Bunther		5,300.	
Nunda Curratoory		13,000.	
Arrack Contract		5,000.	
Puskey, or other Custom		1500.	
Collected from Golds		1,00,000.	
Saruvamonium		10,000.	
Now naudoo		16,500.	
Yessanga naudoo		10,000.	1,61,300.
Chuckrums			29,87,130.6
Exchange at 24 ℘ a Pagoda		12,44,637.18	
Borrowed from Tranqubar People		80,000.	
Star Pagodas			13,24,637.18

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Fort St. George 4th June 1790.

Brought forward Chuckrums			22,52,579
Tursee or Coarse Land.			
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c. about		2,085.5	
Carr and Peshanum	303,224.		
Inhabitants share	1,50,470.6.		
Circar share	152,753.6 a 4/16	63,010.5	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		727	65,823
Sooba of Puttu Cottah			1,00,000
Sunkum of Tanjour Fort		65,000	
ditto of Combiconum		50,000	
ditto of Vellum &c.		5,000	
ditto of Manargooby &c.		10,000	1,30,000
Chuckrums			25,48,402
Exchange at 24½ Gold fanams ⅌ Pagoda			10,40,164 2

In Estimate of next Year's produce, beginning in April 1790 – The Inhabitants having Agreed to Cultivate more Land, & to pay more to the Palace than last Year.

Sooba of Combiconum			
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		32,500.4	
Carr and Peshanum	21,91,292.		
Inhabitants share	9,87,587.		
Circar Share	12,03,703. a 4 fanams each	4,81,481.1	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		30,972.5	5,44,954
Sooba of Manarcoil			
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		40,390.3	
Poonjy Teerva		5,982.6	
Carr and Peshanum	26,74,885.8		
Inhabitants share	12,06,917.8		
Circar share	14,67,968. a 4⅛ each	6,06,417.6	
Inhabitants Cudutul		40,110.6	6,92,907.1
Sooba of Mayaveram			
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		26,207.6	
Poonjy Teerva		700	
Carr and Peshanum	24,32,817.		
Inhabitants share	10,79,518.		
Circar Share	13,53,299 a 4 fan each	5,44,319.7	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		30,444.7	6,01,682
Carried forward Chuckrums			18,39,543.1

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An Account of the Produce of the Tanjour Country for the last Year ending in April 1790 - under the Management of the Sirkeel Sheverow - Given privately. -

Sooba of Combiconum				
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c. about			32,500.4	
Carr & Peshanum - - Cullums	19,96,290.			
Inhabitants share	8,97,587.			
Circar Share	10,98,703. a 4 each	4,39,481.1		
From Inhabitants Cudutul		27,972.5	4,67,453.6	4,99,954.
Sooba of Manarcoil				
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c.		40,390.3		
Poonjy Terova		5,988.6	46,378.9	
Carr & Peshanum about	24,84,885.8			
Inhabitants share	11,11,917.8			
Circar Share	13,72,968. a 4½ Gold fanams each		5,65,717.6	
From Inhabitants Cudutul			40,110.6	6,52,205.1
Sooba of Mauyaveram				
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		26,217.5		
Poonja Teervey		700.	26,917.5	
Carr & Peshanum	22,37,817.			
Inhabitants share	9,89,518.			
Circar Share	12,48,299. a 4 fanams each		4,99,319.7	
From Inhabitants Cudutul			30,444.7	5,56,681.9
Sooba of Seyahlee				
Puttu Cuttu Dry Grain		11,084.6½		
Poonjee about		300.	11,384.6½	
Carr & Peshanum	5,60,912.			
Inhabitants share	2,50,593.3			
Circar share	3,10,318.9. a 4 fanams ea		1,24,128.2½	
From Inhabitants Cudutul			5,541.	1,41,054.
Sooba of Trevady				
Dry Grain, Puttu Cuttu &c. about			31,281.1	
Paddy	15,37,634.9			
Inhabitants share	7,33,668.9			
Circar Share	8,03,966 - a 4¼ fan each Cullum		3,41,613.3	
Poonja about			2,507.8	
From Inhabitants Cudutul			27,281.7	4,02,683.9

Carried forward Chuckrums - 22,52,579.

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Brought forward Chuckrums			18,39,543.1
Cooba of Seyahlee			
Puttu Cuttu &c.		11,084.6½	
Poonjee Teerva		300 "	
Carr and Peshanum	5,60,912.		
Inhabitants Share	2,50,593.		
Circar Share	3,10,318.9 a 4 each	1,24,128.3½	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		5,541 "	1,41,054.
Cooba of Tervady			
Puttu Cuttu &c.		31,281.1	
Carr and Peshanum	15,37,634.9		
Inhabitants share	7,33,668.9		
Circar Share	8,03,966 a 4	3,41,613.3	
Inhabitants Cudutul		27,281.7	
Poonjy about		2507.8	4,02,683.9
Tursee or Coarse Land			
Dry Grain Puttu Cuttu &c.		2,085.5	
Carr and Peshanum	3,03,224		
Inhabitants Share	1,50,470.6		
Circar Share	1,52,753.6 a 4	63,010.5	
From Inhabitants Cudutul		727 "	65,823.
Cooba of Puttu Cotah about			1,00,000.
Sunkum of Tanjour Country		65,000.	
ditto of Combiconum		50,000.	
ditto of Manargoody		10,000.	
ditto of Vellum &c.		5,000 "	1,30,000.
Chuckrums			26,79,104.
Exchange at 24½ ℘ a Pagoda			10,93,511.

Minute on the foregoing letters

The Board are of opinion that Mr. Ram has not acted improperly, with respect to the protection given to Bhara the Guard however should be withdrawn as soon as it can be done

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with propriety, and all measures avoided which have a tendency to lessen the Rajah's Dignity in the Eyes of his Subjects.

Agreed that Mr. Ram be desired to inform his Excellency that, no proposals regarding future Payments can be listened to until the Kists due are discharged.

Agreed also, that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be drafted to the Rajah of Tanjore.

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows, enclosing one to him from Tippoo Sultaun. (the latter entered also in C.6 No. 106.)

To the Honble the Senior Member and Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George

Sir and Gentlemen

Camp - seven Miles Eastward of Courtallum - May 28th 1790.

From Major General Medows - answering to the several points referred to him under date the 21st Ultimo - Enclosing letter received from Tippoo Sultaun - recommends it being sent to Bengal - Conceives it does not require any Answer.

I has the honor to acquaint you with my arrival at the Army, and have now to acknowledge the Receipt of your's of the 21st received yesterday, upon our Second day's March -

I cannot conceive that Colonel Hartley can be in any danger. I think Tippoo must have moved -

The Grain does not seem to be moved from Tanjour, and wants, I believe, better Regulation.

Your idea of the Government being put to rights

Expence

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From Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor of Madras

Dated 7th Ramzaun – or 22nd May 1790 – Received 2 June 1790.

From Tippoo stating the friendship he entertains for the Company & his Concern at the preparations for War – proposing to send Vackeels to the Presidency to explain some important Circumstances.

I have received your friendly Letter of the 20th of Rajaut 1204, the 6th April by your Vircarrah, & I have understood the whole of it's Contents – What you wrote me respecting your arrival and appointment to the Government of Madras, I understood, and it has been the cause of much pleasure to me. As the friendship & good will between this Circar & the English Rajah the King of England & the Company, which is founded on particular Treaties, is so well known that it stands not in need of Explanation – nevertheless at this time, notwithstanding the Bonds of friendship are firmly Established, in consequence of the intervention of certain unnecessary and unimportant Concerns & the representations contrary to the fact, of certain short sighted persons to you, they have caused an Army to be assembled on both Sides – As this event is improper among those who are mutually at friendship, I therefore with that, in order to clear it up & to have certain important matters represented, to send to you a person of dignity together with some other persons, that the Vackeel of the Circar having arrived with you may explain the whole Circumstances to you, & that the dust which has obscured your upright mind may be removed. Agreeably to the custom of Friendship, you will quickly inform me of your approval of my sending a dignified Person of this Circar. & you will send orders to the Confines of the Carnatic not to molest him, but that the Vackeels be escorted

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Expence, when the Cavalry Contract for feeding their Horses, seems perfectly just.—

I shall reply to Lieutenant Hewitson's request when it comes thro' Colonel Kelly.

I am afraid, from Captain Kennaway's Letter, Colonel Cockerell will be ordered to join the Nizam; you will of course be no time in executing all decided orders from Bengal.

It is immaterial moving any more Grain from Tanjore to Tritchinopoly, as the army Bullocks can no longer be employed about it.

Lord Cornwallis seems highly to approve a Loan of five Lacks at Ten ℘ Cent.

The Guides I should wish to be put upon the footing of Hircarahs, & the Topasses Colonel Musgrave applied for to be granted.

I propose halting here a day or two 'till our Bullocks from Tanjore are up, & every thing ready to proceed with vigour & I hope with success.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

&c. &c.

(signed) Wm. Medows

P.S. 29th May — Lord Cornwallis approves of the Loan only for two Years.

The accompanying Letter is just come from Tippoo. It should be sent, I imagine to Bengal, but from the nature of our last I think requires an answer.

Wm. Medows

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to you in safety — In a word, the wish of my heart is this — that, agreeable to the Articles of the Treaty of Peace, our friendship may daily encrease, & that, by the favor of the Almighty, there may never be the smallest deviation therefrom — In the same manner as I before wrote on this subject, so I now again write to you — Constantly rejoice me with accounts of your Welfare.

May you be prosperous!

Translated by (Signed) Joseph Garrow
Persian Translator

Minute thereon

A Copy of the Letter from Tippoo has been already forwarded in Duplicate to the Governor General in Council. —

Minute on the Letter from Major Genl. Medows

Agreed that the Commander in Chief be desired to give the necessary Directions for entertaining the Topasses, & for ordering the Guides to be put on the footing of Hircarahs, both which measures the Board have confirmed at the desire of the General.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To John Turing Esqr.
Acting President in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Board — Mr. Burns's Claim for Gratuity inadmissible — cannot recommend the issuing of Sepoy Coast Tents to Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, as they were

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letters of the 24th and 25th Instant.

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were not allowed last War — One head & six commons Peons to be allowed for the protection of the Barracks at Connatoor

On reference to the orders of the Court of Directors, it does not appear that Warrant Officers are entitled to Gratuity — We are therefore of opinion that, Mr. Burn's Claim is inadmissible.

On considering the request of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell for Sepoy Coast Tents for his Detachment, We thought it necessary to apply to the Quarter master General for Information whether or not they were allowed during the last War — and as it does not appear from Colonel Cockerell's Letter that the Bengal Sepoys are entitled to Tents by the Regulations of that Presidency, and as We conclude from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell that the Coast Tents were only occasionally issued to the Bengal Detachment last War — We cannot take upon ourselves to recommend that they should be issued in any other manner during the present War, more particularly as We conceive it will lead to a variety of Claims from other Corps & ultimately involve the Company in a considerable Encrease of Expence.

We beg leave to recommend that Lieutenant Norris be allowed to employ one head & six common Peons for the protection of the Barracks at Conatoor, the same number being ordered for Arcot, Tripassore, and Chivillemoredoo.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

J. Capper
(signed) P. Ross
George Hall

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John Turing Esqr.

Acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board reporting upon Mr. Taner's Claim to be Barrack Master of arnee.

Having considered the Reference made to you by Mr. Taner, We are of opinion that, Arnee being the regular Station of an European Regiment, now Garrisoned by Invalid Europeans, the Barracks at that Station are, properly, under the Charge of the Barrack Master, who can more conveniently supply from his Stores now there the Cotts and other Necessaries for the Troops sent thither from Chingleput — We conceive that the order quoted by Mr. Taner relates only to places Garrisoned by Sepoys, & where only a few Invalid artillery are occasionally stationed.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient & most humble Servts.

" J. Capper

Fort St. George (signed) " Patrick Ross

1st. June 1790. " George Hall

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John Turing Esqr.

Acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board Tents for Colonel Cockerell's Detachment to be issued from Masulipatam: Number & amount of Condemned Arms sold by Public Outcry at the Sea Gate

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 28th Ultimo, with it's Enclosures.

The Chief & Council at Masulipatam having represented that there are no Tents in the Stores there, We beg leave to recommend that the Military Storekeeper be directed to make up as soon as possible a sufficient number to replace such as may be required by Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, or in case he should have any Tents on hand, that he may be desired to dispatch them by the first opportunity.

We have the honor to acquaint you that a number of condemned Arms has been exposed to public Sale at the Sea Gate, & that the Neat proceeds thereof, amounting to Pagodas 3,213.37 –, have been paid into the hands of the Military Storekeeper.

We are respectfully

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
1st June 1790

" J. Capper
(signed) " Patrick Ross
" George Hall.

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Minute on the foregoing Letters

The Board approve the Reports & Recommendations contained in the above Letters, & the necessary Directions in consequence are to be issued by the Military Board. —

Read the following Letter from Colonel John Brathwaite.

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Colonel Brathwaite — Stating his opinion of the Plan & Route to be pursued by Colonel Cockerell's Detachment; & advising of the late Increase in the prices of Provisions at Ellore.

I have now the honor to enclose to you a correct Copy of the Return sent to me by Lieutenant Colr. Cockerell, of the Bengal Troops under his Command, as they for the present form part of the Division under my Command, being part of the Military Force North of the Kistnah; and my orders are, to make a return of the Division to Government during the absence of the Commander in Chief. Besides these, there is a Company of Artillery, three Companies of Lascars, two 12 pounders, & eight 6 pounders, with suitable Stores, Ammunition &c. landed at Masulipatam from the Houghton dispatched from Bengal; but of every particular relative to this Company &c. I understand Government have been long since apprised. — My orders from the Commander in Chief relative to this Company are, to order it to Ellore' till further orders; which I have accordingly done, & Draft & Carriage Cattle have been provided for them

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in consequence of a letter from the Chief of Masulipatam to me, in which he enclosed the Copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Government General to him on the Intent of Captain Barton who Commands the Company, and Countersigned by me.

I have thought it better, Honble Sir, to forward this Return of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment seperate, without waiting to include it in a general Return of the Division, as time may be saved by it, & I may the earlier receive Your Commands, derived from Your knowledge of the Commander in Chief's plan of operations, & constant intercourse with him relative to the future destination of these Troops; as, if they are to cross the Kistna, as little time as possible should be lost - the Water is now rising Daily. - You are no doubt apprized, Sir, of the orders sent relative to the Bengal Troops from the Adjutant General's Office, under date the 5th. Instant; and no others have yet come to my hands. - By these orders it is implied that, Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell should continue his Route to the Southward; but as they are direct that it should be by the way of Ellore, & that notice should be sent when he would be at Ellore, & as Captain Barton &c. is ordered to Ellore for farther orders, I am inclined to think that farther orders are meant to be sent to Ellore for the whole; & that it is not meant that I should push Lieutenant Colonel

Cockerell

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thence proceed to the reduction of the Cunnum of Cuddapa Countries in his route to the Carnatic, to which his force would, by all the Information I have, be very competent. Such a measure would render the Soubah's operations, had he begun any, very easy to him — would have occasioned but a short delay to the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell in the Carnatic — and would have afforded in the interim the means of subsisting on the Enemy's Country, and probably drawn from thence some small resources of Money & Cattle; & the Soubah with Major Montgomery's Detachment could have covered and kept the whole Conquest, without weakening Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Force, who might have proceeded onto the Carnatic for other Service. — These my suggestions were contained in a letter to the Adjutant General, but I do not know whether they arrived previous to his leaving Madras — Nor will I presume to say, that I have the same Confidence in them, that I do, owing to the unaccountable tardiness of the Soubah, at a time when every moment is precious to an Army that wants to cross the Kistnah: and it may be most prudent to move as he does, not deprive these Circars of the Force now in them, till it shall appear evident that he is active, and determined in his plan of hostility against Tippoo. Concerning these things I should not have ventured to give any opinion, could I conceive there was any impropriety in my so doing — on the contrary, I conceive it to be my Duty, Circumstanced as I am, to communicate my Ideas, till such time as I receive orders, having received them, I have only to cause them to be carried into Execution to the best of my Judgement.

I shall only add, that the extraordinary consumption of Provisions by the Bengal Troops, affords an opportunity to the

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Cockerell over the Kistna, with only four pieces of Cannon, leaving Captain Barton here with ten in the District when so few Troops will remain — however in any Event, no time will be lost, as Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell informs me that, the Detachment after so long a march, will require an halt of at least Ten or Twelve Days, to refresh both Men and Cattle, & assures me that, whatever future Service may be intended, it will rather be accelerated than retarded by such halt; beside that his Carriages want repairs, any many of his Stores to be Exchanged or Condemned.

Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell will arrive at Dendalore, within two Coss of Ellore, the 30th or 31st, where I have ordered him to Encamp, it being the only high and healthy Ground with good Water, and wait there for farther orders. Before the time is expired which he has requested as necessary for halting, I may be honored with your Commands, consequently not a moment will be lost that could with propriety be employed — Under an Idea that the Soubah would be more active than he has been, or I fear will be, & that he would have crossed the Kistnah to Invade Tippoo's Country (the Canoul Country) before Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell could arrive, I ventured to suggest that it might greatly accellerate the great object of the War if Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell strengthened with Captain Barton's Company & ordnance, and the two Grenadier Companies & two Battalion Companies of my European Battalion, was as expeditiously as possible pushed over the Kistnah & on to Innacondah, where he could at I understand be furnished with a sufficient Battering Train, & from

thence

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the Dealers in those articles to pretend scarcity & increase the prices daily at a great rate. — I have addressed the Chief of Masulipatam & Mr. Oram the Manager of the Havelly on this subject, being convinced that if the fullest authority of Government is not exerted, the Banians will starve the troops into their own prices, by keeping back Provisions 'till the price rises to their liking. — At Ellore for these two or three last days the Paddy has arisen daily 4 or 5 fanams p Candy, though there certainly was great plenty of it in and about the place. — I hope, in justice to the Soldiers of that Cantonment, with whose good behaviour I have much reason to be satisfied, I may be permitted to suggest, that the articles of Provisions might be assized as they are in Europe, so as to give a fair profit to the Vender, and screen the Consumer from any Extortion.

I beg leave to add my respectful and sincere acknowledgements to Government for their orders of the 21st. Instant, & shall, to the utmost of my powers & abilities, exert myself so as to deserve a continuance of their good opinion.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Hon'ble Sir

Your most faithful and obedient humble Servant

Head Quarters of the Northern Division
Samuel Deve — 28th. May 1790.

(signed) John Braithwaite

General Returns

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Being at that time unexperienced in money transactions, and placing the greatest Confidence in the punctual repayment of his Highness as soon as the Revenues might be collected, I had borrowed the Money of a Friend, Colonel Edward James, on the same terms on which it was lent to the Nabob; my being therefore disappointed in this Expectation, and the disturbances in the Carnatic soon after Commencing, proved of very serious consequence to me, & I was obliged to submit to have the Account made up to the 1st November 1780, and to take a fresh Bond for Pagodas 6,000; at which time however his Highness was impressed so strongly with the justness of my claim, that of himself he caused to be inserted in the Bond an obligation that it should be discharged from the produce of the Tellour Country, as soon as peace might be restored, and the Revenues come again under his management.

I may naturally be asked, why this Claim has so long been kept back? In answer to which, I will ingenuously confess that, tho' debarred from making application for payment, I had hopes that his Highness's recollection in the course of so many years would have brought the subject to his mind, and that the peculiarity of my Case would have disposed him to take that notice of it, to which it was so justly entitled; and I still think this would have happened, had Engagements of public consequence not interfered, & have no doubt but that his Highness will readily acknowledge my Claim to be truly stated, when he may be applied to for that purpose.

Archibald

Fort St. George 4th June 1790.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Brathwaite be informed, that there never was but one Idea at the Presidency respecting the Bengal Detachment, which was to bring them on with all Expedition to Wallanjaubad.

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be furnished with an Extract of the above Letter respecting the increase in the prices of Provisions at Ellore, and that they be desired to give such orders as they may deem necessary on the occasion.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.

John Turing Esqr

Acting President in Council

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham preferring a claim upon his Highness the Nabob for Pgs 5500 Rent in the year 1779 — Enclosing Copy & Translation of the Bond.

Understanding that the unconsolidated Debts of his Highness the Nabob, are still open to representation, through the Channel established by Government, I beg leave to lay before you a Claim I have upon his Highness, of a nature which I hope will not appear undeserving of your particular notice & attention.

Towards the close of the Year 1779, application was made to me at two different periods by the Nabob, thro' the medium of his Eldest Son, for a Loan of 5,500 Pagodas, which his Highness had occasion for to make good the Sums then due by him to the Honorable Company. The Money was accordingly paid into the hands of Mr Freeman the then Secretary, upon his Receipt, Bonds were granted for the Amount.

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On these strong grounds I venture to hope for your favorable attention to my situation, that the speediest means may be taken to obtain his Highness's answer on the subject, & that you will be pleased to refer it to the decision of the Honble Court of Directors by the next general Dispatch, making this Letter a number in the Packet.

I have the honor to transmit a copy of the Bond, with a Translation Enclosed; and being informed that the Honble Court of Directors have given the most liberal consideration to several Claims on the Nabob, not included in the consolidated Debts, because they appeared to merit it from the Circumstances that accompanied them; I hope that mine will be found equally deserving of their generous attention, as coming from one who has served the Honble Company with the utmost zeal & fidelity upwards of twenty two years, in stations of great public trust and responsibility, and whose growing Family have a very material dependence on the success of the present application.

Permit me to add that, the circumstances under which the Money was lent, & it's having been paid into the Company's Treasury are incontestible proofs that it stands on the fairest and most honorable Basis.

These Considerations, together with it's being a transaction that passed in an early period of life, & the only one in which I had ever any money concerns with the Nabob (tho' honored with the good opinion of his Highness, & every one of his Family to the present hour) entitle it, I presume, to an issue equally favorable with that of any case that has as yet been decided upon.

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

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At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President

Monday 4th June 1790.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major General William Meadows absent upon service.

The acting President informs the Board that at noon this day, he dispatched the following Note to Omdut ul Omrahs.

To the Omdat ul Omrah reminding him of his Promise to send an Answer to the Paper delivered to his Highness the Nabob Wallaujah the 28th Ultimo.

W.m Turing presents his Compliments to his Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Bahauder; begs to remind him of his promise of sending an Answer to the Paper delivered to his Highness the Nabob Wallaujah on Saturday the 28th Ultimo, and to mention that he is in hourly Expectation of it.

Council Chamber
Noon 7th June 1790.

In an hour after he received from the Durbar the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah (a entered also in C.C. marked A between Nos 107 and 108.)

From

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Fort St. George 4th June 1790.

Seal of the Nabob Wallaujah
Ameer ul hind &c.
&c. &c. &c.
&c.

The Sum of 6,000 Star Pagodas (the half of which is 3,000) shall be paid to Mr. William Sydenham, Town Major, out of the Revenue of the Jaghire of Vellour, with the Interest of 12 p Cent when the Country is in peace, & the Revenues are collected by me. Dated the 1st November 1780 Christian Style, being the 3rd of Zehudge, in the 1194th Year of the Hegyra.

A true Translation from the Original Persian Bond.

(signed) David Haliburton
Persian Translator.

Agreed that a Copy of the above Letter be transmitted to the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts, with orders to refer the Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham to the Nabob's Agents.

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Rd. Chas. Harris

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From the Nabob Wallaujaw to John Turing Esqr.

Dated 23rd Ramzam 1204 or 7th June 1790.

Received 7th June 1790.

From the Nabob positively refusing his acquiescence in the assignment of his Country during the War. Arguments in favor of the present Management - declares that, so far from being in arrear to the Company, they are considerably indebted to him.

I have understood the contents of the letter you delivered me on the part of the Government dated the 28th May.

I have been a faithful Friend and Ally of the King of Great Britain & of the Company for upwards of 50 years, & for the fullest reliance on their Equity & Justice upon all occasions.

You call upon me for an unequivocal Explanation of the late Receipts from my Country, & the appropriation of them.

In my Letter to General Medows of the 29th March last, I offered to pay into the Company's Treasury two Lacks of Pagodas, which I have since paid in ready Money, & given as Security for a further payment of two Lacks, which I have also since discharged by Hoop - I also complied with the wishes of the Company, signified in their Letter by the Swallow, to make over the Money from Tanjore to them, after reserving a Grain of Corn to myself as a Peishcush & my right of Sovereignty upon that Country, in full discharge of every Claim that might be brought against me in consequence of the late War with Hyder Ally - and claimed the Indulgence & remission promised by the Company in their abovementioned Letter, provided I complied with their Requisition - informing General Medows at the same time that, these Matters being adjusted, there would consequently be an End to all Accounts between the Company and me. From the beginning of Time to the date of my Letter

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of the 29th. March, whether on account of War, Kist, or any unspecified accounts whatever.- Until these matters are arranged, upon what principle can you call upon me for any Explanation respecting my Revenues?-

The Credit which I claim, & the remission which I have an undoubted right to, in consequence of the orders from England by the Swallow, are as follows - viz.-

The Company's share of the 12 Lacs of Pagodas paid in, on account of my public & Private Creditors, for the year 1788, being about 5 Lacs of Pagodas. This Claim is unquestionable, as the Company direct that the Money from Tanjore shall be taken as an equivalent for the War Debt, not having received any of the Arrears or the Money that are coming from Tanjore, whereby the War Debt and the Money from Tanjore became specific Articles to be set off against each other; and I ought not therefore, agreeable to the orders by the Swallow, to be charged with the 5 Lacks of Pagodas to my account.- But it must be understood that, if my propositions are rejected, & the Indulgence granted by the Court of Directors are denied me, I do not consider myself bound to adhere at any future period to my promise of making over the Money of Tanjore.

The amount of receipts in my possession for Money paid by my Amuldars to the Company's Paymasters, Copies of which I have already sent to General Medows, being Pag.s 67,000-

Paddy delivered over by my amuldars to the Company's agents, prior to the date of my before mentioned letter of the 29th. March, amounting to about 138,000 Pagodas. The

Pagodas 138,000

they are fully liquidated by the Remission & Credits stated in the former part of this Letter, a Balance will remain due to me of Pagodas 9,85,950, which must be carried to the Credit of four fifths of the Revenue, which I am to pay according to Treaty.

These matters ought to have been settled long since; but instead of giving me the relief intended by the Company, fresh Demands are made on me, contrary to their express orders, & the Spirit of the Treaty with Sir Alexander Campbell, to the great Embarrassment of my affairs.

You tell me that the Company are engaged in War, & desire in consequence that I will voluntarily make over to Government the Charge & management of my Country.

By the 9th Article of the existing Treaty with Sir Archibald Campbell, in the Event of War it is stipulated that, after certain deduction therein specified, I am to appropriate four fifths of my Revenue towards the Expences thereof.— and by the 13th Article all Kists for Subsidy cease — In consequence of which I am not chargeable with any Kists from the day the Company considered themselves at War with Tippoo — But I am bound to pay in four fifths of my Revenue; and having expressed my readiness to fulfill these my Engagements in my Letter of the 29th March, it remained with the Governor to carry this arrangement into Execution, as I do not consider it to be optional in either party to prolong the operation of the Articles of the Treaty, which has been done in the present case until the March Kist became due, apparently with no other view than to load me with this additional burden, for the

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The Balance acknowledged to be due to me in Sir Archibald Campbell's Letter of the 18th July 1786, for one sixth share of the Revenues of my Country whilst under assignment to Lord Macartney being 116,000 Pagodas, which Sum must be deducted from my Kistbundy Account.

Pagodas 116,000

Also the Sum of 51,150 Pagodas was paid in ready Money into the Company's Treasury in the Month of February 1790.—

Pagodas 51,150—

The amount paid by me into the Company's Treasury in the Months of March and April, agreeable to the promise contained in my Letter to General Meadows of the 29th March, is 400,000 Pagodas.

Pagodas 400,000.—

I am also entitled by the 17th Article of my Treaty with Sir Archibald Campbell, to a reasonable Deduction in consequence of the failure of the Crops for some Years, which can easily be ascertained by a Comparative Statement of the loss of Revenue in the Company's Exchire for those periods— The Tributes that are owing to me from the Poligars of Tinnevelly &c. that they have evaded to pay, & for want of proper Force to chastise those refractory Poligars, I compute my loss at 1600000 Pagodas.

Pagodas 1600,000.

Conformably to the order from Europe, I am further entitled to Credit for the Sum of 280,000 Pagodas paid in the Year 1788 above & over on account of my Kist.

Pagodas 280,000

The Balance against me, specified in General Meadows's Letter of the 7th day of March 1790, was Pagodas 650382. 16..35. in addition to which a demand for 180,000 Pagodas was made for Contingent Charges, which Sums you say contain the full amount that can in justice be demanded of me by the Company; supposing they had such demand upon me (which I don't admit) they

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Company must have considered themselves at War long before that period.—

As I have made it fully appear to you that, the Company have no demand whatever upon me, & as there can be no doubt but that I shall fulfill my Engagements according to the Treaty, I never can nor will consent to relinquish the Management of my Country.

I have only further to observe, that my having consented to liquidate what is called the War Debt upon certain terms may not be construed to imply an acknowledgement on my part of the Justness of that Demand, an account of which I have never yet been able to obtain from the Company, tho' I have been writing many years for it— For I do aver and repeat, what I have frequently written, that I am not answerable for the Expences of a War which was drawn into my Country by commotions originating in Europe, & the bad Management of the Company's Servants in India; and that I only consented to liquidate this unjust Debt from a strong desire that has always actuated me to meet the wishes of my Friends the Company; & with respect to the account which you have sent me as a melancholy proof of the bad management of my People, I deny the Justness of that account altogether.

When the King of England deemed it necessary to order hostility to be commenced against the Dutch, His Majesty, though at the distance of Ten thousand Coss, was pleased in his letter to me dated 12th January 1781 to give me notice thereof;

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and the Company at the same time wrote me a Letter upon the same subject; but now, though residing upon the same spot, I have not been made acquainted with a single particular relating to this Expedition. Since the first beginning of the preparation of this Expedition (for the furtherance of the Affairs of my Friends the Company) I have turned my attention from the ease of my Ryots to the furnishing of Supplies to the Army, by the seizure of all the Grain, the taking all the Bullocks for Carriage and the Cows & the Sheep for provision, by pressing many of the Ryots of my Country for Coolies, & Inlisting & Carrying off the Cultivators for the Company's Service, and by advancing them two months pay each man, by which the situation of my Country is reduced to the lowest Ebb — It is no more than in justice to acknowledge that, I have made my payments beyond human Expectation in the present distressed situation of my Country; and it is my assistance only, by supplying the Army with provision &c., that has enabled General Medows to march.

I beg leave to assure you that all Payments justly demanded from me, on account of the Company, shall be punctually paid; & that I am taking effectual measures to secure the produce of my Country, that I may make good my payments.

I place an implicit reliance on the honor and justice of the Company, that the stipulations in the Treaty will be strictly adhered to, & that my last moments may not be disturbed with solicitations inconsistent in themselves, & repugnant

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the particulars of what it might be proper to notify to his Highness should immediately be drawn out, & that the acting President upon obtaining an Interview with his Highness, should read the Paper to him, & leave it with him if desired.

An interview being fixed for the next day, the acting President, accompanied by the Secretary waited upon the Nabob, after a short preamble read to him the Paper he carried with him, of which We have the honor to enclose a Copy.

The Nabob informed the acting President that he was in a very weak state of health, & unable at so short a warning to answer a request of so much importance. He desired that the Paper might be left with him, & promised to reply to it with all possible Expedition. The acting President then took his Leave, having left the Paper with His Highness.

Some days elapsing & no answer being received, the acting President made application to the Durbar requesting the Nabob's Reply, which he this day obtained, & which is now forwarded to your Lordship.

Altho' We are concerned that the Solicitation has proved fruitless, We cannot say that the Event has surprized us; for, when it is considered how many People attached to the Durbar are interested in the Nabob's retaining the management of his Country in his own hands, it will not be a matter of wonder that every Effort should be made to prevent his again ceding what in a former Instance he had so much trouble in recovering.

As the Instructions from Your Lordship in Council do not authorize our proceeding beyond Solicitation to his Highness,

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repugnant to my honor & dignity.

In consequence of the present Critical time, I am exerting myself to satisfy you as much as lays in my power, 'till such time as I get an answer from Europe.

A true Translation (signed) Joseph Garrow
Pnr. Jr.

The above being taken into Consideration, it is agreed that Copy be immediately forwarded to Bengal; & that a Letter be drafted, acknowledging the receipt of the one of the 11th Ultimo, & stating the proceedings in consequence.

Minute thereon

The following being approved, is ordered to be Copied fair and dispatched.

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

My Lord.

To Bengal - in answer to the Letter from thence of the 11th Ultimo - stating that the Nabob has positively refused acquiescing in the assignment of his Country.

We are now to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Letter under date the 11th Ultimo.

Immediately upon it's receipt, We took the Contents into Consideration, & judging that the greatest probability of succeeding with the Nabob, to make a voluntary Assignment of his Country, would exist in a prompt solicitation to him on the subject before he could obtain any knowledge of the extent of Your Lordship's Instructions, We resolved that a Paper containing

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We have, of course, only to report the result of them, & to assure you that We shall use every possible Endeavour to procure such Payments from the Nabob as he is, by Treaty, bound to make.

Your Lordship must be sensible that it will not be a very difficult matter to reply to the Nabob's Letter, which We shall do immediately, that his Highness may not think his Assertions & Representations are admitted; but, altho they may, and, We trust, will be fully refuted, yet We apprehend it will be impracticable to persuade the Nabob to depart from his Resolution. — We are convinced he will never make a voluntary Assignment of his Country.

It remains with your Lordship in Council to decide upon the Line We are now to pursue — If you are of opinion that We ought to trust to his Highness's Assurances, & to the Management of his Revenue Officers, We will do so, altho' in our own opinions no Confidence ought to be placed in either — We have already expressed our Sentiments of the Treaty, Your Conviction that it will be found inadequate to it's avowed objects. — As to the Appointment of Inspectors or Accomptants provided for in the 10th Article, We think they are so little calculated to have any good Effect, that We are not disposed, until We receive your Instructions, to put the Company to Expence on this account, being convinced that no power in this Country, excepting the one which governs, can obtain a true State of Cutchery Accounts — besides if We were to exhibit Charges of Embezzlement &c. against the Nabob's Servants which should effect their Dismission, We do not see how the Company's Demands are thereby to be put upon a better footing.

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We request to be favored as soon as possible with your Lordship's ultimate Decision on this subject: We can sincerely assure you that We are most willing to pay every attention to the Nabob and his Family, & to treat his Highness with the greatest Delicacy; but We must express our belief that the success of our arms, & ultimately the public safety, depends considerably upon our having in our own hands the charge of the principal Resources from which the War is to be carried on.

We shall not in this Letter dwell much upon the situation of this Government with the Rajah of Tanjore, as We consider that whatever arrangements may be finally determined upon respecting the Nabob, will extend to the Rajah; but We think it necessary to state to your Lordship in Council that his Excellency the Rajah is considerably in Arrears to the Company, & that his Maladministration has been so great as to leave him at present without either Money or Credit. — We have the honor to enclose Copy of a late Letter from the Resident at Tanjore, which contains an unfavorable detail of the Situation of Affairs in that Country.

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(signed) John Turing
&c. Council

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Diary

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

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John Turing
Edw. Saunders

Ex Geo. Jos. Marlow

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To Colonel Capper — To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts – To report whether the Leger ordered from Bengal cannot be kept at a less Expence to the Company than is stated in his Letter of the 28th Ultimo.

To the Hospital Board — To the Hospital Board – Enclosing for their Information Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated 29th January 1790.

To the Military Board — To the Military Board – approving the Reports & Recommendations contained in their Letters of the 29th Ultimo, & 1st Instant.

To the Military Paymaster General — To the Military Paymaster General – To pay attention to the Enclosed Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 29th January 1790.

To Colonel Brathwaite. — To Colonel Brathwaite – Communicating the Intentions of the Board in regard to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment – The Bengal Troops to march to the Southward with all possible Expedition – his Report concerning the late Increase in the Prices of Provisions at Ellore will be taken into Consideration.

To the Revenue Board — To the Revenue Board – Enclosing Extract of a letter from Colonel Brathwaite, stating the Increase in the prices of Provisions at Ellore to issue such orders in Consequence as they may deem necessary

To the Committee for Investigating the Nabobs Debts. — To the Committee for Investigating the Debts of the Nabob – To refer to the Nabobs Agents the Claim contained in the Enclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.

To Masulipatam — To Masulipatam – Enclosing Extract of a letter from the Military Board, reporting on Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's application for Lepoy boat Tents for his Detachment.

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Colonel Kapper — To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army Accounts. Quarter Master Burns's application for arrears of Gratuity, as Quarter master of Invalids, is deemed inadmissible.

The Chief Engineer — To the Chief Engineer — Lieutenant Norris to be allowed one Head and six common Peons, for the protection of the Barracks at the Cavalry Cantonment of Connatoor.

To the Paymaster at Wallanjahbad — To the Paymaster at Wallanjaubaad — The Barracks at arnee to be considered under the Charge of the Barrack Master — Lieutenant Norris to be allowed one Head & six common Peons for the protection of the Barracks at the Cavalry Cantonment of Connatoor.

Received the following Letters

To the Honble the Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sr

From Captain Agnew of the Honble Company's Ship Triton — Enclosing papers relative to the Confinement of Nine Recruits during the Voyage, for Conspiracy; & requesting to have the orders of the Board.

I beg leave to inform you of the arrival of the Ship Triton — He sailed from the Downs on the 5th January — Mr. Jackson the Purser has Charge of the Honble Company's Packets — From an intended Mutiny, I have been under the necessity of confining nine of the Recruits, a state of which I enclose, & would wish to know soon you could permit them to be landed: Likewise send a list of the Recruits & Passengers.

I am Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) William Agnew

Ship Triton —
in Madras Road
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make some alterations in it, you had petitioned his Majesty to deliver it to your attorney, that it might be sent to you, & had also requested the several Copies deposited with the Company and the Governments of Bengal & Madras might be returned, & requesting I would transmit the copy deposited among the Records of this Presidency: — My Friend: agreeable to your wish, I have directed strict search to be made for the Copy among the Records here, but in vain, for no traces of it can be found. This gives me some concern, for I am happy at all times to pay attention to your requests. — I hope you will favor me with frequent Letters.

A true Copy

(signed) G. F. Cherry
P. Tr.

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.

Governor &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Herewith I do myself the honor to transmit you a Monthly Return of the Troops, Ordnance, & Stores in Garrison at Chundregirry, under my Command for May 1790.

The Peons ordered to this Garrison from the Calastry Rajah are not yet arrived, but I am given to expect them daily — I beg leave to submit to you, Sir, whether it might not be expedient, situated as this station is, to allow me a few Regular People, if a Company of Sepoys cannot be spared, with those Peons; & permission for laying up some Store of Provisions.

I have the honor to be (signed) C. Massey Captain
&c. &c. &c.

From the Commandant at Chandergirry — enclosing a Return of Troops, Ordnance, & Stores in that Garrison for the month of May — The peons expected from the Calastry Rajah are not arrived — requesting to be allowed a few Regulars, and permission to lay up some Store of Provisions. —

Chundregirry
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To John Chamier Esq.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - Enclosing a Letter from the Governor General to the Nabob, & Copy for the Information of this Presidency.

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Letter from the Governor General to the Nabob of Arcot, in reply to the one received with your Letter to Mr. Secretary Hay of the 17th of February last, with a request that it may be delivered to his Highness: A Translation is enclosed for the Information of the Madras Government.

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

Fort William
19th May 1790.

To the Nawaub of Arcot
written 19th May 1790.

I have been made happy with your Highness's Letter mentioning that, some years ago, conceiving it necessary, your Highness had made a Will, & transmitted it to the King of England, and that His Majesty had been graciously pleased to keep it - that your Highness had also transmitted one Copy of the Will to the Company in England, and had deposited a second Copy with the Government of Madras, & a third with that of Bengal - that deeming it expedient at present to

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To the Honble 7th Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Ganjam - have sent 296 Dooley Bearers to the Presidency.

We duly received Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 7th Instant.

In part compliance with your Indent, We have this day the honor to forward to you 296 Dooley Bearers. - We have advanced to Eight Maistries, each Rs. 8.12 - making Rs 105 - to 288 Bearers each 7 Rs - making - Rs 3024 -

Rupees 3129 -

They have not required any allowance for their Families during their absence, & our Cutwall is responsible for their Services - Enclosed is a Muster Roll of their Names, a Copy of which We have retained, that Desertion may be the more readily Corrected.

We have the honor to be

Ganjam - 28th May 1790.

&c. &c. &c. R. D^n Munro

(signed) George Wynch

Postscript

Herewith We have the honor to transmit to you, a Copy of the Record of our Proceedings in this Department for the month of April.

R. D^n Munro

(signed) George Wynch

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob (as entered in C. C. No. 107.) stating that he has sent orders to his Amuldars to furnish the Bengal Detachment with whatever Provisions

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7th Provisions they may want, and to keep in readiness plenty of Straw and Firewood near the stages of daily march - Enclosing Copies of the late and present Orders.

Summs To Mr. D. Simons Chief at Sadras

Dispatched Letter to the Chief at Sadras - (as entered in M.B. No. 21.) requesting him to suffer some Sepoys, sent to Sadras, to take charge of the Seamen (belonging to one of the Company's ships) who have Deserted, & are now at Sadras - & to permit the Boat they have taken to be conveyed to Madras, by the Lascars who will be sent for it.

Sent the following Letter.

To George Andrew Ram Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir.

[illegible] the Resident at Tanjore - [illegible]ing Copy of a Letter [illegible] the Rajah to the Governor. [illegible] Letter from the Acting [illegible]sident to his Excellency - [illegible] exert himself to procure [illegible] liquidation of arrears [illegible] and to remove, as [illegible] it can be done with [illegible]priety, the Guard placed over Bhava's House.

Your Letter of the 1st Instant, with the several Enclosures, has been received, as has also a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Governor, a Copy of which I enclose for your Information.

The Board are by no means satisfied with the Rajah's Conduct, as will appear by the accompanying Letter addressed to his Excellency by the Acting President, which you are to deliver.

You must continue to make all possible Exertions to procure the liquidation of the Arrears due; & you are strongly to enforce that, nothing will be listened to, until the Kists due are discharged.

You will withdraw the Guard from Baba's House, as soon as it can be done with propriety; & be at all times very cautious to avoid measures which have a tendency to lessen

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To John Turing Esqr.
Acting President in Council

Sir

From Colonel Kelly proposing several Military arrangements for the safety & protection of the Centre Provinces

You will, I trust, pardon my addressing you, so quickly after the departure of the Commander in Chief, on subjects which no doubt have been objects of his Consideration, but as the multiplicity of business, previous to his Departure for the Southward, in the grand arrangements for the whole, must necessarily have occupied his utmost attention at that busy moment, the smaller objects, which I have to mention, would probably have escaped him; and in that persuasion, I shall venture to detail them to you, relying with confidence that you will readily afford them your Sanction, if they do not militate against any arrangements laid down by the Commander in Chief.

It is not, I think, improbable that a sudden incursion of the Enemy may soon call for the Exertions of some of the Troops under my Command; and in this opinion, it becomes my wish to keep as collected as possible, & ready for immediate Service, the Corps which compose the present force at Wallajahbad. I therefore beg leave to recommend to Government, that, the Company of the 21st. Battalion of Native Infantry now in Arnee, be relieved by a Company of the 7th. Battalion of Revenue Troops from Vellore, or by one of the 15th. Battalion of Native Infantry at present doing duty in that Garrison, & that the Company of the 21st be ordered to join it's Corps at Wallajahbad.

And

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Fort St. George June 1790.

7th the Rajah's Dignity in the Eyes of his Subjects.

I am, Sir.

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
7th June 1790.

(signed) John Chamier Secry

8th Sent letters to the Nabob, & Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C. C. Nos 108-109.) To the former - reminding him that many letters addressed to his Highness by General Medows remain unanswered; and that the Peons expected at Chandregerry from the Rajah of Calestry - are not yet arrived & requesting he will direct the Poligars in the Centre Division to send their proportion of Men to such Stations as may be pointed out by Colonel Kelly - — To the latter, approving Mr. Ram's Conduct in protecting Baba; and requesting him to discharge immediately his March & April Kists.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore.

At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President.

Tuesday
8th June 1790.

Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kelly -

To

Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

and also that the Outguards from the 27th Battalion Native Infantry, some of which are stationed at the distant Posts of Mandranticum, Trivalore, and Munnemungalam, be immediately called in.— A few armed Peons would, I conceive, answer every purpose for which the above Guards were detached.

In the Event, above supposed, of the Enemy's entering the Centre Provinces, I should not probably judge it prudent to recommend detaching against them the only Regiment of Cavalry under my Command, in the state they now are, and the Country around, in that case, might be burnt and plundered without the possibility of prevention on my part. With a view, however, to provide against this Calamity, as far as possible, I beg to request that, two Galloper Six Pounders be added to the Field Train at the Cantonment of Wallanjaubad. By this addition, I should be enabled to detach, with safety, a light force against any parties that might appear, or of which I had information, and thereby alleviate, perhaps effectually avert the dreaded Desolation.

Allow me also to suggest to your Consideration the propriety of ordering all the Poligars whose Countries are situated in the Center Division, to send their proportion of Horse to join the force at Wallanjaubad, or to assemble at such Stations as I shall point out to them; and that those also who may remain behind, under pretence of guarding their Pollams, be likewise put under my Directions. By these means, We shall have the use of a most valuable class of People, who otherwise

From

Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

from our neglect & contempt of their Services, might be ready to favor, rather than to repel, the predatory incursions of the Enemy.

As I consider the above measures in some degree conducive to the safety & protection of the Carter Provinces, and such as the Commander in Chief would himself have ordered, had leisure permitted him to advert to them, I have thought it my duty to address you on the subject, & am hopeful they will meet with the approbation of Government.

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

(signd) Robert Kelly.

Choultry Plain
2nd June 1790.—

Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Company of the 21st Battalion Native Infantry now in Arnee, be directed to join its Corps at Wallaujaubad. & the Company of the 15th Battalion of Native Infantry at Vellore to replace that ordered from Arnee.

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Read the following Letters from Bengal.

To

1665

Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

Regiments that may have been disbanded: By Public Service, We mean, principally, that of Recruiting for any Regiment in India; and even then the allowance is not given of course, but each case is laid before us, & our Consent or Refusal is declared, as the Circumstances may appear to recommend. That this Indulgence should continue seems so equitable that, We have no Doubt of it's having escaped the notice of the Honble Court of Directors, and We therefore propose to allow of it's continuance subject to the future pleasure of the Company, but under the Restriction that We have mentioned, and a further Declaration that, the Officers who receive the Passage Money shall not be entitled to any Batta, or other allowance from the Company, from the time of their Departure from this Country.

Whatever may hitherto have been the rule at your Presidency, in respect to the allowance of Passage Money to the King's Officers, We beg leave to recommend that, in order to preserve Uniformity in this respect at the Company's several Settlements, a Regulation may be made to limit it to the Cases We have stated.

You will observe, in the Enclosed Extract of the General Orders issued here on the 21st. of last February, the Circumstances under which Passage Money was allowed to two Officers proceeding to England on the Recruiting Service for his Majesty's 76th Regiment.

We have the honor to be &c &c &c (signed) Cornwallis
Chas Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William
18th May 1790.

1654 Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Bengal - stating the cases in which Passage Money is to be allowed to King's Officers.

In the Copy, transmitted to us by the Honble Court of Directors, of their Letter dated the 2nd. Instant, to your Presidency, they take notice of the great Expence which the Company have been put to by the allowance for Passage Money paid to the King's Officers. They further express themselves in the following Terms - "We do not find that allowances of this kind "were ever made to the company's Officers returning to Europe, "except to those retiring on half Pay by our orders of 31st. July "1787; but, as We have since given Directions that the Half "Pay to Officers coming to Europe shall cease in future, the "Passage Money will of course be struck off; and, as any partial "distinction to the King's Officers must appear injurious to those "of our own Service, We have resolved that no passage Money shall "be in future allowed them, on any account, except on the Regiments "to which they belong being disbanded, and ordered to Europe".

The Motives that induced us to admit of some Qualification to the orders of the Court of Directors will be found in the Enclosed Copy of our Minutes dated the 29th July 1789 - In regard to Passage Money to Officers in the Service of his Majesty, it is allowed at this Presidency, in the Case only of their being ordered home upon the Public Service, or with their

Regiments

1656 Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department on the 29th July 1789:

The Honble Court of Directors having considered that the Indulgence of Half Pay, granted by their orders of the 21st September 1785 to Supernumerary Officers returning to Europe on Furlow, has in some instances been construed in a different manner from that which was originally intended, they have determined to revoke the same, & have directed that, from the receipt of these orders such Officers as may be permitted to go home be not allowed any Pay during their absence.

It is accordingly to be notified to the Army, that the Indulgence of Furlough and Half Pay is withdrawn, & that all Officers proceeding to Europe must accompany their application for leave with their resignation of the Service, agreeable to the practice which obtained formerly before the Indulgence of Full or Half Pay on Furlough was established.

Resolved, that the Grant of Passage Money be continued (until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known) to all Officers who may accompany their applications for leave to resign with an attestation upon oath that their property does not exceed the undermentioned Sums specified in the Deed of Agreement between the Lord Clive & the Honble East India Company to entitle them to the Pension of their respective Ranks.

a Colonel	£4,000.
Lieutenant Colonel	3,000.
Major	2,500.
Captain	2,000.
Lieutenant	1,000.
Ensign	750.

A true Extract (signed) E Hay Secry to the Govt.

1659

Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
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(signed) Chas Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William
21st May 1790.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing Letters be transmitted to the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts, for his Guidance & Information.

Read the following Report of the Hospital Board (with Enclosure entered in M.B between Nos 21 & 22, marked A.)

Hospital Board 7th June 1790.

From the Hospital Board - On the Port Wine shipped on the Minerva - Arrival & Station of Mr. William Tait, Assistant Surgeon - Mr. Becket to be stationed with the 2nd Battalion of European Artillery, & Mr. Steele with the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry - Europe Medicines purchased - Mr. Miller's Account of Expenditures at Manilipatam - Mr. Phipps recommended for an allowance of Batta - Mr. David Wood for Assistant Surgeon - Mr. Baillie to proceed -

Approved.

Read Letter from the Apothecary - stating that he had received a Chest of Port Wine from Captain Fairfull, which he finds totally unfit for use - The Hospital Board have directed him to account for it as Vinegar.

The Hospital Board have the honor to acquaint Government that Mr. William Tait has arrived on the Minerva, with the appointment

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Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Bengal — explaining their intentions in regard to the Pay & Batta to be allowed to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment

By a letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, We are given to understand that, in consequence of our Letter of the 21st February last to your Government, he had been furnished by your Commissary General not only with a comparative Table of Pay of the Troops, Artificers & Followers of the two Establishments, but also with a Sett of the Military Regulations of your Presidency with which he was required to conform from and after the arrival of the Detachment at Masulipatam.

We conceive from hence that, our Intentions with respect to this Detachment have been misapprehended, & in Explanation thereof, We think it proper to advise you that it is not our wish to make any alteration in the Pay Department of that Detachment which shall extend beyond equalizing the rates of Pay Batta & Allowances of the Bengal Soldiery & Followers of the Camp after their arrival at Masulipatam, so that they may accord with the Madras rates of Pay. — In all other respects, We propose that the internal Regulations in Bengal should remain in force, on account of our having deputed a Deputy Paymaster, to proceed with that Detachment, whose accounts will not come under your Inspection, but will continue to be transmitted to this Presidency to be controuled & audited here, under the General Regulations with which

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Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

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Approved

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They recommend that Mr Becket, assistant Surgeon, be removed from the General Hospital to the 2nd Battalion of European Artillery, & that Mr Steele, assistant Surgeon, be appointed to the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry.

Approved – but it is hoped the Hospital Board will not think it necessary to recommend frequent purchases of this Nature.

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The Hospital Board have the honor to transmit to Government a Letter from Mr Miller Surgeon, to the Apothecary, accompanied by an Abstract Account of Expenditures for the General Hospital of Masulipatam & its dependencies during the period of his being Medical Storekeeper there.

as there appears much Irregularity in the not bringing forward these Accounts sooner, it will be a matter of Consideration whether they will be admitted – In the mean time, it is ordered that they be submitted to the Comptroller General.

The Hospital Board have examined the Accounts, which are Countersigned by the Head Surgeon, and appearing very moderate, they therefore Recommend that Government will be pleased to order the Payment, as they suppose Mr Miller's removal from Masulipatam prevented him from sending them sooner.

Mr

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Fort St. George 8th. June 1790.

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The Hospital Board recommend that permission be granted him - As Mr. Conolly will execute his Duty at the Dispensary, during his absence.

Approved & provided Mr. Conolly resides entirely in the Fort, & gives constant attendance at the Dispensary.

To be paid to Mr. Conolly by the Company on account of this Establishment.

(signed) James Anderson
Physician General
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.

To

1663 Fort St. George 8th. June 1790 –

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Camp at Jurchellah
26th. May 1790. –

Signed John Kennaway

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To

1662 Fort St. George 8th. June 1790.

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

Honble Sir

From Captain Kennaway - Is of opinion that the Military operations of the Nizam will chiefly depend upon the movement of our Southern Army

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant. I beg to assure you that my Endeavors of mine shall be wanting to preserve the utmost harmony in my intercourse with Major Montgomery - indeed it would be with the utmost reluctance I should admit a supposition that any disagreement can possibly have place between us.

I am sorry to inform you that I am afraid every active measure on the part of the Nizam will depend on the accounts I may be able to give him of your having commenced your operations - My Endeavors for the present are chiefly confined to urging him to hasten his march to the Kistnah so as to be ready to detach a force into the Enemy's Country as soon as I may be able to inform him of your having marched towards his Pitchinopoly Frontier.

To my remonstrances that in wisdom or justice such accounts ought not to be waited for, he has answered that if I would formally pledge myself that you would enter the Enemy's Country at any given time, a force would be detached by him, whose attack would correspond with the assurance given, which, considering the appearance of delay on the part of the Peishwa, that the force appointed to

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Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

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Fort William
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Minute thereon

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Camp at Jurchellah
26th. May 1790.

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To

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Fort St. George 8th. June 1790.

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(signed) James Anderson
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Read the following Letter from Captain

Kennaway.

To

1665

Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

and having nominated me to act in his absence, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th Ultimo, enclosing a Bill of Exchange from Booderjee Natogee at Madras on Booderjee Natogee at Tritchinopoly, for the Sum of Twelve thousand Star Pagodas, which has been duly accepted, & payment will be made when the Bill becomes due. — As soon as the Payment has been made to the Garrison, the accounts shall be forwarded agreeable to your desire.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Nicol Mein
acting Military Paymaster

Tritchinopoly
4th June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) B. Roebuck
Mil. Paym. Genl.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Samuel Johnston be informed that, if he do not transmit his accounts to the Military Paymaster General on or before the 11th of July next, it will be thought necessary to take effectual measures for securing in future a regular Transmission of the accounts of his Paymastership.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.
President in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Capper — requesting to be informed the Pay &c. intended to be given to the Revenue Troops.

The Paymaster of Masulipatam has, in his Accounts of that Subordinacy for the last Year, drawn the full Pay of regular Sepoys to 222 Sibendies of the 3rd Battalion, instead of 40 fanams each, as stated by the Book of Regulations. — In support of the

Charge

1664 Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.

President in Council

Honble Sir

From the Military Paymaster General - Enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Nicholas Mein - stating the irregular Conduct of Mr. Johnston Paymaster at Vizagapatam in not having yet transmitted his Accounts for the Month of January.

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr. Nicoll Mein, signing himself acting Military Paymaster: and as I have not received any order from the Honble Board appointing this Gentleman to act in such situation, I request to be honored with their Instructions on this subject. — I beg leave to represent to your Honor in Council that, Mr. Johnston, in direct contradiction to the Standing order by which the different Accounts of the preceding Month are to be transmitted to my Office by the 25th of the succeeding month, has not to this hour transmitted his accounts for last January; nor have I been able to obtain from him an Account of his Balance of Cash, tho' I have twice addressed him on the subject. — Such Conduct not only hinders the Books of my Department from being brought forward, but also prevents me from furnishing the necessary Accounts annually required for the use of the Honble the Court of Directors.

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

Pay-Office Madras.
7th June 1790.—

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General

Sir

Mr. Johnston Paymaster having been under the necessity of proceeding to the Sea Coast for the benefit of his health,

and

Fort St. George 8th June 1790.

Charge, he acquaints me that they were doing duty over the elder Apparow, by order of the Chief & Council, and have always been paid Full Pay by order of Government, when doing the duty of Regulars - But as, by the Instructions of your Honble Board of the 30th March last; - "that the Revenue Battalions "when employed, are to be paid as Sheelines, & those who are not "employed as such, are to be paid according to the original orders "specified in the Book of Regulations" - I humbly conceive that it is meant they should be paid Sepoys Pay when upon actual Field service only, & when upon District or Garrison Duty, the Sum prescribed by the Regulations - I request therefore to submit this matter to your Consideration & to be favored with your Commands.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t & humble Servant
(signed) S. Capper
C.F.

Fort St. George
5th June 1790.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Colonel Capper that the Revenue Battalions when doing the duty of Regulars, whether in the Field or in Garrison, are to receive the Pay of Regulars.

Court of Enquiry upon the Recruits landed in Irons from the Triton.

The acting President informs the Board, that in consequence of a Representation from Captain Agnew, Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship Triton, of a Conspiracy during the Voyage among nine of the Recruits, who have been landed in Irons, he directed them to be confined in the Main Guard & a Court of Enquiry held - The Proceedings of the Court, the acting President now lays before the Board.

At

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At a Court of Enquiry held by order of the Honble John Turing Esqr. Governor &c. Fort St. George, 7th June 1790.

Captain George Roberts President
Lieutenant Durand
Lieutenant Youngstone } Members

Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry

Captain William Agnew, Commander of the Ship Felton East India man, produced original Papers, of which true Copies accompany this, & the necessary Evidence having been called on, hath made it appear to the Court that Captain Agnew's Contract, towards nine of the Honble Company's Recruits brought out on board the said Ship & accused of an intended Mutiny, was dictated throughout by prudence, and the most absolute necessity.

(signed) George Roberts
Captain & President

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Papers accompanying the proceedings of this Court of Enquiry be transmitted to the Attorney General, with Instructions to report his opinion upon the further mode of proceeding which ought to be adopted against the delinquents.

Read the following letter from the Agent for the Bullock Contractors

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

From the Agent to the Bullock Contractors, renewing his application for the discharge of the Balance due to the Contractors.

Sir

On the 6th. April last I had the honor to address Government respecting the payment of the Bill of the Contractors for

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - stating the quantity of Rice in Store at the Garrisons of Vellore & Vellore - Enclosing Copy of a letter addressed to him by the Storekeeper at Vellore on the subject -

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Vellore, & Report delivered to him by the Nabobs Manager -

	Garce	Marcalls
There is wanting to complete the Garrison Store -	16	364
& for 100 Garce of Rice ordered for the Army	200	"
Paddy	216	364

On the 15th. Instant, I forwarded to Mr. Vaughan a Copy of the Nabob's order to his Manager, recommending to call upon him to declare before the Commanding Officer what quantity of Grain he can furnish, & in what time he will deliver it into Store.

I beg to be favored with the orders of the Board, in answer to that part of Mr. Vaughan's Letter regarding the purchase of Grain.

I am likewise to represent to the Board that, by the last Report from the Storekeeper at Vellore, there is yet wanting to compleat the Store of that Garrison upwards of 330 Garce of Paddy; I beg leave to recommend another particular application to the Nabob on this subject.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

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8th. June 1790.

(signed) Wm. Cockburn
Commissary Genl. of Grain & Provisions

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for Draught & Carriage Bullocks in camp, in answer to which I was assured that my request would be attended to as far as the nature of Circumstances admit.

My application was for payment of one half of the Monthly Bill in camp, & for the other half a Bill on the Presidency.

No Instructions having been sent to the Commissary of Grain & Provisions in camp on the subject, I beg the favor of you to obtain the Order of the Board directing the Commissary of Grain & Provisions to receive the Contractors Bill & Vouchers, to draw for & Pay to the Contractors Agent in camp whatever Sum the Commander in Chief may think proper to order in part payment thereof, and to obtain & deliver to them the Paymasters Bill on the Military Paymaster General for the Balance. - It will, I apprehend, be necessary to inform the Paymaster that he is authorized to grant such Bill to the Commissary of Grain & Provisions for the Contractors.

I am, Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Tho.s Cockburn
for the Contractors

Madras
7th June 1790.

Agreed that the Contents of the above Letter be Communicated to the Commander in Chief, & that he be desired to make such Arrangements & give such Orders as may be judged necessary.

minute thereon

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

To

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To Thomas Cockburn Esq.

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Sir

I have been favored with yours of the 29th May, in reply on which I beg to refer you to my return of Grain in the Store for this Garrison the 1st of May, at which period I had not received any Grain from the Circar's People — I yesterday had the honor to send you the account of Grain delivered to me by the Renter's Son, the now acting Manager, by which you will perceive I cannot complete my Garrison Store, & that I must be far short of the quantity ordered to be beat into Rice for the army, even should he deliver to me the whole of what is there laid down, as having been so repeatedly deceived by the Circar people, I can place no reliance in them — I before informed you that I had taken some steps to purchase Grain — If I am not authorized to purchase on account of the Company, I shall dispose of what I procured, as I do not wish to have any thing at my own risk in so defenceless a place as Madura — I therefore expect your final Instructions — My Return of Rice to Mr. Kingsbote the 1st of the month, was Garce 37½ — what I had procured & beat into Rice of my own, expecting to be ordered to purchase, was not included, which is about 10 Garce — I have not been able to procure any in this District — what is now sold in the Bazar is chiefly brought from the Mysore Country, & is daily increasing in price. I have the honor to be

Madura 3rd June 1790.

Sir &c. &c. &c. (signed) H Vaughan
Storekeeper

A true Copy (signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Cy. Genl. of Grain & Provs.

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Account of Grain remaining in the Madura District as per Renter's Account

	Cullums	Mo.	Mo.
Sumba Paddy in Trimungalum District	350	—	—
Carr Ditto in Ditto Ditto	1467	7	1½
Cullums	1817	7	1½
Calculating 50 Cullum pa Garce is Garce	36	139	7

Madurah 22nd June 1790.

Agreed that an Application be immediately made to the Nabob for positive orders to his Managers at Vellore & Madura to compleat the Stores of Grain at those places.

Minute thereon.

Agreed, that Mr. Cockburn be informed that, the Board accept Mr. Vaughan's offer of Grain.

Ditto Ditto

Read the undermentioned Letters entered in WB, Nos. 22. 23.

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham – Enclosing the Hospital Board's Certificate of ill Health, & requesting permission to Embark for China on the Honble Company's Ship Minerva.

from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.

Ordered accordingly.

Minute thereon –

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar – stating that Mr. Willis House at Guntoor cannot for the present be surveyed, as there is not an Engineer in the Guntoor Circar.

from Major Wynch.

Agreed to inform Colonel Capper, in reply to his Letter of the 26th Ult., that the Board decline purchasing Mr. Willis's House, but consent to his drawing 10 Pagodas a month House Rent.

Minute thereon.

John Turing
Cond. Saunders

Exd. Geo. Jul. Martens

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8th myself at liberty to accede to.

Booderjee has informed me that, the Money which was to have enabled him to discharge the Bill, is yet to be received by him from the Madurah Country. He assures me that exact and punctual payment shall be made by him, if from the present moment until the time the Bill becomes due, no Looties enter and disturb the Country; and that on these Conditions, & these alone, will he put his Name to the Bill & promise due payment thereof.

Under these Circumstances of my receiving Casual payment, I have judged it proper to return the Bill to you, & which accordingly I herewith Enclose. I do this with the less reluctance, from the Consideration that Booderjee has promised that, if the Conditions on which he offers payment are admitted, he will in that case consider the acceptance of the Bill as having been made on the day on which it was tendered to him, and agrees to become liable for payment from that date accordingly.

I shall immediately write to Mr. Colt, informing him of every Circumstance that has happened in the business — and shall hope that what I have done meets your approval.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) James Strange
Pay.r

Tanjore - 4th June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) B. Roebuck
Mr. Pay.r Gen.l

To

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Diary

8th. Received the following Letters.

John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Military Paymaster General — Enclosing Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Tanjore, returning for Non-acceptance a Bill on Boorjee Soucar for 50,000 Pagodas.

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Strange, returning Boorjees Note for 50,000 Star Pagodas unaccepted; and informing me that a conditional promise of Payment has been made, which however renders it a very uncertain supply for the exigencies of the Army — The original Note accompanies this.

I remain, Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Benjamin Roebuck
Mil. Pay. Genl.

Pay Office Madras
8th. June 1790.

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General.

Sir.

In the letter I had the honor to address you on the 1st. Instant, I informed you that I had sent the Bill drawn on Boorjee Soucar for 50,000 Pagodas, for his acceptance.

The Bill has been this day returned to me unaccepted but, with eventual promises of Payment, which (considering the purposes to which the Money is to be applied) I do not think

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8th

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Government Fort St. George

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell – The Detachment under his Command arrived at Ellore the 31st. Ultimo – waits for orders to pursue his March to the Southward –

I have had the honor to receive your letters of the 11th. & 27th. Ultimo; The first arrived with me whilst on the March to this place, & the latter since my arrival here.

The Commanding Officer of all the Troops in the northern Division will have reported to Government the arrival of the Detachment of Bengal Troops, under my Command, at Ellore on the 31st. May; and I did not therefore deem it necessary to address Government myself.

The Detachment has not yet been ordered to pursue it's march to the Southward; but when I am instructed to proceed, I shall be attentive to the Commands of Government to make occasional Reports of my Progress to the Southward.

I am, Sir, with the greatest Respect

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Jno. Cockerell

Lieut. Colt. Commanding Bengl. Detach.

Camp – Ellore – 3rd. June 1790 —

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.

Governor in Council Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Hughes – lays up Provisions for the Bengal Detachment at Vellatore & Nanapelly – requesting that orders be immediately issued, directing that the Company of Regulars now attached to the Collector may remain under his Direction.

I have been honored with your Commands thro' Mr. Secretary Chamier, directing me to give all the assistance in my power towards facilitating the progress of the

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8th Bengal Detachment in their March thro' this District.

I was advised some time ago, by the Chief & Council at Masulipatam of its route, and requested by them to lay up Provisions at the Villages of Vellatore and Narrapilly conformable to an Estimate sent to them, which they enclosed to me; as the Detachment might halt at either or both those places I have directed a proper supply to be laid up accordingly.

On the removal of the 12th Battalion to Inniconda, I applied to your Honor &c. for one Company to remain with the Collector for the purpose of assisting him in the Collections, & you were pleased to give Directions to that effect — Shortly after, some difficulties in proceeding in the Settlement having arisen, the Commanding Officer of the District was addressed for an additional Company, he complied with my application, and it remained here until the 27th ultimo, when having represented that he was much distressed to carry on the Duties of his Garrison, I could not but acquiesce in his Request that the Company which he had sent should be returned, altho' the Settlement was not completed, & the Service of both was still much wanted.

As the Company now stationed with me may without the most explicit orders of Government to the contrary, be ordered to Inniconda on the first appearance of Horse in the District, I beg leave to submit to you the propriety of this Company being directed to remain with & accompany me to whatever place I may find it expedient to remove to. My

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9th Sent the undermentioned Letters - entered in M.B. Nos. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35.

To the Paymaster at Tritchinopoly

To the Paymaster at Tritchinopoly - unless his accounts are transmitted to the Presidency on or before the 11th of July next, effectual methods will be taken to prevent in future such Irregularities.

To Mr. Cockburn

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - The Nabob will be immediately applied to for positive orders to his Managers at Vellore & Madura. In the mean time, Mr. Vaughan's offer of Grain is to be accepted.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - To add to the Field Train at Wallaujaubaad [illegible] Pounders.

To Colonel Capper

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army accounts - The Revenue Troops, when doing the duty of Regulars whether in Field or Garrison, to receive the Pay of Regulars. - Enclosing Copies of two Letters received from Bengal.

To Colonel Capper

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army accounts declining the purchase of Mr. Willis's House. Mr. Willis to be allowed 10 Pagodas ⅌ mensem for House Rent.

To Mr. B. Sulivan Attorney General.

To the Company's Attorney General - To report his opinion upon the mode of Proceeding to be adopted against the Recruits accused of a Conspiracy on board the Triton.

To the agent for the Bullock Contractors

To the agent for the Bullock Contractors - his application for payment for Bullocks to be referred to the Commander in Chief.

To the Civil Paymaster General.

To the Civil Paymaster General - Enclosing List of the Names of 296 Dooley Boys entertained & sent to the Presidency by the Chief & Council at Ganjam - likewise Extract of a Letter from Ganjam on the subject of Pay advanced them.

To

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8th quitting Guntoor at this time would totally stop the Collecti=
=ons, which should I be compelled to by the Enemy's having actually entered the Circar, the remoteness of Innicondah & Bellumcondah from the other parts of the District, as well as the danger attending my attempting then to retire to either of those places, renders them far less preferable than Raichore, nearer and more centrically situated, & perfectly defensible against Horse; but should a more formidable Force enter the Country, there is from thence a safe and certain retreat by means of the Kistnah, running within two Coss of it.—

I shall therefore beg leave to request your Honor &c. will give Directions for this one Company being attached to the Collector, it's Services being absolutely necessary to him at all times.— I shall at the same time offer to your Consideration, that the assistance of two or three Companies of Sibendy Troops, during the time the Collections are making, would be of infinite greater utility in facilitating them, than the Country Sibendy, the Company of Regulars now with me being so far from sufficient for that purpose, that it furnishes very few more than the necessary home Guards, & Escorts for such Sums as may be ready to be sent to Masulipatam.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Robert Hughes
Collector

Guntoor - 4th June 1790 —

Sent

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To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.

9th To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham - permitting him to proceed to Sea for the recovery of his Health - Captain Fairfull has been permitted to receive him on board the Minerva -

To the Commander of the Minerva

To Captain Fairfull - permitting him to receive on board his Ship Colonel Sydenham & Mr. Assistant Surgeon Baillie.

To the Revenue Board

To the Revenue Board - to provide a few armed Peons for the Execution of the Duties at the Posts of Mandantium, Trivalore, & Munnamungalum - it having been judged necessary to call in the out-Guards of the 27th Battalion of Native Infantry who did Duty at those places. -

To Colonel Kelly Commanding the Centre Division

To Colonel Kelly - to direct the Company of the 21st Battalion of Native Infantry now in Arnee, to join it's Corps at Wallayjaubaad - & the Company of the 15th Battalion of Native Infantry at Vellore to replace that ordered from Arnee. - Two Galloper three Pounders to be added to the Field Train at Wallayjaubaad - Application will be made to the Nabob to order all the Poligars to send their proportion of Men to such places as he may point out.

Sent the following Letter to his Highness the Nabob (also entered in C.C. No. 110.)

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick.

To the Nabob - In refutation of the Charges brought forward by his Highness in his letter of the 7th Instant - Expressing Concern at his refusal to deliver over the Management of his Country during the War - Two accounts Encloud.

I have been honored with the receipt of your Highness's letter of the 7th Instant, which I have laid before the Council, who have desired me to express to you their Sentiments upon the different parts of it.

Your Highness having thought proper to

bring

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9th bring forward some very unexpected Demands, it is become necessary to reply fully to them, lest a silence might be construed into an admission of many points, upon which, I am concerned to say, very different Ideas are entertained.

I pass over the first part of your Highness's letter, mentioning your long Connexion & attachment to the King and Company — they are well known, & have been often acknowledged.

Your Highness is pleased to say — "In my letter "to General Medows of the 29th March last, I offered to pay into "the Company's Treasury two Lacs of Pagodas, which I have "since paid in ready money, and given a security for a further "payment of two Lacs, which I have also since discharged "by Teep — I also complied with the wishes of the Company, "signified in their letter by the Swallow, to make over the "Mony from Tayore to them, after reserving a Grain of "Corn for myself as a Peishcush and my right of Sovereignty "upon that Country, in full discharge of every Claim that might "be brought against me in consequence of the late War with "Hyder Ally — and claimed the Indulgence & Remission promised "by the Company in their abovementioned Letter, provided I "complied with their requisition — Informing General Medows "at the same time, that these matters being adjusted, there "would consequently be an end to all Accounts between the "Company and me, from the beginning of Time to the date of

my

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9th "unspecified accounts whatever" — I am rather at a loss to give it a serious reply! — surely your Highness could not suppose that, because an Arrangement was proposed for a final settlement of the Company's Claim upon you for your share of the Expenses of the late Wars, that; it was intended by this Arrangement to clear off all Accounts from the beginning of Time [illegible] they were cleared off, but I am certain that this Arrangement is not authorized, from any orders of the Company in their possession, to admit such an idea.

[illegible] shall now proceed [illegible] to the Credits which [illegible] claims, of the Remissions to which (as your Highness is pleased to express [illegible]) you have an undoubted right.

[illegible] says "the Company's share of the [illegible] Lacs of Pagodas [illegible] on account of my public and "private Creditors for the year [illegible] being about 6 Lacs of Pagodas, "this [illegible] is unquestionable, as the Company directs that the "Money from Tanjore shall be taken as an equivalent for "the War Debt, not having received any of the arrears or the "Money that are coming from Tanjore, whereby the War Debt "and the Money from Tanjore became specific articles to be "sett off against each other; and I ought not, therefore, agreeable "to the orders by the Swallow, to be charged with the five Lacs "of Pagodas to my Account — But it must be understood "that, if my propositions are rejected, and the Indulgence

"granted

9th "my Letter of the 29th March, whether on Account of War, "Kist, or any unspecified accounts whatever" — Upon the foregoing Quotation I observe that your Highness since the 29th March, has made Payments to the amount of Pagodas 2,36,970.18 — but these have been very inadequate to the exigencies of Government and infinitely short of their Expectation, founded upon your Existing Engagements with the Company. On the 29th March, your Highness by Letter acceded to the propositions made by the Company for your Relief in their Letter of Lavallow, & General Medows [illegible] recorded the acquiescence of this Government at the first meeting of Council after the receipt of your Highness's Letter — The Indulgences & Remissions ordered by the Court of Directors are therefore to operate in your Highness's favor from the 1st April, as it would be inconsistent to suppose that your Engagements terminating on the 31st March should be affected by your acquiescence in a new arrangement on the 29th of the same Month. Two days cannot have this Effect, and particularly as your Highness might have acceded Twelve Months sooner, had you been so disposed.

With respect to your Highness's observation that — "these matters being adjusted, there would consequently be an end to all accounts between the Company and "me, from the beginning of time to the Date of my Letter of "the 29th of March, whether on account of War, Kist, or any

"unspecified

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9th "granted by the Court of Directors are denied me, I do not "consider myself bound to adhere at any future period "to my promise of making over the Tanjore Money."

As Your Highness is in possession of the Company's orders by the Swallow, it must have exaped your observation that they are not to have a retrospective operation; the remissions ordered can therefore only commence from the period of your acceding to the propositions this, as before remarked, was on the 29th March of course the March Kist must stand against your Highness as arranged by the Treaty.

The amount of Receipts in your Highness's possession, for Money paid by your Amuldars, amounting to Pagodas 67,000, will certainly be passed to your Highness's Credit, after the Receipts are examined and reported upon by the Company's Accountant.

The amount of Grain delivered in will also be passed to your Highness's Credit, when the Account is settled for which purpose, I am to request your Highness will be pleased to send me the Storekeepers Receipts for the Grain delivered by the Circar's Servants, that the amount for which your Highness is to be Credited may be ascertained.

I am sorry your Highness has thought it necessary to bring forward your Claim for 116,000 Pagodas, being the Balance due on account of your Highness's Sixth part,

when

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9th when the Deed of assignment was surrendered to you — If your Highness insists upon it, it will be admitted, but it will induce a necessity to claim from your Highness five Sixths of the Balances transferred to your Highness upon the surrender of the assignment — These are the Company's Instructions upon this subject.

Your Highness's account Current now transmitted to you, will shew that Credit is given for all Payments in ready money in the Month of February 1790 — of course the 51,150 mentioned must be included — This observation will apply to the four Lacs mentioned in the succeeding Paragraph of your Highness's letter, your account being made up to the present day.

With regard to the Credit claimed of 16 Lacks, which is supported by arguments contained in the next very short Paragraph, I confess myself at some loss to reply to it — I acknowledge that your Highness is entitled to deductions in the Event of Failures in the Crops, but I conceive the Quantum should be ascertained at the time, & with somewhat more precision than your Highness has thought necessary to give to the subject. — As to the Tribute due to your Highness from the Poligars of Tinnevelly, I can only say that Government would doubtless have assisted your Highness in recovering it, if applications had been made to them in the manner prescribed by Treaty — The whole therefore of this Claim, as it stands

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9th I must answer it, by laying before your Highness your account with the Company, made up to the present hour by the Accountant General — From this Account Government cannot swerve, as the Items are incontestible.

[illegible] Your Highness says "these matters ought to have been [illegible] long since, but instead of granting Relief [illegible] that the receiving the Relief intended by the Company has rested with your Highness — it might have operated immediately after the arrival of the Swallow's Dispatches [illegible] your Highness has judged proper to accede to the propositions of the Company when first imparted to you. — As to the Charge of this Government having acted against the express orders of the Company, if it be proved that their representations have [illegible] so, they must answer for such Conduct to their [illegible].

Your Highness is pleased to say that, "the "prolonging the operation of the articles of this Treaty until the March Kist "became due, was apparently with no other view than to load "you with this additional burthen, for the Company must "have considered themselves at War long before that period."

So far from encreasing your Highness's burthens, the very act of which you complain, ought to have a

different

9 at present, must be decided upon by the Court of Directors.

I must beg leave to differ in opinion with Your Highness, when you are pleased to say that — "Conformably to the "order from Europe, I am further entitled to Credit for the Sum "of 280,000 Pagodas paid in the Year 1788 above & over, on account "of my Kist."

I cannot discover how any such Deduction is conformable to the [illegible] Europe, nor indeed can I give any opinion upon it, until the Items forming the Sum of 280,000 Pagodas are explained.

Your Highness next remarks that "the Balance "against me, specified in General Medon's Letter of the 7th day "of March 1790, was Pagodas 650,482,16.35, in addition to "which a Demand of 280,000 Pagodas was made for Contingent "Charges which Sums you say contain the full amount "that can in justice be demanded of me by the Company — "Supposing they had such demand upon me (which I don't "admit) they are fully liquidated by the Remission & Credits "stated in the former part of this Letter, and a Balance will "remain due to me of Pagodas 985,950 which must be carried "to the Credit of four fifths of the Revenue which I am to pay "according to Treaty."

This very summary mode of bringing the Company Debtor to your Highness for no less a Sum than 985,950 Pagodas, I confess very much astonishes me —

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of a different Effect; for your payments to the Company in time of War are certainly more than in time of Peace. By making the War arrangement Commence on the 1st. of June. Regularity is preserved, & the Dividends to your Highness's Creditors after your march Kist is Completed, will be easily ascertained & hereafter discharged by the Company.

Altho' they wish to pay all possible respect to what is expected by your Highness, it will be impossible for this Government upon the materials before them, to concur with your Highness when you say - you have made it fully appear that the Company have no demand upon you. We trust your Highness will fulfil your Engagements but they regret you should decline making over the Cause of your Country to the Company's Representatives during the War, when you were urgently solicited to do so by your best friends.

It is, I conceive, unnecessary to discuss at present, the History of the War Debt. - Your Highness has acquiesced in the mode of clearing off the Company's Demand, whatever be the amount. - It is certain that all Parties Suffered, & the Company not the least, as is notorious from the heavy Debts under which they at present

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9th present labour.

I am surprized your Highness should think it necessary to Complain of the want of Communication respecting the War, as all the Letters addressed to you since General Medows's arrival have scarcely contained any thing else but Demands for Money and Grain to carry it on—

I shall conclude this long Letter with assuring your Highness that it is as much the wish as it is the Duty of this Government to pay all possible Respect to your Highness and every attention to your Situation and Claims, as far as may be consistent with safety to the publick Trust with which they are invested.

I have the honor to be
May it please your Highness!

Your Highness's most obedient
and most humble Servant

(signed) John Turing

Fort St. George
9th June 1790.

Dr.

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Account Current with the Honorable Company existing Treaty. } Cr.

	Pagodas Fs. C.
By Cash [illegible] 1st to the 9th of June 1790	16,511 —
By Balance [illegible]	14,48,024.34.35
Pagodas	14,64,535.34.35

9th June 1790

Excepted

Geo. Moubray

Accountant Genl.

N.B. A Teep on Connapillo [illegible] 18000 due [illegible] May last, has [illegible] of which 11511 Pagodas [illegible] remains at present to be paid — Pags. 36,488 — —

A Teep on Ditto due 23rd [illegible] for Pags. 50,000, of which 5,000 Pagodas [illegible] paid there still remains to be paid — Pags. 45,000 — —

Pagodas — — 81,488 — —

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn his in Conformity to the

			Pagodas	f.	C
1790 May	27th	To Balance due this day as per account delivered to the Honorable Governor in Council	14,64,535	34	35
		Pagodas	14,64,535	34	35

Fort St. George

Errors

N.B. The Nabob's last Kist of this year for Seven Lacs of Pagodas is payable in July next

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Account of Payments made by His Highness the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn, from the 29th March to the 9th of June 1790.

		Pagodas f. C.
The amount received in cash at Madras from the 29th to the 31st March 1790		6,800
Ditto in the month of April		126,396
Ditto in the month of May	1160	
Ditto by a Bill on Trichinopoly for Porto Novo Pagodas 50,000	43,103.18	
Ditto on Boodarjee at Trichinopoly	20,000	
Ditto on [illegible]	20,000	
		87,263.18
Ditto from the 1st to the 9th June 1790		16,511
Pagodas		236,970.18

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Errors Excepted

(signed) Geo. Moubray

Accountant General

N.B. A Teep on Connapillee for Pags. 48,000 due 31st May last, has been accepted of which 16,511 Pags. is received — there remains at present to be paid — 36,488

A Teep on Ditto due 23rd June, for Pags. 50,000 of which 5,000 Pags. is paid — there still remains to be paid — 45,000

Pagodas — 81,488

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Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be immediately dispatched to Bengal.

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Received the following Letter from Bengal.

The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Bengal — Hope the Nabob will be prevailed upon to deliver over the Management of his Country during the War — The Penalty expressed by Archibald Campbell's Treaty to be carried into Execution, in case of failure in his Highness's Engagements.

We have received your letter dated the 8th Instant, and it has given us no small concern to learn not only that the Nabob has failed in the Payment of the Kist of Pagodas 20,000, which was due in the beginning of this month, but that you had also been unsuccessful in obtaining money from private Persons to supply that Deficiency, for Bills upon this Government.

Earnestly desirous, as we are, that his Highness should be treated, on every occasion, with the utmost delicacy and tenderness, to his personal feelings. We cannot allow considerations of that nature to interfere with a due discharge of the duty which We owe to our Country; & therefore, at this Juncture, when an united and a vigorous exertion of all our powers is no less necessary for the safety of his Highness's own Dominions than for the support of the honor & Interest of the Company, We are indispensibly bound to direct that you will (if it has not been already done) according

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Should your Endeavors on this point prove successful, not only a liberal proportion of the Revenues, that shall be realized, might, according to the terms of the Treaty to be regularly paid to his Highness for the support of his family and his dignity, but the utmost facility should also be given on your part to his Highness or to such officers as may be employed by him for that purpose, to examine most minutely your Receipts and Disbursements of those Revenues, in order that he [illegible] perfectly satisfied that they are distributed and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] manner, according [illegible] [illegible] have been entered into by [illegible] the [illegible]

We trust that the [illegible] which We gave you, to take the [illegible] thousand pounds out of the Company's Ships going [illegible] will have furnished a supply for your immediate exigencies, but if your necessities are urgent, We authorise you to take a further sum of twenty thousand pounds out of those Ships, as we see no prospect of being able to make you a remittance from hence for several months to come.

We shall, according to your desire, take an early opportunity to transmit to you a copy of Mr. James Grant's account of the Northern Circars.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c. " Cornwallis
signed " Chas. Stuart
" Peter Speke

Fort William
25th. May 1790 —

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10th according to the tenor of our former Letter dated the 11th Instant, and according to Rules of Expediency & Justice, require an immediate performance of the Engagements that he has contracted with the Company [illegible] We mean, that he shall, without delay, discharge the whole of [illegible] that may be due by him to the Company's Treasury at the time of the Receipt of this Letter, or in cases of failure, that he shall surrender the Districts of his Country that were [illegible] in the Treaty, concluded with Sir [illegible] to the Management of your Government.

We are fully persuaded that the disorder in his Highness's Finances & the consequent failure in the regularity of his payments to the Company's Treasury, may be principally attributed to his incapacity, or to his total want of application & attention to his own Affairs & that his unfortunate Subjects have long groaned under a system of gross peculation and cruel oppression, which has been exercised over them by his Highness's Dismiss and managers throughout the whole of his Country.

We therefore repeat our warmest recommendations that you should take every means in your power to persuade his Highness to entrust the Management of the whole of his Territories to your care, being convinced that a Compliance on his part would equally promote the Interest of the Honble Company and the Cause of humanity.

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Immediately upon the Receipt of the foregoing Letter, the acting President directed a Letter to be Drafted to the Nabob, which being approved was ordered to be dispatched, & is now entered hereunder (also entered in C.C. No. 111)

To the Nabob

To the Nabob – requesting him again to take into serious Consideration the request made to his Highness of surrendering the Management of his Country during the Continuance of the War – Enclosing a Sup on Booderjee Sources for 50,000 Star Pagodas, which is returned from Tanjore, in consequence of Booderjee's having refused to accept it.

I had the honor to address your Highness yesterday, in reply to your Letter of the 7th Instant, & transmitted to your Highness your account Current made up to the day, together with a Memorandum stating the sums received from your Highness since the 29th March last.

I expressed to your Highness the regret of this Government that you had not judged it proper to acquiesce in their Solicitations for the Surrender of the Management of your Country during the continuance of the War. – This subject has been urged in the strongest manner to your Highness agreeably to Instructions from the Superior Government, who consider the measure not less beneficial to the Publick Cause, than conducive to your Highness's real Interests.

Some further Instructions & communications having been received from Bengal since the date of my Letter to your Highness, it becomes necessary to request your Highness will again take into your most serious Consideration the request made to you at this important Juncture by the Representatives of the Company. – As this request is the result of great deliberation, on their part, it is materially interesting

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to your Highness to manifest your attachment to the Company by a compliance with it, particularly as it is judged of the utmost Importance to their Interest, in which your own & that of your Family is intimately connected.

Whether the payments made by your Highness since the 29th March are in liquidation of the Balance due the 1st of April, or whether they are to be received as being four fifths of the actual Receipts from your Country since the 1st of April, they must be considered very inadequate to our just Claims and Expectations, and they cannot but afford a melancholy proof of the Mismanagement of your Highness's Affairs.

As further proof of this Assertion, tho' certainly the proof cannot be necessary, I beg leave to call to your Highness's Recollection the frequent disappointments We have lately experienced from having the Teeps delivered in by your Highness returned upon our hands — This circumstance cannot occur when affairs are well regulated.

I am now under the necessity of enclosing Teep for fifty thousand Pagodas which is returned from in consequence of Bodeseyes upon whom it was drawn, refusing to accept it.

The Claims upon your Highness are now again stated — The Request of the Government that your Highness will be pleased to make over the Management of your Country during the War, is again repeated, & I hope

will

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10th of our own Territories, & those of our Allies, and for prose=
=cuting the War to a speedy and honorable Conclusion.

Upon that principle, we ordered the augmentation of two Companies to each Native Battalion; & with a view to strengthen your Native Establishment, We detached the six Battalions that are now upon their March to the Carnatic under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell.

[illegible] to remind you of the deficiency of your own [illegible], or of the pecuniary diffi=
=culties of this Government, as you are sufficiently [illegible]; but [illegible] of those Embarrass=
=ments [illegible] particularly called upon to recommend the [illegible] economy in all Military Expences, that may be [illegible] consistent with the above=
=mentioned [illegible] the protection of our own Domi=
=nions [illegible] of the [illegible] against Tippoo Sultaun.

[illegible] you therefore have completed the augmentation [illegible] to each Native Battalion, & should [illegible] further Consideration, be of opinion [illegible] Native Troops will be re=
=quired [illegible], we shall consent to their being augmented gradually, as it may be found practicable to raise Recruits, & as the wants of the public Service may become evident; but We are of opinion that the augmentation should begin with only one Battalion, and that it should advance

by

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10th will not be repeated without success. — I shall wait with impatience for your Highness's Answer.

I have the honor to be
May it please your Highness!
Your Highness's most obedient
& most humble servant
signed John Turing

Fort St. George
10th June 1790

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Letter be drafted to Bengal in reply to the one above insered, & that the necessary Explanation [illegible] the subject demands, be given to the Governor General [illegible]

Received the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Honble Sir

[illegible] Bengal — Stating [illegible] of the Method [illegible] in case [illegible] further Augmentation of the Native Corps on this Establishment be deemed absolutely necessary by the Commander in Chief — Objecting to the system of allotting particular Bodies of Troops for Revenue purposes only — Approving General Medows's resolution to take the Command of the Army.

We have [illegible] your Letter dated the 7th Instant, in [illegible], requesting our sanction for augmenting your [illegible] by adding six Native Battalions.

[illegible] proposition, We have to observe that, without adverting to our former orders for a peace Establishment, you cannot be more sensible than We are that such augmentations must be made to the forces at the different Presidencies as may appear to be necessary for the protection

of

10th. by putting other Battalions successively, and singly, in commission, after those that shall have been first ordered to be raised shall have been completed.

We cannot avoid declaring, on this occasion, that We entertain great doubts of it's being a judicious system to allot particular Bodies of Troops, for Revenue purposes, only at your Presidency.

Much public Money was wasted, and great abuses of different kinds were formerly practised, under a similar system in Bengal; and since it's abolition, the Revenue Department has received, whenever it was necessary, the most effectual assistance from the regular Troops of the Establishment, who at the same time are ready & fit to be employed in any other Branch of the public Service.

We highly approve of your Presidents intention to take the Command of the Southern Army in person, as We believe him to be well qualified to render essential Services to this Country on that Station.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
25th. May 1790.

(signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be immediately transmitted to Major General Medows, with the accompanying Letter.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

To Major General Medows Enclosing Copy of the above Letter, & requesting his Sentiments on the Contents.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter this day received from Bengal, & beg to be favored with your Sentiments with respect to the necessity of making at this moment the augmentation to our army which is authorized by the Governor General in Council.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir

Fort St. George
10th June 1790.

Your most obedient humble Servants
(signed) John Turing
Lcd. Council

Ordered that the following Extract from the Records of the Publick Department be entered hereunder

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 8th June 1790.

Extract from the Records of the public Department respecting the admission of the Sick belonging to the Vestal Frigate into the Company's Hospital.

"Agreed to acquaint Captain Byron that such Persons "belonging to his Majesty's Ship Phœnix, as he may "deem to be fit objects, will be received into the Company's "Hospital, & that an account of the Expences incurred "thereby will be presented to him for payment in cash,

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orders relative to Payments for Bullocks as you may judge necessary and proper

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Fort St. George
8th June 1790

Your most obedient humble servants

signed } John Turing
Gt. Council

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

Governor General in Council

My Lord

Fort William

To Bengal Quoting copy of a letter addressed to the Nabob in answer to his of the 7th Instant

We have now the honor to enclose copy of the [illegible] which [illegible] has this day [illegible] Highness the Nabob in answer to his letter of the 7th Instant.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most obedient Servants

Fort St. George
9th June 1790

signed } John Turing
Gt. Council

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent letter to his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 112) stating that the stores of Grain at Vellore & Madura are deficient, & requesting his Highness will give directions for compleating them.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

To

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10th "or by Bills drawn payable to the Court of Directors,
"conformable to the Instructions of the Government
"General"

A true Extract

Robert Clerk
Deputy Secy

To the Hospital Board.

Ordered that the above be [illegible] to the Hospital Board (vide M.P. [illegible] 36)

Sent the following Letter

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor and Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

To Major General Medows to give such orders as he may deem necessary in consequence of an application from the Agent for the Bullock Contractors for payment of the Contractors Bills in Camp.

[illegible] the Agent for the Bullock Contractors [illegible] would direct the Commissary of Grain & Provisions to receive the Contractors Bill & Vouchers, to draw for, & Pay to the Contractors Agent in Camp whatever him you may think proper to order in part payment thereof and to obtain & deliver to them the Paymaster's Bill on the Military Paymaster General for the Balance — authorizing the Paymaster in Camp to grant such Bills to the Commissary of Grain & Provisions, for the Contractors.

Conceiving the above to be a matter of detail which can best be regulated by you, We beg leave to request you will make such arrangements, & issue such

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To the Right Honorable
Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

Mylord

To Bengal with Remarks on some passages of their Letter of the 25th Ultimo, relative to the Surrender of the Nabob's Country — Copy of the second Letter addressed his Highness on the Subject enclosed — Inutility of enforcing the penalty of the Treaty.

We have been this day honored with the receipt of the Letter from your Lordship in Council under date the 25th Ultimo, on the Subject of our Situation with the Nabob.

Altho' We have lately, & so recently made application to his Highness, We thought the Letter received from your Lordship affordedly good opportunity to repeat our Solicitations, & We accordingly renewed our application in a Letter addressed to his Highness by the acting President.

Of this Letter We enclose a Copy, & shall transmit to your Lordship in Council the Nabob's answer the moment it is received — in the mean time We think it necessary to remark, in reply to that part of your Lordship's Letter, in which it is said — "He (the Nabob) shall surrender the Districts of his "Country that were specified in the Treaty &c." — that the fifth & sixth Articles of the Treaty, which refer to Districts specified in an annexed Schedule, relate entirely to the mode of proceeding in the event of failure in time of Peace — The Districts in the Schedule are the least productive under the Nabob's authority, & altho' they might answer for failures in time of peace, would be very inadequate to the Discharge of the present Balance against the Nabob. — The whole of the Nabob's Country under the

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10th the present system would not produce, for a considerable period, a sum equal to the liquidation of his Highness's Arrears.

In a former letter, We had the honor to note that the provisions for the Event of Deficiencies in time of War, were less strong than those [illegible] in time of peace. We alluded to the 5th & 6th, & 10th Articles of the [illegible]. In the 5th & 6th, Superintendants or Receivers [illegible] appointed; In the 10th there must be the previous [illegible] of appointing Inspectors & Accomplishments a process which could [illegible] any good purpose, & would be attended [illegible] considerable loss of time, as might [illegible] render nugatory the subsequent appointment of [illegible] or Receivers.

[illegible] your Lordship in Council judges proper finally [illegible] that We must add [illegible] to the Treaty, We shall do our best to render [illegible] altho' our opinion [illegible] will not authorise expectation of favorable Issues.

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

Fort St. George
10th June 1790

Signed John Turing
Sr. Council

Received the undermentioned Letters — Entered in M.B. Nos 37.38.

From the Chief Engineer.

From the Chief Engineer — forwarding a Letter from Captain Ogg, enclosing Certificate of the Medical Board stating the necessity of his proceeding to China, for the recovery of his health, & requesting an advance of Six Months Pay.

from the Chief at Sadras.
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From the Chief at Sadras — with Information of the arrival there of the English Deserters from the Company's Ship Hindostan, whom he has confined — requesting that a Guard be sent to Escort them to Madras.

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King's & Company's Paymasters General to transact, in addition to the Offices of Commissary, Comptroller, & Muster Master General. It appears to me impossible to execute all these various Duties, without an able European Assistant, & at least five Malabar Writers — At present I am allowed only 60 Pagodas a month for Writers in all the different Departments, & actually pay out of my own pocket 70 Pagodas a month; which I shall be obliged to encrease during the War, unless the Honble Board will please to make me some additional allowance, in consequence of the arrival of the Bengal Troops, & the Army on the Coast being in motion, which has nearly doubled the business of my Office.

I am happy in this opportunity of laying before [illegible] an incontestible proof of my strict Oeconomy in Office Charges — They will bear no comparison with those of the Auditor General at Bengal, which have received the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council; and indeed he is authorized to draw for as many as he thinks necessary, & his Charges are never called in question. — One month with another, if I am rightly informed, he pays upwards of 3,000 Rupees for Writers only — Mine have never exceeded 60 Pagodas a month to the Company, besides 70 out of my own Pocket.

It is impossible for me in the present hurry of business, to confine my attention to Book Keeping only, without neglecting other matters of much greater Importance; — It is necessary therefore, that the European Assistant, who is to be

Employed

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At a Consultation

Present

John Turing Esqr.

Acting President

Friday 11th June 1790. Edward Saunders Esqr.

The Honorable Major [illegible] William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation [illegible] Approved.

Read the following Letter [illegible]

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military [illegible]

Sir,

From Colonel Capper - Recommending Mr. Jones to be appointed to keep the Leger ordered from Bengal, & requesting to be allowed an additional number of Native Writers

I have been favored with your Letter of yesterday, informing me "that the Monthly Charge stated by me as necessary for keeping the Leger appears to the Board very high, & that they desire I will consider the subject & report whether, it cannot be done at a less Expence to the Honble Company."

In answer I must request you will inform the Honble Board, that I think it cannot be undertaken at a less Expence than I have already stated; for it must be known to them that it is impossible to keep a Leger without a Journal, & to keep a Journal & Leger includes a Set of Books; and if I am to keep a Set of Books of the King's & Company's Accounts on this Coast, I shall have the Major part of the business of the

King's

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Employed, should be perfectly conversant in this business; & I am not acquainted with any person of this description, but Mr. Jones, who has been long accustomed to keeping the Books of the Kings & Company's Paymasters General; & he will not accept of any Salary under 100 Pagodas a month, which in my opinion he will very well deserve, if he does his duty properly.

Upon further Consideration [illegible] my former letter, & the facts stated in this, I flatter [illegible] myself the Honble Board will be convinced, that the Charges proposed by me for keeping two sets of Books are extremely moderate; & I should further hope that, at least during the present [illegible] they will be pleased to [illegible] me from the heavy Monthly Charge long paid by me for Writers to do the Company's business, which is a considerable [illegible] of a Salary already scarcely sufficient to defray the Expences of an Officer of my Rank. — Unless the Honble Board will please to grant me some Indulgence of this nature, as my Trouble and Responsibility encrease, my Income will be deminished, or else I must perform the Duties of a Writer in my own Office, and whilst attempting to save the Company an hundred Pagodas a month, subject myself to the Commission of mistakes, by which my Employers may eventually incur the loss of several Thousands.

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

Fort St. George
5th June 1790

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Capper be permitted to Employ Mr. Jones at the rate of Pagodas 100 ℘ month, for the purpose of keeping the Ledger ordered from Bengal; and to entertain such additional Native Writers as Colonel Capper may find absolutely necessary to assist in the Execution of the above Service.

Read the following Letter from Major Tonyn.

To John Seamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 29th ultimo, mentioning that you were directed by Government to acquaint me that I was to consider myself under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Commanding at Wallaujaubaad.

[illegible] Maxwell [illegible] Prevent Commission [illegible] of Service

At the same time that I feel myself bound to obey the orders of Government, yet I owe to myself to observe that it is a peculiar hardship to be put under the Command of an Officer so much my Senior in the General Line of Service.

I have served in the King's & Company's Service above thirty five Years, & by the reputation I have acquired in the former, the Honble the Court of Directors were pleased to make favorable mention of me in their General Letter, appointing me to the Command of the Cavalry under their Presidency of Fort St. George; and notwithstanding it has been my fate on more occasions than one to have been superceded in my situation on this Establishment, I have never failed, on a Representation of

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of War, and Custom of the army, takes the Command of the whole.

Further Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be notified to Major [illegible] that he be also informed that his acquiescence in the above invariable Principle [illegible] likely to injure any [illegible] hereafter [illegible] to support.

Read the following [illegible] Captain Kennaway.

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

Honble

From Captain [illegible] Enclosing Copies of [illegible] has added [illegible] General & Major [illegible] with the Latter's Reply. The Nizam [illegible] Major Montgomery [illegible] ordered to join his Army at Bhoot pore.

[illegible] have the honor to transmit for your Information [illegible] of this date to the Governor General, together [illegible] Extract [illegible] letter [illegible] to Major Montgomery the [illegible] Instant, & his Reply.

On the [illegible] Instant, [illegible] by the Nizam [illegible] to Major [illegible] on his [illegible] this [illegible] instead of [illegible] Gaut [illegible] this [illegible] will arrive [illegible] to morrow or the day after.

[illegible] the honor [illegible]

Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) John Kennaway

Camp at Bhoot pore
30th May 1790

To

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of my Case to Government at home, to be restored to my Rights in the Cavalry Line. — Nor do I suppose but that, from the same principle of Justice & regard to length of Service and professional Reputation, which has hitherto protected me in those Rights, I should be indulged with a proper Consideration of my Rank and Services in the present instance.

In the mean time [illegible] you will represent to Government my [illegible] will be pleased to grant me a Brevet Commission [illegible] of Service, to relieve me from being subject to the Command of Officers who never bore a Commission till many years after I had held the Rank of Captain [illegible] such Commission [illegible] letter cannot be granted [illegible] adopted for the Coast Service [illegible] will be pleased by some publick Act to preserve [illegible] those Rights and Claims to which I am entitled from length of Service & that my obedience to the order of Government of the 29th Ultimo shall not be construed as an acquiescence to the prejudice thereof.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Shivilamoodoo
6th June 1790.

J. Col. Tonyn

Minute thereon

The Board observe upon the foregoing letter, that it must be well known to Major Tonyn that, when two or more Corps attached to the same Service, are brought together, the Senior Officer of course, by the Rules

of

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Detachment; a force would be selected to detach with it to Pagtoor, which lies at a small distance on the Southbank of the Kistnah, consisting of at least 15000, of which 5,000 would be Cavalry, and that this Force would be ordered to Invade Tippoo's Country, and support Hafez Ferid u dien as soon as accounts should arrive of General Medows having commenced his operations. I observed [illegible] that, as Balajee Pundit had assured [illegible] that not less than 25000 Horse would be detached for the same purpose by the Peishwah on receipt of the same intelligence it was incumbent I thought on his Highness to employ an equal number — so such Meer Abul Cassim [illegible] serving on Persian Pahows not having yet moved, replied, that the Moon after detaching his force would follow in person, and be ready to support it with as many more Troops as might be requisite for the service, which was to be performed, that Mohaud [illegible] who had been sent for, was designed for the Command of the Party, which in case of his declining it would be given to some other Sirdar of Established Reputation.

The Battalions of Infantry at present in Camp amount to about [illegible] men [illegible] of whom except 2,000, are furnished such as may be with [illegible] locks.

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

Camp at Bhoolpore —
23 Coss from the Kistna —
30th May 1790.

A true Copy / signed / N. B. Edmunstone
Apt.

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Captain Kennaway to Major Montgomery dated - Purchellah 25th May 1790 -

"His Highness the Nizam has informed me that the Battalions of your Detachment are incomplete in Numbers & that you are Enlisting a great many Recruits, the evil Consequence of which as the Battalions are immediately to be Employed on Service, "he [illegible] presented to me in strong Colours & I have informed "him in reply that I conceived such Enlistments were merely to supply the common Casualties of the Corps under your Command; & shall be glad to be favored with such further Explanation from you as shall [illegible] me to set this matter to his Highness in [illegible] proper [illegible]

Observe Extract [illegible]

[illegible]

Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery to Captain Kennaway, dated [illegible], 28th May 1790 -

"I am sorry to be obliged [illegible] you in reply to that part of your Letter in which you [illegible] that the Nizam [illegible] your the Battalions [illegible] Command are [illegible] they being both [illegible] previous to leaving your Corps [illegible] Government which was 800 "Ellore [illegible] Rank & File per Battalion - they are also in a bad state with "respect to Cloathing; one Battalion in particular, which "has received none for some time, & makes a most motley "appearance

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Mr. Vaughan refuses to pay the Sibendy Sepoys Batta, altho' the G.O. by Government under date the 10th February 1787 say "on the raising the Revenue Battalions, the Sibendy Sepoys "to be informed that in the Event of War they will be drawn "to the Garrisons of the Districts to which they belong, on which "occasion they will be placed on the same Pay & Footing, in every "respect, with the Regular Battalions of Sepoys."

The G.O. by Government under date the 18th Feby. 1790 say — "The Sibendy Sepoys of the Revenue Battalions to be "placed on the same Pay & Footing with those of the Battalions "of Native Infantry, from the 1st February until further orders, "in the Event of their being employed on Service that entitles them "to this Indulgence by the Established Book of Regulations."

In the printed Book of Regulations [illegible] Head of Revenue Troops, it says — "The Europeans & Natives of the Revenue Battalions "receive the same Pay & Ct. as those of equal Rank in the Native "Infantry; except the Sibendy Sepoys whose monthly Pay is only "[illegible] Fanams, but the Natives are not to have Batta on any occasion."

The two Companies of the 8th Revenue Battalion that marched from Palamcotah were assured by Lieutenant Innes, that they would be paid their Travelling Batta to Madura — their not [illegible] it has caused great discontent amongst them; it will therefore be a satisfaction to these Sibendy Sepoys, if Government will be pleased to settle this business for them.

I have represented to the Commander in Chief that Mr. Vaughan had refused to pay Batta to the above Sepoys.

Two

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"Appearance — As I expect that Cloathing will be speedily for=
"=warded for them from Masulipatam, that was with me
"an additional motive for pushing forward to Pangtoor, that
"I might get them in some kind of order against the Nizam
"arrival there — The present state [illegible] will give you a
"better idea of our Strength — I leave it to your own discre=
"tion what use to make of it."

A true Extract

(signed) N. B. Edmunstone

Apt.

Read the following Letter from Major Sale.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From Major Sale — with Representation of the Subaltern Officers of the 22d Battalion of Native Infantry — applies for Requests they to be allowed to three Companies of the 8th Revenue Battalion doing duty in the Garrison of Masura — Intelligence respecting Tippoo — requests that his Bills for Secret Service be discharged.

I have the honor to transmit you a Representation of the Subaltern Officers of the 22d Battalion of Native Infantry, together with Captain Oram's letter to me, & am to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Board.

I have also to request that you will be so [illegible] as to represent to Government that 3 Companies of the 8th Revenue Battalion are doing duty in this Garrison; two of those Companies marched from Palamcotah; & I have occa=sionally sent out Detachments from them, to Collect Grain &c.

Mr.

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Two of my Hircarrahs are come in, & inform me that Tippoo is in Force at Coimbetour, and has with him Ten or Twelve thousand Horse, between Thirty & Forty thousand Sepoys, a great number of Peons, and about 50 Guns — The Talk in his Camp was that when our Army entered the country, Tippoo would march towards Dindigul — that there was only three [illegible] of Peons in his Buzar for one of his Tanams.

My Men tell me that all the [illegible] at Dindigull was sold, & that the Horses were completed with new Saddy — That Said Saib who Commanded Dindigull is gone to Coimbetour to join Tippoo, & has put a Semedar of Horse into the Command, but they do not know his Name.

I have been at a considerable Expence for near five months in procuring Intelligence, for which I have no allowance from the Honble Company, & therefore hope that Government will be so good as to authorise me to make [illegible] for the necessary Expence I have been at for Hircarrahs.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Robert Sale

Madura
6th June 1790.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Representation of the Subaltern Officers of the 22nd Battalion of Native Infantry be referred

to

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to the Military Board for their opinion.

Another Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Major Sale, that whenever the Peons & Sepoys do the duty of regulars, whether in the Field or in Garrison, they are to be paid as Regulars.

Major Sale's Bill for secret Service must be submitted to the approbation of General Medows before it can be [illegible] by the Board.

Of the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos. 39. 40. 41.

From Mr. Porcher

From Mr. Porcher — Requesting Permission to resign the Office of [illegible] to the Military Board, sitting as a Committee of [illegible]

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Porcher's Resignation be accepted, that Mr. [illegible] the Deputy Secretary to the Military Board, of whom favorable mention has been made by Colonel [illegible] Copyer of the President of that Board, [illegible] pointed in the room of Mr. Porcher.

From Mr. Hawkins

Mr. William Hawkins — [illegible] for House [illegible] 1790, which [illegible] built by him [illegible] of the Company.

Minute thereon

[illegible] Mr. Hawkins that the Board cannot rescind the Resolutions of Government contained in a Letter to him of the 21st April 1789; but if since that period,

Mr.

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Mr. Hawkins can prove that the Company have benefited by the Cession of his quarters. House Rent will be allowed at the rate of ten Pagodas per month.

The Board decline at this time to purchase the Houses built by Mr. Hawkins.

From the Paymaster at Wallajahpet

From the Paymaster at Wallajahpet. Petition for Stationary purchased by him for the use of the Office, that his Recognizances may be discharged — and stating that he wish to be permitted to deliver over to the Committee of Stores & Military Stores in his Possession, amounting to Pags. 21.31.10 & to receive payment for the same.

Minute thereon.

Secretary's Office

Fort St. George

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — as entered in Cons. No. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. —

To the Secretary to the Committee with Papers relative to the Office of Clerk to the Committee of the Military Board & the Charge to attend

To the Military Board — Mr. Brooke permitted to resign his Office of Clerk to that Board, being also Secretary to the Committee of Works — Mr. Pybus appointed to execute the Duties of Clothing & Paying the Troops, conducted by Mr. Brooke &c. &c. for their record

To the Military Board — to report their opinion upon an Indent from the Commanding Officer at Vellore for Tents & Camp Equipage

To the Commanding Officer at Vellore — in reply to his Letter of the 8th Instant requesting an Application of Tents & Camp Equipage for the Troops to encamp

To the Commanding Officer at Vellore — in reply to his Letter of the 22nd Instant requesting Leave of Absence — The Secretary hopes when doing the Service of the Station he will not be exposed to the Sun

To the Commanding Officer at Vellore — in reply to his Letter of the 22nd Instant requesting to be allowed to Subscribe to the Fund for the Relief of the Widows & Orphans of the Officers & Soldiers killed in the late War with Tippoo Sultaun — The Board cannot comply with the Request, but will submit the Application to the Governor in Council

12th Per Month will be allowed since April 1789, to the period when the Paymastership was abolished, if he can make it appear that the Company have been benefited by the cession of his Quarters during that time.

To Lt. Wm Oliver Colt — To the Paymaster to the army — Enclosing Copies of a letter from the Military Board.

To the Paymaster at Madura — To the Paymaster at Madura — The Sheroody Sepoys when doing the duty of Peyadas when in the Field or Garrison to receive the pay of Regulars — To pay Batta to each of the Companies of the 2d Revenue Battalions now in the above mentioned Predicament.

To Colonel Kyd — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts — permitting Employes &c to draw at the rate of 50 Rupees per Month for the purpose of keeping the Light Horse from Bengal, & the pay for such additional Native Writers as he may find indispensably necessary to forward the Execution of the above Service.

To the Chief Engineer — To the Chief Engineer — Captain Ogg permitted & ordered to China for the recovery of his health — The Master of Ships to be advanced him.

To the Paymaster at Wallajanabad — To the Paymaster at Wallajanabad — his Gross Abstract of Disbursements for Purchases made without authority &c &c &c.

Received the under mentioned Letters — viz. entered in C.C.

S. A. S. L. S. & C. S.

From the Chief at Tadpatry — From the Chief at Tadpatry — has delivered over the Seven Men to the Sepoys sent to Escort them to Madras — The Boat will be delivered as soon as the Lascars arrive. —

From

12th From the Secretary at Bombay — Enclosing an account of Lieut. Colonel Captain [illegible] was Commissioned [illegible] in that Cast —

From the Commandant at Chingleput — [illegible] pursuant of Brigadier [illegible] Majesty's 52d Regiment, confined by order of the Commander in Chief for the Murder of a Native Citizen of the [illegible] Regiment — Enclosing Copy of the order —

To the Commandant at Wallajanabad — From the Commandant at Wallajanabad — one hundred Bullocks with Grain for that Cantonment have been stopped at [illegible] by the Amildar employed to his own purposes — [illegible] by the Amildar employed to his own purposes — [illegible] by the Duty of procuring an order from the Durbar to the [illegible] Districts, not to stop [illegible] passing thro' those Countries to Wallajanabad — Enclosing a letter from Captain [illegible] at Wallajanabad, [illegible] a Passport &c &c to the Families of the Natives [illegible] Service.

To the [illegible] — Sent Letter to the [illegible] registered in C.C. No. [illegible] Letters on the Roads Trincomallee, and [illegible] Stop Provisions [illegible] pass through those [illegible] Wallajanabad [illegible] hundred [illegible] Bullocks [illegible] Grain for [illegible] Cantonment [illegible] Amildar [illegible] purposes. [illegible] Pass [illegible] Duty [illegible] Durbar [illegible] Districts [illegible] Wallajanabad [illegible] Passport [illegible] Families [illegible] Service.

To the [illegible] — Requesting [illegible] Brigadier [illegible] 52d Regiment [illegible] Commander in Chief [illegible] Native Citizen [illegible] Regiment [illegible] Order [illegible] Copy [illegible]

13th Received the following Letters — To

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13th

To John Turing Esqr.

Acting President in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From the Military Board Enclosing Extract from the Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection held at Innacondah Stating the Expences of the Breaches in the Walls of the Forts at Tiagar, & the Repairs of the Public Buildings at Tritchinopoly.

We have been honored with Mr. Sullivan Chambers Letters of the 1st and 4th Instant.

We herewith transmit for your particular Information Extract from the proceedings of a Committee of Inspection held at Innicondah, respecting the necessity of building Store Rooms at that Station; & for the reasons therein stated, We beg leave to recommend the subject to your early consideration on which the Chief Engineer has informed us his Sentiments have been submitted to your Honble Board under date the 11th December 1789.

We also take the liberty to acquaint you of a breach in the Wall of the upper Fort of Tiagar, & in the Cloud Wall of the lower one, which We recommend may be immediately repaired, as also the Repair of the public Buildings at Tritchinopoly. The Expence of the former is estimated at Pags. 341 — & that of the latter at Pags. 1252.15.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servants

Fort St. George
8th June 1790.

S. Capper

(signed) Patrick Ross

George Hall

Extract

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Extract from the Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection held at Innacondah 28th May 1790.

On the subject of Storehouses the Committee again beg leave to call the attention of Government & the Military Board, and they cannot enforce their necessity stronger than by the following Extract from the proceedings of a Committee held at this Place January 4th 1790. — "The Committee think it their duty to represent the very urgent want of Store Rooms & Magazines of every kind, those hitherto appropriated consisting of Buildings found on the spot, very inconvenient and ill adapted for the purpose, & exposed to Vermin of every kind that daily commit very considerable damage." — All further observation is unnecessary, as the Consequences from Vermin & the total want of a circulation of air, particularly to gain & stores of a perishable Nature, must be very obvious.

The Stores in the large Mosque in the Petta wasten an Enemy's Entering the Country lie moved into the Fort, as the Petta is perfectly untenable, & there is not a single place to deposit them or even to cover them in the Fort: so great a want is there of Shelter, that seven Tumbrils are from necessity put under a thatched Shed, where they are of course exposed to [illegible], but there was no safer [illegible] for them.

A true Extract

(signed) Danl. Ince
Acting Secretary

To

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13th

To the Honble the Senior Member at the Presidency
& the Gentlemen of Council &c.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Camp Courtallum
[illegible]

From General Medows — approves the steps taken with the Rajah of Cochin — wishes the Treaty with the Nizam was signed & sealed — Expects to wait two days longer at Courtallum.

I was favored with your of the [illegible] day, & am obliged to you for the Confirmation of the [illegible] recommended by Colonel Musgrave.

I agree with you entirely with respect to the Resident's Conduct at Travancore, and also with respect to the Rajah of Cochin, and particularly [illegible] to Bengal. I also received Captain Kennaway's last Dispatch [illegible] Treaty was signed & sealed, & conclude his Highness the Nizam will have Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

I am sorry to be still here, & fear I must wait a day or two longer — But Money & Rice are wants for such numbers not easily supplied.

Hoping that our operations, when they begin, will be brisk, & when they end, successful, I have the honor to be Gentlemen, with the greatest respect,

Your most obedient humble Servant

signed p. William Medows
Governor & President

To

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13th

To John Chamier Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

The Commander in Chief has directed me to enclose [illegible] for the Information of Council, an Indent from Colonel [illegible] which he recommends to be complied with, as the Council may see most convenient. — And I have also the General's Directions to say for the above purpose, that Colonel Capper is by this post furnished with the Governor's opinion of the Supreme Presidency's Intention in respect of paying their [illegible] employed on the Coast.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
signed George Harris
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Camp Courtaullum 8th June 1790

To the Honble John Turing Esqr
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Mr Prony Enclosing Copy of the Letter he has addressed the Commander in Chief communicating Intelligence received from two Deserters from Tippoo's Camp.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 11th Instant, & shall pay implicit obedience to the Board's orders in regard to the line of Conduct I am to observe towards the Honble President in his Character of Commander in Chief, & shall likewise report every occurrence to the Board.

The

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The two Letters addressed to the Rajah of Travancore & Lieutenant Colonel Hartley have been duly transmitted to them.

I am myself the honor of enclosing the Copy of a Letter Yesterday despatched to the Commander in Chief, nothing further worthy your notice has occurred.

On the 4th Instant I acknowledged two Letters to the Deputy Military Secretary, the Receipt of the Copy of the Cypher No. 11.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most devoted
humble Servant

(Signed) George Powney
Resident

Jacottah
31st May 1790.

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor & Commander in Chief &c.

Honble Sir

Two men have just come in from Paligautcherry, they say that Tippoo has led his whole Force to Coimbetoun, & that Paligautcherry is only Garrisoned with about 1000 Men.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir

Jacottah 30th May 1790.

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) George Powney
Resident

A true Copy
(Signed) G. Powney Resident
Original in Cypher

Received

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13th

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob (entered in Cl. No. 114) stating the Quantity of Grain his Managers have delivered in Store at Vellore & Madura — Has directed the Polygars to send a Body of their Peons to the Forts of Chandernagherry &c. and their Proportion of Troops to Colonel Kelly.

14th

[illegible] Williams Esqr. [illegible] Charge of the Government during the absence of Major General Medows [illegible] to take the Oath of Allegiance & Office as Senior Member of Council.

Friday Morgan Williams Esqr. arrived at the Presidency, & having in the public Department, taken the Oaths of Allegiance & Office, as Senior Member of Council, assumed the Charge of the Government during the absence of the Honble Major General Medows.

At a Consultation
Present
Morgan Williams Esqr.
acting President
John Turing and Edward Saunders Esqrs.

Monday
14th June 1790.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

Read the following Letter from Cornet Montgomery, Agent for the purchase of Horses.

John Turing Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

From Cornet Montgomery stating the number of Horses now upon the road from the Northward & requesting a further supply of Cash.

Sir

I have as far as in my power given intimation to the Horse Dealers, according to the Instruction I had the honor to receive

receive from you, through Mr. Deputy Secretary Jackson, in his Letter of the 18th Ultimo.

There are now on the road from the northward, Commissioned by the late Agency for the use of the Honble Company, upwards of 300 Horses — Eighty of them are between this and Angolo, & still greater numbers on the Banks of the Kistnah. Most probable not above 200 will be found fit for the Service as it will be impossible for the Cattle to return with them to their own Country. Their disappointment and loss will be very great, if Government does not take them off their hands; and will likewise prevent Horses being brought again to the Market when ordered.

I know not what the other Regiments are to complete but the 1st Regiment is upwards of 250 deficient of the Establishment.

The Cash which I received being nearly expended, I beg leave to request a fortnight Supply, & your Instructions relative to those people.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) C. Montgomery

Agent for the purchase of Horses

Madras.
12th June 1790.

Resolved that a further advance of Pagodas 12,000, be made in Company's Bonds, & that they be issued to Cornet Montgomery for the purpose of making further purchases of Horses.

Minute thereon

As the propriety of making further similar advances

Ditto Ditto

advances must depend in great measure upon the Discount which there may be at present upon Company's Bonds, it is Agreed that Mr. Montgomery be directed to report the rate at which the Discounts the Bonds now ordered to be issued.

Resolution on that part of the letter from the Military Board of the 11th Instant relating to the Horse houses at Innamedah.

The Board now take into consideration that part of the letter from the Military Board entered in the Diary which relates to the Horse houses at Innamedah, & it is Agreed that Major Banks be directed to proceed thither for the purpose of making the necessary Plans & Estimates.

Resolution on Consequential

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Ross be advised of the above & desired to furnish Major Banks with the necessary instructions.

Read the following Letter from Colonel de Wangenheim.

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Amongst the several promotions that were ordered by his Majesty to take place in the two Hanoverian Regiments serving in India, & which arrived here on the 5th of September 1789, I received an Ensign's Commission for Serjeant Wiesener of the 10th Hanoverian Regiment; but he being then under Sentence of a General Court Martial (the Decision of which depended only from his Majesty) I did not publish it & the customary Allowances have not been drawn for him in Batas, with the last Dispatches from Europe his Majesty's Royal Decision

Colonel de Wangenheim [illegible] that [illegible] may [illegible] to the [illegible] to [illegible] the Pay & Allowances [illegible] Ensign Wiesener from the date of his Commission [illegible] Ensign —

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Decision, relative to the affair abovementioned, has arrived, & Serjeant Wiesener being thereby totally acquitted, I have delivered him his Commission as Ensign — and as, according to justice, he ought not to lose any of those Allowances to which he, like other Officers, is entitled from the date of the Arrival of his Commission here, I hereby request that you will be pleased to give the necessary Directions to the Pay Office of issuing to Ensign Wiesener those allowances to which he has a right from the abovementioned period.

I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

Madras 14th June 1790.

(signed) Wangenheim

Colonel

Minute thereon

The above request being reasonable, it is agreed that it be complied with

Ex. Chief Secy.

John Turing

Ecd. Saunders

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Diary

15th Sent the following letter

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

&c.

Honble Sir

To Major Genl. Medows — advising of Mr. Williams arrival and of his having taken charge of this Government during his absence

We have the honor to inform you that Mr. Williams arrived this day at the Presidency, & as Senior Member of Council has taken charge of this Government during your absence

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) Morgan Williams

Ecd. Council

Fort St. George

14th June 1790.

Substance of two Letters from the Nabob

Received two Letters from the Nabob (as entered in C.C. Nos. 115. 116.) the former, advising that he has sent positive orders to the Renters of the Arcot, Trinomallee, & Gingee Districts not to stop Grain or any other articles of Provision passing to Willaya aubad. & has ordered the Amuldar of Trivalore to release immediately the hundred Bullocks which he has detained — The latter enclosing a letter from His Highness to Lord Cornwallis.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — as entered in M.B. Nos. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. —

To

15th

To Cornet Montgomery Deputy Agent for purchasing Horses

To the Deputy Agent for purchasing Horses — Bonds to the amount of 12,000 Pagodas to be issued in his favor, for the purpose of making a further provide of Horses — To report the Terms upon which the Bonds are accepted.

To the acting Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops

To the acting Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops — To pay Ensign Wiesner of his Majesty's 14th Regiment of Electoral Troops the Allowances of an Ensign from the 5th September 1789.

To Colonel de Wangenheim

To Colonel de Wangenheim — The Allowances due to Ensign Wiesner will be paid him, from the 5th September 1789.

To the Chief of Thoras

To the Chief of Thoras — Stating that only eleven of the Deserters from the Hindostan have arrived with the Corps sent for them, & that the eighth Man is a native of the English West India Islands — Requesting he will be so good as to direct a strict search to be made for him, & to keep him in confinement until a Guard arrives at Thoras to take Charge of him.

To the Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer — The Chief Engineer at Masulipatam having been desired to direct Major Banks to proceed to Innicondah, for the purpose of drawing out the plans & Estimates of Storehouses wanted there — to furnish Major Banks with the necessary Instructions on the Subject.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — to direct Major Banks to proceed to Innacondah for the purpose of drawing out plans & Estimates of the Storehouses wanted there — particular Instructions will be sent to him by the Chief Engineer.

To

15th

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Nabob — to give the Instructions necessary thereupon.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly — The Vessels in the Mole of the upper Fort at Trichinopoly, for the Mole of the lower one to be immediately repaired, the Expence not to exceed the Estimate of Pagodas.

To the Acting Paymaster

To the Acting Paymaster — Enclosing an Indent signed by the Commissary of Stores & countersigned by the Commander of Artillery, for Stores for the Army South of the Coleroon, which is to be complied with.

To the Paymaster of Ellore

To the Paymaster of Ellore — To pay the Families of the 27th Corps their allowances quarterly — The Ensigns to be left with Colonel Wahab — Transmit an Account of the Payments made to the Paymaster at Palaycatta.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly — The Repairs to the Choultry in the Pettah of Trichinopoly to be executed agreeably to the Regulations.

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam — Enclosing a Return of the Recruits for the 2d Battalion of European Infantry embarked on board the Nallayad — To pay the Commander the Customary Passage Money on their arrival at Masulipatam.

To Captain Chirfull

To Captain Chirfull — To receive on board his Ship Captain Ogg as Passenger for Europe.

To the Commander of the Cleveland

To the Secretary at War

To Mr. Secretary Hay — Enclosing a Letter addressed by his Highness the Nabob to Lord Cornwallis

Peerless

Fort St. George June 1790.

16th Received the following Letters.

To the Honble the Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Sir

From Alex.r Johnston Esq.r his Journal of Occurrences & Leave to Chinsurah for the recovery of his health after two months Leave of absence Cause the Civil Auditor Office to attend him.

My continued bad health for these last four months, rendered it necessary for me to apply to General Aikens for Leave to quit my Station without one day's loss of time — having obtained that, I proceeded by the advice of the Surgeons, immediately to Pondicherry where I have been for two days, very much disappointed. I have therefore to request your permission for two months absence, under this assurance that, the moment I find myself in a situation to return, I will without delay. In the mean time I have left the care of the Office to Peter Auber who will see that the People employed therein do not neglect their Duty.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Sgd) Sam.l Johnston
Paymaster at Pitchinopoly

Pondicherry
June 9th 1790.

John Chamier Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Paymaster Pitchinopoly desiring to be allowed to dispatch the Accounts belonging to Mr Johnston's Office to the Military Secretary's Office on or before the 25th Instant.

Having been nominated by Mr Johnston to act in his absence, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 8th Instant, relative to the Accounts of his

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16th his office, and am extremely sorry to find that they have been so long neglected, but which I conceive could only have been occasioned by his long illness, and the neglect of his Writers in omitting to draw out fair Copies of the Monthly accounts in which they were constantly employed — I hope to be able to dispatch the last Quarter's Accounts on or before the 25th Instant the Accounts of the January last month, even before the 25th Instant I have also hopes that Mr Johnston will be able to return to his charge in about 30 days — He is now at Pondicherry for the recovery of his Health and Bathing.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
(sgnd) Nicol Main
Deputy Paymaster

Pitchinopoly
13th June 1790

To the Honble Marjan Millards Esq.r
Resident in Council
Tanjore

Sir

From the Military Deputy Paymaster of Pitchinopoly for his Balance of Cash, & Vouchers

Although I have repeatedly applied to Mr Johnston for the Balance of Cash, & Vouchers belonging to his Office, I have only received from him an evasive answer, and as I am entirely ignorant what that Balance may be, as the Account having been transmitted to my Office for the last three months, I think it my Duty to inform your Honor in Council that I have Intelligence, on which I give implicit

with

16th implicit Credit, that Mr. Johnston who is now at Pondicherry has intentions of privately quitting this Coast — In this situation I beg leave, with all submission, to suggest the necessity of requiring Mr. Johnston immediately to return to this station, & make up his Accounts — I hope I shall also be excused in saying that, as he is a Man employed on Military Service, agreeably to the Cartel Established, no protection can be given him by the Government of Pondicherry, & it may in the present occasion be therefore proper to apply to that Government to prevent his getting a Passage on board any French Ship or being permitted to depart from Pondicherry.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Benjn. Roebuck
Military Paymr. Genl.

Pay-Office, Madras
16th June 1790.

Sent the following Letter.

To Mr. Benjamin Roebuck
Military Paymaster Genl.

To the Military Paymr. General — To lay before the Board all the Information he is possessed of respecting Mr. Johnston's Intention of abruptly quitting the Coast.

Sir

The Board have received your Letter of this day's date, & will repeat their Call upon Mr. Johnston to send in his Accounts.

The

16th The Board are of opinion that more explicit Information should be obtained respecting Mr. Johnston's Intention of abruptly quitting the Coast — they desire therefore that you will satisfy them on this point, by laying before them all the Information of which you may be possessed.

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

Fort St. George
16th June 1790.

17th Received the undermentioned Letters — as entered in M.B. No. 72. 73 74.

From Ganjam — Enclosing an Account Sale of unserviceable Stores — Copy of the Record of their proceedings — A Return of Stores & of light & heavy Garrison & Field Ordnance — A General Return of Troops doing duty in the Ishapour District — & the Journal of their Committee of Stores for the Month of May.

From the Chief of Sabras — Congratulating Mr. Williams on his safe arrival — has detained one of the Deserters from the Hindostan, because he declares himself to be a Native of Curajapu. requesting to know if he is rated on the Ship's Books as actually from any of the English West-India-Islands.

From the Commandant at Wallaujaubaad — Recommending that a Bungalo belonging to Colonel R.s be purchased, for the accommodation of the European Troops arrived there from the Presidency.

At

Records

At a Consultation

Present

Morgan Williams Esqr.

Acting President

Friday 18th June 1790. John Turing and Edward Saunders } Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation [illegible]

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.

To the Honble the Senior Member at the Presidency & the Gentlemen of Council &c. &c.

Camp Courtallum 10th June 1790.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Major Genl. Medows Enclosing an Application from Colonel Musgrave, for an allowance of 250 Pagodas per mensem for his Table, as formerly allowed Brigadier General Horne

I had the honor of your's of the 5th June Yesterday, & am to thank you for your having admitted the Topasses, and having put the Guides upon the footing required; about both which I have given the necessary orders.

I enclose you a Letter from Colonel Musgrave, who has certainly every merit as an Officer, & has been peculiarly

situated

situated; but how far the Court of Directors would chuse to make a precedent of such Allowances to the Second in Command, I am not sure: If the requisition is complied with, it should be, I think, more owing to what a former Board allowed him, and to guard against his having less in the field than he had out of it, than meant as a precedent as second in Command, for which I do not [illegible] the Company in general make any particular allowance [illegible] I think it should only be done upon Colonel Musgrave's giving [illegible] of Indemnification in case our honorable Employers should not agree to it.

Hoping to address you soon from Carroor, I have the honor to be, Sir & Gentlemen,

with the greatest respect & esteem

Your most obedient humble servant.

Signed William Medows

Governor, President, & Commander in Chief

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Honble Sir

Your Honble Board, in your letter under date the 7th Instant, were pleased to express your approbation of my Conduct while in Command of the Army, and to state your Resolution of encreasing my allowance of Batta to Ten Pagds. pr diem.

Being conscious that, in doing so, you meant to confer a benefit, it is necessary for me to explain to your

Honble

Hon'ble Board, that if my Field allowance is limited to Ten Pagodas Batta p day, my situation will fall far short of what it has ever been during the time I have had the honor of serving under this Presidency.

While the late Colonel Horne retained his rank of Brigadier General, Government was pleased to grant me 250 Pagodas monthly for the Expences of a Table — I must therefore express my hope that, considering my present superior situation of Second in Command with this Army, besides being liable to a much heavier Expence both in Servants & living, you you will not deem it unreasonable when I solicit your Hon'ble Board to favor me by continuing the monthly allowance of 250 Pagodas for my Table, as formerly granted.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Hon'ble Sir

Camp at Courtallum 9th June 1790.

Your faithful & obedient Servant

Signed Thomas Musgrave

Minute thereon

The Board have great reluctance in refusing their acquiescence in any request Colonel Musgrave may think proper to make, or But having so fully upon a former occasion expressed their opinion of his Merit and Services, they are obliged in the case now before them to decline increasing the Allowances regulated for Colonel

Musgrave

Musgrave, being confident that the Court of Directors would disapprove their establishing a precedent of such a Nature.

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Commander in Chief; & that he be desired to inform Colonel Musgrave that the Board will most willingly make his application a subject of Reference to the Court of Directors, if he desire it, and will with pleasure add their testimony to the Merits of that Officer.

Read the following letters from Bengal.

To the Hon'ble the Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

From Bengal Enclosing Copy of an agreement entered into with the Nizam for sending the Detachment from Bengal lead with his Highness & Copies of the Instructions sent in consequence to Captain Kennaway, Lieutenant Col. Cockerell, & Colonel Brathwaite

We enclose the Copy of an agreement which has lately been concluded between the Nizam & Captain Kennaway, & the Copies of the letters that the Governor General has written on the occasion to Colonel Brathwaite, Captain Kennaway, & Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, in order that you may be fully acquainted with the steps that have been taken in consequence of that Agreement.

We request that you will without loss of time forward Copies of all those Papers to General Medows for his information, & both the General and you will perceive that the orders from hence, concerning the Detachment under the Council of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, have been given in so guarded a manner

as

command

as to leave no possibility of their interfering other with any measures which it may have been thought necessary to take for the protection of the Carnatic, or with any other material Military arrangements that may have been previously made by General Medows, or by the remaining Members who now constitute the Board at Fort St. George.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
Cornwallis
(Signed) Chas. Stuart

Fort William
31st May 1790.

Articles of agreement between His Highness the Nizam and the East India Company for sending the Battalions on their March from Bengal.

Article 1st

From Four to Six Battalions of the Bengal Detachment shall be sent to his Highness the Nizam under the Command of an Experienced Officer, together with a Complement of Guns manned by Europeans — the whole Equipped in the established manner (under the Conditions agreed upon for sending the original two Battalions) for the precise monthly Charge which they stand the Company in, as it shall be stated by the Governor General Lord Cornwallis. The orders of His Highness, either for their operations in the Field, or for carrying on

Sieges

Sieges shall be put in Execution by mutual consultation between the Commanding Officer of his Highness's Army, & the Commanding Officer of the English Detachment who will be a Man of Experience & versed in the Rules of War.

Article 2nd

The Pay of the said Detachment shall be charged to his Highness from the period of its arrival at Pougtour, or of its Junction with His Highness's Army.

Article 3rd

The Pay of the said Detachment shall be defrayed from the Receipts from Tippoo's Country; that is, what accrues from the present War — But if delay should occur in those Expected Receipts the Company shall pay the Expences out of the Peishcush that will be payable for the Fusselly year 1200, and take Credit for the amount. Whatever may fall short after taking Credit for the Pay of the Detachment, shall be made up in ready Money by his Highness.

Article 4th

Whenever a letter from Lord Cornwallis, requiring the dismission of the said Detachment shall arrive, provided it is at leisure from service, and also whenever his Highness shall think proper to dismiss it, there shall be no hesitation on either side.

Article 5th

Whatever plunder shall fall into the hands of the said Detachment shall be given up to his Highness, excepting only any considerable open or concealed Treasure, which, agreeable

to

to the 2nd Article of the Treaty, is to be divided amongst the three Confederates.

Article 6th

A proper Body of good Cavalry, under the Command of experienced and trusty Officers, shall be detached by his Highness to act with the Battalions agreeable to the concerted Plans of the Officers of both Bodies.

Form of Copy [illegible] Signature.

An Agreement in regard to sending for the Bengal Detachment, settled agreeable to the above mentioned Articles which I shall transmit to Lord Cornwallis & requests a speedy answer.

(signed) John Kennaway

A true Translation (signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Asst.

NB The Nizam's Signature is affixed to every Article —

A true Copy (signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt

To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Troops on the north side of the River Kistnah

Sir

I have this day received Information from Captain Kennaway that he has acquainted General Medows that a requisition has been transmitted to me from the Nizam, that the whole or part of the Detachment under the Command

of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell may be ordered to join, and co-operate with his Highness's Army; but at this distance I cannot at present judge whether previous arrangements will have permitted General Medows to render it practicable to comply with that Requisition.

In the event, however, that General Medows had directed the whole or any part of the Detachment to remain on the north side of the Christna, until my Instructions on the above point shall arrive, I desire that you will order Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell to proceed immediately with the whole or such part of his Detachment as may have been destined by General Medows for that purpose, to join the Nizam's Army in the manner & by the route that may be pointed to him by his Highness through Captain Kennaway.

You will be pleased to give Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell every assistance in your power to enable him, if necessary, to execute this order with all possible expedition; and should the measure take place, you will notify it to the Members of the Board at Fort St. George, as well as to General Medows & the Commanding Officer of the Centre Division in the Carnatic.

There are at the same time three Circumstances that may occur, any of which you are to consider as a sufficient ground for preventing the Effect of this order — 1st an application to you from the Board at Fort St. George, or from the Commanding Officer of the Centre Division, that the Detachment may proceed on it's march to assist in the defence of the Carnatic — 2nd

Your

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Your being informed by Captain Kennaway that, the Detachment can be of no material use to the Nizam's army during the Seasons of the Rains — 3rd your being acquainted by that Gentleman of his Highness's having dispensed with the junction of the Detachment.

The two latter are very likely to happen, if the Nizam's army should not have crossed the Khristna before the swelling of the Rivers, but in either of the three cases I have mentioned, you are to order the Detachment to continue its March to the Southward.

Fort William
31st May 1790.

I am &c.
Your most obedient humble servant
(Signed) Cornwallis

A true Copy
[illegible]

Captain John Kennaway
Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 24th and 26th April, & 3rd and 12th May, with their enclosures.

I am fully aware of the importance of giving the Nizam every encouragement in our power, especially since We have reason to doubt the sincerity of the Mahrattas; and I approve therefore of the Articles of Agreement which you have signed relative to the Bengal Detachment, understanding it

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it of course to be considered by the [illegible] to be no further lending than may be compatible with previous military arrangements which from Circumstances cannot now be altered.

I enclose Copies of these Letters that I have written to Colonel Brathwaite and to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, from which you will be enabled to explain, in a satisfactory manner, to his Highness the principles on which my orders were necessarily given; and I am persuaded you will be able, without difficulty, to make him sensible of the dangerous consequences that might attend my sending positive and unconditional orders to the Troops which are placed under the immediate command of General Medows, without giving that General time to prepare against the ill Effects which such orders might produce to his general plan of operations.

By the time this Letter reaches you, his Highness will either have passed the Khristna, or he will have determined not to pass it till after the Rains. — If he should have passed it, and the Mahrattahs still hang back, and there should really be reason to apprehend that Tippoo could send a formidable Force against him, He must, at all hazards, be supported without loss of time, & without regarding the distress which the Troops will suffer by making a long march at this Season.

But if he should not have crossed the Khristna, he can have nothing to fear from Tippoo before the breaking up of the rains; and I really think that, in that case, it

[illegible] be for the safety and advantage of the Common Cause that Cockerell should be employed for the defence of the Carnatic till that period, when he might, without much risk, leave a Country in which the Rains would soon be expected to commence, and when unless a powerful operation on the part of the Mahrattahs should render it unnecessary, the Nizam may depend upon being joined by so considerable a Body of our Infantry as to enable him to advance with Confidence against the Enemy.

I sincerely lament the delay which has attended the movement of the Army from Tritchinopoly, but when it does march we have every reason to flatter ourselves that it's successes will be so rapid as to give our friends the greatest Encouragement. And you may likewise inform the Nizam that I receive the most satisfactory assurances from the Malabar Chiefs, and that, if the Mahrattahs should not require the assistance of any part of the Bombay Army, Colonel Abercrombie, who is an excellent Officer, will in person invade Tippoo's Country with a large Force, as soon as the Monsoon breaks up on the Malabar Coast.

I cannot help thinking, notwithstanding the present doubtful appearances, that the Mahrattas will ultimately perform their Engagements and take part with us; but, if I am too sanguine in this opinion, I can never believe that they would adopt a contrary line, & assist

their

their inveterate Enemy Tippoo, whom they have so much cause to hate and to dread. It is however possible that the apprehensions of the Nizam & his Ministers of their hostile intentions, may again revive on the present occasion, & altho' I should wish you to avoid a discussion of this delicate subject, if it was practicable, yet, if you find them seriously alarmed, you may repeat, in the most explicit terms, that so long as his Highness acts heartily with us, and fulfills his Engagements, We shall think ourselves bound to defend him against attacks from any quarter whatever. But you must be sensible that, if the Mahrattahs will not be with us, it is very material that they should not be against us, and on that account, that it is very desirable to avoid giving them any kind of provocation. I wish you always therefore to speak of them in public with great respect, and in all conversations discourage any tendency to censure their Conduct.

I am Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Cornwallis

Fort William
31st May 1790.

A true Copy (signed) E. Hay
Secy. Gen'l Govt.

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell
Commanding the Detachment of Bengal Troops proceeding to the Southward

Sir

Some new circumstances have occurred in the situation of public affairs, which have rendered it necessary for me to give

you

you the following conditional Instructions.

Should you obtain certain Information that the Nizam's Army has crossed the Khristna, and should you have received no positive order to proceed on your march to the Southward, after you had reason to believe that General Medows and the Members of the Board at Fort St. George were acquainted that his Highness's Forces had attacked Tippoos Northern Dominions, or should you have no ground to suppose [illegible] of the Detachment were urgently wanted for the immediate protection of the Carnatic, you are to halt at the nearest place to the spot where you may receive this Letter, that may be convenient for the Troops under your Command, until you can communicate with Captain Kennaway and with Colonel Kelly commanding the Center Division of the Carnatic Army.

You are immediately after your determining to halt in consequence of the supposed case above stated, to transmit Copies of this Letter to Colonel Kelly & to Captain Kennaway, acquainting the former that you will order two of the Battalions of your Detachment with Captain Montague & his half Company of Artillery & four the pounders to proceed to the Carnatic, if he shall think proper to desire it, and notifying to Captain Kennaway, that you are ready to march instantly with the remaining four Battalions & Artillery, or with the whole

Detachment

Detachment, if Colonel Kelly shall not have required the abovementioned proportion of it, provided Captain Kennaway shall declare the measure to be necessary either to fulfil any engagement with the Nizam, or to give Efficacy & Security to his operations.

You are clearly to understand that, if the case which I have supposed to be possible, of the Nizam's having crossed the Khristna and having placed a dependence on receiving aid from your Detachment, has not happened, you are to proceed without Intermission upon your March, according to such Instructions as you may be in possession of previous to the receipt of this Letter.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Cornwallis

Fort William
31st May 1790.

A true Copy (signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt

The Honble the Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir

We enclose an Extract of a Letter from the Governor in Council of Bombay, dated the 28th of April last, & Extracts of our Letters dated the 8th of April and 31st Ultimo, to that Presidency, on the subject of treating with, & inciting the Malabar Chiefs in the Neighbourhood of Tellicherry to throw off their Allegiance

From Bengal
recommending to the
attention of his Presidency
a speedy Negotiation with
the Malabar Princes
Enclosing Copies of Letters
addressed by the Governor
General to the Governor of
Bombay on this subject,
& of the answer returned
also a Pacquet for Tellicherry
on the same subject

Allegiance to Tippoo & put themselves under the protection of the Company.

The accompanying Packet contains Copies of these Extracts which you will be pleased to forward to the Chief of Tellicherry through your Resident at Travancore, if your communication with him should continue safe; and we desire that you will not only send Directions to Mr. Powney to do every thing in his power to incite and encourage the Malabar Princes who are in communication with Tellicherry, to form the closest connexions with the Company, but also that you or General Medows will from time to time transmit any Instructions to the Chief & Council at Tellicherry that, in your opinion, will tend to promote the success of these negociations.

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.

Fort William
1st June 1790.

(Signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council to the Governor in Council at Bombay dated the 8th April 1790.

We shall only at present add to the above Instruction, that on a supposition that the Nairs & Tippoo's other

other Subjects and Tributaries adjoining to Tellicherry are desirous to make vigorous efforts in order to relieve themselves from the cruel oppressions of his Government, and that you may find it practicable to send a Reinforcement to that Settlement of sufficient strength to enable the Commanding Officer of the Troops to give effectual support and assistance to the Exertions of the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Country against such of Tippoo's Forces as may be stationed in that part of his Dominions, We authorise you to encourage these Nairs &c. to make off all dependance upon him, & to engage on the part of the Company on condition that they will act heartily and submit to be directed by us in carrying on the present War against Tippoo, that We will do our utmost to render them in future entirely independant of him, and at the Conclusion of a Peace to retain them upon reasonable Terms under the protection of the Company.

Should the Nairs & Tippoo's other Tributaries prove [illegible] forward than it is at present expected in co-operating with the Company's Troops, the nature of the Offensive measures that can be undertaken from thence must, exclusive of other Circumstances, depend upon the strength of the Detachment that you can [illegible] upon that Service; But if these People should manifest the Disposition to revolt which has been supposed & it should be thought expedient to encourage them by offers of Protection, we shall leave it to your discretion to furnish them with such supplies of Arms and ammunition as in your opinion

opinion will be necessary to enable them to act with Efficacy in promoting the success of the Common Cause.

A true Extract (signed) J. Tombelle
Sub Secry

Extract of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Governor General in Council dated the 28th April 1790.

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry have recalled the Rajah of Cartenaddu who took refuge last year with his relation the King of Travancore, & there can be little question but every Malabar would flock to the Companys Standard, if they had unequivocal assurances given them that they would not be sacrificed as heretofore, but be protected in their respective Countries by the English, a Condition so consonant to policy, as well as humanity, that We persuade ourselves your Lordship will empower us to hold out those Terms to them, altho' your Instructions hitherto have extended no further than to recommend our encouraging them to revolt; and indeed, tle consider this an object of such Magnitude, as to induce us to suggest to your Lordship to transmit your directions on that head at once to Tellicherry, thro' Mr Powney, who communicates regularly with the Chief, by which Channel they would be apprized of your Lordship's Sentiments much sooner than they can thro' our Government during the Rains

A true Extract (signed) J. Tombelle
Sub Secry

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General in Council to the Governor in Council at Bombay – dated the 31st May 1790.

Our Letter dated the 8th Ultimo, which you will have received soon after your Letter to which We now reply was written, contains in substance the authority that you have applied for to Contract Engagements with Tippoo's Subjects & Tributaries on the Coast of Malabar

We shall not in our distant situation attempt to prescribe specific Terms, or to point out the means that will be most effectual to induce the Malabar Chiefs in the neighbourhood of Tellicherry to throw off their allegiance to Tippoo, & put themselves under the protection of the Company, but for effecting this great object, we shall principally depend upon the discretion & local knowledge of your Chief & Council of Tellicherry, acting in concert with the Resident of Travancore & following such Directions as they may from time to time receive, either from you or from the Government of Fort St George.

We have therefore only to recommend, in general, that all the Naires & other Tributaries may be invited to shake off immediately all sort of obedience to Tippoo, & to submit entirely to our Directions in carrying on the War against him, under the most solemn Assurances that We will use

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our utmost Efforts to force that Prince to relinquish all future claims upon their allegiance, and to cause their becoming the Dependants & Subjects of the Honble Company. To which purpose shall add, that, in order to secure a willing obedience from the Malabar Chiefs, we should be contented with their paying a very moderate Tribute, provided they will give the Company advantageous Cowlies for carrying on a Commerce in the valuable productions of their Country.

We shall, as the best means of complying with your Request, transmit to the Government of Fort St. George & to the Chief of Tellicherry a Copy of the Instructions that We have given you for treating with the Malabar Chiefs in the neighbourhood of that Settlement, in order that no time may be lost in forming such Engagements with them as may be practicable, & as may be thought desireable for the Interests of the Company.

A true Extract (signed) J. Ambelle
Sub Secy

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Agreed for the Packet for the Resident and Factors at Tellicherry be forwarded to W. Powney - that he be informed of the Contents thereof, and instructed to embrace every opportunity of forwarding the important Service therein recommended.

Minute thereon

Ditto Ditto

Agreed also, that Copies of the Dispatches from

from Bengal be transmitted to General Medows, agreeably to the desire of the Governor General in Council.

Read the following Letter from Major Montgomery.

John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary Fort St. George.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived with the Army under my Command on the 26th Ult. at Coimbetore, from which I purposely delayed giving any intimation, until I had reached the Southern Confines of the Country, & effected, after a very long & laborious March, a Junction with the Army under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Kelly, which I found encamped in readiness to receive me.

In many instances during the march, during which every Difficulties that could possibly be thrown in the way by the different Killidars on our Route as well as Opposition openly attempted by the Nizam's Troops to conduct it - Imputing this Line in Consequence of orders issued by him to retard our March with a view of protracting his own Movements till he might hear of some decisive stroke being struck on our part, I purposely avoided as much as possible shewing any disgust at it, & applied myself solely to the Purpose of elevating or surmounting the Impediments as they arose, the Some of them were so glaringly the Effect of design that I was obliged to pretend not to perceive them, to avoid involving myself in the Altercations which must necessarily have ensued, & which would in all probability have totally frustrated the Service.

From this State of matters, the Board may be enabled to judge of what may be expected from the Nizam in the present War. At the same time I can not but lament a Circumstance which

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which I request may be attended to - namely, the extreme weakness of the Detachment under my Command little calculated to inspire Confidence or excite a spirit of Enterprize [illegible] of the Nizam's Character.

The Detachment has marched near 190 Cos within the Month, much the greater part of it so interspersed with Jungels & Stones as to be scarcely passable for the Guns - The Tumbrils of the new Construction lately sent from Madras have every one failed, but the old ones are still in good order.

I have this day had an Audience of the Nizam, & was very well received, but have not as yet acquired any further knowledge of his Plan of operations than that, he does not mean to proceed himself but to detach as soon as possible 15 or 20,000 of his Troops cross the Kistna, with whom I imagine I am to co-operate; but having had no official Intimation whatever of the Plan adopted by the Presidency, I am anxious for my Instructions.

As it will be necessary from what I can hear of the Nizam's plan, to have Resources [illegible] at hand than Masulipatam, I purpose indenting to the Board there for a sufficient supply of Stores, with a view of depositing them in some place of safety in the Guntoor Circar, from [illegible] every deficiency may be more readily supplied, and will [illegible] less delay in the operations of the Detachment.

I have as yet received no Information worthy the attention of Government, but should any thing of moment occur, will do myself the pleasure of addressing you, & have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) H. Montgomery

Camp at Bhootpore
3rd June 1790