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Minute thereon

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Secretary

Sir

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant
R. L. Willis Pay. Store.

Innicondah
26th June 1790.

Minute thereon

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To Morgan Williams Esqr.

Acting President in Council

Sir

From the Deputy Agent for Purchasing Horses — Discounts half of his Bonds at 16 p Cent — Requesting to draw allowances as enjoyed by Lieutenant McFee.

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have discounted half the Bonds I received for the purchase of Horses on the 16th Instant at the rate of Sixteen per Cent discount, which is as low as any that have been sold for some time — The remainder I hope to convert into Cash at the same rate in the course of tomorrow.

In consequence of his Excellency General Medows's Letter to Major Tonyn directing me to proceed hither, & that I should be put upon the same allowances as Lieutenant McFee had been on, I presented my Chits to Mr. Younge the Paymaster at Angole, who has heretofore disbursed the Expences of the Agency; and, in consequence of not having any Official Intimation, declined [illegible] him until I could procure him a Copy of my appointment.

I beg leave therefore to request that I may have an order from your Honble Board, and, if it will not be inconvenient, directed to Mr. Tanner Paymaster at Wallaujanbad, to pay me the same allowances enjoyed by Lieutenant McFee, according to the Intentions of his Excellency the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Madras. 31st June 1790.

(signed) H. C. Montgomery

Agent for the purchase of Horses

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Minute thereon

Agreed, that the Paymaster at Wallajanbad be informed that, Cornet Montgomery is to receive the same allowances as were enjoyed by Lieutenant McFie, while employed in the purchase of Horses at the Presidency.

The Indent lately received from the Military Board for Military Stores on Bengal, is also forwarded.

As it appears from the Invoices of the several Ships arrived this season from Europe, that no Military Stores have been shipped for the Coast, it is agreed that the Indent lately received from the Military Board be now sent to Bengal, & that it be requested of the Governor General & Council to comply with it from the Stores at that Presidency.

The Coves East Indiaman to convey Recruits & Stores to Negapatam.

Ordered that the Coves East Indiaman do convey to Negapatam the Recruits & Stores to proceed to the Southward, & that Captain Stephens be directed to prepare his Ship for that Service.

Resolutions of the Board upon the letter from the Court of Directors in the Military Department, dated 5th March 1790.

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary Orders upon the Dispatches lately received from Europe.

General Letter Military Department
dated 5th March 1790.

Para. 1st Ordered that the Secretaries be directed to adopt the mode prescribed in noting the Paragraphs of future Letters, by Insertion of the substance of those to which they reply.

Para. 2nd Needs no Remark.

3rd — Ordered that Copy be sent to Ensign Wood.

4th Needs no Remark

5th — Ditto.

6th — Ditto.

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Para 7th. Ordered that Mr. Raine be appointed head Surgeon and Member of the Hospital Board, as directed. —

As Mr. Lucas the 2nd Member is absent in the Field, it is agreed that Mr. Duffin be appointed to sit as a member during Mr. Lucas's absence.

It is also Resolved that Mr. Duffin shall draw the usual allowances of a Head Surgeon.

Ordered that these Resolutions be communicated to the Hospital Board.

Para 8th. Altho' the Board are anxious to pay the most immediate & implicit obedience to the Court of Directors, it is impossible at this moment to carry into Execution what is ordered in this Paragraph, as many of the Gentlemen who are the objects of it, are now serving in the Field. — Agreed that the Contents be notified to General Medows, in order that he may take the earliest opportunity of complying with the Commands of the Hon'ble Court.

Ordered that a Report of the number of Officers wanting to complete the Establishment be made to Europe by the earliest opportunity.

Para 9th. Needs no Remark.

10th. Resolved that Copy be sent to Mr. Gordon, & that the Directions contained be strictly complied with.

11th. Ordered that Copy be sent to Colonel Capper.

12th. Ordered that the Papers required be sent to the Court of Directors.

13th. Agreed that the Resolution of the Hon'ble Court be carried into Execution.

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Para: 14th
15th } Need no Remark

16th Ordered that Copy be sent to the Hospital Board.

17th Needs no Remark

18th The Board will pay due attention to this Paragraph.
Ordered that Copy be sent to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

19th
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21st
22nd
23rd } Require no Remark

24th The Board remark upon this Paragraph, that the late Government did not remove Mr. Johnston from the Paymastership of Trichinopoly, nor does it appear upon Record that any reasons were assigned for continuing him.

25th The Board will continue to pay all due attention to the Recruiting the Cavalry upon the Cheapest Terms.

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29th } Need no Remarks

30th Ordered that Copy be sent to Mr. Ogilvie, & that he be called upon as directed.

31st Ordered that Copy be sent to the Hospital Board.

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34th } Need no Remark

35th Agreed that the Honble Court's Decision be carried into Execution, & that Mr. Raine be informed thereof.

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have been used to prevail upon the Nabob's Managers to bring in what is now in store ... and that no doubt of the false assertions of his Highness's Manager may remain in the breasts of the Honble Board, he has transmitted the enclosed Letter No 1 with Enclosures for their perusal.

Having directed Mr. Vaughan to inform me at what rate he tendered the Rice brought in by him, about 33 Garse, I have received the enclosed Letter No 2 in answer, tendering it at the price at which it is served to the Troops; I request the orders of the Honble Board thereon.

Mr. Vaughan informs me that he could get more by selling it in the Buzar, and that he expects an answer in Course of Tappal.

If the Honble Board should think proper to accept Mr. Vaughan's offer of charging any further quantity of Rice he may procure at the Buzar price of the day, the price should I suppose be certified by the Officer Commanding.

Mr. Vaughan has again applied to me for Information respecting the mode of settling the price of the Circar Grain, and also respecting the mode of payment for Grain belonging to Sowcars & others, requested in my Letter of the 22nd ultimo.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Madras
9th July 1790.

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To Thomas Cockburn Esqr.

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

Sir

The Letter I received from you the 14th Instant, not expressing the terms on which the Honble Board were pleased to say they would receive my Rice tendered to them, I beg now to repeat officially, what I wrote you in a private Letter of the 11th Instant, that I would let the Company have it at the rate at which they issue it to their Troops, — Should these terms be accepted, I shall include it in the first Return of Rice after the receipt of their answer, which I hope speedily to be favored with, as from the situation of the Garrison, I should wish to be at a certainty as soon as possible — Should I be able to procure any farther quantity, I beg leave to tender it in the proportion, as it may rise or fall in the public Bazar at the time of it's being delivered into Store.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Madura — 28th June 1790.

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) S.C. Vaughan
Pay.

A true Copy (signed) Thos. Cockburn
Cy. Gl. G. Co.

Minutes on the foregoing Letters from Mr. Cockburn.

Agreed that Mr. Cockburn be directed to call upon Mr. Vaughan to transmit an Account of the

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medium prices of Paddy & Rice at Madura, wholesale & retail, during the months of January, February, March, April, May, & June last, certified by the Commanding Officer each month seperately — at the same time furnishing the specific price of the Rice which he has offered to the Company.

Agreed that the Information required from Mr. Vaughan be also demanded from the Commandants & Storekeepers of every Garrison where Grain has been delivered in.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Cochrane.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Mr. Cochrane — Enclosing copy of his Letter to Colonel Capper & Extract of one from the Paymaster at Tanjore, respecting Vouchers for Grain delivered by Mr. Cochrane — Reporting that the Balances due to him may be discharged.

Colonel Capper having shewn me the Report of the 2nd. Instant upon my accounts, I think it incumbent for me to furnish your Honor with a Copy of my Letter to him of the 30th. June, which I perceive he has not laid before you, he informing me that he did not think it necessary, as the concluding part of his Letter was in his opinion sufficient to induce Government to pass my Accounts.

Colonel Capper has examined the whole of

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my accounts, & compared them with the Vouchers; and the only Vouchers missing were for Rice & Paddy delivered by me virt.

Rice, amounting to Cullums 28,776. 7. 1½
& Paddy — Ditto — 2,734. 10 —

and Mr. Strange the Paymaster has been able to discover in his Office Vouchers for Cullums 11,907. 9 — ½ which I laid before Colonel Capper, so that the Deficiency of Vouchers is for Rice, amounting to Cullums 9,868. 10. 1
& Paddy — Ditto — 2734. 10 —

and from the Enclosed Extract of his Letter to me dated 24th Ultimo. States that, the Vouchers found correspond with the Abstracts sent to him by me, and that the remainder of my respective deliveries of Grain "would have been "equally well established, if the accounts in the Resident's & Paymaster's Office for the year 1781 had been as properly "taken care of as they ought to have been; and certainly "it is not to be imputed to me that they have been destroyed "or mislaid — In as far as authorities to establish my "Claims exist, those authorities are in my favor — Under "these Circumstances he should hope therefore, that in "justice & candor Government will not withhold from "me the payment of what he firmly believes to be justly "due to me" — and Colonel Capper in his Letter to your honor says — "that he does not hesitate to declare that

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"my accounts, after a careful Examination of the Papers
"before him, have every appearance of being regular
"& perfectly just."

Mr. Strange informs me that there are immemorable Vouchers of Grain delivered by me in the succeeding years, which he would transmit to me if I desired; but I have not written to him to send them down, judging that the above testimony of Colonel Kepper and Mr. Strange would be sufficient to induce you to pass my accounts — and beg leave to assure your Honor, that were I not under orders to proceed to Guntoor, on the Investigation that you have been pleased to appoint me to, I should not have been so pressing, but have waited until the arrival of the remainder of the Vouchers, the whole of which I have say are among the innumerable Vouchers in his Office, but by mistake tied up in different bundles when they were examined by Mr. Jackson the Auditor — and then there could be no possible objection to paying the Balance due to me.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir Your most obedient humble Servant
[signed] Basil Cochrane

Fort St. George
6th July 1790.

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To Colonel Capper

Commissary General

Sir

In consequence of your requiring of me either to furnish you with a Certificate from the Paymaster of Tanjore, that the whole of the Vouchers for Grain, if now agreeable to the abstracts before you, were delivered up by me to M. Sullivan the former Paymaster, or that I should have the Vouchers sent down from thence, I accordingly applied to M. Strange the present Paymaster, who after a long search in his and the Resident's offices, sends me a letter, under date the 24th Instant, of which the enclosed is an Extract.

I have since received the Vouchers from M. Strange, & compared them with the Abstracts now before you, & find them to agree - Several Vouchers for Rice delivered to the Troops stationed at Madepalam and Manaroid are missing; but considering that all those Grain Vouchers underwent an Examination by M. Jackson the auditor of the Southern Accounts, part of them being afterwards mislaid is not at all surprizing; and M. Strange, from what he knows of the matter, seems to be convinced that the Abstracts given in by me are just: and I am willing, if required, to make a Declaration before the Mayor, that

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the whole of the Vouchers were delivered up by me to A. Sullivan, agreeable to the Abstracts now before you.

On the subject of my charging 8 P Cent Interest & 2½ P Cent Commission on the Accounts now before you, I beg leave to inform you that I have no particular permission of Government admitting of the same, but it is done in consequence of the same rate of Interest being allowed me in other similar advances made by me in the years 1782, 3 & 4. to the Company, as per the Enclosed Resolution of Government dated 28th March 1786 — And as the Advances made by me as stated in the Accounts now before you, happened in the years 1781 and 2, at a time when the Company were in the greatest distress for Cash, I have not the least doubt of Government admitting the charge.

Being now under orders to proceed to Guntoor on a Committee of Investigations, which may detain me some months, and as there is a likelihood of the Enemy's Horse entering that Country, I wish to prepare against every accident that may happen to myself, I beg that you will be pleased to make your Report to Government on my Accounts as they now stand, that it may be settled while I have it in my power to furnish them with every information on the subject.

I have, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St George
30th June 1790.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane

A true Copy
Extract
Basil Cochrane

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Appoo Moodeliar. — He is no longer at Tanjore, but is living at Cuddalore.

Let me know what suggests itself to you, as most expedient & best to be done under the Circumstances I have set forth to you; and be assured I am ready to do all you wish, and all that is proper.

A true Extract
(signed) Basil Cochrane

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation the 28th March 1786.

In consideration of the Circumstances mentioned in Colonel Capper's Report, it is agreed that Mr. Cochrane be allowed 8 ℘ Cent Interest, with a Premium of 4 ℘ Cent; also 10 ℘ Cent Commission on Goods sold, and a Wastage of 4¾ ℘ Cent on Grain sent to the Army; and that Colonel Capper be desired to certify the Net Balance due to Mr. Cochrane.

A true Extract
(signed) John Chamier
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A true Copy
(signed) Basil Cochrane

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the above be sent to Colonel Capper, & that he be desired to require from Mr. Cochrane all the Vouchers that can be procured, after which he will regularly proceed on the audit of the accounts.

Read the undermentioned Letters, entered in M.B. Nos 22. 23. —

From Mr. William Raine Surgeon. —

From Mr. William Raine — requesting permission to resign the Office of Surgeon to the Town Goals.

Read

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Letters of application for Mr. Raine's late appointment

Read Letters from Messrs. Gorton, Harris, & Spalding - requesting to succeed Mr. Raine in the above Office.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Raine's Resignation be accepted, & that the Hospital Board be called upon for their opinion, whether a continuation of the appointment of Surgeon to the Town Goals be absolutely necessary - & if so, to recommend to Government a proper Person for the Office.

Letters of application to be sent to the Hospital Board

Ordered that the Letters from Messrs. Gorton, Harris, & Spalding be sent to the Hospital Board.

From Mr. Hugh Boyd. Master attendant

From Mr. Hugh Boyd - Requesting Payment of his Bill for Guns fished up by him in the Roads, & delivered into the Company's Stores.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Board be directed to instruct the Military Storekeeper to Debit "Stores" for the amount & the Garrison Storekeeper to give Credit to Mr. Boyd, by debiting the Military Storekeeper.

From Masulipatam

From the Chief & Council at Masulipatam - Recommending some Repairs to the Laboratory & Flag staff, & Enclosing Estimate of the Expence.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Repairs be executed

From the President at Ingeram

From the President at Ingeram - Stating that some Repairs are necessary to the Surgeon's Quarters, the Expence of which will amount to Pagodas 150.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Repairs be Executed.

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From Mr. William Duffin — Requesting to be allowed to retain his Seat as Junior Member of the Hospital Board, with the Allowances annexed to that Station.

The Board do not consider themselves authorized to make any addition to Mr. Duffin's allowances as Head Surgeon on this Establishment.

From Captain Dunwoody, Commanding at Ongole — stating that the Tappy Cheros have been beaten and robbed; and that four men accused of the Assault & Robbery are confined in the Main Guard.

Agreed to inform Captain Dunwoody, that if the Prisoners are found guilty, they must be punished at his discretion.

The Board now take into Consideration the Letter from the Nabob, dated 22nd June 1790, Entered in Consultation 26th Ditto — and it is in consequence agreed that the acting President be requested to write to his Highness the following Letter (which is also entered in B.B. No. 128)

To the Nabob.

I have now the honor to reply to your Highness's Letter dated 22nd ultimo — I regret that your Highness declines acquiescing in the requests made to you according to the Instructions transmitted to this Government from Bengal; & can assure you that Lord Cornwallis has been furnished with every Document relating to your Connexion

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Para: 107 to 122. Require no Remark.

123. Copy to be sent to Mr. Topping.

124 to 127. Need no Remark.

128. The Board will request General Medows to give his Sentiments as desired in this Paragraph.

129 to 140. Need no Remark.

141. Ordered that Copy be sent to the Town Major, that he may communicate the Contents to the Committee who Examine & Report upon the Recruits.

142 & 143. Proper attention will be paid to these Paragraphs.

General Letter in the Political Department dated 5th March 1790.

Resolutions of the Board upon the letter in the Political Department dated 5th March 1790.

Para: 1st. Requires no Remark.

2nd. The Board observe with satisfaction that Ajim Cawn is restored to the favor of the Nabob.

3rd. As this Paragraph is connected with the Statements of Accounts prepared by Mr. Moubray, it is agreed that Copy of it be sent to him.

4th to 10th. Require at present no particular Remark.

11th, 12th, 13th. Agreed that the Rajah of Tanjore be written to, as directed, & that due attention be paid to the Contents of these Paragraphs.

14th. The Board are convinced that there would be an impropriety in establishing a Mint at Tanjore, & can only refer to the Reasons already Recorded on this subject, which appear to them conclusive.

15th. Requires no Remark.

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and Engagements with this Government, and that his Instructions were calculated to promote your real Interest, as well as the public Cause in which We are engaged.

Your Highness's last Letters have been transmitted to his Lordship, together with every other Paper that has lately been produced relating to your Affairs.

Your Highness is pleased to say that the Record of this Government on the subject of their Sentiments upon your Letter of the 29th. of March appears to be only a partial acquiescence on the part of the Company to the Matters stated by your Highness — To this, I answer, that this Government have not the power to go further — They were instructed to submit propositions to your Highness, which you were at full liberty to acquiesce in, or to reject — Your Highness, after a very long delay, has judged proper to acquiesce, & the Board have reported to your Highness that agreeably to their Instructions, your acquiescence is recorded, & the arrangement in force from the date of such acquiescence, at least from two days after the date.

The Board will submit to the decision of the Honble Court what is claimed by your Highness, as they are not authorized to determine themselves upon points of such Magnitude.

Lord

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I am well acquainted with the articles of the Treaty to which your Highness is pleased to refer me— I know that all Claims for Subsidy cease, when the War arrangement commences— but, as to the fixing the period from whence the War Stipulations shall commence, (as your Highness objects to the mode proposed to you,) I feel a difficulty; & I dare say, you will in that case have no objection to it's being referred to Lord Cornwallis, & to his Lordship's being requested to name the precise Period from whence We are to claim the Receipt of four fifths of your Highness's Revenues— This period ascertained, and acquiesced in, it will be easy to carry to account the Sums paid in by your Highness, which I apprehend will fall very short of four fifths of your Highness's actual Receipts from your Country, & will make the amount of your arrears much greater than they are stated to be at present.

Your Highness complains that the Sums of Pagodas 67,000, for money paid in by your amuldars, & of Pagodas 38,000 for Grain, were not introduced in the account— This, your Highness must be sensible could not with propriety be done, until the Accounts to which they refer are examined & adjusted.

I am sorry I cannot agree in opinion with your Highness, that the quantum of the Deductions to which your Highness is entitled on account of failure of the Crops can

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be ascertained with so much facility as your Highness represents. — If done by a Comparative Statement with the Losses sustained by the Company in the Jaghire, it will not be accurate, for altho' there might be a partial drought in the Jaghire, it does not follow that Countries several hundred Miles distant were equally affected.

There is no intention of placing arbitrary Debits against your Highness, or of refusing acquiescence in the just claims of your Highness; but those brought forward on account of loss of Tribute from the Tinnevelly Poligars are certainly too vague, to be admitted by this Government, without the orders of their Superiors.

I hope soon to be furnished with the Instructions of the Bengal Government respecting your Highness's Situation with the Company, when I shall have the honor to address you again on the subject of your Existing Engagement.

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Morgan Williams

Fort St. George
6th July 1790.

Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to Bengal

Copy to be sent to Bengal.

Ex. G.

John Turing
Cond. Saunders

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Diary

7th. Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.B. Nos. 29. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45.

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations. To the Committee for Reporting upon the Bengal Regulations — Enclosing Copy of a letter from Bengal — The New Regulations to have effect on the Coast at the end of the Year.

To the Resident at Hydrabad. To the Resident at Hydrabad — Stating that an Enquiry is on foot for an Examination into the cause of the unmilitary condition of Major Montgomery's Detachment — Enclosing Letter for Major Montgomery, & Copy for his Information.

To the Military Paymaster General. To the Military Paymaster General — Enclosing Copy of Lieutenant Torin's accounts for purchasing Horses, & Lieutenant Norris's for building Cavalry Cantonments at Connatoor — The Balances due to them to be discharged by Bills on Bengal, at the Exchange of 393 Arcot Rupees p.c Star Pagodas.

To the Chief Engineer To the Chief Engineer — The Balance due to Lieutenant Norris for building Cavalry Cantonments at Connatoor to be discharged by Bills on Bengal.

To Lieutenant Norris To Lieutenant Norris — with similar Information.

To Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Company To Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. — The Balance due to Lieutent. Torin on account of purchasing Horses to be discharged by Bills on Bengal.

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors — The Contractors Bill

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7th for the month of May for Bullocks employed with the army, amounting to Pagodas 38,365, to be discharged by Bills on Bengal - The Board cannot depart from the Resolutions contained in their Letter of the 28th May.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - to apply to the Storekeeper at Madurah, and to the Commandant and Storekeeper of every Garrison where Grain has been delivered in, for an account of the Medium prices of Paddy & Rice, Wholesale & Retail, from the month of January to the month of June last, inclusive.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army Accounts - Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Cochrane relative to the audit of his Accounts - The opinion contained in his Letter of the 5th Instant approved.

To the Muster Master General

To the Muster Master General - To lay before the Board the latest Muster Rolls of the 28th and 29th Battalions of Native Infantry now serving with the Nizam, together with every Information he may be possessed of relative to their State of Equipment

To the Hospital Board -

To the Hospital Board - to report whether they think it necessary to continue the Appointment of Surgeons to the Town Goals - Enclosing Letters of application for the above appointment from Messrs. Gordon, Harris, & Spalding.

To the Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops. -

To the Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops - Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bengal - To pay particular attention to it's Contents.

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To the Military Board — To the Military Board — Enclosing Mr. Boyd's Bill for Guns — Stating how the Account is to be settled on the Books of the different Offices through which it is to pass.

To Masulipatam — To Masulipatam — The Repairs to the Laboratory & Flag Staff to be Executed agreeably to the Estimate delivered in.

To the Resident at Ingeram — To the Resident at Ingeram — The Repairs necessary to Mr. Bowie's Quarters to be Executed — the Expence not to exceed Mad. Rs. 150.

To the Commandant at Tritchinopoly — To the Commandant at Tritchinopoly — To provide proper Escorts to convey to Tritchinopoly the Stores and Recruits that will be landed at Negapatam from on board the Company's Ship Ceres.

To Mr. William Duffin Surgeon — To Mr. William Duffin — The Board do not consider themselves authorized to make any addition to his Allowances as Head Surgeon.

To the Commandant at Ongole — To the Commandant at Ongole — To punish at his discretion the People in Confinement for robbing the Tappal Peons, if found guilty.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal — Acknowledging receipt of their Letters of the 4th 16th and 17th Ultimo; stating that the orders therein contained will be properly attended to.

We have been honored with the receipt of the Letters from your Lordship in Council under date the 4th & 16th Ultimo, which arrived at the same time. — We have also received your Letter of the 17th with the Enclosures.

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7th We shall lose no time in carrying into Execution the several Instructions contained in the above mentioned Letters, and in replying particularly to them.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your most obedient humble servants,
(signed) Morgan Williams
& Co. Council

Fort St. George
6th July 1790.

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor & Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

To Major General Medows — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Governor General — & of Letters written by Colonel Brathwaite to Captain Kennaway and Major Montgomery — To state his opinion upon the subjects alluded to; & to call upon the Adjutant General for all the Information in his possession.

We beg leave to Enclose Copy of a Letter received from the Governor General in Council, & to request you will order the Adjutant General to lay before us all the Information which his Office is able to furnish, that We may reply as fully and as satisfactorily as possible to the points contained in Lord Cornwallis's Letter.

We have directed Colonel Brathwaite to state minutely the particulars of his Conduct in carrying your orders into Execution; and We request you will be pleased to give us whatever Information you may possess in your Character of Commander in Chief, together with your Sentiments as to the immediate measures that ought to be pursued respecting Colonel Brathwaite — We mean, whether he ought to be removed from his Military Command, in consequence of what is already

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7th acknowledged by him in his correspondence with you or with the Adjutant General.

We apprehend that Major Montgomery and the Captains in the Command of the two Battalions will not be liable to particular censure, unless it appears that they were wanting in reporting to their respective Superiors any Deficiencies in the Cloathing, Arms, or Numbers of the Troops under their orders, or unless, what We are unwilling to suppose, any false Returns have been signed by them.

We enclose Copies of Letters written by Colonel Brathwaite to Captain Hennaway and to Major Montgomery, and wish to be favored with your sentiments, whether the addition of Effective Sepoys ordered by the Colonel is adequate to the removal of the Causes of Complaint, relative to the inefficiency of Major Montgomery's Detachment.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient Servants
(signed) Morgan Williams
for Council

Fort St. George
9th July 1790.

To Major Montgomery
Commanding the Detachment
in the Nizam's Country.

Sir

Major Montgomery
informing him that the
Governor General in
Council

The whole of your Correspondence with the Resident at Hydrabad, & all that has passed between him & Colonel Brathwaite

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Council has highly disapproved of the unmilitary condition of this Detachment — To lay before Government all Papers & Information respecting the Cause of the Detachment's having Ellore in so deficient a State.

Sir

Boathwaite, respecting the State of the Force under your Command, having been laid before the Governor General in Council, his Lordship has been pleased to express his strong disapprobation of the State of the Detachment, which he considers no less contrary to the stipulations of the Treaty with His Highness the Nizam, than disgraceful to the reputation of our Military Service.

His Lordship has instructed this Government to investigate most rigorously into the Causes of the Battalion being detached from Ellore in so imperfect & unmilitary a Condition; & I am in consequence to desire you will acquaint me with every particular on this subject that may be in your power, & transmit Copies of the Representations you must have made to Colonel Boathwaite, or to the Commander in Chief, previous to your quitting Ellore, & during your March to the Nizams Camp.

If the Detachment when you assumed the Command, was deficient either in Clothing, Arms, or Numbers, you must of course have reported it, and you are required to transmit to me for the Information of Government, Copies of such Reports, & of such Returns & Reports as have been made to you by the Captains of the 28th. and 29th. Battalions under your Command.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant,

Fort St. George
6th. July 1790.

(Signed) John Chamier
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To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir

To Colonel Brathwaite
Copy before the Board
the particulars of his
Instructions to Major
Montgomery respecting
the Cloathing, Provision
Arms &c. for the
Detachment, before its
leaving Ellore.

The Governor General in Council having expressed his Disapprobation at the imperfect and unmilitary State in which the Battalions under Major Montgomery were detached, and having instructed this Government to investigate most rigorously into the Causes of those Battalions leaving Ellore in a Condition no less contrary to the Stipulations of the Treaty with the Nizam than disgraceful to the Reputation of our Military Service — I am directed to desire you will acquaint the Board whether you can add any information to what is contained in your Letters of the 26th & 28th Ultimo, respecting the Equipment & detaching of the two Battalions.

You will be pleased to communicate to the Board the Instructions you gave to Major Montgomery respecting the Cloathing, the Arms, or the numbers to compose the Detachment — & in short every particular relating to it, as far as you have been concerned therein.

The Bengal Government having ordered the strictest Enquiry into this subject, & directed Punishment for neglect & Disobedience of orders where they shall appear to have existed, you will be very particular and minute in stating

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Para. 16th Due attention will be paid to the Honble Courts Remarks in this Paragraph.

17th 18th & 19th Require no Remark.

20th & 21st Require no particular Observation at present.

22nd Agreed that the acting President be requested to write to the Rajah of Travancore, as directed.

23rd 24th 25th } Had no Remark at present
26th 27th & 28th }

29th 30th 31st Copies to be sent to the Accountant General.

32nd 33rd Need no Remarks.

34th Copy to be sent to Mr. Darke.

35th Needs no Remarks.

36th Upon the subject of this Paragraph, the Secretary begs leave to acquaint the Board, that he was specially directed by the President & Members of Government to abstract their Minutes, & that it was impossible to preserve the Connection & regularity which was wished, owing to the introduction of new matter upon the different points at the very eve of the dispatch, after part of the General Letter had been Copied fair. He requests permission to add that it will continue to be his study to draw out the Proceedings & Letters of Government in as Clear and as connected a manner as possible, agreeably to the orders of his Superiors.

The Board have no doubt of the Secretary's performing his duty in strict conformity to the orders of his Superiors both here and at home, as he has

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7th. The measures and Conduct you pursued in consequence of the orders you received.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servt.

Fort St. George
6th July 1790.

(Signd.) John Chamier
Secy.

8th. Received the undermentioned Letters — as entered in C.C. Nos. 16. 17. 18. 19.

From the Commandant at Pitchinopoly — From the Commandant at Pitchinopoly — Enclosing Letter to him from the Nabob's Son, respecting the Mode of the Grain in that Country.

From the Commandant at Madura — From the Commandant at Madura — with Plan & Estimate for building a Platform for drying Gun powder — Estimate for making a new Drain, & repairing the old one — States the Expence which the Engineer has incurred in clearing the Water Courses, for the admission of the Water from the River into the Ditch.

From Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly — Enclosing State of the Invalid artillery at Trinconbah — Recommending that the deficiencies be supplied from Masulipatam or Ellore.

From the acting Post master General. — From the acting Post master General. — Stating that the Teppal of the 26th Ultimo was attacked at Ramiapatam by 15 Thieves.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob — Sent Letters to the Nabob & Rajah of Travancore (as entered in C.C. Nos. 129, 130.) To the former, stating the late orders of the Court of Directors, respecting the payment of the Annuity granted

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8th granted by his Highness to Brigadier General Joseph Smith. & Enclosing an Extract of the General Letter on the subject. — To the latter, requesting him to use his utmost Exertions in his operations against the common Enemy; & to compleat immediately the payment of the Lack of Pagodas.

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

My Lord.

Fort William

To Bengal — with Copy of Letter to the Nabob — Noting the situation of the Southern Army on the 2nd Instant.

We have now the honor to enclose Copy of the Letter which our Acting President has written to the Nabob, in answer to his Highness's Letter of the 22nd ultimo, already transmitted to your Lordship in Council.

We have received your Letter of the 16th ultimo, & have desired General Medows to address Tippoo Sultaun, in the manner suggested by your Lordship in Council.

Our latest advices from Camp are dated the 2nd Instant at Caroor, from whence the Army was to march the next day.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) Morgan Williams

&c. Council

Fort St. George
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To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell

Commanding the Bengal Detachment

Sir

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell — permitting him to receive the discharged Men from Ellore. Replying to his application respecting Surplus Bullocks &c.

The Board have received your Letter of the 5th Inst. I have no objection to your receiving into the Bengal Artillery such of the Discharged Men from Ellore who are desirous to renew Service for the Bengal Establishment.

In reply to the last Paragraph of your Letter, I am directed by the Board to observe that, in consequence of Orders from Bengal, & a Resolution of His Lordship in Council the Extra Bullocks required for your Detachment have been provided by the Contractors — That the Train Department in the Carnatic being complete with Draught & Carriage Bullocks, the Surplus Bullocks of this Establishment, which accompany your Detachment, are to be employed as the Service may require — For these Reasons, the Board do not see that there will be any necessity for the Bengal Agent doing more than to keep complete the Bullocks of your Establishment, which accompanied the Detachment from Bengal.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort St. George
7th July 1790.

(Signed) John Chamier
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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

To Major General Medows - Stating the want of proper Evidence to bring Ensign Williams to a Trial for the Murder of Ensign Tatem.

We have received a notification from the Officer Commanding at Chingleput of his having in Charge Ensign Williams, who is to be delivered over to the Civil power for the purpose of taking his trial at the next Quarter Sessions for the Murder of Ensign Tatem.

As there is no Evidence even to bring Ensign Williams to a Trial, We beg leave to request you will cause Evidence to be taken before you, & direct the Witnyses to proceed to Madras, for the purpose of deposing their Evidence at the Bar at which the Prisoner is to be tried.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Fort St. George
8th July 1790 —

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) Morgan Williams
& Co. Council

Received the undermentioned Letters - as entered in M.B. Nos. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54.

From the Secretary to the Commander in Chief

From the Secretary to the Commander in Chief - Recommending (on the part of the Commander in Chief) that the Military Board be directed to form Regulations & Rates, under the Head of Working Money to the Troops.

From

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From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors

8th. From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors – Stating an Error in the Balance noted by the Board to be due to the Contractors – Requesting that one third of the net Balance be paid him in Cash – and that he may have permission to refer to the Commander in Chief the Case of the Bullocks Stopt at Ellore for the eventual use of the Bengal Detachment.

From the Resident at Travancore –

From the Resident at Travancore – acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Letters of the 18th & 21st Ultimo & their Enclosures for Tellicherry – likewise of the President's Letter for the Rajah of Cochin.

From Lieutenant Collier

From Lieutenant Collier – Repeating his application for Subsistence Money; & enclosing his Certificate.

From the Resident at Nagore

From the Resident at Nagore – will proceed to Tanjore without delay, to investigate into the Truth of the Complaints against Mr. Ram.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 55. 56. 57. 58.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board – To report upon Letters from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief, & from Major Sale.

To the Commandant at Ongole –

To the Commandant at Ongole – To provide for the safety of the Tappal Peons proceeding to & from Ongole – Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Post master, advising of the attack made upon the Peon who left the Post Office on the 26th Ultimo.

To the Resident at Travancore –

To the Resident at Travancore – Enclosing Extract of a Letter from Bengal, respecting the forming Treaties of Alliance with the Malabar Princes – likewise Letter for the Rajah, & Copy

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8th for his Information.

To Colonel Brathwaite Commanding the Northern Division of the Army —

To Colonel Brathwaite — Enclosing the present state of the Invalid Artillery at Innacondah — The Deficiencies noted by Major Wynch to be supplied from Masulipatam or Ellore, if it can be done without Inconvenience to the Service.

At a Consultation

Present

Morgan Williams Esqr.

Acting President

Friday 9th July 1790.

John Turing and Edward Saunders } Esqres

The Honble Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Read the following Letter, received yesterday from Bengal.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Bengal — Stating their concern at the refusal of His Highness the Nabob to surrender the Management of his Country during the War — His Highness to be again called upon & every Persuasion used to prevail upon him to accede to the Measure.

Honble Sir

We have received your Letters dated the 7th and 9th Instant, with their different Enclosures, & We must acknowledge that the Contents of them have given us the most serious Concerns

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Measure – And if the same be unsuccessful, orders are given for taking possession of the Country

It has ever been as much our earnest inclination and disposition, as We know it to be the wish and desire of the British Nation and of the Honble Court of Directors, that the Nabob Mahomed Ali should in all public and private transactions be treated with every degree of liberality and delicacy which could be expected by an Old Friend and Ally of the Company, who has with them experienced great vicissitudes of fortune during their long period of their mutual Connexion; and from these Considerations we should perhaps in any common occasion, conceive that We should not commit a very unwarrantable breach of public Duty by exposing the Company's Interests to the Risk of suffering some moderate pecuniary loss, rather than give a Sanction to any Measure, which We have reason to believe would violently shock the feelings of a respectable old Prince who has probably now but a few years to live.

Forced however as We have been into an expensive and dangerous War, with the most inveterate as well as the most powerful Enemy that the British Nation and the Nabob have ever had to contend with in India, and in the Event of which the future safety of his Highness's own Dominions is as deeply staked as the essential Interests of the Honble Company, we plainly perceive that We could not gratify the Nabob's private Sensations by forbearing to take efficient

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steps to exact the performance of his Engagements to the Company, without being guilty of a flagrant neglect of the attention which is due to the Honor & Interests of our Country, and no less to the security of his Highness's own Dominions.

We need not conceal from you that the resources of Bengal, exhausted as they are by drains of various kinds during a long series of successive years, could not even with the aid of the utmost punctuality in his Highness's Payments either according to the Terms of the Treaty concluded with Sir Archibald Campbell, or of those of the Propositions made to him by the Court of Directors, to which he has lately acceded, long support such Expences as those with which the present War must unavoidably be attended, without being reduced to great Extremity of distress; but We must freely declare that unless the whole or a great part of the Heavy Arrears which are at present due by the Nabob of Arcot & the Rajah of Tanjore can be recovered, and a punctual discharge of the stipulated proportions of their Revenues can be secured in future for the General Good, We not only foresee great immediate embarrassment to the Company's finances, but also much ground for apprehension that the ultimate success of the War may be greatly endangered.

Under these Impressions, and being at the

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same Time perfectly persuaded that in giving your opinions, you are actuated solely by a regard to the substantial Interests both of his Highness and the Company, as well as convinced that your Judgement cannot be erroneous on the impossibility of obtaining in future the stipulated proportion of the Nabob's Revenues thro' the medium of his Highness's own managers, which must also preclude all hopes of your being able to recover by those means the immense amount of his present Balance. We think it our indispensible duty to authorize and direct you to take effectual measures in as delicate a manner as may be possible to put the Company into immediate possession of the Management of his Highness's Revenues and Country, in order that the total amount of their Collections may be applied with fidelity and economy, in the proportions that have been already settled, to defray the exigencies of the War for the general Benefit of the Parties, and to support his Highness's own Family and dignity.

We sincerely lament that your Endeavors to prevail upon the Nabob by argument and persuasion to sacrifice his Ideas and private feelings respecting his own personal dignity and importance, to the real and substantial good of his Subjects, and for that purpose to make a voluntary Surrender to the Company of the

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Management of the Country, during the Continuance of the present War, have proved so fruitless and ineffectual, because it has been with the utmost reluctance that We could bring ourselves to instruct you to take any Step which would give his Highness the least uneasiness or mortification?

We trust however that before long His Highness will be fully sensible of the Interested & Criminal Motives of the Advisers by whom he has been influenced to resist your solicitations, and that he will soon see that whilst his People will be treated with Justice & Humanity, a liberal Fund will be secured for the support of his own dignity and the maintenance of his Family, and that the remainder of the Revenues will be rescued from the hands of Extortioners and Usurers, and honorably applied to the defence and protection of his Subjects and Dominions.

But at the same Time, we repeat our directions that every delicate and conciliatory means that suggest themselves to you, which will not counteract their essential Purposes, shall be made use of with his Highness, in carrying our Instructions into Execution.

Your Statements of the account between His Highness and the Company, appear to us to be Correct, and your reasonings in support of the different Articles charges against him seem to be solid and just; But no

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has uniformly acquitted himself with ability, & to their entire satisfaction. — Agreed, that the necessary attention be paid to the Remarks of the Hon'ble Court, with respect to the Compilation of the General Letters in future.

Para: 37 to 41. Require no particular Remark at present.

42nd Ordered that Copy be sent to Messrs. Gaeron, Hill & Landon.

43rd Requires no Remark.

Exd. Chas. Harris

John Turing
Edw. Saunders

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plaints must be spared to give his Highness the most ample and full Explanations of all the particulars of which the account consists, & of the general principles on which it is formed, in order that he may if possible be convinced that the Company's Governments are incapable of making Demands upon him that cannot be supported by the fair and most obvious tenor and meaning of specific agreements. It must likewise be shewn and proved to his Highness in the most satisfactory manner, that his Receipt of his proportion of the Revenue will be completely secured by the Officers that may be appointed by him having the most free and uninterrupted access, not only to observe the general Conduct of the Company's Servants that may be employed in those Collections, but to inspect and examine all accounts whatever of Receipts and Disbursements that relate to them, during the Time his Country shall remain under the management of your Government.

We cannot entirely abandon the hopes that upon a more mature reflexion on Tippoo's insatiable Ambition, and his personal Enmity to him and his Family, on the many Insults and Injuries that he has already suffered from that Prince, or from his Father, and on the danger to which the Carnatic has long been and is

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at present exposed from that powerful Chief, his Highness may at last be inclined to lend a more favorable Ear to your Arguments and Persuasions; and it would be so highly gratifying to us, if the indispensible point of putting the Collections into the hands of your Officers could be carried without your being obliged to proceed to any act which should bear the least appearance of Violence, that if his Highness should instead of receiving one fifth part of the nett realized Revenue, prefer your acquiescence to his retaining in his own hands a part of the Country, estimated at one fifth of the amount of the Gross Revenues of the Carnatic, and would on that condition make a voluntary surrender of the remaining four fifths to the management of the Company, during the continuance of the War, Until his present arrears shall be discharged, although We believe that it would not be so advantageous as the other mode for the interests either of the Nabob or the Company, yet if it would tend to render the Effect of our Instructions less painful to him, We shall be happy to give the measure our entire Approbation.

His Highness cannot lament more than We do, that a necessity has arisen for our adopting the determination that We have directed you to Execute, but you will have it in your Power to prove to him by

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a variety of remonstrable arguments, that consistent with an honorable discharge of our public Duty is entirely unavoidable.

In your discussions on this subject, our wish is that the failure on his Highness's part in the performance of his Treaty with the Company may be perfectly and tenderly clear by the Statements & Explanations of the Accounts, tho' We desire that this gentle and moderate language may be made use of by himself personally at the Time that you communicate the present Instructions to him.

In order likewise that he may see in the most distinct point of view that the foregoing arrangements of Affairs which have drawn us to the necessity of requiring painful sacrifices from him have originated only from Causes in which he is at least equally concerned with ourselves, We particularly direct that you will be at pains to bring to his notice and recollection, that the present Contest has no sort of concern with European Politics, and has not in the smallest degree been occasioned by disputes or altercations between us and any other European power that from an aversion to War, We have dissembled our Sense of Tippoo's failure in the performance of several Stipulations

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-lations of the last Treaty of Peace, as well as of many Insults and Injuries he has offered to us in the course of the last three or four years, and that We should have deservedly incurred the contempt of all mankind, if inattentive to the dictates of honor and the evident Principles of self defence, we had tamely allowed an arrogant and inveterate Enemy to set the laws of the most sacred Treaties at defiance, and aggrandize and prepare himself to act in a short time with more efficacy against ourselves, by the destruction of a Neighbour and faithful ally, whom We were bound by the most solemn Engagements to protect and defend, without making a manly effort at the present juncture to curb his insolence and to exact signal reparation for the many injuries that We and our Allies have sustained from him.

As an additional means of encouraging the Nabob to submit to some temporary inconveniencies, and of reconciling him to the Arrangements that have been directed, you will also state to him the satisfactory Grounds on which he may found reasonable expectations that should our Arms and those of our Allies be completely successful in the present War, his Highness's family and subjects might then look forward to the prospect of enjoying the blessings of Peace for a long Series of years to come.

The Rajah of Tanjore having also failed in

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the most flagrant manner in the performance of his Engage-
ments to the Nabob & the Company, the balance now due, the
punctuality of future Payments must be secured to the former
by your taking possession of the management of his Country
and Revenues in the same manner and for the same
reasons as those which have obliged us to authorize you
to possess yourselves of the management of the Territories
of the Nabob; and the the Rajah's Claim upon us for Aid
and indulgence is in no respect equal to his Highness's
we direct that in carrying our Instructions into Execution
you shall take the greatest care to treat him & his Family
with every possible degree of decency, Moderation, & Justice.

We cannot conclude this disagreeable subject
without again recommending in the most earnest manner
that your own behaviour to the Nabob of Arcot & the Raja
of Tanjore may be uniformly calculated to soften the
Effects of measures which in themselves will be at first unpa-
latable, and that you may be particularly careful to
make a selection of Company's Servants for carrying them
into Execution, who from their known Characters for honor,
integrity, and mildness of manners, may afford you good
grounds to believe that they are sufficiently qualified to fulfil
our Instructions and Expectations.

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We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
21st June 1790.

" Cornwallis
Signed . Cha.s Stuart
. Peter Speke

P.S. 22nd June — We have just received your letter dated the 10th Instant, which tends to confirm the necessity of the Instructions that We now transmit to you, and We do not at present see occasion to make any addition to them

Minute thereon

Resolved that the acting President do request an Interview with His Highness the Nabob, accompanied by the Secretary, & that at the Conference, the following be communicated

Memorandum for the Conference with the Nabob 9th July 1790

Paper to be read to His Highness at the next Conference.

To State — that, in consequence of Instructions from Bengal, His Highness is again waited upon on the subject of assigning his Country to the Company's Management during the War, & he is earnestly solicited in the name of the Supreme Government to acquiesce therein.

That, after the most attentive Consideration to all that

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has been said by his Highness, it is with the utmost reluctance that the English Government renew Solicitations which are painful to the feelings of his Highness — that on any common occasion, Sacrifices would be made rather than shock the feelings of a Prince who is an old Friend and Ally of the Company, and who has with them experienced vicissitudes of Fortune — but that the present situation of Affairs, and the heavy Arrears due from his Highness make it impossible to forbear taking efficient steps for the pecuniary Resources for the support of an expensive and dangerous War, in the Event of which the future safety of His Highness's own Dominions is as deeply staked as the essential Interests of the Company.

That, the Sacrifices required from his Highness, in consequence of the pressing Exigencies of public affairs, originate from causes in which he is at least equally concerned with the Company — That his Highness will be pleased to observe that the present Contest has no sort of concern with European Politicks — that it has not in the smallest degree been occasioned by disputes or altercations between the English and any other European Power — That from an aversion to War, We have dissembled our sense of Tippoo's failure in the performance of several Stipulations of the last Treaty of Peace, as well

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as of many Insults and Injuries that he had offered to us in the course of the last three or four Years; & that He should deservedly have incurred the Contempt of all Mankind, if, inattentive to the dictates of honor, and the evident principles of political self defence, We had tamely allowed an arrogant and inveterate Enemy to set the Laws of Treaties at defiance, & to prepare himself to act with more Efficacy against ourselves by the destruction of a Neighbour and faithful ally whom we were bound to protect, without making an effort at the present Juncture to curb his Insolence, and to exact Signal reparation for the many injuries that We & our allies have sustained from him.

That, when all our Resources are brought into action, there is reason to indulge confident expectation that our Arms, & those of our allies in the present War will be completely successful, and that His Highness's Family and Subjects will be able to look forward to the prospect of enjoying the blessings of Peace for a long Series of years to come.

For these reasons, it is hoped that His Highness will acquiesce in the solicitations of the English Government & surrender voluntarily the Management of his Country.

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts — Reporting on Lieutenant Madder's application for payment of Gratuity due to his late Brother

I have Examined Lieutenant Madder's Claim agreeably to the Commands of the Hon'ble Board of the 2nd Inst. directing me to certify what Sum is due to the Estate of that Officer, as claimed by his Brother. — If Lieutenant Fireworker Madder can produce a Certificate of the time of his Brother's Death, he is entitled to draw his Subsistence & Gratuity only to that period, but no other allowance whatever, — otherwise, as it is impossible to ascertain when he died or was lost, I humbly apprehend, his allowances from the Hon'ble Company ceased on the day he Embarked.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St. George
9th July 1790

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) J. Capper
Esqr.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the opinion given by Colonel Capper upon Lieutenant Fireworker Madder's Agreed that the same be notified to the Commander in Chief

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Kyd

To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of army accounts — Reporting on Lieutenant Madders application for payment of Gratuity due to his late Brother

I have examined Lieutenant Madder's Claim agreeably to the Commands of the Honble Board of the 2nd Inst directing me to certify what Sum is due to the Estate of that Officer, as claimed by his Brother. — If Lieutenant Fireworker Madder can produce a Certificate of the time of his Brother's Death, he is entitled to draw his Salaries & Gratuity only to that period, but no other allowance whatever, — otherwise, as it is impossible to ascertain when he died or was lost, I humbly apprehend, his allowances from the Honble Company ceased on the day he Embarked.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. Kyd Colo.

Fort St. George
9th July 1790

Minute thereon

The Board approve the opinion given by Colonel Kyd upon Lieutenant Fireworker Madder's Claim & agree that the same be notified to the Commander in Chief.

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3rd. Sent the following letters.

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

Fort William.

My Lord

To Bengal - with an Indent for Ordnance & Military Stores.

We have the honor to enclose an Indent for Ordnance & Military Stores, of which We are in great need, & therefore hope may be complied with from the Stores at your Presidency.

We are compelled to make this application from the disappointment We have experienced this Season in not receiving any Military Stores from Europe, & which were the more requisite from the heavy Indents upon our Arsenal, in consequence of our Army taking the Field.

We have been honored with the receipt of your Letter dated the 11th Ultimo, & shall attend to the Directions therein contained.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. George
2nd July 1790.

signed { Morgan Williams
For Council

To the Honble Major General, Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

To Major General Medows - Table Allowances granted Lieutenant Musgrave, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief & upon Bond of Indemnification being given - Ceiling

Honble Sir,

We have been favored with your Letters under date the 23rd. and 24th. Ultimo.

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Read the following Letter from Messrs. Roebuck & Marten.

To the Honble Major General William Medows
President & Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From the Committee for Investigating the King's Accounts — will proceed immediately upon the Investigation, as recommended by the Supreme Government — Requesting that the Office Charges &c. may be established upon the former footing

We have been honored with your orders thro' Mr. Secretary Chamier of the 6th Instant, accompanied with Copy of a Letter from the Superior Government, to which we are directed strictly to attend.

We beg leave to exculpate ourselves, thro' you, to the Governor General in Council from the Remark made of our Inattention to the Supreme Board's original Instructions to us, to bring up the Accounts to 1st Septemr. 1787. We conceived it was our Duty, and upon our suggesting to the late Government, under date 5th October 1789, that we supposed it to be the wish of the Supreme Board to extend the Investigation, we were informed by Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier of 9th October 1789, "that "Government did not consider it necessary for us to "extend our Investigation beyond April 1786" — and as an Inducement to hasten a Compliance with their directions, our monthly salary of 100 Pags. was struck off from November 1789, altho' We were unable to complete

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the accounts even so far as April until January last.

We therefore hope that upon the renewal of our Office, Government will be pleased to renew likewise our wonted Monthly Salary of 100 Pagodas.

Having informed your honor in Council on 26th of March last, that the Duty entrusted tous was (agreeable to the orders we received) fully executed, and the Office totally dissolved; it will now therefore be necessary, in order to commence immediately upon the accounts required by the Supreme Board, that directions be sent from Government to the King's Military Paymaster General to furnish us with such accounts & Documents from his Office, as we may want — that an Office be allotted tous with Desks &c., and that We receive your Sanction for Employing a necessary number of Native Writers, which We suppose at present to be three, at the monthly Pay of 15.10 & 7 Pagodas p month, also one Moochy & a Peon. This We conceive to be the most aconomical Establishment that can be formed for executing an Investigation of so tedious a nature as the one now to be resumed; and We beg leave to assure you, Honble Sir, that from the moment we commence our Investigation, every Exertion shall be used

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to comply with the wishes of the Supreme Government

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) B. Roebuck
Geo. Sul. Marten
Comt. of Investigation

Fort St. George
9th July 1790

Agreed that the Office for the Investigation of the accounts of the King's Troops be re-established upon it's former footing; and that the Writers &c., recommended by the Committee as necessary, be entertained.

minutes thereon

Agreed also, that it be recommended to the Committee to use all possible Expedition to complete the Work with which they are entrusted, and to report occasionally their progress to Government.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief.

John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

The Commander in Chief desires you will be so good to inform the Council that he has been obliged to direct the Paymaster in Camp to authorize Mr. Mein (as acting for

Mr.

From the Secretary to the Commander in Chief — advising of the authority given to Mr. Mein (as acting for Mr. Johnston at Fritchinopoly) to draw Bills on the Presidency for the payment of the Family Certificates.

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Mr. Johnstone at Tritchinopoly) to draw on the Presidency at a short Sight for such Sum as may enable him to discharge the Family Certificates, which he reports he cannot otherwise do, as there has not been any Cash in his Office since the 20th ult.

Mr. Mein having in his Letter to the Paymaster in Camp mentioned that, he understands from Mr. Garrow's Servants, arrived at Tritchinopoly, that Mr. Garrow is coming by Sea to Negapatam, the General is induced to take notice of the Circumstance that, in case Mr. Garrow should be detained it will be necessary to provide Mr. Mein for the payment of the Troops as well as for the Certificates.

Camp Coil Pettah
4th July 1790.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) George Harris
Secy.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the above be sent to the Military Paymaster General for his Information & Guidance.

Read the following Letter from Colonel de Wangenheim

To the Honorable Morgan Williams Esqr.
Governor &c.

From Colonel de Wangenheim requesting that orders may be issued for the Completion of the Payment of Bounty Money to the Men who have reinlisted — Enclosing a List of them.

Sir!

Enclosed I do myself the honor to transmit the Lists of the Men of His Majesty's 14th & 15th Hanoverian Regiments, who

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are reinlisted for 6 months, and of whom every man, according to the orders of Government, received two Pagodas and a half Bounty.

The Regiments having only received 500 Pagodas each on account of such Bounty, I request that you will be pleased to give orders that the Rest of this Money may be paid to them.

I have the honor to remain with Respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient & most humble Servant

Madras - 7th July 1790.

(signed) Wangenheim

Colonel

Ordered that the Lists of the Men be sent to the King's Paymaster General, with Instructions to Pay to the order of Colonel de Wangenheim the full amount of the Bounty Money, according to the number of Men re-inlisted, at the rate of two Pagodas and a half each Man.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Military Pay=master General.

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To the Honble Morgan Williams Esqr.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter I have received from Mr. Strange relative to his Highness the Nabob's Tcep on Booderjee. I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Benjn. Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster at Tanjore stating that Booderjee Sowcar is willing to discharge the Tcep for 50,000 Pagodas at two Payments -

Fort St. George Pay Office 7th July 1790.

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To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General.

Sir

I have received the honor of your Letter of the 26th Instant.

Booderjee Soucar has this day informed me, that he is willing to discharge the Bill for 50,000 Pagodas, at two different payments of 25,000 Pagodas each: His first payment is to be made in Ten Days from this date, & his Second payment in Thirty Days from this date. — Booderjee further agrees to pay the Interest that may arise on these Sums (from the time the Bill first became due) until they are discharged.

I shall inform Mr. Colt of these Circumstances, & shall follow such Directions as I may receive from him in regard to the application of the Money received by me. — In the meantime, you will be pleased to return to me the original Bill, lest any Delay in the Payments may arise, from a scruple on the part of Booderjee to take my Receipts for the Sums as they may become due.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) James Strange
Esqr.

Tanjore
29th June 1790. —

Minute thereon

The Secretary informs the Board, that the Military Paymaster General has reported, that the Trip for 50,000 Pagodas, has been returned to Tanjore.

Read the following Letters (entered in MB. Nos. 59. 60.

From

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From Mr. William Raine

From Mr. William Raine — Requesting the payment of the Money due to him during his Captivity, amounting to Three thousand three hundred Pagodas.

Minute thereon

Ordered that it be discharged by a Bill on Bengal, at the rate of 393 Arcot Rupees p.o Pagodas.

From Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Company

From Messrs. Porcher, Redhead, & Co. — Requesting that the Bengal Bill in favor of Captain Lieutenant Torin, for the Balance due on account of Purchases of Horses, may be granted at the Exchange of 410 Arcot Rupees instead of 393.

Inadmissible

Inadmissible.

The acting President reports the death of Captain John Forbes of the Infantry, and Ensign Barclay of the Engineers.

The acting President informs the Board that, a Report has been made to him of the death of Captain John Forbes at Vellore, & of Ensign Barclay of the Engineer Corps at Tritchinopoly.

Exd. Chas. Harris

John Turing
Con.d Saunders

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Diary

Detail of Proceedings with the Durbar, in consequence of the Letter from Bengal upon the subject of the Nabob's Country.

9th In answer to a Note written by the acting President at this Morning's Consultation, the following in the Evening was sent to him by the Nabob.

His Highness the Nabob Wallaujah Behauder presents his Compliments to Governor M.Williams — He is extremely sorry that he could not have the pleasure of seeing him, as his present indisposition will not permit it —; therefore he desires his Son Omdut ul Omrah Bahauder to wait on the Governor to morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock, and requests he will be so good to impart to him whatever he has got to communicate to his Highness, as he has entrusted every thing to his Son.

9th July 1790.

This morning the Nabob's Eldest Son Omdut ul Omrah waited upon the acting President, & informed him that his Father's ill state of Health did not permit him to see part of his Family, & that he could not be visible to the acting President for many days; desiring therefore that what it might be necessary to communicate to his Father should be imparted to him.

As there was no probability of obtaining an Interview with the Nabob for some days, it was agreed to request

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Q. request the presence of of the Nabob's Son Omdat ul Omrah Bahauder, in the Evening at 9 o'Clock, for the purpose of making the necessary Communications in consequence of the Instructions from Bengal

At a Consultation. Present

Saturday 10th July 1790. 8 O'Mr.

Morgan Williams Esqr.
Acting President.

John Turing and Edward Saunders Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

The Nabob's eldest Son Omdatulomrah being introduced, the acting President in the Name of the Board expresses their regret that the Nabob's indisposition prevents a Conference which was thought necessary, but that as his Highness had desired the Communications to be made to his Son, the acting President would read to him a Paper containing the heads of the Subjects upon which it was his intention to have addressed His Highness the Nabob in person, if he had been honored with an Interview.

The acting President accordingly Read to the Nabob's Son the Paper entered on the proceedings of yesterday.

Omdat

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Omdut ul Omrah informed the Board that he should immediately communicate to the Nabob his Son what had been read to him, & requested that he might have a copy of the Paper, to which his Father would reply.

The Acting President delivered a copy of the Paper to the Nabobs Son, requesting that he would obtain his Highness the Nabobs Answer without loss of time, which Omdut ul Omrah promised to do.

The Nabobs Son taking leave, the Council was adjourned.

Richard C. Oakes

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Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Kelly respecting Lieut. Colonel Cockerell's Detachment — requesting he will state his opinion as to the measures to be adopted with regard to the Troops in the Centre Division after the Junction of the Bengal Detachment — The Baggage Master in Camp to draw Captain's Pay & Batta.

We have again taken into consideration the request of Colonel Musgrave respecting his Allowances, and altho' We adhere to our former opinion that the granting the addition he solicits will not be confirmed by the Court of Directors, yet in compliance with the wish expressed by you that the Colonel's Request could be granted, We have determined to acquiesce; and We beg the favor of you to give the necessary orders to the Paymaster, & to direct his receiving from the Colonel a Bond of Indemnification.

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to us from Colonel Kelly, to whom We have notified in answer that We have no reason to apprehend, from any intelligence in our possession, that Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment will be molested in it's march to Wallaujaubad.

We take this opportunity of requesting to be favored with your Sentiments respecting the disposal of the Force which will be at Wallaujaubad, after the Detachment joins; for, if you recommend offensive operations, it will be necessary to lose no time in preparing Funds, & in ordering Bullocks for it's complete Equippment.

We have resolved, agreeably to an opinion given by the Military Board, that the Baggage Master in Camp shall be allowed Captain's Pay & Batta, which We beg of you to order accordingly.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Morgan Williams
& Co. Council

Fort St. George
9th July 1790.

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Diary

11th Sent the following Letter

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

Honble Sir

To Major General Medows stating the Resolution passed in consequence of Lieutenant Madder's application.

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that they have come to the following Resolution upon Lieutenant Madder's Claim, which was lately submitted to them by Lieutenant Colonel Harris at your desire.

If Lieutenant Fireworker Madder can produce a Certificate of his Brother's Death, he is entitled to draw his Subsistence & Gratuity to that period - but no other allowance whatever - & if he cannot produce the Certificate of his Brother's death, all Allowances from the Company are to cease on the day he Embarked.

I have the honor to be with Respect,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) John Chamier
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Fort St. George
11th July 1790 -

P. S. The Enclosed Letter to your address is just received from the Government of Columbo

Received the following Letters.

To

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To the Honble Morgan Williams Esqr

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

From Colonel Brathwaite Enclosing Copies of Papers received from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, relative to the Supplies furnished to his Detachment

I have the honor to enclose Copies of what I consider as the last Report I shall receive from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, which I think it necessary to lay before Government, as it conveys general Information relative to the Supplies furnished to the Detachment.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir

your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) John Brathwaite

Samuel-devi
4th July 1790.

To Colonel John Brathwaite

Commanding Officer of the
Forces North of the Kistnah

Sir

Since the date of my address to you of the 11th Instant, I have had the honor to receive your public letters of the 11th by Veerasamy the Bullock agent, (who was not able to join the Detachment before the 23rd of this Month,) one of date the 17th June respecting Exchanges of Cattle, & one of the 22nd forwarded to me on the March by Captain Dunwoody from Ongole.

After the arrival of the Agent, I ordered an Inspection of all the Cattle, Draft & Carriage, (both those furnished to the

Artillery

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Artillery Department, which were ordered by you to proceed with this Detachment to the Southward) to be taken by a Committee of Officers, of the Report made to me has been copied in the public office, & is herewith transmitted to you. — I have granted to the Agent a Certificate of the whole Numbers presented for Inspection: I have granted him a regular Indent for the proportions actually employed in the Artillery and Magazine Departments; & I shall grant him daily Certificates of Cattle employed in transporting public Grain — for it is my Intention to avail myself of the material conveniency of these Carriage Bullocks to convey Provisions on the public account during my march to the Southward. I trust, from the appearance of the Cattle, they will perform all Services required of them; & I can assure the Contractor that my endeavors shall be used to recommend to the Departments in which the Cattle may be employed, such Conduct as shall conciliate the Masistries & Drivers to the Service.

The Agent has not made any proposition to be allowed to make Exchanges of the Draft Cattle.

I am honored by your approbation of my Endeavors to promote, forwards the public Service in the Conduct of the Detachment committed to me.

In this place, I beg leave to assure you of my acknowledgements for the public Opinions you have

aided

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11th aided me with for my Guidance to this time, & for the further prosecution of my March — The Detachment is proceeding on route towards Wallaujaubaad, the destination specified to me from the Secretary's March route, but strange to say, to this time I am not furnished with any express orders from the Government of Fort St. George, nor from the Hon'ble Commander in Chief for my Conduct neither am I instructed to correspond with the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, altho' my public Report of the arrival of the Bengal Detachment on the South banks of the Kistna, has been read at the Board in the Military Department —

It has been long my intention to make a General Report to you, as Commanding the Forces in the Districts north of the Kistna, of the provision made for the accommodation of this Detachment on the March, from the northern limits of the Ganjam Districts, to the boundary of the Carnatic Provinces.

I could not make it compleat until this time that the Detachment has entered into the Ongole dependencies.

In making this Report, it is not necessary to enter into the particular occurrences of each day's March — it will be sufficient to speak to the Subject in general terms, and I am happy to have it in my power to declare that

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11th. the Supplies of Provisions were amply throughout, and in no instance has any want been experienced. The average Rates at which the Provisions were supplied, are detailed in the annexed Paper: of their reasonableness, or the Contrary, I am not able to offer an opinion. The Regulating of the Rates was left wholly to the Managers of the Districts, & by them observed due payment to be made for every article supplied. Firewood, Forage for Cattle, & Bullocks only excepted which were furnished from the Country, altho' in cases of deficiency were purchased from the Inhabitants, who not unfrequently brought them for Sale to the public Markets of the Camp.

As the Troops advanced into a new District, I considered it my Duty to notify to the Chief of the District we had passed through, the conduct of the Persons with whom their orders for our Supplies had been lodged, and it was a most pleasant task to me. In the Nagapatam District I was attended by a Civil Servant Mr. G. Wilson, appointed by Mr. A. Davidson to regulate our Supplies; & from the N. Boundary of the Districts of Masulipatam to the Station of Ellore, by Mr. C. Hoyer, under appointment from Mr. A. Saddleir. The assiduities of these Gentlemen afforded very material benefits to the Service of the march of the Troops. I made my public acknowledgements to them, & reported to the Chiefs of these Settlements, the Assistance I derived from them.

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To Mr. Floyer I consider myself more particularly indebted, because his efforts secured the Troops in more reasonable terms of purchase of Grain, than otherwise I might have expected: and this will be apparent to you by a reference to the Accounts transmitted.

The places marked with a Cross, being in the management of the Servants & Dubashes of the Civil Servants of the Company, Mr. Floyer could not use the influence of recommendation with them, with the same success as with the Native Zemindars.

Apparow's Servants behaved with remarkable diligence and attention to the conveniences of the Detachment. The Managers of the Nizampatam Districts were also very attentive to the Supplies of the Troops; and the Servants of Mr. Hughes, Collector of Guntur, have very highly merited my Commendations for their Exertions to provide us, during the long halt which the Detachment was obliged to make at Ellefoor on the Kistna, and at Vantipollam.

One occurrence at Baupetlah in the District of Nizampatam has given me much concern. It was a fraud so public, that I cannot but impute to the

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11th Tanadar of the place much of the Guilt — It is represented to M. Sadleir, Chief of Masulipatam, to be Investigated.

Of the behaviour of the Servants of the Rajah Vizeramraugee, to the march of the Detachment throughout his Districts, I used the occasion of my public Report to the Chief of Vizagapatam to make the full Representation in. I am sorry to say the Stages in this Rajah's Zemindary appeared the least prepared of all the march for the accommodation of the Troops — His Servants were prevaricating, negligent, unwilling to afford assistance to us, & particularly to our Sick Soldiery, for whom I could scarcely obtain any Carriage, and the Rajah himself cannot plead ignorance of the Circumstances — I had expected from this Rajah a very different conduct. It is a satisfaction to me to be able to assure you, that no part of the Rajah's Conduct induced me to be neglectful of the Inhabitants; and I am confident to believe, that the Detachment are in claim to the same meritorious character of orderly conduct in this Raujie, as they have had attested in all other Countries thro' which the march has been.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. signd John Cockerell
Lieut Colonel Commanding the
Southern Detach.t Bengal Troops

Camp at Ongole
30th June 1790

A true Copy signd W.m Wilson Secy

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Report of an Inspection of all the Draft & Carriage Cattle belonging to the agents of the Madras Contract, taken by Captains Montague & Barton, Lieutenant Dent adjutant & Qt. master, & Lieutenant Bushby — Camp Sundole — 24th June 1790.

	Draught	Carriage
Total Inspected	644	2[illegible]

N.B. The Draft Cattle appear to be new & not broke in, & in general very thin. The Carriage Cattle, tho' thin, are adequate to the labor of a Magazine Bullock.

(signed) E. Montague
Captain & President

A true Copy (signed) Edmd. Wells Brigade Major

A true Copy (signed) Wm. Wilson Secy

Average Prices of Provisions purchased by the Camp Merchants of the Bengal Detachment, as under.

1790			Rice Seers	Flour Seers	Sheep Seers	Wood Seers	Oil Seers
May	18	At Pykrapeat Encampment					
	19	Wentamummoody					
	20	Nagrapilly	21	24⅔	21⅓	3	
	21	Peddapoor					
	22	Rajahnagram					
from the	23	Rajahmundry & South Banks of the Godavery	18	19	18	2½	
to the	26						
	27	Gourcypatam		23	20	3	
	28	Annantapilly					
	29	Goonampilley	18	19	14½	2½	
	30	Gungegull					
from	31	Dindalore		21	15	2½	
to June	11	Ellore					
	12	Kambole		21	14½	2½	
	13	Kowleespore		17	14½	2½	
from	14	South Banks of the Kistnah		17	21	2	
to	21						
	22	Elletore		17	21	2	
	23	Kungalle		17	21	2	
	24	Chundole		17	16½	1½	
	25	Baupetlah					
	26	Ditto					
	27	Yantipollum		17	19½	2	

A true Copy (signed) Edmd. Wells
Brigade Major

A true Copy (signed) Wm. Wilson
Secy

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Translation

To the Honble John Turing and Edward Saunders } Esqrs.

Members of Council at Madras

Honble Gentlemen

From Columbo - Expressing their wishes for the success of our Army - Enclosing a letter for the Commander in Chief.

We have had the honor of receiving your Letter of 17th May last.

We are extremely obliged to you for the friendly Communication you have been pleased to make tons of the departure of his Excellency General Medows to take on him the Command of the army - We heartily wish that his Excellency's undertakings may be attended with the most brilliant success, and that the object in view may be fully accomplished

We have received great satisfaction from the information you have favored us with, respecting the conduct of the Government of Cochin towards the English Troops under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Hartley: Your Honors may rest assured that Governor Van Angelback will do every thing in his power that can be instrumental to the Ease & Relief of Colonel Hartley, & to the Corps under his Command.

Columbo
15th June 1790.

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

Signed
W. J. Van de Graaff
C. D. Kraijenhoff
M. P. Racket
C. Fileiruit
J. Reintous
B. L. Van Zetter
J. A. Valenleave

P. S. We beg the favor of you to forward the Enclosed Letter to his Excellency General Medows.

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To the Honble. Morgan Williams Esqr.

Governor &c &c

Sir!

From Colonel de Wangenheim. Stating allowance to be made to the Company for money advanced by them to Recruits in England.

I have the honor to inform you that his Majesty's 14th & 15th Regiments of Hanoverians having transmitted to Hanover the accounts of the 212 Recruits, who arrived here in the Month of May 1788, are in reply informed that, a sum of £ 173.5, has already been paid for them in London by the Honble Company, in the Month of November 1787; of which, were delivered on their arrival the two Regiments will therefore return to the Pay Office, the above paid Sum of £ 173.5, with 433 Pagodas 5 fanams 20 Cash.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient & humble Servant

Madras, 11th July 1790.

(signed) Wangenheim

Colonel

John Chamier Esq

Military Secretary

Sir.

From Major Wynch — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Montgomery, with an Indent for Stores which he is unable to comply with from the Stores in the Garrison of Vellore.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, with the Honble Board's direction to a compliance with any Indent which

Major

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3rd Dispatched the undermentioned Letters - as entered in M.B.

Nos. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

To Colonel Kelly — To Colonel Kelly - The Board have not any reason to suppose that the Bengal Detachment will meet with any Impediment from the Enemy, in it's march to Wallaujanbad.

To Colonel Kelly — To Colonel Kelly - an Havildar's Guard to be stationed at Chandermaghery, after the present Garrison is withdrawn.

To the Military Board. — To the Military Board - an Havildar's Guard to be placed at Chandermaghery. The Superintendant of the Company's Topaxy to state the Expence that will attend the building a tiled Shed ... Permitting them to Employ a Writer & Peon.

To Colonel Capper — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts - To Report upon an application from Lieut. Madder, for the payment of some allowances due to the Estate of his late Brother.

To the Paymaster at Wallaujanbad — To the Paymaster at Wallaujanbad - Cornet Montgomery, who had been appointed Agent for purchasing Horses, is to be advanced the same Allowances as were enjoyed by Lieutenant M.Fie.

To Colonel Capper — To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts - To procure to the Examination of Mr. Cochrane's accounts with the assistance of Majors Wibbe & Pearce his Deputies.

To the Chief Engineer — To the Chief Engineer - To direct Major Banks while in the Guntoor Circar, to report upon the House built by Mr. Willis at Guntoor.

To the Accountant General — To the accountant General, with Copy of a letter & Enclosure received from Bengal.

To the accountant General — To the accountant General - Enclosing the 3d 29th 30th & 31st Paragraphs of the General Letter from the Court of Directors, dated 5 March 1790.

To

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11th. Major Montgomery may make for supplies of Ammunition &c. from the Military Stores in the Guntoor Circar.

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit you a Copy of a Letter which I received a few days ago from Major Montgomery, enclosing an Indent for Stores, with my reply: Had I complied with it, this Circar would have been left destitute of Stores and Ammunition for it's defence — Major Montgomery is very desirous to have deposited such Stores as are not immediately called for in Innicondah, or such other place of Security in the District as may appear to me best adapted. I have only to inform you, that no Buildings have been constructed since the Honble Company, now almost two Years, took possession of the Circar, when it's general wretched Situation was well known — The few Stores I have in this Garrison can hardly be said to be under Cover — The Indent I have forwarded to Colonel Brathwaite, which no doubt will be complied with from the Stores at Masulipatam — I beg you will be so good to acquaint the Honble Board, that I shall comply with their Directions in supplying Major Montgomery with Ammunition &c. as far as I can, consistently with the Safety of this Garrison & Circar.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A. Wynch
Major Commanding

Innicondah
5th. July 1790.

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To Major Wynch

Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

Sir

In the Expectation that the Detachment under my Command will shortly move more southward, when it will become an object of importance to have every incidental deficiency supplied with as little delay as possible, and as your Post will be more conveniently situated than any other for that purpose, I have the honor to enclose you an Indent for such Stores as now are or will in all probability soon be wanted for this Service; of which I request you will be pleased to mark out what you are able or deem yourself authorized to supply; and for the remainder, that you will be pleased to forward the Indent to the Board of Masulipatam, to procure it from thence — It is my wish to deposit such of the Stores as are not immediately called for, in Innicondah, or such other place of Security in the District under your Command, as may appear to you best adapted for our ready accommodation, of which that you may be the better able to judge, I shall from Time to Time acquaint you of my motions.

If you think yourself authorized to comply with this Indent or any part of it, I have to request you will be pleased to forward Four Empty Tumbrils with every possible

Expedition

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11th expedition to Paugtour or it's vicinity, by the safest method, (four of mine having broke down) at the same time acquainting me, that I may take measures to favor their Junction. The remainder of the Indent is not immediately wanted, but I request may be held in readiness to move on the shortest notice. I much wish to know how far I may depend upon your assistance in this Service; I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) S. C. Montgomery

Camp at Cootcottah
11th June 1790.

To Major Montgomery
Commanding a Detachment
with his Highness the Nizam.

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 11th Instant, enclosing an Indent for Stores. I am sorry it is not in my power to comply with any part of it, not being authorized to do so. The Stores in this Garrison are not more than sufficient for the defence of the Circar, for which purpose only they have been placed here. I have forwarded your Indent to Colonel Brathwaite the Commanding Officer of the Northern Circars, to whom I conceive you meant it should go, and not to the Board of Masulipatam, as

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11th no Military Stores can be sent out of that District without his Sanction.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
signed A. Wynch

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29th June 1790.

From the Military Paymr. General

Received Letter from the Military Paymaster General (as entered in M.B. Nos. 61.) Enclosing an Indent for Tin Boxes to contain the old Vouchers of his Office.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters – as entered in M.B. Nos. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67.

To Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co.

To Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. – Stating that the rate of Exchange already notified to them for the discharge of the Balance due to Captain Lieutenant [illegible], cannot be altered.

To the Committee for Investigating the King's Accounts

To the Committee for Investigating the King's Accounts – Their Office to be re-established on it's former Footing – Writers to be Entertained.

To the Acting Deputy King's Paymaster Genl.

To the Acting Deputy King's Paymaster General – with notification of the same.

To Ditto Ditto

To the Acting Deputy King's Paymaster General – with Lists of the Hanoverians who have re-inlisted for the term of 6 months – To pay to the Order of Colonel de Wangenheim the full amount at the rate of two Pagodas & a half each Man.

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To the Military Paymaster General.

11th To the Military Paymaster General – Enclosing for his Information Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief.

To the Commandant at Wallanjaubad

To the Commandant at Wallanjaubad – to make the necessary preparations for the accommodation of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, which is expected to arrive at Wallanjaubad about the 23rd Instant.

To Colonel Kelly commanding the Center Division of the Army.

The same to Colonel Kelly, commanding the Center Division

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell at Nellore – Enclosing Copy of Intelligence received from Captain Read.

To Colonel Kelly

The same to Colonel Kelly.

12th Received the under mentioned Letters – as entered in M.B. Nos 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76.

From Captain Torrens Commanding the Cores.

From the Commander of the Company's Ship Cores – Stating the necessity of building Bulkheads for the accommodation of the Gunpowder, and requesting to be reimbursed the Expenses which he must necessarily incur thereby – Is confident that his Ship cannot take above two thirds of the Stores noted in the Indent made out by the Military Storekeeper.

From the Commander of the Cores.

From the Commander of the Cores – Stating that his Ship is ready to take in the Stores for Negapatam.

From Mr Secretary Hay

From Mr Secretary Hay – Enclosing a Letter for the Governor & Council at Cochin.

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From Lieut. Boisdaune Commanding at Nellore.

12th. From the Commandant at Nellore – advising of the arrival of Lieut. Colonel Cockerell's Detachment at Nellore on the 8th. of July.

From Mr. R. L. Willis Paymaster at Guntoor

From the Paymaster at Guntoor – requesting permission to proceed to the Presidency for the recovery of his health.

From the Commandant at Madura –

From the Commandant at Madura – Stating the scarcity of Rice in the Buzars; Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Oram on the Subject – Stating the want of Armourers; & of Cash for the Monthly payment of the Troops.

From M. W. C. Tallofield

From the Resident at Nagore – Enclosing a Letter from Columbs. Intends to set out for Tanjore on the 7th. of July.

From Captain Walter

From Captain Walter of the Pensioned List – requesting leave to proceed to Europe; and that some Provision may be made for his Family.

From the Commandant at Wallaujaubad.

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, Commanding at Wallaujaubad – will make every possible preparation for the accommodation of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

13th. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters – as entered in M.B. Nos. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81.

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ceres

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ceres, permitting him to draw for the Expence of building Bulk heads for the accommodation of the Gunpowder.

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To Lieut. Colonel Cockerell

To Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell – Enclosing Copy of Intelligence received from Amboor & Poloor, respecting the Enemy's Horse.

To Colonel Kelly

To Colonel Kelly Commanding the Centre Division of the army, with the same Information.

To Lieut. Colonel Maxwell

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell; Commanding at Wallaujaubad – advising of the same.

To Mr. R. Dighton Collector in the Jaghire

To the Collector in the Jaghire – Informing him that Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment will arrive in a few days within the Districts under his Management – Stating the places at which it will halt; and directing him to prepare the necessary supplies of Provisions, Firewood, Potts, &c.

To Mr. J. Clerk Collector in the Jaghire.

The same to Mr. John Clerk.

To Mr. R. L. Willis Capt. at Guntoor

To Mr. R. L. Willis – with permission to visit the Presidency, agreeably to his Request.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board – Enclosing List of Stores intended for Bengal, which have been landed at Masulipatam – to report if any of them are particularly required for the Service on this Coast.

At a Consultation; Present

Morgan Williams Esqr.

Acting President.

Tuesday 13th July 1790

John Turing, and Edward Saunders Esqrs.

The Honble Major General William Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

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The acting President Reports to the Board that he wrote a Card to his Highness yesterday, requesting an answer to the proposition made to the Amdut on the 10th Instant, to which no reply has been received.

Resolution of the Board not to wait longer than the 15th for his Highness the Nabob's Reply to the Proposition made on the 10th.

The Nabob to be informed of the above.

Agreed that his Highness be informed, that the Board will wait until the day after tomorrow for his answer, & that if it be not received in that Time, it will be considered that his Highness adheres to the Resolutions which he has already communicated to the Board.

Read the following Letters from Major Montgomery

John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From Major Montgomery - requesting to be furnished with particular Instructions relative to his obedience to the orders of the Nizam - Recommending that two Companies of Grenadiers now at Ellore be joined to his Detachment - desiring to know what line of Conduct he is to pursue in the Event of his being joined by Troops of another Presidency - Repeats the Requisition for a supply of Stores - & requests permission to draw half Table Money.

That some days since the honor to inform you of my arrival at this place, within a days march of the Kistnah, & of my Intention to cross that River as soon as enabled to do it by the Nizam - From what cause the Delay has hitherto proceeded, or how long it may continue, I am ignorant - but that the time may not be totally lost, have taken advantage of it to forward the discipline of the great number of Recruits in the two Battalions.

I beg leave in this moment of Inactivity again to express my anxiety for my Instructions, and my earnest wish that they may be as full as possible, as in times like

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these Communications with the Presidency will be very uncertain, and many points may arise in which, if left to my own decision only, I may either exceed or not act up to the Intentions of my Employers – I hope therefore, that my situation will be more accurately defined, and that Government will be pleased to inform me how far I am vested with Powers to act for, or support the Dignity and Interests of the Company upon Emergencies of that nature.

It is equally foreign to my Intentions and to the Duties of the Station I now fill to offer any unimportant or frivolous Scruples to impede the public Service – yet I trust it will be allowed that my present situation is peculiarly delicate; being in the Dominions of, and Encamped with the Camp of the Nizam, uncertain as to the particular Intentions of Government, uninformed as to what powers are vested in me; and uninstructed whether by the Treaty concluded with the Nizam, I am to consider myself as acting in concert with, or in Subordination to him, and if the latter, how far that Subordination may Extend, as it would be very imprudent in me to incur Responsibility for measures planned without my Knowledge or Concurrence. – The determination of the Nizam not to take the Field in person, but to delegate the command of his Forces to another, makes me particularly anxious for Information on this point, as it may occasion some change in my Line of Conduct.

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To Mr. C. N. White Secretary to the publick Department.

To the Secretary to the Publick Department — Enclosing the 1st Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 5th March 1790.

The Same

To the Hospital Board — To the Hospital Board with Paras. 7 & 16 31 36 & 45.

To the Military Board. — To the Military Board with Paras. 54 56.

To the Accountant General — To the Accountant General with Paras. 62 67 & 71 inclusive.

To the Adjutant General — To the Adjutant General with Para. 59th

To the Town Major — To the Town Major with Para 141st

To the King's Paymaster Genl. — To the King's Paymaster General with Paras. 75th

To Major Tonyn — To Major Tonyn with Para 79th

To Lieut. Colonel Ross — To Lieut. Colonel Ross with Paras. 92 93 94 & 101st

To Captain Beatson & Capt. Allen — To Captain Beatson with Paras. 92 93 & 94th
To Captain Allen with Para 100

To Mr. Topping Marine Surveyor } — To Mr. Topping with Paras. 123rd, & copy of a Letter from the Board of Ordnance at home.

To the Hospital Board — To the Hospital Board with Resolutions of Government upon the 7th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 5th March last.

To Mr. William Duffin — To Mr. William Duffin, Surgeon — Enclosing the 7th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors, dated the 5th March last, appointing Mr. William Raine Head Surgeon, & Junior Member of the Hospital Board — & the Resolutions of the Board in Consequence.

To Mr. William Raine — To Mr. William Raine, Surgeon — with the 7th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors, dated 5th March last.

To Mr. William Gordon — To Mr. William Gordon with Para 10th

To Ensign Wood — To Ensign Wood with Para: 3rd

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Perron destined to Command the Nizam's Army, is arrived in Camp, in consequence of which our Destination may be fixed, I am anxious in my wishes that my Instructions may arrive before I enter upon actual Service - when it will be no fit time on my part to state difficulties or require Explanations, thereby retarding the prompt Execution of our Designs, and setting an Example to the Nizam's Troops of that very Backwardness which it is the first object of my wishes to divest them of.

The Nizam has a force, considerable in itself and capable, if managed with vigour and address, of effecting great Things - That however will in a great measure depend on the Person who leads them, as from the Detachment under my Command, composed entirely of black Troops, and to the weakness of which (not having 800 Men in Line) I beg leave again to call the attention of Government, not much can be reasonably Expected - The universally established Reputation of the Coast army has led the Nizam to form high Expectations from them - and that these Expectations may not be disappointed, I have taken the Liberty of suggesting to the Commander in Chief a measure, which will I hope be approved by him, and the Board, and which would in my Idea (if it does not intervene with the Treaty concluded with his Highness) be attended with very good Effects. There are now lying

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idle at Ellore, with the Regiment two fine Companies of Grenadiers – These, if not destined for other Service, might if compleated and sent here amply compensate for the weakness of the Detachment – and would inspire the Black Troops with a confidence which is seldom found in them acting without Europeans.

I hope to be indulged with the supply of Stores mentioned in my former Letters, which I cannot but consider as absolutely necessary for the Conducting this Service with success.

Many different Plans have, as I am informed, been in agitation in the Nizam's Durbar, but none are as yet determined on. – I should rather suppose we shall act in Concert with the Mahrattas, to whom I hear a like Force has been sent from the Bombay Presidency, as from yours to the Nizam – Should that be the case, and a Junction of the different Armies take place at any future time; which is not improbable, I have to request my Instructions may be pointed out as to the Conduct I am to adopt in regard to the Troops of the other Presidency – whether to continue in seperate Bodies – to unite – or whether I am in that Case allowed a discretionary power to act as may appear to me most for the good of the Service.

I am sorry to be obliged to remark that the Discipline of one of the Battalions with me (the 78th. lately returned from the Guicacole and Ganjam Districts) is by no means what I could wish – On the Nizam's expressing

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a Desire to see the Troops in Motion, That given orders to the Corps to advance from the right of Companies, but was informed by Captain Read that his Battalion could not perform that or any other Manœuvre; and that it has not had a Field day for upwards of Eighteen Months before he joined them. Every Exertion has since been made, and with considerable progress, to remedy this defect; which however affords me an additional Motive for wishing to be indulged with the Grenadier Companies.

I have further to observe &c, as a matter which may attract the Attention of Government, that the Maps which I carried out with me are very erroneous in the Geography of this part of the Country, and particularly in the course of the Kistna. It might probably be an object of some importance towards obtaining a better Knowledge of the Geography of this Country, and of that in which it is probable that hostilities on this Side will commence, was an Engineer to accompany the Detachment, as such a favorable Opportunity may not again happen for sometime. How far such a Project may deserve the attention of Government they are best enabled to judge.

In consequence of the heavy Expences incurred in supporting that appearance which the Customs & Habits of this Court render so indispensably necessary, I have taken the liberty of drawing what is generally called half Table

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of, 'till I receive Instructions on that Head. With regard to his appointment as Paymaster, of which I received notice from the Board of Masulipatam only, I yesterday issued the following Order, and delivered over to him the Money Entrusted to my Care by that Board, for the payment of the Troops.

"Mr Robert Malcolm having arrived in Camp, "& being appointed Paymaster to the Detachment, is to take "upon him the Duties of that Employ."

I think it necessary to add that I am informed the Nizam has hinted his Intention of paying the Detachment himself, pursuant to his Treaty with the Honble Company. How far he may be depended upon, the Board will best judge.

Waiting the Determination of Government on the Enclosed, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant
signed A. C. Montgomery

Camp near Ramgoindapore
23rd June 1790

To Major Hugh Montgomery
Commanding the Detachment
Sir

I am informed Mr Robert Malcolm is appointed by Government Storekeeper to the Detachment under your Command, I beg leave to know if he is Military Storekeeper,

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and if I am to deliver over the Military Stores under my Charge to him — If I am, I must beg leave to represent to you, that on the Detachments marching from Ellore, the 29th of April last, I received Charge of the Guns, Tumbrils, and Military Stores fit as Commanding Officer of Artillery, agreeable to the 26th Article of the Honble Company's late Regulations for the Ordnance department — on the 29th, you thought proper from the quantity of Military Stores with the detachment to appoint me Commissary of Stores 'till the pleasure of the Commander in Chief should be known; in which Capacity I have continued to act.

If the Military Stores of the Detachment are to be delivered over to Mr Malcolm as Storekeeper, this appointment places me in a most unpleasant situation, and deprives me of the Powers and authority vested in Commanding Officers of Artillery, by the Article I have before alluded to in the Ordnance Department, which I must beg leave to lay before you. Viz.t

"Whenever any Detachment takes the Field, a Commissary of "Stores, Conductor or other Ordnance Officer, will be ordered "with it; but should it at any time happen that a Detachment "marches without an Officer of Ordnance, in this case the Senior "Officer of Artillery is to make the Returns prescribed for the "Department."

There are many other Passages I could quote in the

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the Regulations respecting the powers vested in me as Commanding the Artillery of this Detachment, all of which I shall be deprived of, if I am to deliver the Military Stores over to Mr. Malcolm. The Appointment of Storekeeper to a Detachment on Service is entirely new, and no mention whatever I believe is made of it in any part of the late Regulations, which is held out to us as a Guide; and the nomination of a Civil Servant to such a Charge, being a Circumstance that never before came to my knowledge, I can only lament that it should occur on the present occasion, not being conscious from any part of my Conduct, either as Commissary of Stores or Commanding Officer of Artillery to have merited the displeasure of Government to such a degree, as to induce them to divest me of the Powers and Authority ever till now annexed to Officers in my Situation on Service. By the appointment of a Military Storekeeper I am of course freed from all Responsibility of the Military Stores of the Detachment, except the Spare Ammunition contained in the Tumbrils, & Limber Boxes of the Guns, and Tumbrils of the Line; neither can I have access to, or a knowledge of what Military Stores are in the Magazine of the Detachment, but by the Consent of the Storekeeper, which I can't help thinking rather a mortifying Circumstance to an Officer who has had the honor of serving the Company between Eighteen and Nineteen years, and who from his Situation

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here as Commanding the Artillery, may probably be called upon for an opinion of Military Stores &c. on certain & particular occasions — Thus Situated, permit me to request the favor of you Sir, to represent my Case to the Commander in Chief, with such Remarks as your superior Judgement may deem necessary: As he may suppose a Storekeeper was appointed in consequence of some neglect or inattention to that Department on my part to rectify which, permit me to request you will so far indulge me, as to Communicate to him your Sentiments of my Conduct, in arranging, managing, and conducting the Stores &c. of the Detachment, since I have had the honor of being under your Commands.

I have the honor to be with Respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Camp at Ramgoindapore
22nd. June 1790.

(signed) R. Tutt
Capt. Commanding the Artillery

Agreed that an official Extract of the Government Order, announcing Mr. Malcolm's appointment be sent to Major Montgomery.

Extract Minutes thereon

The Board are still of opinion, that no particular Instructions appear necessary — much must be left to the Discretion of Major Montgomery who

who will act to the best of his Judgement, as Circumstances may occur. He has been already told, and it is again to repeat it, that — "He is to serve with the Nizam's Army "against the common Enemy in such manner as he may "point out; and if any Difficulties should occur, Major "Montgomery must endeavor to overcome them, by consult "ing and co-operating with the Company's Resident at "the Nizam's Durbar."

With regard to the Conduct Major Montgomery is to adopt in the Event of his being joined by the Troops of another Presidency, it is only necessary to inform him, that the Senior Officer will of course Command, according to the Rules of Service.

Agreed that the Commander in Chief be requested to inform the Board, whether in his opinion, further Instructions than what are already Resolved on, will be necessary for the Guidance of Major Montgomery's Conduct.

The Opinion of the Commander in Chief has been requested respecting Major Monlgomery's Suggestion of being joined by two Companies of European Grenadiers from Ellore.

Ordered that Captain Tutt do remain in Charge of the Military Stores of the Detachment. With respect to his appointment of Commissary of Stores, it has been

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Submitted to the opinion of the Commander in Chief.

The Board decline authorizing the drawing Half Table money by Major Montgomery.

Read the following Letter & Enclosures from Colonel Kelly.

To John Chamier Esq.

Secretary in the Military Department

Sir

From Colonel Kelly – with Copy of a Letter from Colonel Bruce & it's Enclosure from Captain Read, stating the want of Provisions for the Troops in Garrison at Sautgar – & of a further Supply of Troops to Garrison the Forts of Myamundum, Catisghurn, & Gobeeghun.

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, with Copy of the Intelligence from Captain Read.

I request that you will be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that my own Intelligence from the westward corresponds, in part, with that transmitted by Captain Read.

I have also to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Honble Board the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Colonel Bruce, with it's Enclosure from Captain Read – to the Subjects of which I beg the Honble Board's attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient & most humble Servant

signed R. Kelly

Choultry Plain
11th July 1790.

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To W. Ogilvie — To W. Ogilvie, Assistant Surgeon with Para: 30th.

To the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum — To the Directors of the Male Orphan asylum with Paragraph 41st.

To W. George Andrew Ram — To W. George Andrew Ram, with Para. 103rd.

To W. Darke — To W. Darke with Para: 31st Political Letter.

To the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts. — To the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts. with Paragraph 42nd of Dito.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 15. 16. 17. 18.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Enclosing Return of Carts & Bullocks employed on service, & remaining at present — & a Monthly Return of Grain in the Several Garrisons.

From Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly — requests Permission for Captain Gage to proceed to the Sea Coast for a few days, for the recovery of his health.

From Colonel Nixon — From Colonel Nixon — Enclosing a General Monthly Return of the Troops Encamped at Tritchinopoly — Requesting that the Troops destined for his Regiment may be sent with all convenient Dispatch.

From Colonel Nixon — From Colonel Nixon — Enclosing a Return of Grain remaining at Tritchinopoly & the adjacent Districts, with Report on the Subject.

5th. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — as entered in M.B. Nos 19. 20. 21.

To Captain Gage, Commanding at Tripassore — To the Commandant at Tripassore — with Permission to proceed to the Sea Coast for a few days, for the recovery of his health.

To Major Montgomery serving with the Nizam. — To Major Montgomery — Captain Kennaway will be requested to use his Influence at the Nizam's Durbar, for the requisite

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Colonel Kelly - Commanding the Centre Division &c.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose a Letter from Captain Read to me, which I request you will take an opportunity to lay before the Board; for in the event of the Nabob not supplying any Provisions at Sautghur, the Company stationed there will in all likelihood be obliged to retire to Amboor.

I beg leave also to mention, that General Medows some time before he went to the Southward, gave me reason to expect his Highness would send Peons to Garrison the Hill Forts of Myamundlum Calishgurr, & Drotughur - None however are yet arrived, & those Forts consequently exposed, having only small Guards of Sepoys from hence.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Signed / Thos. Bruce

Vellore 9th July 1790.

A true Copy signed / G. Doveton
Secy to Col. Kelly

Colonel Bruce - Commanding Vellore

Sir

I beg leave to forward you Two Letters from Lieutenant Freton, Commanding Sautgur, representing his situation there. - It appears by them that he has not the least prospect of the expected augmentation to his Garrison. The Nabob's Sibendies, probably sent there as

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Such, cannot be considered any part of it, not being under his Commands, but solely under that of the Daroga, who has scattered them among the Villages, on his own or the Revenue Business — He is likewise disappointed in not receiving yet the Expected supply of Provisions, for a small quantity lately brought into the Bella is not suffered by the Nabob's People to be taken under his Charge, nor will they take it up the Hill, or collect any more.

The Fortifications of Sautgur are so Extensive, that a Company of Sepoys is not sufficient to furnish the necessary Sentries. — Of course, Lieutenant Preston only occupies the Hill Forts, but his whole force is not equal to the defence of one: besides they are so distant, and the Communication from one to the other is so difficult that no part of the Garrison can move in time to support whichever is attacked, and three faces of the Forts are quite accessable, as so little opposition could be made.

Though this be a true description of Sautgur, it is capable of a good defence, if occupied by such a Garrison as the Enemy could easily spare. Should he get possession, he could equally afford to establish Posts at Policondah & Agram; and after that, little or no Revenue could be drawn from the Countries to the Westward of Vellore; and it difficulty would be also found in keeping open the

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communication between it and this place.

I enumerate these Circumstances with a wish that you would communicate them to the Hon'ble Board, that knowing how untenable Lautgur is at present it may, if deemed of the importance I conceive, provide for its Security.

Lieutenant Treton seems to wish for 150 Pilgers, in preference to the Nabob's Sibendies, and to think that an order to the Amuldar to give them Batta (which is very trifling) is all that is required to procure that number. — Whatever Reinforcement be sent him, a positive order to the Nabob's People, to collect Provisions, & to lodge it in the Granaries on the Hills, is equally indispensible. — As to Ammunition, I suppose you can spare what is required from Vellore.

I informed you before, and I have often represented to the Commander in Chief, that Rice & some Salt are the only Articles of Provisions in Amboor. — The several Articles coming under the denomination of Massall are equally necessary; and this being a frontier Garrison, and so advanced, it is obvious that in the course of a few days, it may be entirely out of my power to supply it with a sufficient Quantity of any one of them. — I beg you will likewise mention this to Government, for it will not delay giving orders to furnish what will

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incur so little Expence, and what is so absolutely necessary to the preservation of so important a place.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Amboor - 8th July 1790 -

(signed) Alexander Read

Agreed, that the Nabob be requested to issue Orders to his Amuldars at Sautgur to procure some Poligars & Sibendies to assist in the protection of the place, & to collect Provisions and lodge them in the Granaries upon the Hills - Also, that his Highness be desired to give orders that a sufficient number of Peons be stationed in the Hill Forts of Myamundlum, Calish=gurr & Doobeegurr.

Minutes thereon

Agreed that an Extract of Captain Read's Letter to Colonel Bruce, be sent to the Military Board, with orders to report their opinion as to the propriety of authorizing Captain Read to lay in a Stock of Provisions, & to what Extent at this Juncture.

Read the following Letters from the Commandant of Arnee.

To

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To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary Military Department

Sir

From Captain Mackay - The Natives bring Intelligence of a Party of the Enemy's Horse having come through the Changamah Pass.

In conformity to your Instructions of the 11th of May, I have to request you will inform the Honble Board, that the Inhabitants of the Villages of Pimundul, Pollore, and Calisieraut have taken the alarm, and left those places, in consequence of a Party of Horse having come thro' the Changamah Pass, and being near them - I can only find one Man who says he saw the Horse, and he appeared so much under the Dominion of his Fears, that little credit can be given: I have however sent out for more particular Information, tho' I have hardly a doubt but the alarm is a false one, or at least what the Inhabitants on this Frontier have been accustomed to for Eighteen months past, from Chiel Naig's Party

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) R. Mackay

Arnee - 11th July 1790.

To John Chamier Esqr

Sir.

From Captain Mackay - Communicating the particulars of the Ravages Committed by the Enemy's Horse.

Be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that from the best Information I could could collect yesterday.

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& from a Man of mine who came in this Morning, I learn, that five hundred Horse came thro' the Changamah Pass the 7th. or 8th. Instant, plundered most of the Villages between Changamah & Pollore, and yesterday morning Chittapett was Sacked by 150 of them, while 200 remained at a Village called Tatchour, to receive the Plunder and Cover the Retreat of the Party — They carried off a thousand Bullocks load of different things, & the Inhabitants estimate their loss at Ten thousand Pagodas: 'tis probable they have lost half that Sum — The Looties marched all last night, nor will they halt 'till they get near Changamah, their head Quarters being within thirty Miles of that place; at a Village called Chingrepetty, & they a Detachment from a Party of 1500 — They have cut but few People, as We have not had but three wounded men brought in, and those slightly. — I have, and am doing everything in my power to mitigate the sufferings of the poor Wretches, and shall make the Weavers my particular Care — I mean to accommodate the heads of them in the Fort. — I imagine there could not have been less than five thousand People slept on the Glacis last night.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Robert Mackay

Arnee — 12th. July 1790.
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Minute thereon

As it is now past a doubt, that a Body of the Enemy's Cavalry has entered the Carnatic, by the Pass of Changamah, it is Resolved, that Colonel Kelly's opinion be immediately called for, as to the best mode of protecting the Country against predatory Incursions — And that it be notified to him at the same time, that the Board have reason to expect that the Bengal Detachment will join at Wallaujaubad in 6 or 7 days.

Read the following Letters from Captain Kennaway.

John Chamier Esq.

Secretary to the Governor in Council Fort St. George.

Sir

From Captain Kennaway — The Nizam appoints Mahomed Mahaidie Khan to join the army under Major General Medows — Requesting that he may be allowed to proceed from the Presidency accordingly.

At the desire of the Nizam, I have to request you will inform the Honble Board that, His Highness having been pleased to appoint Mahomud M'haidie Khawn his Vackeel with the army under the Command of Major General Medows, in virtue of the Treaty on the point of being concluded, requests he may be allowed to proceed accordingly — Mahomud M'haidie Khawn on his quitting Madras will leave a man of trust in conjunction with Hurry Dutt Bhawanee Sunker Soucar to receive the amount due of the Nizam's Peishcush. I have the honor to be

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&c. &c. &c. (signed) John Kennaway

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To John Chamier Esq.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military & Political Department

Fort St. George

Sir

From Captain Kennaway
Enclosing Copies of several
of his Letters to the Governor
General, thro Major Montgo-
mery, respecting the
Detachment

I have the honor to forward, for the Information of the Honble Board, Extracts of my Letters to the Governor General of the 19th 20th & 21st Instant, together with a Copy of my Letter to his Lordship of this date, & of my reply to Major Montgomery's Letter referred to in it; which Letter with the Enclosures it contained I conclude have been transmitted to the Board by himself. The Substance of such of these Extracts & Letters as it may be thought necessary to communicate to General Medows, I request may be transmitted to him after such mode as may be deemed secure.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) John Kennaway

Camp near the Kistnah
25th June 1790

Extract of a Letter from Captain Kennaway to Earl Cornwallis
dated 19th June 1790.

I have likewise the honor to forward a Copy of a Letter which I received yesterday from General Medows, and freely acknowledge to your Lordship that, his opinion of the object of my agreement with the Nizam for the Employment of Colonel Cockerell's Detachment has considerably abated

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the satisfaction I have derived from the idea that those Articles, considered in every point of view, were advantageous for the Company and beneficial for the general Interests of the Alliance; conceiving that the Carnatic would be best defended by a powerful diversion being formed against a vulnerable part of Tippoo's dominions in this quarter, which it appeared to me could not be so well effected by any single army of Infantry stationed on the spot against Bodies of Tippoo's Cavalry, & that Colonel Cockerell's detachment, aided by a body of the Nizam's Horse, might be expected to make a rapid progress on whatever service it might be detached. Should it yet be sent, it is the Nizam's present Intention to send it to reduce Cummum & Cudapa - or that part of Tippoo's Country which lies due South of the Tumbudda between Raichore & Carnoul, just above where that River joins the Kistna - while the Force of Mohaubet Jung is co-operating with that under Purseram Bhow to subdue the Districts between those Rivers to the Westward of Raichore - Mohaubet Jung entering it by the route of Cunnukgury, & Purseram Bhow at the Gauts of Kittoor or Bangarcotta - & this Plan will I imagine be carried into Effect at all Events. Mohaubet Jung, who is in the vicinity of the Camp, is to pay his respects to the Nizam to morrow morning.

I omitted to inform your Lordship that I have not thought it necessary to communicate to this Durbar

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Durbar the information contained in your Commands of the 11th ultimo, concerning the probability there was that the Madras Government would be obliged to take into their own hands the temporary management of the Carnatic & Tanjore Country; conceiving the reasons adduced by your Lordship for such a step were sufficiently cogent to account for the measure as soon as I should hear of it's having been adopted, & what has passed on the Communication being made at Poonah confirms me in thinking it will be better it should be postponed 'till that period shall arrive.

A true Extract
(signed) N. B. Edmunstone Assist.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Kennaway to Lord Cornwallis dated 20th June 1790.

General Medows in his Letter, Copy of which accompanies my address of yesterday, having so clearly expressed his disapprobation of the Bengal Detachment being sent to the Nizam, & his opinion how much it would affect his Plan of operations for the conduct of the War, I conceive I should be totally unjustifiable on that principle alone, were I to call for the assistance of Colonel Cockerell's Detachment without the most pressing necessity; & when to that consideration is added that the

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5th Supplies for the Detachment — To be careful to prevent any Causes of complaint against his Detachment on the part of the Nizam, or his Officers.

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ceres

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ceres — To prepare his Ship for the reception of Military Stores & Recruits to be conveyed to Negapatam.

Substance of a Letter from the Nizam.

Received Letter from the Nizam (as entered in C.C. No. 127) stating his Intention of sending Meer Mahomed Mahady Cawn to attend the Army, & that a Confidential Person will be nominated to receive the remainder of the Peishcush due from the Company to his Highness.

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble the Senior Member & the Gentlemen of Council

&c. &c. Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Camp at Caroor
28th June 1790

From Major General Medows — Respecting Lieut. Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 21st — specifying the preparations making for Colonel Cockerell's Detachment crossing the Kistnah, & the official Information of the Houghton's touching at Madras in August in her way to Europe: — and since, of yours of the 22nd enclosing Enclosing Colonel Cockerell's — who I am glad is at last on this side the Kistnah; & will be authorized by Colonel Kelly to hold Courts martial — He seems to think

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circumstances described by your Lordship is capable of rendering it necessary that the Nizam should be supported at all hazards without delay, do not really exist, namely "The Mahrattas continuing to hold back; the Nizam's having "crossed the Kistnah; there being reason to apprehend that "Tippoo could send a formidable force against him" — & that I received a Letter from Colonel Cockerell dated Ellore 11th June, by the same dawk which brought me your Lordship's informing me that in consequence of a Letter from General Medows of the 28th Ultimo, strongly expressive of his Expectations that the Detachment was proceeding, he was to march southward the next morning — I imagine your Lordship will be of opinion that I could not have addressed Colonel Cockerell in any other terms than what I have done.

As to the Nizam, your Lordship may rest assured my utmost endeavors shall be exerted to represent in proper colours, the impossibility there existed on your part of complying unconditionally with his request, & that such consequences may have arisen from General Medows' being deprived of a force on which he had placed so much dependance as might have been very detrimental to the interests of the alliance.

A true Extract

(signed) N B Edmunstone Asst.

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Extract of a Letter from Captain Kennaway to Lord Cornwallis
dated 21st June 1790.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that Meer Aboul Cossim waited on me this morning, when I informed him of the resolution which your Lordship has come to respecting Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, in consequence of the Conditional agreement with His Highness which was forwarded in my Letter of 11th & 12th ultimo - I informed him that in case his Highness had crossed the Kistnah, and there existed any reason to apprehend a formidable Force having been sent against him by Tippoo, that the Detachment would have marched directly to his support, but that as the conduct of the War had been entrusted to General Abercrombie, & as such a movement would considerably interfere with the due prosecution of it, agreeable to his Plan of Operations, the consequence of which might be as detrimental to the Interests of the allies as to those of the Company, it had been directed to proceed agreeably to his orders - Meerabul Cossim appeared satisfied with the reasons that given which were detailed more fully than I have here expressed, & only asked should the Nizam now cross it if I could send for the Detachment, to which I replied in the negative, as your Lordship's orders only provided for what his situation might be at the time those orders were received, not

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what it might be afterwards. As General Medows by his Letter to me of the 28th appears to have sufficient Employment for it during the continuance of the War, I did not say any thing of the possibility that it might be sent to his Highness after the Rains. Should your Lordship be of opinion that the European Regiment at Ellore, or any other force could be spared to him, I have no doubt of his readiness to accept of it, & shall obey such orders as your Lordship may honor me with, 'till which I shall be silent on the subject."

A true Extract

Signed / A B Edmunstone Assistant

Major Montgomery

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, with Enclosures, which I shall without delay submit to the Governor General, to enable his Lordship to decide on such points contained in it, as cannot be determined elsewhere. Such as I may be competent to explain to you myself or such as can be settled by the Nizam, no pains on my part have been or shall be wanting to adjust as far as possible, agreeable to your wishes. — You are not ignorant of the Representations I have already made

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on the subject of the Buzar, or of the Tenor of the answers which have been given to them - My Exertions are still employed in endeavoring to get the business so regulated as to prevent the inconveniencies you complain of; & as soon as any thing final shall be settled upon, I shall not fail to inform you of it.

In explanation of the rough Abstract of the Pay, Batta, & Charges of the Detachment under your Command for one Month, forwarded in the above Letter, I request to be furnished as soon as possible with an account of the Pay & Batta in seperate Columns of each Rank & Station therein mentioned - also that the particulars of the last article of it, being 2700 Pagodas, may be clearly and distinctly specified, the Contingencies particularly so, as I have not been authorised to prefer any demands of that nature on the Nizam, beyond what is set down in the Governor Generals Letter to me of the 2nd. September, & the Abstracts which accompanied it; both of which I have had the pleasure to communicate to you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) John Kennaway

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A true Copy
(signed) P Edmunstone
Asst.

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Agreed that it be notified to Captain Kennaway that his Highness the Nizam's Vackeel, Mohammed M'hardie Khawn, is unable to join the army from a severe Indisposition under which he labors at the Presidency.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam (with Enclosures entered in M.B. Nos. 82. 83. 84.)

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Masulipatam — Enclosing Copy of an Indent for Stores from Major Montgomery — The Snow Malbro from Fort Malbro arrived here with a Company of Sepoys and Stores on Board destined to Bengal. Enclosing the Dispatches from Fort Malbro for this Presidency — Recommending that a Vessel be taken up here to convey the Troops to Bengal — Enclosing Estimate of Repairs wanting at their Factory.

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your orders communicated in your Secretary's Letters of the 19th and 22nd ultimo.

Previous to the receipt of the first of the abovementioned Letters, we had received one from Major Montgomery, transmitting an Indent for Stores, Copies of which we have the honor of enclosing — As the Detachment under his Command is beyond the limits of this District, we conceived a direct application to us somewhat irregular; but as the fitting out of the Detachment in question was originally left to Colonel Brathwaite, we thought it most proper to refer the Indent to him for his opinion, as to the necessity or propriety of complying with it; more particularly as the Detachment was understood

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by us to have marched completely equipped for field service notwithstanding which the quantity of some of the Articles indented for appeared to us excessive. We now enclose a Copy of Colonel Braithwaite's answer, in conformity to his own Request, and altho' he has declined giving a decided opinion it will we conceive appear, that he by no means expected that such an application would have been necessary -- As Major Wynch has not yet informed us (which by the tenor of Major Montgomery's Letter we conclude he will do) what parts of the Military Stores required can be supplied at Innaconda we are unable yet to judge what quantity it may be necessary to send from hence.

Our Head Surgeon has been informed of your orders communicated to us in Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of the 22nd ultimo.

The Company's Snow Marlbro' from Fort Marlbro' and bound for Fort St. George, having been unable to make that Port, lately arrived here, we herewith forward the Dispatches She brought for your Honor &c. — Captain Carpenter the Officer Commanding a Detachment of Volunteer Sepoys on their Return to Bengal, having represented that they were much in want of refreshment, being mostly

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Kintoss, requested they might be landed here until an opportunity offered for their being sent by sea to Bengal; to which we could not do otherwise than consent; and herewith enclose a copy of the Return received from him. Captain Whitfors the Commander of the Snow, having also furnished a list of Stores under his charge, consigned to your honor &c. which as he has missed the intended Port, he requested might be landed here, it being his intention to return immediately to the West Coast; We have also consented to it, & Enclose a copy of the List. As opportunities of Sea Conveyance from this Port to Calcutta are uncertain, it might facilitate the return of the Detachment in question, if a proper Vessel bound from the Presidency to Bengal were to be ordered to take them up, which during the Southerly Monsoon, would occasion but little delay in the Passage; and as We cannot obtain Information whether the Stores landed were also for Bengal, we request your orders whether they are to be sent thither along with the Detachment, or whether they are to be sent to the Presidency or received into Store at this place.

Our Committee of Stores having recommended the Repair of Six Tumbrils, nine Gun Carriages,

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and two Howitzer Carriages, we think it necessary to transmit to you an Estimate of the Expence, amounting to Madras Pagodas 355-21, and to request your orders on the subject.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

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Masulipatam
5th. July 1790.

(Signed) W. Dobbyn

Samuel Statham

P.S. We take this opportunity of enclosing our Consultations for the month of April last.

Return of a Detachment of Volunteer Sepoys arrived from Fort Marlbro, on their Return to Bengal.

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Commissioned Officers			Non Commissioned Officers				
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1	1	2	2	3	33	38	40

Non Effective Staff
Mr. Kennedy Surgeon

(signed) G. Carpenter
Captain Commanding the Detachment

A true Copy (signed) Att. Scott
Surg.

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List of Ordnance Stores on Board the Snow Marlbro belonging to the Honble Company

1 Bed Mortar	10 Inch	wanted
2 Carriage Howitzers	8	
314 Fuzes Empty	13	wanted
651 —— ——	10	
1 Howitzer Brass	8	
1 Mortar	13	wanted
2 Ditto	10	
1 Ditto Iron	8	
373 Shells Empty	13	wanted
600 —— ——	10	
1 Screw Elevating	8	
2 Spunges Mortars	13	wanted

Masulipatam 29th June 1790.

(signed) Rd. Whitford

A true Copy

Signed / Jno. Scott Secy

Read also the following Letters from Fort Marlbro (with Enclosures entered in M.B. Nos. 85..86..87.)

To the Honble John Hollond Esqr.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir

We have had the pleasure of receiving your Letters P Earl of Chesterfield and Earl of Oxford under date the 8th August & 29th January last.

The Piece Goods consigned to us by the Chesterfield were received in good order, and turned out agreeable to Invoice.

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Fort Marlbro. Recommending the Troops on board the Snow Marlbro to the particular attention of this Presidency — have wrote off to this Presidency Rs. 56..23 due from M.R. Dashwood for a Deficiency of Goods during his Residency at Salcomah — have sent for Bengal on the same Vessel some Mortars and Shells, Bucket for the Governor General, & Box containing Charts.

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5th in case the Nizam should ever apply for part of his Detachment only, it might be attended with disadvantages, dividing them; and I think so myself — and that if ever such a request should be made in force enough to be complied with, the whole had better be sent, if the Nizam chuses — without the situation of Affairs at the time, of which you must be a better Judge than I can, should make even a part of his Force indispensably necessary in the Carnatic.

I am sorry to be here still, but hope to move this Week — and have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

with great respect
your most obedient
humble Servant.

(signed) William Medows
Governor & Commander in Chief

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Travancore — The Troops have cantoned for the Rains.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamiers letter of the 1st Instant, with its Enclosures; I shall immediately proceed to Cochin, to deliver them, & to accomplish the points you have Instructed me to pay attention to.

Nothing material has occurred in this quarter since my last Address. — The Troops here have built themselves Cantonments for the Rains.

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

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A Part of the Volunteer Detachment which was sent round here in the Lord Macartney having been detained, when the major part of them returned in the Chesterfield, and having expressed a desire to return by this opportunity by the way of Madras; we have agreeable to their desire Embarked them on board the Marlboro' Snow, a private Vessel, Captain Richard Whitfoot, who has received very particular directions respecting their accommodation and good treatment, and We have shipped for their use on board every article which could possibly be procured here for their Comfort and satisfaction on the Voyage.

You are Sir, no doubt well apprized how much his Lordship the Governor General has it at heart to reconcile these People to Sea Voyages, and how much his Lordship in the introduction of this mode of conveyance will depend on their treatment in the first Essays — We beg leave therefore earnestly to recommend to you to procure for them, as speedily as possible, the completion of their return to their Native Country; and in the mean time to afford them during their stay at Madras such Accommodation and conveniency as may render the delay as little irksome to them as possible — We transmit a Copy of such part of his Lordship's Letter to us as respects the return of this part of the Detachment —

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Mr. Kennedy a Surgeon on this Establishment is appointed to attend the Detachment to Bengal.

The artificers formerly Engaged by Mr. Botham when he was at Fort St. George, have been long since dead, excepting one named Benganoo, whose family alone can be entitled any longer to the allowance you mention.

We shall use our Endeavors to procure some of the Trees described by Doctor Anderson to be of the produce of this Country, and will forward them by the first favorable opportunity.

The Sum of ₱56.—23, appearing on our Books to be due from Mr. Robert Dashwood on your Establishment, being for deficiency of Stores when he was Assistant at Saloomah Residency, We have wrote it off to your Presidency where he can be called on for payment.

Having some Mortars and Shells which are of no use to this Settlement, and the Governor General in Council having directed them to be sent to Bengal, we have taken this opportunity of forwarding them to Fort St. George, where they may either remain or be sent to Bengal, as you may find it convenient & for the good of the Service. An Account of them is herewith transmitted.

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Accompanying you will please to receive a Packet addressed to the Governor General in Council, which we request may be forwarded by the first opportunity, and also a Box containing Charts -

We are, Sir,

Your very obedient Servants

. John Crigh
. Robt. Hamilton
. James Moore
. Philip Braham

Fort Marlboro
16th. April 1790.

(Signed)

The Board approve the steps taken by the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, respecting the Sepoys arrived from Fort Marlboro: Agreed that the first opportunity that offers be embraced for sending a Ship to Masulipatam for the purpose of conveying the Sepoys to Bengal.

Minutes thereon

Agreed that the Estimate for Repairs of Stores be sent to the Military Board.

Ordered that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed, that every Exertion must be made to preserve Major Montgomery's Detachment in the completest State of Equippment for actual Service.

Ordered, that an Extract of that part relating

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to Mr. Dashwood be sent to the Secretary to the public Department.

Read the following Letter from the Danish Government at Tranquebar.

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor & Co. Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From Tranquebar — Enclosing an Affidavit of the particulars of the Proceedings of Commodore Cornwallis at one of the Nicobar Islands named Nancowry — Requesting to be informed of the reasons for his long stay at the Nicobar Islands, & for placing Pilot Marks in the Channel of the Harbour

A Danish Vessel is just arrived from the Nicobars, the Commander of which has given us an account of some singular Circumstances happened there during the Stay of the Squadron under Command of Commodore Cornwallis.

We have the honor to enclose a Copy of the Report of Captain Slemmerman commanding the Danish Snow the Favorite, and likewise do We hereby transmit a Copy of the Depositions taken from the said Captain & the Purser of the Snow — By the perusal of these Documents, you will learn a very Extraordinary account, which leaves us quite in the Dark in regard to the meaning of what has passed at the Danish Settlement at Nicobar. We take therefore the liberty to request you to assist us in clearing up this matter, which by a mistake, or wrong Representation might lead us into difficulties, which We trust you have

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in your power to prevent, in making us acquainted with the real Causes and views of Commodore Cornwallis, in Sounding and Surveying the Entrance and harbour of Nancowry.

We certainly need not expatiate on the Rights of upwards of 80 years possession which his Danish Majesty, our Sovereign has to the Nicobar Islands, as it is a thing universally known & acknowledged by every European Power, who navigate these Seas.

We are inclined to believe the whole account which the enclosed Papers contain merely to be a misunderstanding from the Side of the Serjeant & Inhabitants, which may easily have arose from not understanding one another's Language & Circumstances being afterwards still more Exaggerated — We therefore wish authentically to get informed of the Truth of what Commodore Cornwallis may have had in view by remaining so long a time with His Squadron between the Nicobar Islands, & for what purpose the Pilot Marks have been left there, in the Channel which forms the great Nicobar harbour — We do not doubt but to receive full satisfaction from the information you are pleased to give us on the Subject.

We beg leave to assure you of our warmest Inclination of maintaining the reciprocal good harmony

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& friendship which so happily for so many years past has subsisted between our respective Courts.

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort Dansbourg in the Royal Government 5th July 1790.

(Signed) Anker
Braun
Tugh
J. C. Colbiornsen
Franct. Litchtenstein

Translation

Year 1790 the 2nd July, appeared before me undersigned Francis Lichtenstein Secretary to the Royal Government of the Danish East India Settlements, Andrew Hemmerman, Commanding the Snow Favorite belonging to Messrs. Harrop & Stevenson of this Town, and John Byres Purser of the said Snow, of whom I took, by order of the Royal Government, their Depositions as following.

"When Mee arrived, the 15th of May last, at the Nicobars, "and went on shore at the Danish Settlement on the "Island of Nancoury, was related to us, as well by "the Commanding Danish Serjeant there, as the principals "of the Natives, that about the Month of April last, "three English Ships of War, under the Command of "Commodore Cornwallis have been at that Danish

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"Settlement, and stayed there about one month's time;
"in the mean while having been occupied with survey-
"ing the surrounding Coast of the Nicobar Islands,
"and laying Pilot marks in the Channel which forms
"the Harbour by Nancowry; and when the Ships again
"should depart, they had carried on shore some live
"Stock, particularly 30 Sheeps, which by the Commodore
"was delivered to the Danish Serjeant under his Care,
"by saying that the Commodore intended after three
"months again to return to the Danish Settlement at
"the Nicobars, for then to take back again those to the
"Serjeant's care committed Sheep — further have the
"English said, that after their Return they would
"hoist English Colours in the Danish Settlement, as the
"Danish Nation did not make use of the Nicobar
"Islands; and that if this could not be done, to hoist
"Colours in the Danish Settlement, so they (the English)
"would hoist English Colours upon the Island opposite,
"where the Imperials before had hoisted Colours; and
"finally would the English cast up Batteries and
"fortificate themselves upon those (the Nicobar) Islands — Further
"deposed aforesaid two Persons, that the Nicobar
"Natives, and in particular one of their Heads known
"by the name of Captain Jan, have desired and
"requested said Deponent Captain Andrew Flem-

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"Slemmerman to give an account of this here related
"to the Danish Governor at Tranquebar, for to seek
"protection against foreign Nations' Establishment
"upon the Nicobar Islands, as the whole Nicobar
"Nation neither wished nor acknowledged any other
"Nation but the Danish to settle and to govern among
"them. — Both above said Deponents further
"declared to have seen the Live Stock Commodore
"Cornwallis had left behind under Care of the Danish
"Serjeant at Nancowry."

In the Truth of the above Depositions,
We do hereby subscribe our Names.

Trankebar — 2nd July 1790.

A Slemmerman. John Byres
in the presence of
Francis Lichtenstein.

A true Translation
(Signed) Franc. Lichtenstein

Minutes thereon

Agreed, that Major General Anker & his Council be informed, that as Commodore Cornwallis does not act from any Instructions from this Government, the Board are unable to afford the Information required.

Agreed, that a Copy of the Letter be transmitted to Bengal.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Read Letter from His Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 131.) Stating his Concern at the omission of his Highness's

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Highness's Name in the Treaty, on the point of Execution, between the English, the Mahrattas, and the Nizam — Declaring his right to participate in the Conquests that may be made by the Confederate Armies against the Common Enemy; and requiring to be put in possession of those Countries which formerly belonged to the Carnatic.

Substance of the Letter to the Nabob

To this Letter, it has been observed to his Highness in reply, (vide C.C. 1st. 132) That the arrangement of Treaties rests with the superior Government, to whom the Board will most readily refer his Highness's demands — That, in order to enable Lord Cornwallis & his Council to attend to his Highness's Requisition, it will be necessary that the Board should be furnished with the names of the Districts & Countries claimed by his Highness, with every Document relating thereto, that may render his Highness's Claim incontrovertible, & facilitate it's admission by the contracting Parties; and that, as soon as his Highness furnishes the Information, it will be forwarded to Bengal.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copies of his Highness's Letter, and of the Reply, be sent to Bengal.

Letter from the Superintendant of the Nabob's Disbursements, dated 22d. June, not taken into Consideration?

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Letter from the Superintendant of the Nabob's Disbursements, under date the 22nd. June, and

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Entered in Consultation the 26th of June. —

Resolutions in Consequence

And it is Resolved — that the Employ shall be abolished — that the Books & Papers be delivered over to the Accountant General, & lodged in his Office — That, it will be unnecessary for the present to proceed to the detail of the Charges of the late War — That all other unadjusted accounts are to be stated — and that, the allowances claimed by Mr. Moubray be discharged by a Bill on Bengal, at 393 Arcot Rupees p.c Pagodas, excepting the charge of Pagodas 1169. 26, which the Board decline admitting.

Agreed that a notification of the above be made to Mr. Moubray.

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Debts of his Highness the Nabob.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

From the Committee for investigating the Debts of the Nabob — Referring the Consideration of the Board certain Claims stated in their Letter of the 5th March last, to which the Nabob has not replied —

We did ourselves the honor to address you on the 5th of March last, Enclosing a particular Statement of Claims on the Nabob, that had been referred to his Highness, and to which he had not then replied. The approaching Dispatch makes it necessary for us again to trouble

your

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John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Major Montgomery - Enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Captain Kennaway - hopes the application for a Reinforcement of Experienced Sepoys will be complied with - States the difficulty attending the Subsistence of his Detachment - Mr Kebel having taken the Command of the Nizam's Troops

Herewith I have the honor to transmit, for the Information of the Board, Copies of a Letter addressed to me by Captain Kennaway, Resident at the Nizam's Court; & of my answer - on which I hope to be favored with a speedy decision.

They came to promise that, some days since, at the request of Captain Kennaway, I declined to lay before the State of the Detachment, very fully explaining that Deficiency which in my last Letter to you I was obliged, with concern, to point out, submitting to his discretion how far it might be politic to discover to the Nizam the weakness of our Force - The Information derived from thence not proving satisfactory to his Highness, has given rise to the requisition, on this account which produced the enclosed Correspondence.

I flatter myself, in the critical situation in which I am at present placed, without Instructions or Information with respect to the Intentions of my Superiors, my Conduct in this Affair will meet their approbation.

Captain Kennaway has, I understand, made an application to Colonel Brathwaite for a Reinforcement of old Sepoys sufficient to complete the two Battalions in the room of the Recruits - Permit me to express my earnest wishes for the success of that Application - The Force then under my

Command

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Your Honor on this Subject, and to acquaint you that We have not been favored with any notice from the Nabob's agent regarding the abovementioned Claims.— The Committee have often expressed their desire to be dissolved, and would now repeat their application; but unwilling to leave their business incomplete, take the liberty of requesting that your Honor will be pleased to obtain some answer to those Claims which have been referred; and we are induced to press this matter in justice to several Creditors whose Demands have been long ago fully acknowledged, but which have not yet been put in any train of payment, as the Honble Court of Directors seem to wish to know the whole amount of the Nabob's Debts, before they proceed to make any arrangement for this liquidation.

We have been favored with a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, with an Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 5th. March 1790, in which they are pleased to express "their readiness to "acknowledge that the Committee for the Investigation of "the Nabob's Debts have conducted their Business with "great ability and attention; but that they still think "that the Company ought not to be put to any Expence "on that account." — We submit chearfully to their Determination, still hoping to receive some Reward,

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when the State of their Finances may be better able to afford it — Mr Garrow our Senior Member, at present absent on Service, will, We doubt not, readily join with us in declaring that We retain equal and sincere Gratitude for the frequent and flattering approbations of our Employers, and for the warm and repeated Recommendations from this Government; and should any Promotions in the Civil Line take place, We fully confide in receiving such further marks of your favor, as our Rank and Conduct in the Service may continue to merit.

We have the honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servants
Wm Webb
" James Landon

Fort St George
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No orders appear necessary at present to be passed upon the above Letter.

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Colonel Capper, Muster Master General.

To

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To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Muster Master General – Enclosing Abstracts of the last Musters of the 28th. and 29th. Battalions of Native Infantry, now serving with the Army

Conformably to the orders of Government of the 6th. Instant, I have examined the latest Musters in my Department, of the 28th. and 29th. Battalions of Sepoys, which were taken in December last, agreeable to the Enclosed Abstracts – It may be proper to observe, that subsequent to this Muster the Establishment of the Native corps has been Encreased, but I have not been able to ascertain, if the corps in question were ever completed to the new Establishment; for the Troops being in motion about that time, the Commander in Chief thought it unnecessary to take the next Quarterly Muster in March.

With respect to the Equipment of the 28th. and 29th. Battalions, it is not in my power to give any information whatever; as I did not know of these Battalions being ordered for Service, until they were far advanced on their March to join the Subahdar of the Decan.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient humble Servant
(Signed) S. Capper
Muster Master General

Fort St. George,
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Abstracts of the Musters of the 28th and 29th Battalions of Native Infantry

taken December 1789.

28th Battalion.

	Captain	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Surgeons	Assistant Surgeons	Sergeants	Drummers	Fifers	Corporals	Privates	Artificers	Drummers	Fifers	Artificers	Lascars	Bullocks
Present	1	3	1	1	1	2	6	4	22	24	8	1	6	350	40	3
Sick									2					1		
On Command, Leave, or Duty	1					2	3	18	14	2			2	199		
Not joined			1													
Deserted																
	1	4	3	1	1	4	9	22	38	26	8	1	8	550	40	3

29th Battalion.

	Captain	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Surgeons	Assistant Surgeons	Sergeants	Drummers	Fifers	Corporals	Privates	Artificers	Drummers	Fifers	Artificers	Lascars	Bullocks
Present	1	3	3	1	1	3	7	8	36	23	10	1	10	474	40	3
Sick								1		2				11		
On Command, Leave, or Duty	1					1	2			27						
Not joined																
Deserted										4						
	1	4	3	1	1	3	8	8	37	32	10	1	10	516	40	3

Signed J. Casper
Mr 28th Regt

Copy of Genl Stuart's Letter 13th August 1790.

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Agreed that Copies of the above be transmitted to Bengal, as soon as the other Information on the subject which has been called for is obtained.

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

To John Chamier Esq.

Military Secretary.

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions – Recommending that for the present, Grain be issued from the publick Stores to the Troops Garrisoned at Masulipatam, & to the Families of Sepoys.

I have the honor to Enclose, for the Information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter, dated the 7th. July, from the Storekeeper at Masulipatam, and Copy of a Letter from the Commandant to him, requiring the Issues of Grain to the Troops in Garrison from the publick Stores.

The Storekeeper wishes to be informed if he is to continue to issue Paddy if required by the Commanding Officer, and whether he may issue a proportion of Grain to the Families of Sepoys paid by him.

It has generally been found necessary even in time of Peace to issue Grain from the publick Stores at Masulipatam for some months of the year, and as it appears by the late General orders that it is the wish of Government to afford every protection and Assistance to

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the Families of Sepoys who are in the Field, I doubt not the Honble Board will approve of Issues of Grain being made to them in cases of absolute necessity. — I beg leave at the same time to recommend that the Commanding Officer be directed to use every precaution in his power to make the Issues as small as possible.

I am, &c.

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain & Provs.

Madras
12th July 1790.

Thomas Cockburn Esq.r

Commissary of Grain & Provisions

Fort St. George

Sir,

I enclose you Copy of a Letter just received from the Commanding Officer; in consequence of which, I have ordered one Madras Mercall of Paddy to be issued to each Man belonging to the Garrison, to serve him for 6 days; and request your further Instructions, if I am to continue to serve out Paddy, if required by the Commanding Officer. — I beg you will also let me know if the Families of Sepoys &c.a in Camp, & paid by me, are to receive any and what proportion? I have the honor to be

Your obedient Servant

(Signed) H.y Vaughan
Storekeeper

7th July 1790.

A true Copy
(signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Cash.r Gen.l

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To Hugh Vaughan Esq.
Military Paymaster & Storekeeper

Sir

Having received a public Letter from Captain Oram Commanding the 22nd. Battalion of Native Infantry, representing the hardships the Native Officers and Men of his Battalion suffer from the present scarcity of Grain in the Markets, of which I am very well assured from the trouble I have taken for several days past in getting Grain brought to the Buzar, which with every Effort of mine is insufficient to supply their wants. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the Troops should be supplied with Grain from the public Granaries for a few days, until I can get answers to my letters to the Commander in Chief and Government, representing the hardships the Company's Servants in this Garrison at present labor under, from the great scarcity of Grain.

I have given orders for 6 days Rice to be drawn from the public Stores for the Troops in Garrison tomorrow.

I have the honor to be
Sir, your most obedient Servant
(signed) Robert Sale

Maburah
7th. July 1790.

A true Copy of the Copy forwarded to me.
(signed) Thos. Cockburn
Cy. Gl. Gn. Ps.

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To John Chamier Esq

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Garrow respecting the State of the Grain at Tritchinopoly. his recommendations in consequence.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter from Mr. Garrow Acting Storekeeper at Tritchinopoly under date 7th Instant.

Mr. Garrow's remark respecting the Rice is perfectly just, and the Honble Board will, I doubt not approve his having put a Stop to beating out more Paddy at present; and I would recommend a Stop to be put to it at Tanjore also. — The Order for beating out must I presume have proceeded from Camp — but as the Army will not, in all probability, soon be in a situation to draw Supplies from either Garrison, a Counteraction of the order can not be productive of any inconvenience. — If the Board come to this Resolution, I shall immediately inform the Commissary of Grain and Provisions in Camp that he may when necessary send directions to the Storekeepers in time for them to be prepared for any call. — I have already pointed out to him the necessity of a regular Communication with my Office, and a transmission of all orders he may be directed to Issue to the Southern Storekeepers, to prevent a possibility of the orders of the Presidency operating in Counteraction to those of the Camp.

I beg leave further to Recommend that the Store-

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keeper be empowered to sell off the Rice which in his, and the opinion of the Merchants, cannot keep above two months.— And, in order that the Store may not thereby be affected, that he be likewise authorized to purchase all the Paddy he can procure, for which purpose he must be permitted to draw on the Presidency.

I shall defer addressing the Board on the subject of the Grain declared to have been delivered by the Nabob's Managers to the Tritchinopoly Store, until I receive more particular Information from Mr. Garrow on the subject of the Return forwarded in his Letter, an Entry in which requires Explanation. The Balance of Grain which appears by it in Store is ..... Paddy Garce 1366. Allowable Sacks 75. 2

Deduct said to be remaining in the Country waiting for Carriage, which the Board directed me not to consider a part of the Store 237. 256. 5½

Balance reported in the Garrison Store 1128. 218. 9½

Rice ..... Garce 200 —

The above Mr. Garrow is proceeding to measure with all possible dispatch.

The Nabob's Managers have have declared their inability to supply any more Grain, which renders my recommendation for allowing the Store keeper to purchase the more necessary.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient Servant

(signed) Thos. Cockburn

Commissary General of Grain & Provs.

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To W. Ogilvie — To W. Ogilvie, Assistant Surgeon with Para: 30th.

To the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum — To the Directors of the Male Orphan asylum with Paragraph 41st.

To W. George Andrew Ram — To W. George Andrew Ram, with Para. 103rd.

To W. Darke — To W. Darke with Para: 31st Political Letter.

To the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts. — To the Committee for Investigating the Nabob's Debts. with Paragraph 42nd of Dito.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 15. 16. 17. 18.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — Enclosing Return of Carts & Bullocks employed on service, & remaining at present — & a Monthly Return of Grain in the Several Garrisons.

From Colonel Kelly — From Colonel Kelly — requests Permission for Captain Gage to proceed to the Sea Coast for a few days, for the recovery of his health.

From Colonel Nixon — From Colonel Nixon — Enclosing a General Monthly Return of the Troops Encamped at Tritchinopoly — Requesting that the Troops destined for his Regiment may be sent with all convenient Dispatch.

From Colonel Nixon — From Colonel Nixon — Enclosing a Return of Grain remaining at Tritchinopoly & the adjacent Districts, with Report on the Subject.

5th. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters — as entered in M.B. Nos 19. 20. 21.

To Captain Gage, Commanding at Tripassore — To the Commandant at Tripassore — with Permission to proceed to the Sea Coast for a few days, for the recovery of his health.

To Major Montgomery serving with the Nizam. — To Major Montgomery — Captain Kennaway will be requested to use his Influence at the Nizam's Durbar, for the requisite

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5th Command would enable me, by a vigorous Exertion of it, to Communicate with such a degree of Energy to the operations of the Nizam, as might cause a more powerful Diversion on this side than from his present conduct there is reason to expect.

I must however earnestly request of the Honble Board, that some attention may be paid to the better regulation of the Subsistence of the Detachment, which if suffered to continue in it's present precarious state, depending entirely on the caprice of the Nizam even for it's daily support, cannot be expected to act with such Effect as to answer in any considerable degree the purpose for which it was sent.

In my former Letter I acquainted you that it was reported the Nizam would not take the Field in person. He has now declared his Intention not to do it, but has appointed his Nephew, Mohabet Jung, to the Command of the Troops destined to act with me. I shall use every Effort in my power to stimulate him to active Exertions, tho' from the dilatory system which appears to be adopted by this Court, I am not sanguine in my Expectations of deriving much advantage from his Co-operation.

I am now within a very few Coss from the Kistna, which I shall cross as soon as empowered to do it by the Nizam. And shall whenever any thing of moment occurs immediately communicate it to you for the Information of the Board.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your very obedient Servant

(signed) H. Montgomery

Camp at Ramgoindepore.
1st June 1790.

N.B. The Enclosures referred to in this Letter have been already entered in Consult: 29th June 1790.

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5th Supplies for the Detachment — To be careful to prevent any Causes of complaint against his Detachment on the part of the Nizam, or his Officers.

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ceres

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Ceres — To prepare his Ship for the reception of Military Stores & Recruits to be conveyed to Negapatam.

Substance of a Letter from the Nizam.

Received Letter from the Nizam (as entered in C.C. No. 127) stating his Intention of sending Meer Mahomed Mahady Cawn to attend the Army, & that a Confidential Person will be nominated to receive the remainder of the Peishcush due from the Company to his Highness.

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble the Senior Member & the Gentlemen of Council

&c. &c. Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Camp at Caroor
28th June 1790

From Major General Medows — Respecting Lieut. Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 21st — specifying the preparations making for Colonel Cockerell's Detachment crossing the Kistnah, & the official Information of the Houghton's touching at Madras in August in her way to Europe: — and since, of yours of the 22nd enclosing Enclosing Colonel Cockerell's — who I am glad is at last on this side the Kistnah; & will be authorized by Colonel Kelly to hold Courts martial — He seems to think

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5th in case the Nizam should ever apply for part of his Detachment only, it might be attended with disadvantages, dividing them; and I think so myself — and that if ever such a request should be made in force enough to be complied with, the whole had better be sent, if the Nizam chuses — without the situation of Affairs at the time, of which you must be a better Judge than I can, should make even a part of his Force indispensably necessary in the Carnatic.

I am sorry to be here still, but hope to move this Week — and have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

with great respect
your most obedient
humble Servant.

(signed) William Medows
Governor & Commander in Chief

To the Honble John Turing Esqr.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Travancore — The Troops have cantoned for the Rains.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Chamiers letter of the 1st Instant, with its Enclosures; I shall immediately proceed to Cochin, to deliver them, & to accomplish the points you have Instructed me to pay attention to.

Nothing material has occurred in this quarter since my last Address. — The Troops here have built themselves Cantonments for the Rains.

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

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite — Respecting the supply of Stores from Masulipatam for the use of Lieut. Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

In consequence of an Address from Captain Kennaway, I have been under the necessity of sending a very bulky Packet to the Hon'ble the Governor in Council; I think it necessary to inform you that, since that, I have received Information from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, that Major Montgomery has applied to them for a large supply of Stores to be deposited at Innicondah, on the Expectation that the Detachment under his Command may be soon Employed to the Southward of the Kistna. I have stated to the Chief & Council in reply, that Major Montgomery was very amply supplied with Stores at his Departure, for any Service, as will appear from the Returns; but that if they can spare the Stores which will be required (which it seems they could not know until they hear from Major Wynch) the safest way will be to send the Stores to Innicondah, as the Winds are now favorable for replacing them at Masulipatam. But I have recommended it to them to refer the matter to Government, in any Event, because it may be necessary to adjust with his Highness the Nizam relative to the Expence of them. I have heard it reported that he has agreed to pay the Troops, but I have heard nothing in regard to the Military Stores, which are likely to make a very great part of the Expence of the Detachment.

I acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22nd Instant; I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c. John Brathwaite.

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John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council &c.

Sir,

From Captain Kennaway - Conveying copy of a letter he has written to Lieut. Colonel Cockerell, on the subject of his moving to the Southward.

I have the honor to forward, for the Information of the Honble Board a copy of a letter I have written to Colonel Cockerell, which I request may be transmitted to General Medows in my stead, or such other mode as may be deemed most secure.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

Camp at Ranakittna pore
20th June 1790.

(signed) John Kennaway

Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell,

Commanding the Detachment of Bengal Troops proceeding to the Southward.

Sir,

I have been honored with a letter from the Governor General, containing a copy of his Instructions to you of the 31st ultimo; & of the case supposed by his Lordship, in the last Paragraph thereof, in the reverse of which you are clearly directed to proceed without Interruption according to such Instructions as you may have received previous to the receipt of his Lordship's Letter, has not happened, namely, "the crossing of the Kistna by the Nizam, & his having "placed a dependance on receiving aid (aid in such situation "I imagine to be understood) from your Detachment" I conceive there is no objection from this quarter to prevent your

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5th. Your acting in conformity to such orders as you may have received from General Medows for the guidance of your March, previous to the receipt of the abovementioned Instructions.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) John Kennaway

Camp at Ramakistnapore.
20th. June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) N B Edmunstone
Asst.

John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore. Requesting to be favored with Copies of Charges, which he has heard from private Correspondents are Exhibited against him by the Rajah. Enclosing Copies of Letters from & to the Rajah respecting the Cultivation of the Country, & payment of the March and April Kists.

You will be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that having heard from my Private Correspondents at Madras Reports as if his Excellency the Rajah should have exhibited certain Charges of a very heinous nature against me. I most earnestly request the favor of the Honble Board to know whether in fact any such have been exhibited. If these have been only made to private Persons, I can easily conceive such clandestine attempts against my Character would meet with that contempt from the Board which they deserve; but if any accusation has been publickly made, I cannot so well account for the silence of the Board: surely I have an undoubted right to a Copy of the Charges against me which I am not conscious of having forfeited by any misconduct. This is now the fourth day since I have

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5th. received these Intimations from Madras, & must of course be the ninth or tenth since their promulgation at the Presidency.

I must therefore most earnestly request of the Board that they will keep me no longer in this disagreeable situation of suspense — I am conscious of my integrity, & therefore only wish for an opportunity of knowing what has been said of me to give it an instant Refutation — What makes my situation more disagreeable, is, that I have heard these Mysterious Charges have been forwarded to Bengal — this must certainly be by my malicious Accusers, as I cannot conceive the Honble Board would do me so much Injustice as to transmit Charges against me, without giving me an opportunity of answering them.

I should have imagined my Letter of the 6th May, with the Statements enclosed, would have convinced the Board that the People here had no intention of paying the March & April Kist, seperate from their proposal of the 27th April: In fact, that was their artifice, by sinking the Kists of March and April & anticipating those of July August and September 1791, (when they ought to have their Money in hand) to make the Kists of a Year and a half appear as the Kist of one year — This is so plain from the Inspection of the Statement, that I conceive I need say no more of it — But what is their performance? — Out of 300,000 by the End of September, £760,000 by June 91, they are not able to pay at the end of June 10,000 Pagodas for the current Expences of this Garrison, which I demanded of them by Letter the 24th Instant.

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5th Copy of that letter, & of the Rajah's to which it was a Reply, are enclosed. I am convinced the Honble Board would not wish the Guard removed from Bhavee on any other Terms than are therein offered: in fact, if removed on any other, I should consider myself as an accessary to whatever should happen to him — The neglect of the Cultivation is slightly touched on; but it has been most shameful.

I have the honor to be, &c,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) G. H. Ram
Resident

Tanjore
30th June 1790.

P.S. I should take it as a particular favor, if the Board would be pleased to order the Storekeeper to comply with the small indent for stationary made to him 6th May 1790.

(signed) G Ram

Translation of the Letter which the Rajah sent to G. H. Ram 23d June.

To W. G. H. Ram — Ameer Sing a Maha Raja sends his Salams.

The Letter which you have written to our Vakeel June 20th I have received & considered it's Contents.

You have written to him as follows — Why have you not given orders for to carry on the Cultivation of the Country? This I ought to know — The fresh Water some days ago is come into the Rivers — You ought therefore to give orders, & that quickly, to set about the Cultivation; if not, I shall write

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5th write to the Council of Madras and Complains.

I have wondered at all this which you have written... From the beginning you have done that which is disrespectful to us, & hurtful to the Circar — Though you have acted in this manner, I have as much as possible cultivated my Country. Though this is the Case, however, I have suffered disrespect from you; & this has not suffised you, but you have put a Guard over my Servant Bhava, & that without reason: As the rumor of this has spread, the honor of my Government is gone, & the respect and authority of my Sirkeel is much lessened. — This you know very well... If the authority of the Managers & the fear of them remain, the Cultivation of the Country goes on successfully.

A few days ago your Dubash Subarow went to Bhava's house, & spoke with him privately a long time — there arose a rumor amongst the Guard that my Sirkeel should be removed, & Bhava be put at the head of the affairs... For this reason, whom shall my Sirkeel call? & tho' he sends for them, their coming is difficult. By your conduct the affairs of the Country are put into Confusion. Whatever can be done towards the Cultivation of the Country, I have done — I don't know who has told you that Lye, that my Sirkeel has not given orders for the Cultivation of the Country?

You have written that there are many days past since the Flood came into the Rivers — but there

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5th are not five days past — this is known to all — This being the Case, it is in vain to write to you about it.

You have written that you would Complain to the Council at Madras — Can I hinder or stop your Pen? you have a mind to write?

You have written about the Rist Money — I will consider this point, & write to Madras.

What can I say more?

To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour

May it please your Excellency!

I am sorry the short Note which I thought my Duty obliged me to write to your Sirkeel on the 20th Instant should have given your Excellency so much offence as by your Letter of the 23rd it seems to have done, which was by no means Intended; nor can I think it would have had that Effect, had your Sirkeel acquainted you that I had previ sent three ineffectual Messages to him on the subject — I am happy, however, to find that my note produced the order da by which I hope the danger of a famine may be avoided.

Your Excellency cannot be ignorant that the orders ought to have been issued a month or six Weeks ago when the Rivers were expected. That their having co

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down before any preparation was made for them, will occasion a very great loss in the Crop by inundations where the Seed ought already to have been sown.

That there were no less than Six or Seven large Breaches in one Branch of the Venar alone - what then must be the State of the numerous branches of the Cauvery? how much arable Land will be rendered useless by these neglects of your Servants?

Your Excellency is further, doubtless, well informed that the necessary Advances to the Cultivators have not been made as is proper & customary - how are they then to carry on the Cultivation?

It is moreover under your Excellency's observation that, the principal Inhabitants of the Manar Gooty Soubah, & few of the Comticonum People have without any cause been, above one Month detained Prisoners in your Palace, & have been threatened with the most dreadful Punishments, tho' they have already paid more than their Share of the last year's Crop - and this for no other reason that I can find than their having ventured to petition me last year on the oppressions of your Sirkeel - Your Sirkeel having solemnly promised that their wrong should be redressed, I was prevented from forwarding their Petition to the Presidency; but instead of any Relief, every promise of the Sirkeel to them has been broken, & they have been marked out for further oppression - How can it be expected that their Inferiors will carry on the Cultivation

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5th with willingness, when they finds their Superiors so cruelly oppressed; merely for endeavoring to procure Justice for them.

When the Government of Madras placed you Excellency on the Musnud of Tanjour, it was their Expectation that the Cultivation of the Country would be promoted - not the Cultivators oppressed.

In my Letter to Your Excellency, I have said that the River has been down several (not many) Days - Your Excellency admits five.

Your Excellency having complained of a Guard being placed over Baba, first to the Commandant, then to the General, has at length taken notice of it to me. I have already given the reasons for placing such a Man to your Excellency - But if your Excellency will give me in writing, your Word of honor that you will not suffer your Servants or any Person in the Tanjore Country to molest Bhawa, who is at present under the Company's protection, I will remove the Guard. But your Excellency would do well to consider the solemnity of such a promise, & that it is not a thing to be trifled with, as was done last December when Mr. Swartz at your Excellency's earnest desire, & promise of Indemnity, prevailed upon the Man Sadasiva to return to his own Habitation - this Man no sooner arrived at his house than he was confined and tortured without any

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5th Instance, at the Desire of Chinia Moodeliar then at Madras, tho' your Excellency in person told M.r Swartz (whose Veracity is unquestionable) and desired him to tell me, on the Evening of New Years day, that your Excellency was well satisfied with the Innocence of the Man in every respect – that he had paid all that was to be paid to the Circar, & that his Patekkum should be restored to him, but that such was your present situation as induced you rather to connive at Chinia Moodeliar's Conduct. When such was, by Your Excellency's Confession, the Influence of a Madras Dubash in your own Fort & Country, your Excellency had little reason to complain of my Interference to protect an Innocent Man against Ministers to whom your Excellency allows such unwarrantable Powers.

Your Excellency complains that my Agent Sulivan has had a Conference with Bhava – this was more than I knew – but I am satisfied there is no Person more capable of giving him Information of the true Interests of the Tanjour Country than Bhava, I therefore approve much of his Consulting him.

Your Excellency says in your letter that you will write to the Honble Council at Madras concerning the March & April Rists – When this shall happen, I request the favor of your Excellency to honor me with a Copy, agreable to the desire of the President in his Letter to you of the 13th

April,

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5th. April, that no needless delay may occur at this important period of a War. I have further to request that, if it should not suit your Excellency to pay the amount of those Kists here, your Excellency will at least be pleased to advance 10,000 Star Pagodas for the Current Expences of this Garrison.

While the Conduct of your Excellency's Servants is such as to prevent Reproach, it will not be in my power to complain of their Conduct to my superiors; or if I should, it would only redound to my own disgrace. But when thro' obstinacy or inattention they risk the probability of famine, the Revenue of your Country, & your Excellency's Reputation, it is my Duty immediately to point out their misconduct.

Your Excellency may perhaps have heard that Soobramony Renter of Sheally, who was put in by the Influence of Chinia Moodelier, in conjunction with a Poligar named Neelangara Padyatchy, has totally driven away the Inhabitants from the Pandanallour District, after which crossing the Coleroon, they jointly plundered the Nabob's Country. The Nabob's People having repulsed them, were naturally induced to cross the Coleroon in pursuit of them. Soubramony has taken Shelter in the Fort of Pandanallour; but the whole of that District by these

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5th Ravages has become a Desert. Can your Excellency suppose that these things, which began six Weeks since, can remain unknown to the Council of Madras; or that they will not insist on a severe punishment being inflicted upon this Miscreant, because he is a Friend of Chinia Mooddeliar.

I am, with all proper Respect,
Your Excellency's
Sincere Friend & well wisher
(signed) G. Ram
Resident

Tanjore 21st June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) G. Ram
Resident

I send the following Letters

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

Honble Sir,

To Major General Medows with Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors, & minute of the Board thereon.

I am directed by the Board to transmit for your Information the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, by the Ship Sir Edward Hughes, together with the Board's Minute thereon.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) John Charnier
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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

Hon'ble Sir,

To Major General Medows Requesting him to write a letter to Tippoo Sultaun as recommended in an inclosed letter from the Supreme Government - Inclosing Copy of a letter from Captain Kennaway to Lieut. Colonel Cockerell

We have the honor to Enclose Copy of a Letter just arrived from Bengal.

We request you will be so good to address a Letter to Tippoo Sultaun, conformably to the Instructions from the Supreme Government - We shall be glad to have a Copy of it, that it may be recorded upon our Proceedings. We shall pay due attention to the other parts of the Letter from Bengal.

We also take this opportunity of forwarding Copy of a Letter addressed by Captain Kennaway to Lieut. Colonel Cockerell.

We have had the pleasure of receiving your Letter of the 28th. ultimo.

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servants

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5th. July 1790.

signed { Morgan Williams
Jr. Council

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To Captain Kennaway

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Ultimo.

To the Resident at Hydrabad — To Exert himself in providing Regular Supplies of Money & Provisions for Major Montgomery's Detachment.

General Medows has been made acquainted with the progress of Lieut. Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, & that it's march to the Southward is not likely to be prevented by any requisition from the Nizam.

The Board have every confidence in your Exertions for the regular supply of Provisions & Money for Major Montgomery's Detachment. — They trust it will be in your power to arrange these matters upon some permanent footing, that harmony & zeal for the publick cause may be preserved, which, according to Major Montgomery's representations, are in some danger of being disturbed. — The Board have desired Major Montgomery upon all occasions to consult with you, & to accommodate himself as much as possible to the peculiar Circumstances of his Situation.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) John Chamier

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To Mr. William Coffins Jackson

Deputy Military Secretary

Sir

To Mr. W. C. Jackson Deputy Military Secretary with the 78th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors, & expressing satisfaction at the favorable mention made of him in the Court's Letter

I am directed by the Board to enclose Copy of a Paragraph in the General Letter from the Court of Directors, relating to yourself, & to express their Satisfaction at the favorable mention of your Conduct & Merits. The Board are well pleased to remark that, your assiduity & attention to your Duty have uniformly continued, & are well calculated to obtain further marks of favor from your Superiors.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) John Chamier

Fort St. George
5th July 1790.

At a Consultation

Present

Morgan Williams Esqr.

Acting President

Tuesday
6th July 1790.

John Turing
and
Edward Saunders } Esqrs.

The Honble. Major General William Stewart upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

1977 Fort St. George 6th July 1790.

Read the following Letter & Enclosures from Bengal

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

Honble Sirs,

From Bengal - desiring that Colonel Brathwaite's Conduct in regard to the Equipment of Major Montgomery's Detachment be investigated, & that Copies of all Correspondence on the subject be immediately transmitted them. If it shall appear that Colonel Brathwaite has been culpable, his Case to be brought before a General Court Martial for disobedience of Orders.

We enclose the Copy of a Letter from Captain Kennaway to the Governor General dated the 29th Ultimo, with Copies of Extracts of the Correspondence between Captain Kennaway and Major Montgomery, Commanding the Detachment sent from your Presidency to join the Nizam's Army, relative to the State of that Detachment, and a Copy of the Return of the detachment, that was transmitted by Major Montgomery to Captain Kennaway; all which the Governor General laid before us yesterday, which We read with great Surprize and concern.

We have an entire confidence that the intention of your Board was to conform in the most honorable Manner to the Terms of the Treaty, by supplying his Highness with two well appointed & well disciplined Native Battalions, completed to the stipulated numbers, & that the orders issued by you ought to have ensured a due execution of the purposes of your Government.

The Blame of having detached these Battalions in a State so imperfect & unmilitary is therefore, in our opinion, to be imputed either to Colonel Brathwaite, Major Montgomery, or to the Officers Commanding the two Battalions, or in part, to all these Officers, and as the public Service may not only

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suffer great injury on this occasion by their negligence & misconduct, but our public faith is also deeply stained by his Highness's having been furnished with Troops of so different a description from those which he had a right to expect by the stipulations of the Treaty. We think it our indispensible duty to require that the most rigorous investigation should be immediately made, into the causes of those Battalions having been detached from Ellore in a condition not less contrary to the stipulations of our Treaty with his Highness, than disgraceful to the Reputation of our Military Service.

We desire that you will, without loss of time, send to us a Copy of the Correspondence between the Board, or the Commander in Chief, and Colonel Brathwaite, relating to the Equipment & detaching of those two Battalions, & Copies of the Returns that were sent by Colonel Brathwaite to the Board, or the Commander in Chief, previous to their march from Ellore; and if, in the meantime, it shall appear to you that Colonel Brathwaite has either reported the said Battalions to be properly equipped for Service & complete in Numbers, or that he has omitted to inform you or the Commander in Chief that they were deficient in Clothing, Arms, or Numbers, before they marched by his orders to join his Highness's Army, We direct that he shall be removed from all Military Command, & that according to the nature of the Crime, which you shall see ground to lay to his Charge, he shall be tried for disobedience of orders, or neglect of duty, as soon as a General Court Martial can be conveniently assembled for that purpose.

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We shall likewise be desirous to know, as early as may be possible, the result of your enquiry into the Conduct of Major Montgomery, & of the Commanding Officers of the two Battalions; tho' We are unwilling to suppose that the latter could be capable of signing false Returns, or that interested motives on their part could have any share in occasioning the incomplete state of the Corps under their Command, We desire that the Returns & Muster Rolls of these Battalions may be strictly Examined, & that the Pay of the numbers wanting to complete at different periods may be checked & retrenched according to the most rigid Rules that have ever been established or practised in the Office of your Military Auditor General.

We are,
Honble Sir
Your most obedient Servants
. Cornwallis
(signed) . Chas. Stuart
. Peter Speke

Fort William
17th June 1790.

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

. My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that

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that the 28th Instant in the Morning I received a Message from his Highness the Nizam, desiring I would immediately write to Major Montgomery to desist from prosecuting his March to Paugtoor, & on receipt of my Letter turn off in order to join our Camp at this Ground, where We arrived to day, & expect to see the Detachment tomorrow or the day after, with which I accordingly complied. — The reason given by his Highness for thus changing it's destination is, that as it was from hence he intended to detach the Force designed for the Attack of the Enemy's Country, of which Major Montgomery's Detachment was to make a part, he was desirous of seeing the Corps before they crossed the Kishna. I beg to refer your Lordship to the Enclosed* Extract of my Letter to Major Montgomery, under date the 25th Instant, & of his** Reply, for Information of what has passed in consequence of the Accounts that were given to the Nizam of the weakness of his Detachment.

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Your Lordship's most obedient
and faithful humble Servant

(signed) John Kennaway

Camp at Bhootpore
29th May 1790.

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

Present

** Note — These Extracts have been already entered in Consultation the 11th of June 1790.

Present State of a Detachment of the Honble Company's Troops under the Command of Major Hugh Montgomery

Camp at Culmacole 28th May 1790.

	Artillery Europeans									Artillery Lascars					28th Native Battalion Europeans										28th Native Battalion Natives										29th Native Battalion Europeans										29th Native Battalion Natives									
	Officers	Lieutenants	Conductors	Sergeants	Corporals	Gunners	Matrosses	Drummers	Total	Serangs	1st Tindals	2nd Tindals	Pikemen	Total	Captain	Lieutenants	Serjeons	1st Lieutenant	2nd Lieutenant	Assistant Surgeon	1st Serjeant	2nd Serjeant	Drill Serjeant	Serjeants	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Black Doctor	Drummers	Sepoys	Total	Captain	Lieutenants	Serjeons	1st Lieutenant	2nd Lieutenant	Assistant Surgeon	1st Serjeant	2nd Serjeant	Drill Serjeant	Serjeants	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Black Doctor	Drummers	Sepoys	Total
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N.B. In the Total Number of Sepoys (1355) there about 200 Recruits that have not yet joined their Corps, besides 301 Sick, which number of non Effectives reduces the Line to about 654 Sepoys, exclusive of Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers, and when the necessary Guards are furnished from those, an Idea may be easily formed of the Strength of the Detachment.

A true Copy (signed) E Hay
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Read the following Letter & Enclosures from Colonel Brathwaite.

To the Honble Morgan Williams Esqr.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Colonel Brathwaite stating the reasons why Major Montgomery's Detachment was not complete in all it's parts at the time of it's departure from Ellore — Receives a Letter from Captain Kennaway in which all the responsibility, on account of the deficient state of the Detachment, is thrown upon him (Colonel Brathwaite) Steps taken in Consequence.

I find it is necessary to intrude on your time, & to claim your attention to the dispatch I now send to you, which cannot but be voluminous, altho' I have precluded every thing on my own part that was not absolutely necessary for your immediate Information. — The serious manner in which I have been called upon by Captain Kennaway, & the responsibility he holds out to me, will not admit of my withholding from you the Packet which I now send, though well convinced that your time & attention must just now be very seriously & fully Engaged. — Captain Kennaway, who seems not to know any thing of the state of our Force here, & the calls for it, in his Dispatch scarcely does less than impute to me negligence & disobedience, productive of the most serious consequences, which however as far as Circumstances admit, may be remedied, he says, if I without delay supply Major Montgomery's Detachment with Drafts of Effective Sepoys to supply all Deficiencies,

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which Deficiencies, according to his idea of the Detachment, are very great indeed, and if any delay should happen, which he cannot suppose he holds me responsible. — How Captain Kennaway can suppose me to have powers adequate to the stripping this District of every Effective Sepoy, & that without delay, that is without any Reference to my Superiors, I am at a loss to imagine, as I think that if his Instructions had intimated to him that my powers were such, and authorized him to apply to me in the manner he has done, I should have received some Instructions to the same Effect, which I never have. I trust it will appear to you from a perusal of the Papers I send, that I have not been either negligent or disobedient in any fair application of these Terms, but on the contrary that I have been active & diligent, & have made every Exertion that I could with any propriety make, circumstanced as I was & am; & that I have turned the small resource of Troops at my disposal to the best account, by doing that which I hoped might have been so stated to his Highness as to remove any objection on his part, without rendering this District incapable of supporting its internal authority, has any Zemindar, taking advantage of the times, proved refractory.

I sent two Battalions completed to the Coast Establishment; & to do this, I was under a necessity of taking

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from the 17th Battalion Eighty two of its old Sepoys; and if the then state of the 17th Battalion be considered, & that seven incomplete Companies of it only were in fact all the resource I had, with the requisition then in my hands from the Chief & Council which could not be known to the Commander in Chief, to whom there was not time to refer myself, I trust I shall be allowed to have done the best I possibly could do. The Extract of the requisition which is No. 12 of the Papers I enclose, & the Extracts from the Morning Reports of the Corps, which is No. 7, will at once inform you what I have had to provide for, & what means I had to do it with; and the rest of the Papers will I have no doubt, satisfy you that I have acted throughout this business with zeal, while I have not been wanting in that discretion which ought to characterize an Officer placed in so important a trust. — Doubtful myself, from the State of the River Sisters & other circumstances, whether the Detachment with Major Montgomery can or will be immediately importantly employed, I could have wished to have kept the very little Force We have unbroken, but the very urgent Stile of Captain Kennaway's letter, & the Latitude given to me by the Chief & Council, have induced me now to do from the improved state of our strength what I could not

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possibly do before but at the risk of every thing in this District; & I will exert every means here to recruit what I now part with, confident that I have studied to fulfil the trust reposed in me & to merit your approbation, & that I shall meet with it.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir

Your faithful & obedient Servant
(signed) John Brathwaite

Samuel Levi
6th June 1790.

P.S. I ought to have noted, that in two cases which have happened since I commanded at Ellore, which made it necessary to send military aid to the Manager of the Pollaveram & Gotallah Countries, a much larger force was found necessary than all I had left of Natives, after sitting out Major Montgomery's Detachment as I did.

Major Montgomery
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir

By the Engagement entered into with the Nizam by the Governor General, under date 7th July 1789, it is stipulated that his Highness on his applying for it, shall be furnished with a Detachment of two Battalions

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of Sepoys, & 6 Pieces of Artillery; And by the Abstracts of the Pay of the Detachment transmitted to me by the Govern. General, under date the 2nd. September, for his Highness's Infor-tion, it is stated that the Establishment of each Battalion would consist as following.

Establishment of one Battalion — as agreed to be furnished herein.

1 Captain	32 Naigues
4 Lieutenants	8 Drummers
4 Ensigns	2 Fifers
1 Adjutant	1 Black Doctor
1 Assistant Surgeon	8 Puckallies
8 Serjeants	800 Sepoys
8 Subidars	40 Recruits
8 Jemidars	1 Head Conicoply
32 Havildars	1 Assistant

I shall be glad to know how far the strength of the Battalions under your Command corresponds with the above Establishment, or to what amount it is deficient without including the non Effectives present, in order that I may apply to Colonel Brathwaite to send a sufficient number of Drafts without delay, to complete the two Corps agreeably to it.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c. (signed) John Kennaway

Camp at Bhootpore
5th. June 1790.

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

A true copy (signed) Wm. Wilson
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John Kennaway Esqr
Resident at the Nizam's Court

Sir

I have been favored with your letter specifying the State of the two Battalions as agreed upon by the Governor General to be furnished to his Highness the Nizam, requesting to know how far the strength of the two Battalions under my Command corresponds with that Establishment, or to what amount it is deficient without including the non Effectives present, in order that you may apply to Colonel Brathwaite to send a sufficient number of drafts without delay to complete the two Corps agreeable to it.

In compliance with your request, I now Enclose you a particular State of the Detachment, which I hope will afford the desired Information.

It may be necessary to observe that the number of Supernumeraries of the non Commissioned, Drums, & Pickalles has been occasioned by a late augmentation in the number of Companies in a Battalion.

I have returned the Men left sick on the Roads present, expecting to be joined by them daily as they recover.

Camp at Bhoot pore
5th June 1790.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c (signed) H. Montgomery

A true Copy (signed) B Edmonstone
Sct.

A true Copy (signed) Wm Wilson
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State of the Detachment under the Command of Major Montgomery; with the number deficient or supernumerary to the Establishment Commanded by Captain Kennaway.

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of old Sepoys, may be drafted from any of the Native Battalions under your Command, & sent to complete those deficiencies, by the enclosed Route, without delay, — And I think it extremely to be regretted that a Detachment to be employed in such a critical situation as Major Montgomery's, should have marched from Ellore an effective man deficient. By a present State transmitted to me by him the 28th Ultimo, a Copy of which, with Extracts of our Correspondence on the subject, I send for your information, it appears that his Effectives at that time only amounted to 654 Sepoys, the serious Consequences that may arise from which, in a Detachment which is to be sent on immediate Service, it is needless to describe to you; & can only be guarded against, as far as circumstances will admit of, by your sending a sufficient number of Drafts to supply the place of the Recruits, as well as to make up for other deficiencies. Copies of this Letter & it's Enclosures will be sent to the Governor General, & General Medows, for their Information; to whom of course you will be responsible for any delay which may occur (hoping at the same time that there will be none) in your complying with the Contents of it.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. (signed) John Kennaway

Camp at Mousapeit
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7th June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) Wm. Wilson
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To Captain Kennaway

Sir

I have the honor to receive your Letter of the 7th of June, with it's Enclosures: It has given me much Concern, as it imputes to me a Blame which I cannot take to myself, and is meant to throw upon me a certain degree of responsibility which by no means suit myself liable to.

You have done me the honor to send me, among the other Papers enclosed, a particular Statement of a Battalion of Sepoys, such as you suppose (from a communication to you from the Right Honble the Governor General) it ought to have been sent to his Highness the Nizam — To this, Sir, I can say nothing, no such Statement having ever before been Communicated to me, and it differs very materially from the Statement of a Battalion on the Coast Establishment —

My orders, detailing the Detachment I was to send, from the Commander in Chief, do not specify any such Statement — The Commander in Chief, who was in possession of an exact State of the Troops in the District from the Returns before him, ordered the 28th & 29th Battalions to be sent, as these two Battalions as well as every other Battalion on the Establishment, has just been augmented by an order to raise additional Companies, of course it must be known

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to the Commander in Chief that one fifth of each Battalion, now consisting of ten Companies, must be entire new Recruits, besides which, there stood of course upon the Returns the Recruits raised as usual to keep up the old Establishment of eight Companies, which were not few; the 29th being one of the very last Corps raised, and the 28th just come in from a long march & service in the Hills in the Ganjam Country, by which Losses & Recruits must have been incurred of course. My orders say that the 20th and 29th Battalions are to be sent; & that as the Treaty with his Highness the Nizam requires each Corps shall consist of 800 Rank & File, that they are to be compleated to that by drafts from the 1st Battalion.

There is not a word in the order to authorize me to withdraw from the Battalions any men that then stood upon their Total strength in order to compleat them with Effective Men. — Indeed the State of the 1st Battalion, which was the only Battalion at Ellore, and to which I was restricted for Drafts, would not have enabled me to do it — had I totally ruined that Battalion by taking from them every old Sepoy they had. — If I have been guilty of any error, it was in supposing that the Adjutant General, altho' he mentioned 800 rank and file, meant two complete Battalions of the Coast Establishment, which makes the total of each Battalion to be 800; & to this strength I ordered the Battalions in question viz.t the 28.th & 29.th, to be completed by Drafts

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of old Sepoys from the 17th Battalion, which was done
I believe Major Montgomery, as also the Captains of
each of the Battalions, considered the two Battalions as
compleated to the Coast Establishment; & I was led to
believe this to be the Intention of the Commander in Chief
from the very weak state of this District in regard to
Native Troops, there being left but two regular Batta-
-lions which included many Recruits, exclusive of the
two new Companies, the 26th to Garrison Masulipatam
from which one Company was detached over a Summer
at Madras, & the 17th for Ellore & all occasional Duties,
from which one Company was detached at that time to
Nooseed: upon the whole I acted to the best of my
Judgement in the Construction of the orders before
me, & in the Execution of them. Without specific orders
to that Effect, I believe it is not usual to withdraw from
Corps ordered on any Service, the Recruits & sick which
are hourly joining them, and which belong to them, in
order to give them Men that do not belong to them; & I
had no such specific orders, but on the contrary to com-
-plete these Corps up to 800 Rank & File, in my
Construction of which I may have erred as I have said, but
the weak State of the Battalion from which I was limited
to draft, & the probability of calls for necessary Duties

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to be done by it, led me to think that it was meant that I was to send the 28th & 29th Battalions completed to the Coast Establishment, which I did by interpreting Rank & File as Total of the whole. Nor did Major Montgomery start any objection; nor did the Commander in Chief disapprove what I had done, and I had the honor to forward to him a state of the Detachment as it marched from Ellore on the 29th April, which Statement would reach the Presidency the 1st May, consequently 13 days before before General Medows left Madras: I had the honor to receive his Commands before his departure, but there was no hint of any disapprobation of the Detachment as sent, much less any order to make any alteration or augmentation of it.

With regard to the Cloathing, every effort in my power was used to procure it for them, and it hurt me exceedingly that the 28th Battalion went as it did, but that I could not possibly help.

With regard to the sick, they were stated to me as often on the Recovery, & they have been constantly joining: indeed to have given other men for them never occurred to me, as not being ordered, not being customary, and being very inconvenient to the then State of the Troops at Ellore.

With regard to the Recruits, I had not any orders to exclude them from the Strength of the Corps from the

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Commander in Chief, who stood possessed of the Returns, & indeed to have furnished old Sepoys from the 5.th Battalion to which I was limitted, would have been totally impracticable, & of them it was to be hoped that with proper care in the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, most of the Corps that many of them would be added daily to the Effective strength of the Battalions, well established in every essential part of their Duty: and concerning this I spoke particularly to Major Montgomery - To furnish 1600 old Sepoys, which is what you seem to think I ought to have done, I had no orders - Indeed all the Battalions in the District could not have done it - I was ordered to complete Two Battalions from seven weak Companies of another, & this I did with old Sepoys, not one Recruit or exceptionable Man - It is true I did not complete them to 800 Rank & File, but to the Coast Establishment of 800, and to do this took the 17.th Battalion exceedingly.

You have now called upon me Sir, at the same time throwing great responsibility upon me, to compleat a Statement which you have sent home, but of which I never before had any intimation, with old Sepoys, excluding from the Force now with Majr Montgomery Recruits, Sick; In short all deficiencies,

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many of which Deficiencies may have been provided for
ere your Letter reached me, by the Junction of sick Absent,
& Recruits being improved to Effective men, & I very much
hope it is so, for to do what you desire would be to with-
draw every old Sepoy from this District, which I do not
conceive I can be warranted in doing: It would leave
us subject to the Insolence of any refractory Zemindar,
& might tempt those to become our Enemies who now
appear to be our Friends. — All that Circumstances, accord-
-ing to the best of my Judgement, will permit me
to do, in order to enable you without delay to carry on
matters smoothly with his Highness, is to complete the
Corps as they stand to 800 Rank & File in the fullest accepta-
-tion of the term, that is to make them consist of 800
Naigues & Sepoys; & this I will set about doing without
delay. and I should hope that can be all that is meant
by the Treaty, to which I am not privy; & I could have
wished, from the Knowledge I have of our own State
here, that that could have been avoided — And to do
this, I must obtain the Sanction of the Chief & Council.

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

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17th June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) W.m Wilson
Secry

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To Captain Kennaway

Sir.

The accompanying Letter, dated the 17th. Instant, was written the very day I received yours of the 7th. to which it replies. It was actually sealed and meant to be sent by the Tappal of that night, but on recollection, I thought the last Paragraph might still leave you in a state of uncertainty. I thought it best therefore to wait the answer of the Chief & Council, to whom I had addressed a letter on that same day, enclosing a Copy of your letter to me, and submitting to them what I would do if they would sanction me, as the most we possibly could do, reserving barely sufficient Effective Force to support any appearance of authority in Government. I have to day received their answer, which in a great measure leaves a great responsibility upon me as you have been pleased to call upon me for, and which I never mean to shrink from: I will always, Sir, be chearfully responsible for an honorable & fair use of the powers & means I am possessed of. I cannot after near forty years Service, and many of them in distinguished and important Commands, and now actually in one of great trust and importance, be ignorant that I am responsible for my Conduct; & I should be unworthy

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of my situation if I shrunk from any proper responsibility — The Constitution of the Coast does not place in the Commander in Chief even, the Powers you suppose to be vested in me: When Troops are to be moved from one Station to another, the authority of Government is required; much more so, if Troops of any Denomination are to be sent out of the Territories of the Company, & their Old Corps broken up by making draughts from them — All which you call upon me to do — a Call which, give me leave to say, nothing but the most urgent necessity can justify — And as the Chief & Council sanction in me at this time the use of my discretion in the Employment of such powers as they suppose me to have, I will do the best I can — that is, what I have promised in the accompanying Letter of the 17th — and that without delay: The Corps are already out; & 166 Effective Sepoys, under the Charge of proper Officers, will in a day or two be in motion to join Major Montgomery at Paughtour. — To do this now, I may be said to leave this District in such a situation as nothing but the very critical and important Services which you speak of in your Letter, but of which before I never had an Idea, can in the least justify; as you may infer from what the Chief & Council say to me — "Ignorant of the Service "for which Major Montgomery's Detachment may

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"be intended, & no judges of the Efficiency of the Corps under
"his Command, We find ourselves unable to offer any of them
"on the subject in question. We are sensible with you of
"the smallness of the Native Force stationed at present in
"this District; which however must also be known to Govern-
"-ment & the Commander in Chief, by whom you have been
"entrusted in a particular manner, during the absence of
"the latter from the Presidency, with it's defence, and what-
"-ever relates to the Troops stationed north of the Sisters,
"in which We shall always be ready to co-operate, so far
"as our own Power and information will enable us.
"Charged with your present trust, whatever discretion
"there may be, in regard to Captain Kennaway's Application,
"rests We think with you, & We shall not do any thing
"to impede, whatever it may be, from being carried into
"Effect". — Fortified with this slender sanction only,
which rather adds to than diminishes my responsibility,
I have determined to do what I proposed to do in my
Letter of the 17th, which is to the fullest Extent of what
I was ever ordered to do. — This, if His Highness is really
well disposed toward us & has our Success at heart, I trust
will satisfy him; & it is what I am now barely able
to do, by having an authority to draught from Two
Battalions, much improved in their strength & in every
other respect from what they were when I received the

order

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over which limitted me to draught from one Battalion only, at a time when one Company of that Battalion was dispatched on an important Revenue Duty, and when the Chief & Council had also called upon me in very strong terms for an immediate assistance to be granted of two or three Companies to be sent to the Field from that very Battalion, as a Security to the threatened Collections.— If I am to be responsible, I am ready to meet that responsibility.— Circumstanced as I was, I have done all that I could do; I have sent two Battalions, specified by the Commander in Chief, within three days after I received the order to send them, compleated to the Coast Establishment: To do this was distressing, and cost me Eighty two effective Sepoys from the very few I had in the 19th Battalion,— one of them, the 2d., I will venture to say is one of the best disciplined Battalions in all India.— the other an hardy Battalion, just come from Service; Yet it is much to be regretted that they could not have been stated as much to his Highness, and every means used to accommodate his Mind to those deficiencies which were absolutely unavoidable from the then state of our Army, and which are common to every Native Corps at this time on our Establishment, as they have been lately completed and augmented in Consequence of the War.— Could these Battalions have been so stated,

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which I think may have been done with very fair policy, it might have procured for them his Highness's good opinion, which I trust if these Battalions had once obtained, they never would have forfeited — They are young, but well officered, and in regard to conduct-ness, are in the same state with the Battalions with the grand Army, two fifths lately recruited, and as these Recruits were raised early in the year, are under good Officers, and mixed with older Soldiers, they might to be by this time, what I hope they will prove ere this reaches you, good Soldiers — And the sick I know have been recovering and joining — I have received your letter of the 11th, and shall avail myself of the Passport it covers, though I should suppose men joining the Company's Corps would naturally meet with every protection & assistance from an Ally in the War.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) John Brathwaite

Samuel Devi
22nd June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) Wm. Wilson
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Morning Report of the 28th Battalion 26th April

Present for Duty	Naigues	27
Ditto	Sepoys	341
On General Duty	Ditto	2
At Battalion Duty	Naigues	1
On Ditto	Sepoys	57
Sick present	Naigues	5
Ditto	Sepoys	65
Absent Sick	Sepoys	21
On Recruiting Service		3
At Drill	Naigues	3
At Ditto	Sepoys	110
		638

Morning Report of the 29th Battalion 26th April

Present for Duty	Naigues	11
Ditto Launce	Ditto	18
Ditto	Sepoys	265
On General Duty	Naigues	2
Ditto	Sepoys	12
On Battalion Duty	Naigues	2
Ditto	Sepoys	2
Comp. Colour Men & Washermen		16
Sick present	Naigues	5
Ditto Launce	Ditto	1
Ditto	Sepoys	56
On Command	Naigues	2
Ditto	Sepoys	20
On Leave	Naigues	2
Ditto Launce	Ditto	1
Ditto	Sepoys	9
Attending the Drill	Naigues	1
Ditto	Sepoys	15
Carried forward		443

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Morning Report of the 29th Battn. 26th April – Brought forward		443
Recruits at Drill		254
Prisoner	Lepoy	1
On Recruiting Service	Naigues	1
Ditto	Lepoys	10
Supernumerary	Naigues	4
Ditto	Lepoys	63
		776

Morning Report of the 17th Battalion as to Effective Lepoys

26th April

Present fit for Duty	123.
On Cantonment Ditto	106.
On Battalion Ditto	68.
	297

Total of the 28th Battalion Rank & File as it stood on the 26th April	638.
To complete it to 800 Rank & File required	162
Total of the 29th Battalion Rank & File as it stood on the 26th April	776.
To complete it to 800 rank & file required	24
	186
Total of the Effective Lepoys 17th Battalion as it stood on the 26th April	297
Leaves in the 17th Battalion for all Duties. Effective Lepoys	111.

Non Effectives withdrawn from the 28th Battalion, as per Report of the 26th April

Sick Present	Naigues	5
Ditto	Lepoys	65
Sick Absent	Lepoys	24.
On Recruiting Service		3
Recruits at Drill		110.
	204 which added to 162 makes	366.

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Brought forward ..... 366 –

Non Effectives withdrawn from the 29th Battalion,
— as per Report of the 26th April —

Sick Present	Naiques	5
Ditto Launce	ditto	1
Ditto	Lepoys	56
On Command	Naiques	2
Ditto	Lepoys	20
On Leave	Naiques	2
On Launce	Ditto	1
Ditto	Lepoys	9
Recruits at Drill		254
On Recruiting Service		11
		361 which added to 24 makes 385

To have Completed the two Battalions then to 800 Rank and File only, providing for all their non-Effectives, would have taken ..... } 751.

And to do this, had the whole of the Effectives of the 47th Battalion been taken. vizt ..... } 297.

There must have still been a Deficiency of 454

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Examined
(signed) Joseph Little
Brigade Major

Head Quarters of the Northern Division of the Army —
Samul-devi, 22nd June 1790.

District Order – by Colonel Porathwaite.

The Commanding Officer of the Troops in Masulipatam to cause 122 Effective Lepoys to be fairly Draughted

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Draughted from the 26th. Native Battalion — as soon as the Draught is made, One Subaltern, One Subidar, three Havildars, three Naigues, & one Drummer are to be furnished from the same Corps to join them, and the whole to proceed to Bejawarra with as little delay as possible, under the Command of the Subaltern. The Commanding Officer at Ellore to cause 83 effective Sepoys to be fairly draughted from the 17th. Native Battalion; and as soon as the draught is made, the 17th. Battalion is to furnish, One Subaltern, one Jemidar, two Havildars, and two Naigues to join the Draughts; and the whole to proceed to Bejawarra with as little delay as possible. — Whichever of these Detachments arrives first at Bejawarra, is to wait there for the coming up of the other, & when both are arrived they are to join and form one Detachment without any Regimental distinction — the whole under the Command of the Senior Subaltern, to whom Instructions will be given, & a Passport & Route to go thro' the Country of his Highness the Nizam. — The draughts are meant to be incorporated in the 28th. and 29th. Battalions with Major Montgomery, but the Officers, Non commissioned &c., will return to their own Corps again.

The Subalterns who Command each of the Parties to see that the Arms & accoutrements are in good Condition for Service, & that each Man has two Flints &

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24 Rounds of Ammunition; and in case of any deficiency to apply to the Commanding Officer of the Station he marches from, who will cause him to be so compleated. — The Commanding Officer at each Station will also cause the Detachment marching from under his Command to be completely equipped with what may be necessary for their March. — And the Subaltern Officer to be supplied with Pay for the whole that goes with him from each place, for the Current Month, & one month to come.

The Commanding Officers of the 17th and 26th Battalions to use their utmost diligence to re-compleat their Corps — to which end, they are permitted to apply to the Commanding Officers of the Revenue Corps; and the Commanding Officers of the two Revenue Corps in the District are permitted to furnish them with such men as may offer to go into the Regular Corps, and are approved re-inlisting others for the Revenue Corps as soon as possible.

(signed) Joseph Little
Brigade Major 1st Brigade.

To the Officer Commanding the Detachments of Drafts from the 26th and 17th Native Battalions, at Bessuarra.

Sir,

I am directed by Colonel Brathwaite to forward to you the Enclosed Route & Passport, and to signify to you that

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that it is his orders that — following the Route prescribed, & making use of your Passport when necessary, you proceed without delay to Gaugtoor, and join the Detachment of the Honble Company's Troops Commanded by Major Montgomery, in his Highness the Nizam's Army; and that, on your arrival you present the accompanying Letter to Major Montgomery, or the Officer Commanding, to whom also it will be necessary, for you to forward an application, in case of any unforeseen difficulty on your March. — In your March, you will be careful to maintain a strict discipline, and by no means allow any Persons to straggle from the Detachment, or to commit any irregularities or depredations whatsoever. — You are carefully to avoid giving umbrage or offence to any of the Inhabitants of the Country, or Servants of his Highness the Nizam in Office, & to obtain their assistance by Representation and every fair means. You must not cavil at trifles, or start any avoidable difficulties, but by a courteous and affable activity, use the most expeditious means to join Major Montgomery. You will be pleased, Sir, to acknowledge this, & inform me of the precise time of your marching from Besswarra.

Ellore — 26th June 1790.

I am Sir, &c.

(signed) Joseph Little

Brigade Major

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To Major Montgomery, (or Officer) Commanding a Detachment of the Honble Company's Troops with the Army of His Highness the Nizam

Sir

I am directed by Colonel Brathwaite to signify to you that, in consequence of a very pressing application from Captain Kennaway, relative to the Insufficiencies of your Detachment, founded on your own Statements he has done the utmost that the necessary attention to the Security of the authority of Government here, & the Collection of the Revenues, now entrusted to his immediate defence & protection, and the small means he has will permit of his doing — which is to send you 165 Effective Sepoys, draughted from the 17th and 26th Native Corps.

These Draughts are entrusted to the Command of —— ——, who is provided with a route and Passport transmitted by Captain Kennaway, and has received orders to use all possible Expedition to join You. — He is assisted on this Service by another Subaltern, One Subedar, one Jemidar, five Havildars, and five Naigues, sent from the Corps which furnish the Draughts, and the 26th Battalion also sends one Drummer — The Draughts you will receive, & it is hoped they will enable you to compleat the 1st and 2d Battalions under your Command to 800 rank and File nearly Effective.

The Colonel also desires me to express his

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his hope, that every attention & diligence has been & will be used to preserve your men in health, and to bring forward such as he finds are still termed Recruits, so that your Line may be as effective and strong as possible as the Colonel infers from the letter he has received from Captain Kennaway, that his Highness lays great stress upon Numbers.

The Officers, Non Commissioned &c. which accompany these Drafts, also the Tents, Bullocks &c. are to be returned to Ellore with as little delay as possible, to which purpose it may be necessary for you to obtain a passport for them, and that Mr. Malcolm should give them subsistence for their march back. As you have no doubt been apprized by Captain Kennaway of this application, the Colonel concludes you want for nothing or you would have applied to him to receive by this Escort such supplies as he might have been able to to assist you with. I must request, by express direction from the Colonel, that you will not delay to return to him what is to be returned, as they can but very ill be spared from the present State of this District.

Ellore – 26th June 1790.

(Signed) Joseph Little
Brigade Major

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, to Colonel Brathwaite — under date 18th April 1790.

We have not since our last received any further Information regarding the troubles in the Polaveram & Gootallah Districts; but apprehending that a revival of the disturbances, to which that part of the Country has so often been liable, might be very detrimental to the Revenue, & the sooner relief can be afforded in such cases the more effectual it generally is, we conceive it to be necessary under such Circumstances as the present, to authorize Bavajee, to whom we immediately look for the Revenue, to apply direct to you, if occasion should require it; and desire on his application, that you will afford him what assistance the Circumstances of the case may, in your opinion, render necessary.

A true Extract (signed) Wm. Wilson Secry

Minutes on the foregoing Letters & Enclosures from Bengal & from Colonel Brathwaite.

Agreed that a Copy of the Letter from the Governor General in Council be transmitted to the Commander in Chief, & that he be desired to order the Adjutant General to lay before the Board all the Information which his Office is able to furnish

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respecting the Strength & Equipment of the two Battalions ordered for the Travancore Country.

Agreed also that Letters be immediately written to Colonel Braithwaite & Major Montgomery, desiring them to procure further Information.

Resolved, that the Commander in Chief be requested to give his sentiments as to the immediate measures that ought to be pursued respecting Colonel Braithwaite's removal from his Military Command, in consequence of what the Colonel may have already acknowledged in his Correspondence with the Commander in Chief & with the Adjutant General.

Ordered, that a Copy of the Letter intended for Major Montgomery be sent to the Resident at Hydrabad.

Agreed that a full reply to the Letter from Bengal be postponed until particular Information of the above points has been received.

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal Means to be taken to encourage the Malabar Spice to connect themselves with the English stating the Substance of a Letter to be written to Tippoo Sultaun in Answer to his last

We have received your Letters dated the 1st and 8th Instant, the first inclosing Copies of Letters addressed by the Resident at Travancore and the Rajah of Cochin, & the Letter

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Letter enclosing a Copy of a Letter addressed to your President by Tippoo Sultaun.

You are already fully acquainted with our Sentiments that it is of great importance for the interests of the Company, that the Chiefs on the Coast of Malabar should on this occasion be encouraged to shake off all obedience to Tippoo, & put themselves under the protection of the Company, and We therefore think it only necessary at present to say, that We shall readily confirm such Terms of agreement as you shall make to the above effect with the Raja of Cochin, and as shall not be incompatible with any existing Treaty between him and the Dutch East India Company.

We likewise authorize you to give the strongest assurances in writing not only to that Rajah, but to any of the other Malabar Chiefs who may solicit our protection & alliance, that provided they will co-operate heartily with us in the War, and our joint arms shall prove successful, We shall oblige Tippoo to relinquish all Claim of Authority over them, and to consent to their becoming our Tributaries and Allies at the Conclusion of a Peace.

And due regard to the Engagements that have been or may be contracted by us on the part of the Company with different Native Powers, renders it indispensibly

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necessary that all negociations for an accommodation with Tippoo should be conducted either directly by ourselves or by such explicit Instructions as circumstances may occasionally induce us to grant; And We therefore entirely approve of your having deferred giving an answer to that Prince's Letter until you should hear from us upon the subject of it.

We now desire that Tippoo may be informed in reply to his Letter, that actuated by an earnest desire to save many thousands of innocent Subjects belonging to the States from suffering the Calamities which unavoidably attend upon War, we have not only dissembled our knowledge of many exceptionable parts of his Conduct towards several years past, but have even on that account forborne to shew our Resentment at his detaining in direct Contradiction to the Terms of the Treaty a number of our unfortunate Countrymen who were so unluckily addicted into his hands in the Course of the former War, But now that his Violence and Spirit of Ambition had impelled him not only without the least provocation, but after the most conciliatory Propositions had been made to him for terminating the differences that had arisen between him & our ally the Rajah of Travancore, to

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commit the most flagrant violation of the late Treaty of Peace, by attacking the Dominions of that Rajah, who was included in that Treaty as an ally of the Company, We have at last been obliged to seek for safety and redress by force of Arms, and that We trust for success in the bravery of our Troops and in the justice of our Cause.

That affairs having arrived at that unfortunate state, it no longer rests with you to bring them to an accommodation, and that a new Treaty of Peace can only be negociated and concluded by the Supreme Government at Bengal.

That it could therefore answer no useful purpose to receive a Vackeel from him, and consequently that you must decline it; But that if he should at any time you must decline it; But that if he should at any time be disposed to offer propositions for making ample reparation to ourselves and to our allies for all the injuries that He has done both to us and to them, you will transmit those propositions without loss of time to us for our Consideration.

As the correspondence with Tippoo, as well as the negotiations with all the Native Powers & Chiefs, will of course be conducted by General Meadows, we direct that whilst he holds a language

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with that Prince, corresponding with the above Instructions, He will in no degree relax in his Military Operations, but continue until he shall receive orders from us to the Contrary to prosecute the War with the utmost possible vigor.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedt & most humble Servts
Cornwallis
(Signed) Peter Speke

Fort William
16th June 1790.

Minute thereon

Immediately on the receipt of the foregoing Letter, a Copy was dispatched to General Medows, who was desired to write the necessary Letter to Tippoo?

Agreed that an Extract of that Part of the Letter respecting the Malabar Chiefs be transmitted to Bombay.

Read also the following Letters from Bengal.

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

From Bengal - desiring that the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops serving in India be directed to the further investigation of the Accounts

Hon'ble Sir,

With your Letter of the 25th November last, We received a Copy of one addressed to you by the Committee appointed

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appointed to investigate the accounts of the Kings Troops:
I read dated the 17th. of the same month.

2 The Gentlemen of the Committee having
finished their Statements of these Accounts to the end
of April 1786, concluded that they had "now completed
the full object of their appointment &c."

3 We are sorry to remark that, in this particular,
the Gentlemen of the Committee have not attended to our
original Instructions, which directed that these Accounts
should be made up to the 1st. of September 1787.

4 We fixed upon that particular period merely
from it's being the month prior to that in which We first
addressed you upon the subject; but it was our intention
that, after the accounts had been brought up to that date,
they should be continued from time to time to the latest
period.

5 We have directed that the general Statement of
all Monies issued to his Majesty's Troops at the several Presi-
dencies from the 25th. of June 1783, to the 31st. of December
1786 should be prepared here, that the same may be transmitted
to the Honble the Court of Directors by the first Dispatch.

6 In forming this Statement, the Gentlemen at your
Presidency

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Presidency from the 26th of April to the 31st of December 1786 cannot be stated in detail from want of the necessary Materials; We have therefore directed that, during that period they may be stated in gross, reserving the detail to be prefered to the next general Statement which can be sent home from this Presidency.

7. To enable us to effect our purpose, & answer the expectations of the Honble Court of Directors, We expect that you will lose no time in directing the particular Statements of all Sums on account of his Majesty's Troops to be continued — First, from May to December 31st inclusive — Secondly for every subsequent year up to the 31st of December as far as regards King's Subsistence and to the End of December as far as regards the additional Allowances and Extraordinary Expences borne & defrayed by the Company over and above the British Pay — & That, that when these Statements have been completed to the month of December inclusive of the present year, they be carried regularly, & transmitted home every 6 months up to the 31st of every June & December, as far as regards the Kings Subsistence, & to the End of these months as far as regards the Extraordinaries.

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8 A Form for these Accounts has already been established, & We do not wish that any alteration should be made in it. The principal point to be attended to, is that great care be taken to state the King's Subsistence to the Old Regiments seperate and distinct from the Extraordinaries.

9 We trust that such Dispatch will be used, in preparing these accounts & transmitting them to us, as may enable us to send the General Statements to England, made up to December 1789, by the Ships of this Season.

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants

Cornwallis

Fort William
4th June 1790.

(signed) Chas. Stuart

Peter Speke

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal - Admitting the propriety of deferring for one year the Execution of the Plan recommended for introducing an Uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies

We have been honored by the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Ultimo, accompanied by a Copy of one from the Committee appointed to carry into Execution the plan recommended by us for introducing an Uniformity of System

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in the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies.

After considering the reasons they have have offered against the immediate adoption of the new System, We must necessarily acknowledge that they carry great weight with them, and as coming from such Public Officers of the first responsibility under your Government, we concur in admitting that you were justified in deferring for another Year the Execution of the orders contained in our Letter of the 15th of May 1789. When We advert, however, to the circumstance of our having transmitted similar Instructions to the Presidency of Bombay at the same time, and to our having received advices from thence of a very great progress having been made in perfecting the Plan laid down for their Guidance and Information, We cannot but regret that so little attention has been paid to them at Madras, and that a Season of peace has been suffered to elapse, during which the Plan might have been completed with great advantage, as We conceive, to the Interests of the Company in establishing that strict controul over the Military Disbursements, which is at all times so essentially necessary, but more particularly so during the operations of a War.

We are pleased, however, to find, from the assurances of the Committee, that the Intricacies & Confusion

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which are acknowledged to have prevailed in the Military Accounts of your Presidency, during the late War, have been removed or corrected by the System now in use, which We hope is as perfect as it is represented to be & no otherwise objectionable than as it relates to the want of that uniformity which it is the wish of this Government to be Established.

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servts.

Cornwallis

Fort William
16th June 1790.

(Signed) Peter Speke

Agreed, that a Copy of the Letter dated the 4th June, be sent to the late Committee for Investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops serving in India, with orders immediately to prepare & deliver in Statements to the periods prescribed.

Minute on the former Letter

Agreed also, that a Copy of the Letter dated the 16th June, be sent to the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations; and that they be instructed to keep in their Recollection that, the Regulations are to have effect at the End of the Year.

Letter on the latter one.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Capper.

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Commissary & Comptroller Jeneral of Army Accounts — Reporting on Lieutenant Norris & Capt. Tonn's Accounts —

I have examined Lieutenant Norris's Accounts for building Barracks at Coimatore — This work first was undertaken, not in consequence of any regular Estimate or Contract, but from a proposal made by him to Government in June 1788, which was approved of by the Honble Board, & the Works carried into Execution by the Resolution being communicated to him through the Chief Engineer.

By the original Terms for carrying on the work, Lieutenant Norris was to receive 3000 Pagodas at the commencement of it, & 3000 Pagodas more when it was finished. And after it was reported Complete, he was to keep the same Quarters in Repair, at the rate of 8 Pagodas a month for each Field Officer, 6 Pagodas a month for a Staff Officer or a Captain's, and 4 for those of a Subaltern Officer — making, according to the Plan of the Cantonment, an allowance to Lt. Norris of 88 Pagodas a month, without limitting the time he was to continue to receive it. The whole work was to have been finished in, I believe, 6 months, but it was not finished in less than

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than 18 — This delay however was equally detrimental to the Honble Company & to the Engineer, for a Regiment of Cavalry being ordered thither, the Officers were obliged to live in Tents; and he could not receive the Monthly Allowance until the Work was finished — The points then submitted to the Consideration of Government by Lieutenant Norris are — whether they will please to pay him 3,000 Pagodas, due as per original agreement, when the work was done, together with the Sum of Pag.s 5774 which he has Disbursed over and above 600 Pagodas to be paid by the Company; — or whether Government will please to grant him a perpetuity of 88 Pagodas a month, as an Indemnity for advancing the Sum of Pag.s 5774 of his own Property, & for keeping the Quarters in repair

Lieutenant Norris has also charged 400 Pagodas for Cooling Grounds, which does not appear to me admissible, for he had Peons allowed him by the Company who might have been employed on this Business; and even if he had been obliged to hire Coolies and pay them himself, the Ground must have been uncommonly unfavorable if he was obliged to pay so large a Sum to level it — This Sum then deducted, there remains to be paid him the Balance of 3774 Pagodas, provided Government chuse to settle his Account & exonerate him from any further responsibility

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for the Care and Repairs of the Cantonment of Connatoor.

A Doubt may arise whether the Sum of Rs. 5774 is a reasonable Charge for the buildings, over and above the 6176 Pagodas; but of this I can be no judge, without having an account of the particulars, or rather an Estimate of the Total Expence by an Engineer; which after all will be perhaps only Multiplying Expences & creating Delays. In my humble opinion therefore, Government had better order Mr. Norris's Accounts to be settled by a Bill on Bengal, and thus get rid of a very irregular Engagement, which cannot be beneficial to the Company, & must particularly in the present posture of affairs be very disadvantageous to the Individual.

I have also Examined Captain Torin's account for the purchase of Horses on the Malabar Coast. The Conduct of this business was left entirely to the discretion of Captain Torin, who was required to give in his accounts of the Expence upon Honor; & I have no doubt, from the character of that Officer, that his Charges are as reasonable as possible. But when it is considered that, to the original power of the Horses must be added their Maintenance until a proper opportunity offers of sending them to this Coast — the

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freight of each Horse at 60 Rupees — the probability of many of them dying, or getting lame on the way, — and Captain Torin's own Expences — I flatter myself that these accounts, tho' apparently very high, could not by the nature of the original agreement be much more moderate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(signed) J. Capper

C.G. &c.

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Resolved, that Lieutenant Norris be exonerated from any further Responsibility for the Care & Repairs of the Buildings at Connatoore; & that he be paid the Balance due to him, amounting to Eight thousand seven hundred and seventy four Pagodas, by Bills upon Bengal, at the Exchange of 393 Rds. pr. Pagodas.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Balance due to Captain Lieutenant Torin, amounting to Rupees 13,781.18.. be discharged in a similar Manner.

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board.

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Hospital Board 5th July 1790.

From the Hospital Board
Majr Gillespie & Kincaid
Surgeons arrives from
Europe — Majr Francis
Blake, Henry Hawkes,
& John Abernithie, lately
arrived with the appoint-
ments of Assistant Surgeons,
nominated to different
Stations.

The Hospital Board have the
honor to acquaint Government with the return
of Majr Gillespie & Kincaid Surgeons, from
Europe, where they has been on leave of absence.

Mr Francis Blake, Mr Henry
Hawkes, & Mr John Abernithie have also
arrived with appointments from the Court
of Directors, of Assistant Surgeons for this
Establishment.

Approved.

The Hospital Board recommend
that Mr Hawkes be stationed at the General Hospi-
tal Fitchenopoly; that Mr Blake be appointed
to the 2d Battalion of Native Infantry, & Mr
Abernithie to the 27th Battalion at Vellayanad
but to attend the Hospital there under the
direction of Mr Thompson, Surgeon, until they
become acquainted with the routine of duty.

Approved

The General orders of the 3rd instant,
having announced the Appointment of Mr
William Raine as Head Surgeon, & Member of
the Hospital Board, he has taken his Seat
accordingly.

" James Anderson
Physician General
(signed) " W. Raine acting Chief Surgeon
" Wm Duffin Head Surgeon

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a General Order be published conformably to the Recommendations of the Hospital Board.

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell.

To the Hon'ble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George
Military Department

Hon'ble Sir

From Lieut. Colonel Cockerell — requesting permission to receive into the Artillery of the Bengal Detachment some Discharged Europeans from Ellore, who are willing to re-enlist — respecting the Employing Bullocks for the use of the Detachment — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Ronneway

I have the honor to report the arrival of the Detachment of Bengal Troops under my Command at Ongole — I have halted this day to take the Monthly Review Muster of the Troops, Establishments, Cattle &c.; and it was also for accommodation of Ease to the whole Detachment.

To morrow the Troops will proceed on march towards Nellore, on the route to Wallaujaubad — and I expect to be at Nellore on the 7th or 8th of this month.

Your Commands for detaching to the Presidency the European Party of unwilling Men from the Ellore Battalion shall be duly attended to, on the arrival of my Detachment at Poonamallee.

If there be no irregularity in the measure of transferring the Servitude of Europeans from one Establishment to another, upon renewing of Contract, and the solicitation

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be not improper to be preferred to you, it is my Duty to represent to you that the Artillery serving with the Detachment are incomplete, by casualties of Sickness, & Men left at the Hospitals of Ellore & Masulipatam & this Station, being together twelve Men, & the nature of their Sickness affords but small Encouragement to expect future Services from them — I have therefore to request your Approbation that I may receive into the Artillery of the Bengal Establishment such of the Men of the Ellore Party (whose Characters are good, & capable of serving as Artillery,) who are disposed to renew Service for the Bengal Establishment — I know they are desirous of obtaining permission to do so; and I can declare the Strength of this Corps does require the addition for the proper Service of the Ordnance: for owing to the drafts made from the Bengal Brigade of Artillery to complete the Battalion detached to Fort St. George, the Company which joined me from Masulipatam is by no means so complete for Field Service, in point of Strength, as I could wish.

I make this application with the more confidence that it is an object to secure the willing Services of Natives Europeans at all times; & that for the present Year, the Public derives the same benefits, whether the Men renew

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for the Madras or the Bengal Establishments.

The Tappal of last night brought me a public letter from Captain Kennaway, Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam, of which I have now the honor to transmit you an authenticated Copy. It is so perfectly decisive to the points on which the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis transmitted me the conditional Instructions of the 31st. May, that I have reported to his Lordship the Cases do not exist, which he had supposed possible, to affect the Services of this Force.

In consequence of all the Surplus Cattle from Ellore having been ordered to proceed under my Convoy, I believing firmly that both Draft & Carriage Bullocks are much wanted for the Service of the Train Department, in the Carnatic, I have used my Endeavors to encourage the Bengal Agent to obtain as many Bullocks as shall be adequate to the Service of the whole Artillery, Ordnance, &c., on this Detachment: I hope in this I shall obtain your Approbation.

I am, Honble Sir, with the greatest respect

Your most obedient

& humble Servant

(signed) John Cockerell

Lieut. Colonel Commanding the

Southern Detach.t Bengal Troops

Camp, Ongole

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

Sir

I have been honored with a Letter from the Governor General, containing a Copy of his Instructions to you of the 31st ultimo; and as the case supposed by his Lordship in the last Paragraph thereof, in the reverse of which you are clearly directed to proceed without Interruption according to such Instructions as you may have received previous to the receipt of his Lordship's Letter, has not happened — namely, "the "crossing of the Kistna by the Nizam, & his having "placed a dependance on receiving aid (aid in such "situation I imagine to be understood) from your Detach- "ment" — I conceive there is no objection from this quarter to prevent your acting in conformity to such orders as you may have received from General Medows, for the guidance of your march, previous to the receipt of the abovementioned Instructions.

Camp at Ramkistnapore. — I have the honor to be,
20th June 1790. Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) John Kennaway

A true Copy
(signed) J Cockerell
Lieut Colonel

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Minutes thereon

The Board cannot have any Objection to Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's re-inlisting such of the discharged Men from Ellore, as are willing to entertain in the Service.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, that the Bullocks of this Establishment, which accompany his Detachment, are to be employed as the Service may require; and that there will not be any necessity for the Bengal Agent doing more than, to keep complete the Bullocks of his Establishment which accompanied the Detachment from Bengal.

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

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors — States the loss the Contractors will sustain, if the Northern Bullocks, coming down with Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, be not paid by the Company from the day they were Mustered.

I am again under the necessity of troubling you on the subject of the Ellore Bullocks, mentioned in my Letter of the 27th. May last, to which I beg leave to call the attention of the Board.

The Honble Board, in their reply to that

Letter

Letter, informed me that, the Bullocks employed with Colonel Cockerell's Detachment were to be paid for from the time of their being mustered, the residue to be paid for after crossing the Kistna, agreeably to former Resolution.

Of the 1908 Carriage Bullocks which in my abovementioned Letter, I directed to be detained at Ellore for the use of the Bengal Detachment, and the Detachment which arrived on the Houghton, only 196 have been Indented for by Colonel Cockerell, and 1702 proceeded with his Detachment, & are to be employed in carrying a Supply of Grain for it. Had I not directed those Bullocks to remain at Ellore for the eventual use of the Bengal Detachment, they might have crossed the Kistna on or about the 19th of May — But supposing it might be for the good of the Service, as the destination of the Detachment was not determined, I stopt them. Had the Detachment been ordered to Hyderabad, the whole number would certainly have been required; I would have received thanks for the ready Supply, and payment of what would in that case have been considered justly due — viz. hire for the period the Bullocks were mustered for the Service. — The Event has proved that my foresight

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did not equal my Zeal; and if the Letter of the order is to be observed, the Contractors will pay severely for having deviated into what I considered the Spirit of it.

I need not, I am sure, call to the recollection of the Board the Exertions of the Contractors in sending the army into the Field without a moments delay on their part. — They at once staked their whole Fortunes & Credit for the Service, I have had the satisfaction to see their Endeavors crowned with Success. But, it becomes not me perhaps to state all that might be urged on the Subject, by a comparison of the present with the past; I may however venture to remark, that if a loss is incurred in attaining & securing those most important objects to the Public, & if that loss, tho' trifling to the Company should prove a heavy burthen to the Individual, who could incur it from no other motive than Zeal to promote the public Service, Policy, as well as equity, will point out that the former not the latter should sustain it.

Before I add to the Board the cause of these Bullocks being entertained — It will appear by the Return & Certificates of the Officer Commanding which I delivered in, that, supposing they come upon Pay from

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the 9th May, the whole, upon an average, were entertain=
=ed by the Contractors about a month and a half before
that period, by which they will sustain a loss of a sum
not less than Six thousand Pagodas.

I trust therefore the Honble Board will take
these Circumstances into their serious Consideration, & not subject the Contractors to suffer a greater loss, which they must sustain, if the Bullocks are not permitted to be considered in the Company's Pay from the 9th of May last.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Madras - 2nd July 1790.

(signed) Thos. Cockburn
for the Contractors

The Board are under the necessity of declining a departure from their former Resolution, contained in Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter to Mr. Cockburn of the 28th of May last.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Commissary of Grain & Provisions in Camp

To Morgan Williams Esqr.
&c. Members of Government

Honble Sir and Sirs

From the Commissary of Grain & Provisions in Camp - Enclosing

On the 19th Instant I had directions from the Commander

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the accounts of the Bullock Contractors for the month of May. To desired by the General to recommend the liquidation of the Balance due.

Commander in Chief to receive from the Contractors for Bullocks their Bills and Vouchers in order to lay them before him, and to communicate his orders to them respecting the Payment of their Balance at the Presidency, and regularly transmit their Bills and Vouchers to Government. In consequence of which I have the honor to forward to you their accounts for the month of May, by which it appears a Balance in their favor of Pagodas 38,365.

The General desired me to submit to you the liquidation of the Balance, as may appear to you the most Eligible.

As the Communication with the Presidency is at present doubtful, I have retained the Vouchers 'till an opportunity offers of forwarding them with safety.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Thos. Kingscote
Commissary of Grain & Provisions

Camp Caroor.
1st July 1790.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Balance due to the Contractors amounting to Pagodas 38,365, after deducting the Sum on account of Bullocks supplied from the Establishment kept up & charged in the

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Contractors monthly Bill for the Establishment at Madras, which amounts to Pagd. 2829. 6 — be discharged by Bills.

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

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions. — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Vaughan, Storekeeper at Madura, to the Commissary in Camp. & Extract of his answer, desiring to be informed of the Mode of Payment for Grain belonging to Soucars — A new order wanting for the delivery of Grain in the Tritchinopoly District.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Hon'ble Board Copy of a letter from Mr. Vaughan Storekeeper at Maburah, — and an Extract of a Letter from the Commissary of Grain and Provisions in Camp, to him.

I request the orders of the Board respecting that part of the Letter which refers the mode of payment for Grain belonging to Soucars and others to their decision. It may not be improper to mention that Government (on the 1st March 1790) directed Receipts payable at two months to be given for any Grain which the Storekeepers should receive from the Ryots. — And beg to refer the Hon'ble Board to the last paragraph of my Letter of the 19th May on this subject. — Vizt.

* meaning Mr. Vaughan.

"The *Storekeeper informs me that, without "the most positive Order from the Nabob, he expects to get "very little more Grain from the Circar — Should that be the case,

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"beg to know what answer I am to send to the Storekeeper; and
"whether I am to authorize him to purchase Grain &c to
"what Extent, and to price, he should be limited. The Colliery
"People in that part of the Country from whom alone he can
"expect to obtain Grain do not understand the words trust
"or Credit, and consequently would consider the Grain
"taken upon the Storekeeper's Receipts payable in two months
"as a forcible Seizure, which in the present Crisis of Affairs
"might render that measure impolitic. — If therefore the
"Hon'ble Board determine that Grain shall be purchased,
"the Storekeeper must be empowered to take up Money
"for that purpose."

I beg leave to remind you that a fresh order is required from the Nabob to his Managers at Pulicat Poly, directing them to bring in and deliver to the Storekeeper all the Grain yet remaining in the Country — to enable Mr. Garrow to make an immediate & positive demand to them for a State of the Grain, & the probable time it will require to bring it in. I presume the order of the 1st. March, empowering the Storekeepers to place Guards over the Grain is yet in force.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Wm. Cockburn
Commissary General of Grain & Provs.

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To Thomas Cockburn Esqr.

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Sir

I have just received a letter from Mr. Kingscote, of which the accompanying is a part. Major Sale has ordered a Jemidar's Guard to march for the Mellore Country to morrow morning: I shall follow it, that I may if possible ascertain the quantity likely to be procured. I beg you will obtain for me an answer to that part which refers me to the Board.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servt.

(Signed) H. Vaughan Esqr.

Madurah - 17th June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) Mr. Cockburn Esqr.

N.B. A similar Account to the one forwarded to you on the 2nd Instant, was sent to Mr. Kingscote, but it does not appear to have been received, altho' I have the Tappal's Receipt

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Thomas Kingscote, Commissary of Grain & Provisions to the Grand Army, Enclosed in the foregoing Letter from Mr. Vaughan.

"I have received your's of the 1st Instant, Enclosing a Return of Rice in your Garrison, & wishing the Sanction of Government to purchase

more —

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" more. — I am directed by the Commander in
" Chief to acquaint you that the Grain belonging
" to Soucars or others should be taken for the use
" of the Army; at the same time he directs you
" will refer to the Board of Madras in what
" manner it is to be paid for — In regard to the
" Circar Grain, he particularly directs that you
" immediately ascertain the quantity in the Madura
" & Mellore Countries, and apply to the Commanding
" Officer of your Garrison to secure it for the use
" of the Army, & grant Receipts for the amount. —
" Major Sale has been written to, to afford you
" every assistance in the Collection.

A true Copy, signed, Thos. Cockburn

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Madura, reporting the price of Grain laid in Store in the Year 1786.

I send you for the Information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter from Mr. Vaughan, Storekeeper at Madurah, relative to the price of the Grain received from the Nabob's Managers. The price charged by the Nabob for the Grain laid into Store at Madurah in the year 1786 was Star Pags. 17. 28. 22 p. Garce. I have to request the orders of the Honble Board on this Subject. & am, Sir

&c. &c. &c. (signed) Thos. Cockburn
Commissary General of Gr. & Pr.

Madras — 26th June 1790. —

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To Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Sir

On my offering the Renter my Receipt for the Paddy at the price of the District, according to my Instructions, he refused to take it, alledging for reason, that he had brought it from the Country, & that he ought to have the Retail price of the Bazar; & says he must write to the Nabob for his order.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) H. Vaughan
Asst.

Madura
18th June 1790.

A true Copy (signed) Tho.s Cockburn
C.G.P.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir

From the Commissary Genl. of Grain & Provisions - respecting the delay in measuring Paddy at Madura - Enclosing Copy of a letter from the Storekeeper, stating the price he expects for the Grain tendered by him to the Company.

I received your Letter of the 13th instant, inclosing Extract of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob, complaining of delay in measuring the Paddy at Madura - Copy of which I forwarded to the Storekeeper, who has assured me no such delay existed; on the Contrary, his utmost exertions have