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Diary

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Received Letters as entered in C.C. Nos 232 233 234.

Substance of Letter from the Calastry Rajah

From the Calastry Rajah (vide No 232) requesting that the Districts seized by his Highness the Nabob and the Company may be restored to him - and that in future ten Thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas may be received as his annual Peishcush.

the Vencatagherry Rajah

From the Vencatagherry Rajah (vide No 233) congratulating the acting President on his arrival

From the Rajah of Gingee

From the Rajah of Gingee - offering to pay a Peshcush of 13000 Rupees if the Company will put him in possession of Teroon Nellore - and stating the Terms on which he will furnish from 10 to 40,000 Mogul Horse.

Sent the following Letters

To John Hudleston Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Gentlemen,

In order to provide as much as possible for the pecuniary wants of the army &c Government

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - to direct the Collectors in the Southern Districts to communicate to General Medows the State of their Employs and to comply with his Requisitions for money - to ascertain from the agent for the Wallach Contractors what Sums of money he is likely to want for his People in the country. —

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2d Government desire you will direct the Collectors in the Southern Districts (Tanjore, Tinnevelly, Trichinopoly Madura &c) to report to General Medows as often as possible the state of the Receipts under their Charge, to comply with the General's requisitions for money, & to desire his Instructions as to the best means of making Remittances to him — in short to give him every possible information as to the Funds which it may be in their Power to supply, and as to the best mode of sending such supplies to the Paymaster in Camp

The Contractors for Bullocks having represented that their agents may occasionally want money in the Country, the Board desire that they may be assisted, for their Bills in favor of the Revenue Treasury subject however to the orders above expressed in favor of the remittances to the army — you will be pleased to ascertain from Mr Cockburn as nearly as he can judge, what sums he is likely to want & where, that your orders may be framed accordingly —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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To the 2d Honorable Major General Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

Honorable Sir,

To Major General Medows — Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bengal respecting Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment — opinion of the Board on the orders of the Government General — requesting to be favored with his Sentiments. —

We have the honor to forward to you Copy of a Letter this day received from Bengal — as the Center army has advanced Considerably into the Enemy's Country agreably to your wishes We have not judged it expedient without your concurrence to recal the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, because it could not be done without losing the Services that you expect from this army what We conceive must be of material Consequence to the Plans you may have formed for the prosecution of the War.

We have therefore issued no orders on this Subject, but request to have, as early as possible, a communication of your Sentiments upon the Letter from the Governor General in Council to whom We shall state the reasons which have influenced our Conduct on this Occasion. —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c. Council

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2d Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in MB. Nos 4. 5. 6. 7.)

From the Resident at Poonah

From the Resident at Poonah – advising of the Receipt of Mr Deputy Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 17th ultimo announcing the Capture of Pulicatchery. –

From the Collector in the Caroor &c Distrct. –

From the Collector in the Caroor &c Districts – advising of the arrival there of the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Trent with the Officers and men taken at Daraporam –

From Lieutenant Hay of the Bengal Detachment. –

From Lieutenant Hay – expecting that his bad state of health will not permit him to march with his Detachment to join the Center army – the Commander will be ordered to proceed. –

From the Commandant at Palamcotah

From the Commandant at Palamcotah – recommending Shah Amed formerly Commandant of the 1st provincial Battalion be dismissed the Service and expelled the Distrct, for having prevented the Sepoys of that Battalion from entering into the Company's Service and secreting their arms in his House at Tinnevelly

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell - expressive of the Boards Satisfaction at the Progress of the army under his Command - to report without loss of time whenever any thing particular occurs -

To the Collector in the District of Madura

To the Collector in the District of Madura - acquiescing in the Recommendation of Colonel Martinez that Payment to the Troops entertained in the Maravars shall commence from the beginning of the Revenue year -

To the Import Warehousekeeper

To the Import Warehousekeeper - with Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General recommending that a Transfer be granted to the agents for Cloathing on the Import Warehousekeeper for the Money due to them on account of the agency - to which Government have acquiesced

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General - advising of the Boards acquiescence in his recommendation, as stated in the abovementioned Letter to the Import Warehouse Keeper

To the agent for the Bullock Contractors

To the agent for the Bullock Contractors - the necessary orders have been issued to the Collectors in consequence of his Letter of the 1st Instant -

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board - to report upon a Lieutenant M'Kenzie's application for increase of ammunition - & an Establishment of Lascars Copy of his Letter inclosed - Likewise upon the Contents of a Letter from the acting Surgeon of the 72d Regiment. - Sent

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

3d Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No 235) stating that the Board cannot [illegible] from the arrangement already formed respect[illegible] Joghires as communicated to His Highness [illegible] Date the 12th ultimo

Sent the following Letters.—

To the Right Honorable Charles Earl Cornwa[illegible]

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal. Reasons assigned for not recalling the Bengal Detachment, agreeably to the orders of the Governor General in Council inclosing Copy of the Cas[illegible] Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

We were yesterday honored with [illegible] receipt of the Letter from your Lordship in Council dated the 19th ultimo, which was immediately communicated by express to General Medows.—

As the Instructions Contained in [illegible] it seemed to admit of no Latitude for our Discretion We felt a Considerable Embarrassment on Determining the Part We ought to take, and if in our Resolution We shall have erred, We trust your Lordship will not impute it to any want of respect [illegible] Authority but to the conviction impressed in [illegible] minds that in the present Circumstances [illegible]

Detach[illegible]

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3. Detachment, your Lordship would not deem it eligible to recall it. –

General Medows has for at least these two months past uniformly recommended that the Center army should penetrate into the Enemy's Country to the Westward, if it could be equipped before the Monsoon and has had frequent communications by Letter on the Subject with the Council & with the late Colonel Kelly, whose Plans he approved. –

In consequence of the General's recommendation, the Center army, (of which the Bengal Detachment forms so material a part, that the whole must be recalled, if the Detachment joins the Nizam,) has marched, as We had the honor to acquaint you in our Letter of the 28th ultimo. It is now proceeding in the Route prescribed, & is We conceive more than ever essential to the Success of the General's Plans, which were repeated to us in a Letter from him under date the 7th ultimo wherein he mentioned that the Center army should enter the Barimaul and come to Coveripatam. –

The Success this army has already met with, & the powerfull Diversion it creates by its

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3^d its operations in a Quarter where the Enemy is not prepared for an attack, must We conceive be attended with happy Consequences, yet We should not think ourselves warranted in suspending the Execution of your orders, did We not imagine it would materially interfere with General Medows's Designs, and upon this Principle only We are resolved to write to the General and to wait his Reply before We should take any further measures

He, enclosed Copy of a Letter just received from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell contains an account of his further operations. —

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

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3^d November 1790

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

To the Honorable Major General William Medows
Governor & Commander in Chief

To Major General Medows stating the orders issued to the Collectors to comply with his Requisitions for Cash in Camp — advising of the appointment of seven Gentlemen as acting Ensigns of Infantry and three assistant Surgeons. —

Honorable Sir,

In order to provide by every means for the pecuniary wants of the army under your Command, We have desired the Board of Revenue to direct the Collectors in the Southern District

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3. Districts to report to you as often as possible the State of the Receipts of Cash under their Charge, to comply with your Requisitions for Money, and to request your Instructions as to the best means of making Remittances to you - in a word to give you every positive Information as to the Funds, which it may be in their Power to supply, and as to the most eligible mode of sending such Supplies to the Paymaster in Camp

Sirce the official Communication to you of the 6th ultimo the following Gentlemen have been admitted as Ensigns upon the Establishment during the War, or until the Company's pleasure be Known. -

Mr. John Lalor

Mr John Fortune

Mr. Mathew Daly an acting Lieu Fireworker

Mr. John Fitzpatrick

Mr Edward Bagshaw

Mr. Robert Lloyd

Mr. Finston.

The following Gentlemen have also been appointed Assistant Surgeons until the Company's pleasure be Known. - Mr

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3. Mr Michael O'Donoghor

Mr Betty

Mr Charles O'Neil

As it is presumed, the State of the Service is absolutely required the above appointments there is every reason to hope they will not be disapproved by the Court of Directors, yet as their orders on this Subject are very positive, and have often been repeated, particularly in the last Dispatches of [illegible] We enclose an Extract, We are very averse [illegible] the adoption of any Measure so strongly [illegible] by the Hon'ble Court, & it is not therefore our Intention to make further provisional [illegible] appointments unless you should particular desire it —

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We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakes
& Council

To Lieutenant MacKerras
at
Trinomalé

To Lieutenant McKerras to give Cowle to the Districts mentioned in his letter of the 30 Ultimo and to state whether there is any force near those Districts. —

Sir,

In reply to the first Part of your Letter dated the 30th Ultimo I am directed by the Board to inform you

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you that they authorize your giving Credit to the Districts you have mentioned; & your encouraging the Inhabitants to remain under the Company's Protection — you must, in consequence state in what manner you judge it advisea- ble to take possession, & whether there be any & what Force situated in or near the Districts. —

An Answer will hereafter be sent to the other Parts of your Letter

I am
&c. &c.
/Signed/ John Chamier
Secretary

Fort St. George
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Received the following Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

To John Chamier Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue requesting to know if the Nabob ever communicated to Government the treaty concluded with the Dutch respecting the Pearl & Chank Fisheries on the Coast of Tinnevelly. —

I am directed by the President and Mem- bers of the Board of Assumed Revenue to request you will inform them whether the Nabob ever communicated to Government the treaty, which Mr. Buchanan concluded with Mr. Delgrasse in July 1788. —

I have the Honor to be.
&c. &c.
/Signed/ S. Webbe Secretary

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At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

Friday the 5th November 1790

John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows

Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Bengal

The Honble

The Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs,

From Bengal - Further Enquiries to be made by the Commissioners respecting the Conduct of the late Administration - particularly as to Loan Transactions with the Durbar - Rule to be adopted for ascertaining the Facts &c.

We are persuaded that your Sentiments perfectly coincide with ours, in Considering it as an Object of the highest importance for the protection of the Character of honest Men - for the interests of the Company and for the honor of the Nation, that all Charges of Peculation and Corruption that may be brought against Persons who either have been, or are, entrusted with a Share in the Company's Governments in these Countries should undergo the most serious and effectual Enquiry

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=gation,- in order that the innocent may be protected against the effects of malicious accusations, and the guilty exposed to suffer disgrace and punishment.

The Complaints, which have been brought by the Nabob of Arcot and others against your late Presi=dent Mr. John Hollond, and Paupiah, his Dubash, appear to us to constitute a case of the above Description, and of particular Magnitude; and, therefore, whilst we shall, from time to time, Suggest such Means as shall

15 head to ourselves, We trust that you will likewise, on will either [illegible] such occasional additions to the have alluded, have given to the Committee appointed =cious or enable the port upon those Complaints as the injury that they will best tend to enable the interest, or by the compose it, to discover the truth.

With a view to promote the above time that Corposes, We repeated our instructions, concerned for dated the 28th of August, that Paupiah's to disclo should be seized and put into safe Custody, some of property attached, unless He should offer, Governm should think proper to accept of, undoubted own ev. of the Nature that we described, for his prosecu the issue of the investigation; And that of the Military Auditor General and Military Paymaster General

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of Stores with the Center Army for the Month of Sep-
ber 1790

I think it my duty to remark to the
Honble Board that the quantity of Musquet Ammunition
now in Store appears to me extremely inadequate to
supply the probable expenditure of this Army —

Each Battalion has —

	Rounds
In the Men's Pouches	20
In Regimental Store	30
Total	30

There are in the General Store
211439 Musquet Cartridges and
Balls for making them which is
equal to Rounds p Man — 28

Total 78 Rounds

This quantity would be Any
sufficient could the Army be supplied ~~from~~ p
-ing Garrisons whenever the present Stock wa
-ed but for an Army in an Enemy's Country remo
from the means of supply a greater proportion w
required and I request that 300000 Cartridges ma
sent as soon as possible to this Army either
the 4 Iron Eighteen Pounders to Amboor or th

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from whence they can be escorted to the Army through the Changamah Pass.—

The Military Board will receive from Lieutenant Morris the Commissary of Stores the proceedings of a Committee for surveying the Camp Equipage of this Army and will observe a very large demand of Cloth for the necessary repairs of Tents— As most of the Tents were new or nearly so I have enquired particularly into the causes of their present state and find that it is in great measure owing to the want of proper Gunny Bags for packing them on the march— The Gunnys which were furnished with them were only calculated for carriage on Carts whence the Tents are divided into Bullock Loads a considerable part of each Marquee is totally without package, the Bags for Private Tents from their construction are useless and the entire deficiency of Bags for carrying Tent Pins which makes it necessary to wrap them up in the Tents occasions every march very considerable damage.—

I have judged it necessary to make these observations as Government will no doubt be surprized when they are told that Camp Equipage

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Minute thereon

Government approve the several Opinions & Recommendations contained in the foregoing Letters.

Agreed that the Military Board be instructed to comply with Indents for old Arms for the use of the Provincial Troops.

Mr. Landon to be allowed Sibbendies for the protection of the Revenues under his Charge.

Agreed that the Statement of Sibbendy Sepoys contained [illegible] from the Board of Assumed [illegible] Revenue [illegible] date [illegible] for the Protection [illegible] of the Revenue under charge Mr. Landon, [illegible] complied with.

Re[illegible] the following Letters fr[illegible] Commissary & Comp[illegible]troller General of [illegible] Accounts.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council &c.

From the Comptroller General reporting his opinion on Captain Frapard's Bills.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before you the Bills of Captain Frapard Engineer with the Grand Army, together with his Letter, & that of Mr. Colt the Paymaster on this Subject. The Paymaster observes, that no Regulations are laid down for Charges of this description. The reason of

which is very obvious, because it is to be supposed, such Charges could never with propriety to made.

With respect to the Bill for Gabions, Fascines, Baskets, & Coolies. all these seem to me entirely Inadmissible, unless it should appear upon Further Enquiry; that the Corps of Pioneers, Lascars, & Artificers; of which there is a prodigious establishment belonging to the Grand Army, were otherwise employed during the Siege of Balagautchery. Besides when for want of these people, it is found necessary to employ the Soldiers or Followers of the Army in these Works, Drafts are made from the different Corps, & Picket Money is paid them by the Paymaster; the Bill ascertaining the number employed, being previously counter signed by the Commanding Officer of the Working party, or the Engineer; or both of them, but it is not customary under any circumstances, to allow the Engineer to make a Contingent Bill for them.

The necessity of the Platform for the defence of Coimbetore, and the delivery of them I readily admit, but I cannot comprehend, by what means any Timber could be procured in that Garrison;

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Garrison, which was not found there, when they [illegible] taken. Nor do I understand for what reason [illegible] belonging to the Corps in that Garrison, were [illegible] employed in making them instead of Workmen [illegible] must have been procured with great difficulty [illegible] soon after the place was captured from the [illegible] I therefore beg leave to submit these Bills to [illegible] consideration & Decision.

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2d November 1790.

I am with respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Capper
C.G.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakely Bar[illegible]
Governor in Council &ca

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General enclosing a statement of outstanding Balances and of Sums brought to account since the 12th August last

Agreeably to your Orders, I [illegible] honor to lay before you the Quarterly Statem[illegible] Audits; specifying the Outstanding Bala[illegible] also the Sums actually brought to account since my last Report.

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3d November 1790.

I am with respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Capper
C.G.
Statement

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Statement of Outstanding Balances

Due (by the Garrison Storekeeper's Books) from the Shepherds	521 - 19 - "
Do. by Do. from Messrs. Corbett & Boyd	4,381 3 - 56
Do. by Do. from Cautateyapah Modelly	208 - 15 25
Do. (in the Vellore Accounts) from Mr. Gahagan Surgeon of that Garrison	100 " "
Do. by Captain James Campbell of His Majesty's 72d. Regiment late Barrack Master of the Center Division of the Carnatic & now in Europe	12,460 " "
Do. by Mr. Willis as Paymaster & Commissary of Grain & Provisions with the Guntoor Detachment	27,404 - 10 - 17
Do. by Officers during the Guntoor Expedition	6,611 - 5 24
Do. by Mr. Johnston Paymaster of Tritchinopoly for Overcharges in his Accounts	7,522 - 24 - 16

NB: Sums Doubtful amounting to Thirty Nine Thousand & Nine Pagodas, Fanams Fifteen & Sixty Nine Cash in the Tritchinopoly Disbursements remain to be Explained & Reported.

Total Pagodas 59,208 - 35 - 58

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(Signed) J. Capper Clgr. Statement

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Statement of Balances brought to account

Refunded by Mr. Brown Surgeon of His Majesty's 72d Regiment for Overcharges in the care of the Sick during the Shevagunga Expedition his Bills amounting to the Sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred & Ninety Four Cagedas and Twenty Eight Fanams. - - -

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he has made such Demands & what answers have been given to them.

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from Mr. Secretary Hay.

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr. Secretary Hay with a Copy of the Proposals of Contract published at Calcutta for supplying Rum & arrack. Desiring to know if 800 Liquors are sufficient for the Demands of the Coast.

I have orders to Acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter dated the 18th of September, from the Board at Fort St. George, and to Acquaint you, for their Information, that in Consequence of their Desire that a Supply of Spirituous Liquors should be sent from Bengal, an Advertizement, of which the enclosed is a Copy, for Proposals of Contract to provide the same has been published at this Presidency.

Mr. Roebuck, in his Letter of the 14th of September, applies for good Arrack; but as the Governor General in Council understood that very little Arrack, of a good Quality, was in the Place, excepting new Arrack which is deemed very unwholesome, His Lordship, as you will

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will observe, thought it best to Advertize for a Supply of Rum as well as Arrack, or of either of these Articles, declaring that no Rum or Arrack, less than one year old, would be [illegible] Further; as the Quantity wanted at Madras was not stated in the Board's Letter, or by Mr. Roebuck, he has limited the Supply to [illegible] Leaguers, and requests that you will be pleased to inform me whether or not more will be required, and at what Time.

Fort William
13th October 1790.

I have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) E. Hay
Secretary to the Government

Fort William
Military Department October 13th 1790.

Public Notice is hereby given, that Sealed Proposals will be received, at the Secretary Office, on or before the 15th of next Month, for Supplying, for the use of the Presidency of Fort St. George, Eight hundred Leaguers of Rum and Arrack, or of either of these Articles, according to approved Musters.

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The Masters are to accompany the Proposals and to be Sealed with the same Seal that is affixed to the Proposals themselves, the outward cover of which shall be Superscribed "Proposals for Rum and Arrack," or for either of these Articles, according to the Tenders.

Persons will be at Liberty to offer for the whole, or a part, of this Supply which is to be delivered in a Merchantable and good Condition, either on the Beach at Madras, to the order of the Governor in Council, on or before the 15th of February 1791, or in Bengal, to the Order of the Government, on or before the 31st of December 1790 if it could be most convenient to the Company that the Spirits should be sent to Madras in their own Ships; and the Proposals are to Specify the Price in either case.

In the event of the Contractors engaging to deliver the quantity prescribed on the Beach at Madras, he is to take the Risk of the Sea on himself; but any Loss that may arise, after the Spirits have been Shipped, shall not Subject him to the Penalty Annexed to

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to a Breach of Contract, provided he shall procure the necessary Bills of Lading to prove that the quantity he had engaged to furnish, was actually Shipped from this Port.

If the Contractor should be desirous the Arrack or Rum at Fort St. George, advances will be made to him upon the necessary Notes bearing interest at the Rate of eight p.r Cent per Annum for one half of the Amount of his Engagement on the due execution of the Deed of Contract, for a fourth Part when half the Quantity contracted for actually Shipped which must be proved by the delivery of the Bills of Lading, and for the remaining fourth, on receipts being produced of the delivery at Fort St. George.

The Securities are to be Responsible for the Sums advanced, in case of Loss, that may which may occasion a short delivery.

If the whole or any part of the abovementioned quantity of Arrack or Rum should be delivered at this Presidency, and re Shipped to Madras by the Company, the Contractor will be entitled to his two last advances on producing

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producing the receipts of the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort William, instead of the Bills of Lading and Receipts abovementioned.—

Each Leaguer must contain one hundred and fifty Gallons and the whole Supply must be of the same strength or proof as the best Batavia Arrack No Rum or Arrack less than one year old will be received; and it will be a Condition of the Engagement that the Rum or Arrack, if exported, shall be supplied bonâ fide on Account of it's and exported of course after the conclusion of the Contract.—

Two good and sufficient Securities are to be named for the Performance of the Contract, in the Form, which will be rejected, in toto, and without any Consideration of them, if the names of the Securities should not be mentioned.—

Published by order of the Governor General in Council.—

(Signed) S. Fombelle

Sub Secretary

A true Copy

(Signed) E. Hay

Secretary to the Government.

Agreed.

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Minute sheeuw

Agreed that Mr. Roebuck be directed to inform the Board, whether 200 Leaguers of Rum & Arrack being the Quantity advertized for, by the Bengal Government, will be a Sufficient Supply and if not, how much more will be required & at what Time.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Mackerras.

John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir;

From Lieutenant McKerras requesting Instructions relative to negociations with the Natewars on the Enemy's Frontiers & to making predatory Incursions.

I had the honor to write you the 27th instant

As yet the Bearty of Irregular Horse has not gone this Detag fourth as well as seventy four of the Polygars [illegible]

I beg you will as soon as possible communicate to Government that the following Districts subject to the Mysore Chief, & Situated on this [illegible] of the Frontiers, viz. Tiratmally, Arialour, Tingarote, Cumley Nellour, Caveriapatam & Darampoor have sent to me requesting the Company's Cowl which if granted the different Natewars &c. will engage to put them in possession of these several

Parganahs

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Parganahs, the Revenues of whom, at a medium produce Eighty thousand Pagodas yearly; as I am rather at a loss how to act in this negociation I have barely told them it would be granted, but as they are urgent & fouror five days will bring it to more Maturity, I beg that Government will be pleased to favour me with their Instructions & Orders immediately, that I may know whether to encourage or decline the Negotiation — In those several Districts there are no Forts on Strong holds of the least strength or consequence —

It is also represented to me by the Inhabitants of this & the adjacent Districts that a great part of the Cattle [illegible]taken from them by the Enemy in the incursion [illegible] place early in last August, are now close [illegible] [illegible]ntier, & might be retaken with little or no [illegible] but being by my Instructions from Colonel Maxwell positively precluded from any attempt of that nature, I beg of you to refer the circumstance to Government —

I must again renew my request to the Board for either their authority to employ Harcarahs, or for the means to enable me to procure Information, as in my present

Situation

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Camp at Trinomalie 30th October 1790

situation I have now from the Polygars

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) James McKerras Lieut.

Commanding

Minute thereon

As the Board cannot authorize any predatory Incursions upon the Enemy's Frontiers, Lieutenant Mackerras must adhere strictly to his Instructions.

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Ongole

The Honble Sir Charles Oakely Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c. in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Commandant at Ongole - stating his opinion as to the Efficacy of sending a Detachment to assist the Saubahs Troops in the Reduction of the Fort of Cummum.

I have this day received your instructions from the Deputy Military Secretary dated the 26th Instant in answer to the letter I had the Honor to address to you on the 22d.

I cannot pretend to say I shall effectually, support the attack on Cumbum by marching from hence with the old Sepoys of the Garrison (which by the joining of Detachments since

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since my last will be about 250/ and two three Lbrs.

I stated in my letter of the 22d that I thought it might be impracticable to storm the place without first effecting a breach Without battering guns there will therefore only remain the possibility of being successful by attempting to blow open the Gates, if a 3 Lbr can be brought up to them, and when there if it can perform that Service; or by endeavouring to join the Rampart with the help of ladders. Both are precarious, yet one or the other mode may possibly succeed. I shall be ready to make the trial if it meets your approbation

When I suggested the idea of two 180 or 12 Lbrs joining me from Inacondah it did not at the moment occur to inform you that this Garrison can supply both Shot & Powder for guns of that Caliber

One inteligent man came in last night to me from Cumbum he relates that the Soubahs troops consist of about 800 horse 1000 infantry with firelocks, 2000 Matchlocks and 5 guns (about 6 Lbrs) under

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under the Command of Rushwort Jung; and that he is also joined by some Polygars - that they expect in a few days to be reinfored from the Nizams Army with 2000 horse and as many infantry - A report also prevails that some troops belonging to Tippoo are moving towards Cumbum -

The same man reports that the Soubahs guns are heavy, ill mounted & ill managed and that they make not the least impression on the Fort wall; the lower part of which is built of stone the upper part of brick & chaunam, and that it is surrounded by a wet ditch and a bound hedge very close & broad thorne &c.

Whilst I wait your Orders I shall make every preparation (not incurring expence) to enable me to move speedily in the event of your decission being in favor of the measure.

Ongole
October 31st 1790.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Thos. Dunwoody
Capt. 8th Battn. N. I.

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Minute thereon

As Captain Dunwoody conceives that the Success of the Expedition against the Fort of Cummum would be very doubtful, without a Battering Train, it is resolved to forego the Intention of marching the proposed Detachment from Ongole.

Agreed that the above be communicated to Captain Dunwoody, and that he be at the same time informed of the Satisfaction of the Board, at the Zeal and Activity which have marked his Conduct upon the Occasion.

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General.

To John Chamier Esquire,

Secretary to the Military and Political Departments.

Head Quarters camp at Periapallium 13th October 1790.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you by order of Major General Medows on the following subjects and to request you will lay this Letter before the Board in his Name.

Captain Francis Jorrens commanding the 2d Revenue Battalion having applied under date the 29th August to be restored to his Rank on the effective

from the Adjutant General. The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenant Forrand be restored to the effective List of that Lieutenants Jones Ryland & Hunter be permitted to proceed to Europe. Captain Edward White's Resignation to be notified to the Court of Directors in such Terms as to prevent his being restored to the Service. Lieutenant Alexr. Grant appointed Adjutant to the Body Guard vice Lecko deceased. The Commander in Chief's opinion on Colonel Frasers application.

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effective List, the General has concurred therein and recommends that he be re-admitted on his laying before the Board the certificate required by the Regulations for the admission on the Effective List of the Invalid Officers.

Lieutenant James Innes commanding the 8th Revenue Battalion having applied for leave to proceed to Europe on account of his Health under the opinion of a Surgeon that it cannot be re-established in this Country, has also obtained the Generals concurrence - In consideration of the length of Service and Wounds of Lieutenant Innes the General is induced to recommend that he be mentioned in such terms to the Court of Directors as the Rules and ~~nature of the~~ service admits of [illegible] to his returning to India - without prejudice to Rank and Promotion.

Lieutenant W. W. Ryland of the Corps of Engineers and Lieutenant Samuel Hunter of Infantry having been recommended by the Surgeon Generals Certificate to proceed to Europe on account of their health, the General has no objection to leave being granted for the purpose

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to those Offices on the usual terms.

Captain Edward White commanding the 16th Battalion of Native Infantry, having been ordered in Arrest by Lieutenant Colonel Floyd for disobedience of Orders on the night of the 13th September last and for being incapable of Duty from Drunkenness about the same time, and Captain White having, entreated to be allowed to retire from the Service in preference to being compelled to relinquish it under the disgraceful dismission which he apprehended would have been the result of assembling a General Court Martial, the General was induced to accept of Captain Whites resignation of the Service in public Orders on the 27th of last month, subject to the approbation of the Board, which he makes no doubt will readily be given the measure having been adopted on consideration of Captain Whites length of Service and former good Character seconded by the request of all the Captains Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry with the Army; the General is desirous at the same time, and recommends it to the Board, that Captain Whites resignation may be notified to the Court

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of Directors in such explicit terms as may prevent his being restored to the Company's Service at any future period.

Cornet Leslie acting Adjutant to the Body Guard having died on the 22d ultimo, the General has appointed Lieutenant Alex.r Grant of Cavalry to act as Adjutant in his room, subject to the approbation of the Board.

Colonel Charles Fraser having laid in his claims to be appointed to the Command of the European Battalion / the 4th / vacant by the Death of Colonel Kelly, and desired by the General to express that in the present situation of affairs the leave granted to Colonel Nixon, who he finds was at Tranquebar on the 24th ultimo, he conceived it would be proper to delay appointing any Officer to the Command of the 4th European Battalion until the 5th is also vacant or until it is ascertained by Colonel Nixon's Answer to a Letter he was directed to address to him, that the 5th will not be vacant so soon as the General expected in consequence of the leave granted to Colonel Nixon to proceed to Europe the General being of Opinion that in the present

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present situation of the Service Colonel Nixon should relinquish without delay or return to his Duty and that no great inconveniency can arise from delaying the Appointment of the colonels to the vacant European Battalions when the matter is considered of in communication with posting Officers of their Rank to the Corps he may judge most expedient for them to be employed with at this critical period —

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Adjt. Genl. of the Army

The Board entirely concur in the different Recommendations of the Commander in Chief contained in the foregoing Letter Resolved, that the necessary Orders be immediately issued —

Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain white's Resignation of the Service be notified in the next Dispatch to England in such Terms as will prevent his being restored to the Company's Service, at any future Period —

Do.

Read the following Letter from Pulicat —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the receipt of Letters written by your Predecessor on the 23d & 25th Instant —

From Cuddalore two deserters arrive there recommending that a Person be sent to examine them

to my/

I have made every enquiry respecting the Deserters mentioned in your Letter, but do not find that any were admitted on the Ship which sailed from hence the 21st Instant, nor are there any received into our Service, except those from Tranquebar who came over to us, under assurances, that they had deserted from the Danish Service —

I am fully of Opinion that some punishment should be inflicted on any Person who might be detected in Seducing Soldiers to desert — You may rest assured that if I can make the discovery, the offender shall not only receive immediate punishment, but shall be prosecuted as the Law directs —

To convince you of the Sincerity of

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of my Intentions in this Matter, I beg leave to inform you, that two Deserters arrived here yesterday, and I propose, that you should depute some person hither to examine them. If it can be ascertained, that they belong to you, they shall be immediately delivered up. Conformably to the Terms of the Cartel.

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Jacob Eilbracht

Pullicat
the 27th October 1790.

Resolved that the Town Major be directed to send a proper Person to Pulicat to examine the two Deserters mentioned by Mr. Eilbracht.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, notifying the frequent Desertions from the Hanoverian Regiments, which, it is supposed may be occasioned by the short Period of Re-enlistment. And that these Troops are particularly expensive to the Company, on Account of the very numerous Establishment of Officers attached to them, which is constantly kept up.

Notification be made to the Governor General of the frequent Desertions from the Hanoverian Regiments

Read-

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Moubray

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President & Council

of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

From the Superintendant of the Nabob's Disbursements requesting that the Letter addressed the late Council under Date 22d June may be taken into reconsideration.

In my address to the late Council under date the 22d June reporting several Adjustments necessary to be made in the Books of the Superintendant of the Nabob's disbursements, for which their Sanction was requisite in conformity to standing orders, and as it would enable me to close the Superintendant's Books which done, I submitted my reasons for thinking it might then be proper to abolish my Employ, by which an expence of from Three to four hundred Pagodas pr Month would be saved.

I at same time transmitted an account of seven months Arrears due to me for the Office expences & established allowances of my Employ, of which I requested payment. In answer I received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier of the 13th July, informing

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informing that the Board had resolved to abolish my Employ of Superintendant, that it was in their opinion unnecessary for the present to proceed in drawing out the detail of the Charges of the late War; but that any other unadjusted Accounts must be stated; and with respect to the Allowances claimed by me, they could be discharged by a Bill on Bengal at 393 Rs. p% Pagodas, excepting my charge of Pagodas 1669.21. which they declined admitting.

Having personally requested of the several Members of the late Council a reconsideration of the Subject of my Address, as you will observe that they have omitted expressly to give the sanction I required for making the several Adjustments recommended, in order to enable me to close the Superintendants books, & in regard to their refusing to Admit my Charge, I had only to remark that I had received these Allowances ever since I held the Employ, that they arose from perquisites which had been enjoyed by my Predecessors in the Office, and at same rate drawn by me for nine years past

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past all which had been fully explained in my letter to the Honble Board, under date the 3d November 1785, and with their permission inserted in the General List of Officers their allowed emoluments annually transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors — Under these circumstances, which you will be pleased to observe are mentioned in the Account before the Board, I conceived my right was fully established, as much as that of any other fixed salary or allowance in the Service — However as I could not prevail on the Members of the late Council to reconsider the Subject, nor to state any reason for objecting to my claim — I did not think it proper to accept of the partial payment they had ordered as above mentioned for Office Charges; And therefore I now beg leave to request of your Board to take the matter into your consideration; For my Justification to myself, I hope you will excuse my mentioning that it never has been a practice with me to make improper or unauthorised charges & that in the disbursement of many Lacks of

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of Public Money, there never has been an irregular charge made, & consequently I never was called upon to reimburse a Single Cash.

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2d November 1790.

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca

(Signed) Geo: Moubray

Minute thereon

In consideration of the circumstances represented by Mr. Moubray which are justly stated in the foregoing Letter, the Board consent to the discharging his Claim of Pagodas 1669–21, by a Company's Bond, the Amount of which is to be carried to the Debit of the Nabob's account with the Company.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Alexander Macleod.

John Chamier Esqr.
Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

I request you will lay before the Honble Board the inclosed Copy of a Letter which I have received from Colonel Martinz.

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

To

From the Collector in the Madura &ca Districts. Lastly he says the Nabob has applied to Colonel Martinz to send Uriah Villah to the Durbar under a Guard.

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Collector in the Madura &c.a Districts

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have received an Order from His Highness the Nabob to send to the Durbar, under an Escort of a guard, a man named Aria Pillah whom the late Amer had confined, Several years ago, and who has continued in Confinement ever since — As I do not think myself justifiable to obey Orders but from the Honble Company request to know from you, if I may, or not, comply with his Highness's Orders in this Instance —

I have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a

Ramnad
26th Octr 1790

(Signed) M. Martenz

A true Copy (Signed) Alexr Macleod
Collector

Minute thereon

The Acting President is requested to speak to His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of Colonel Martenz's application —

Read the following Letter from the Commissary of Grain &c Comissioned with the Grand Army —

To

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To the Honble Morgan Williams

&c.a Members of Government

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Commissary of Grain & Provisions with the Grand Army enclosing the Bill of the Contractors for Bullocks for the Month of July.

Enclos'd I have the honor to forward to you the Bill of the Contractors for Bullocks for the Month of July 1790, by which there appears, a balance in their favor of Pagodas 39,880 " 28 fans. " 48 Ch. which the Commander in Chief desires me to submit you the liquidation of

Camp Shahmarashapaliam
30th October 1790.

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Thos. Kingscote
Comy. of Grain & Provisions

Minute thereon

Resolved that it be notified to Mr. Kingscote that the Contractors Bills should be certified by the proper Officers in Camp, and a Certificate granted for the Balance due upon them which must be transmitted by the Contractors to their Agent at the Presidency, by whom it will be presented to Government, & the Balance discharged.

The

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The Acting President is requested to discharge the Contractor's Bill for the month of July in such manner as the State of the Company's Funds will best admit.

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Read the undermentioned Letters (entered in M.B. Nos. 14. 13. 16.

From the Surgeon's Mates of the Hanoverian Regiments

From the Surgeon Mates of the Hanoverian Regiments - requesting that the same Pay & allowances as are granted to the Surgeon Mates of the British Regiments in India, may be extended to them.

Minute thereon

The Board adhere to the Opinion already given that the Request of the Surgeon Mates of the Hanoverian Regiments is inadmissible.

From the Town Major

From the Town Major - stating that all Rolls & Pay Notes of the Families & Relations of the Europeans, Sepoys & Lascars of the Corps employed on Service, are made out at his Office, & requesting that an additional allowance may be given to the

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the Person employed on this Duty.—

Agreed that an additional Allow-
Minute thereon — ance of Five Pagodas pr. Month be given to the
Person employed under the Town Major.—

From the Commissary General of
Grain & Provisions — From the Commissary General of
Grain & Provisions — Recommending that one
hundred Cart Loads of Salt be immediately sent
from the Presidency & stored in the Fort of Am-
boor for the use of the Center Army.—

Minute thereon — Ordered accordingly.

Substance of Letters from the Rajahs of Calastry & Venecalagherry — Read Letters from the Rajahs of Calastry &
Venecalagherry assembled in C.C. Nos. 236. 237 238
requesting that the Allowance of Batta to their
Troops may commence from the Time of their
joining the Center Army, and respectively claim-
ing Superiority of Rank, and a Right to beat
the Nacarrah in Camp before the other.—

Resolved that the Board of Assumed
Revenue be directed to make Enquiry from the
Canongoe of the Carnatic to whom the Right of
Precedency between the two Rajahs belongs in
Minute thereon — Order that the Difference may be adjusted.—

Agreed to inform the two Rajahs
that the Payment of the Batta to their Cavalry
Sowars

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Serving with the Center Army, will commence from the Day of their entering into the Enemy's Country, & be defrayed by the Company until their Return within the Districts of the Carnatic.

Ex.d
Chas. Carpenter

" Chas. Oakeley
" Huddleston

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Diary

Sent the following Letters —

To Colonel Capper
Messrs. Hoar
Roebuck
Moubray
& J. Garrow

Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah Brasminy Dubash to the late Governor Mr. John Holland —

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for investigating charges against Paupiah enclosing Copies of the Instructions from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors to Sir Charles Oakeley of a Letter from Bengal — and of an Advertisement published in Consequence — Instructions for their guidance

I am directed by Government to enclose Copy of a Letter received from Bengal, and Copy of an Advertisement published in this Settlement.

You will be pleased in conformity to what is contained in those Papers, to Summon — Such Persons as you may think capable of giving information upon the Objects of your Investigation, explaining fully to them the indemnity held out, in consideration of their making disclosure of the transactions mentioned in the Letter from the Bengal Government. —

The Reports which had reached England of the corrupt Practices of Mr. Holland's Administration

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5th Administration induced the Secret Committee
the Court of Directors to address a Letter of
tructions to Sir Charles Oakeley before his
ture directing a particular Investigation to
made of these Charges. From a confidence
your Zeal for the Honor of the Company and
the Service the Board have agreed to commit
Enquiry into your Hands with a determination
give you the most effectual Support and the
desire in consequence that you will call for
formation and examine Witnesses upon every
necessary to elucidate the transaction mentioned
the Secret Committees Letter of which a Copy
herewith enclosed. —

It does not seem necessary
the present Circumstances of the Investigation,
observe that degree of Secrecy with which the
Instructions were communicated to the Acting
sident, although it is thought requisite, to
mend Caution to you upon those Parts, which,
in your Opinion, may not yet be ripe for you

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I am &c. &c. &c.

(signed) John Charnier
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To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell —
Commanding the Center Army —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to —
acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th ult.
and to inform you that the necessary Orders have
been given to the Officers Commanding the Garrisons
of Vellore and Arnee respecting the Sick sent into
them from your Army. —

Government have referred to the
Military Board the Consideration of your Indent
for Ammunition, and the necessary directions will
in consequence be given — With regard to the four
Iron eighteen Pounder the Board direct me to —
observe that the Subject having been referred to
the Decision of the General whose Sentiments are
not yet obtained no Order can for the present be

issued

To Lieut Colonel Maxwell the necessary Orders have been issued respecting the Sick of his Army — the four 18 Pounders cannot be equipped until the Sentiments of the Commander in Chief be known on the subject. —

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be issued for their Equippment —

I am &c. &c.

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5th November 1790

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy

Received the following Letter

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Senior Member at the Presidency, and the Gentlemen
in Council, Fort St. George Madras &c. &c.

Camp at Erroad 3d Novemr 1790

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I had the honor of yours of the nineteenth and twentieth Ultimo yesterday and will either send an Officer from hence or Trichinopoly to Palamcotah for Captain Torins horses — I also received the Extract from the Military Board relative to the allowance for Staff Officers horses — The 18 Pounders cannot now go for the Monsoon, and cannot at present be wanted. —

From Major General Medows - stating that the Iron 18 Pounders for the Center Army cannot go on Account of the monsoon and cannot now be wanted - repeating his desire that the Center Army may enter the Barnmaul and come to Coveripatam. —

I shall communicate the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors to Major General Musgrave with regard to striking off his Table

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Table Money — The decision of Earl Cornwallis upon the Subject of Off Reckonings — like all his Decisions, I am sure will be just and sensible. —

We are waiting here for a large convoy from Caroor after which if the Enemy remains below the Ghauts we will attack him — if he will wait, and if not, as soon as Colonel Hartley can collect Grain enough at Palicacherry attempt either the Gudzyelhatty or Coveriporam Passes — Colonel Maxwell from my direction after Colonel Floyd's affair, I hope is coming into the Baramaul and to Coveripatam, that we may join if thought necessary — and having no wish on earth equal to success in this arduous undertaking have the honor to be. —

&c.a . . . . &c.a

(signed) Wm. Medows
Gov.r & Comm.r in Chief

To John Chamier Esq.r
Secretary in the Military Departm.t

[illegible] Lt. Col. Maxwell [illegible] near Kistna [illegible] the Place not to [illegible] without Iron [illegible] 18 Pounders — his Re[illegible] [illegible] in Com[illegible] [illegible] States the ne[illegible] [illegible] of laying up a [illegible] Store of Rice at [illegible] —

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you

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to you for the Information of Government that on my Route to Covripatam I encamped yesterday morning within three Miles of Kistnaghery, and in order to make myself well acquainted with its Situation and strength I have halted another day on the same Ground. —

Having reconnaitred the Rock with much attention on every side I am convinced that if the Iron Eighteen Pounders now preparing for us, had been with the Army the Place might be taken in three days. But without them I do not think myself warranted to risque damage the Brass Guns, or expending a great proportion of the Ammunition sent with the Army for Field Service by attempting it. The importance of the Place makes me regret extremely that the means of prosecuting it are not with us, as the whole Grain, Treasure and Valuable Property of the Baramaul is within its walls. —

I must therefore again request that Government will be pleased to direct the Iron

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Iron Eighteen Pounders to be forwarded without delay to Arnboor or to Trincomalee from whence four Companies of Sepoys in addition to those already under Lieutenant Macherras would bring them safely to Singarapet where a Brigade from this Army could meet them — Or if it is not possible to spare such an Escort from Madras to Trincomalee or Arnboor, there are ready at Vellore six Iron twelve Pounders with every thing complete for immediate Service - If the Cattle are sent from Madras to Vellore to draw the Guns and carry their Ammunition, they may be sent immediately to Arnboor from whence I will take care to bring them safely and escorted by a Brigade to the Army. —

It is now more than ever necessary for the Honble Board to give Orders for preparing a large Store of Rice at Arnboor. All the Grain of this Country is secured in Kistnagherry and the Army may be obliged in a short time to draw its subsistence from Arnboor or Break on the Store of Rice carried with it in order to enable it to

carry

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5th carry into execution the Plan of Cooperation with General Medows. —

Whether this Army is to remain in this Quarter or to move immediately to act in concert with General Medows, Battering Guns are absolutely necessary — The Strong Fort of Dindigul must be taken before we reach Seringapatam, and this Country is not Ours while Dindigul remains in the Enemy's possession — The Hon.ble Board will see the necessity for this addition to Our Ordnance so clearly that I trust immediate Orders will be given for the four Eighteen Pounders from Madras, or the Six twelve Pounders from Vellore to move towards this Army as soon as possible. —

I shall march tomorrow to Coveripatam where a halt may be necessary to collect Provisions — I shall expect with much anxiety the Orders of General Medows regarding Our further progress I beg to recommend to the Hon.ble Board to order any Letters containing particular Intelligence or Orders, to be forwarded by Express

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5th Conversation as while the Enemy possess Koitnaghurry. the Tappal may be liable to interruption —

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

(Signed) Hamilton Maxwell
Lt Col. Comm.

Camp near
Koitnaghurry
2d Novr. 1790

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Letter from the Governor General to the Nabob Walaw Jaw that it may be delivered to His Highness, A Copy and Translation of the Letter are forwarded with it. —

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

(Signed) E. May
Secy to the Govermt

From Mr Secretary May - enclosing a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to his Highness the Nabob - and Copy for the Board's Information

Fort William
21st October 1790

To

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To the Nawaub of Arcot

Written 18th October 1790

I have had the honor to receive your Letters dated 4th, 6, 11, 14, and 25 Zelhaja, with their several Enclosures in English, and have understood their contents. —

I did myself the pleasure of writing your Highness on the 11th September, and left no sentiment unexplained, nor any circumstance neglected, which I conceived would tend to elucidate the subjects at present in agitation between your Highness and the Company. The Letters above acknowledged from your Highness have all been written prior to the receipt of any of my Letters; and to this cause I attribute your Highness's wish to communicate to me the Informations received from your Aumil and others in your service. —

As my Letter on the 11th September contains every sentiment that occurred to me, either

either useful as an Explanation of past Events,
or tending to assure your Highness of the in-
dispensible necessity that existed for putting the
management of your Country into the hands of
the Servants of the Company, I trust that a
careful and Minute consideration of the contents
of that Letter will induce your Highness to
look on the measure that my duty to you at this
Critical Juncture, as an Ally of the Company &
and of the British Nation, and to myself, as
being entrusted with the controling Power over all
the Company's Possessions in India, compelled me
to adopt, as a measure indispensibly necessary for
the Safety of your Highness's Country, of the Com-
pany's Possessions in the Decan, and in Strict &
performance of your Highness's Treaty with Sir
Archibald Campbell and I trust that you will
so far be convinced by my Arguments of the ne-
cessity to adopt such a measure, as to issue the
most explicit orders to your Aumils relative to

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the Steps for carrying it into execution; for so long as the Opposition to, or equivocal compliance with, the Instructions sent from this Government to that at Madras, which appear to have guided your Highness's Counsels, shall exist the Effects of those Instructions can neither be beneficial to your Highness nor serve the purposes for which the Treaty between your Highness and Sir Archibald Campbell was concluded; but the Suggestions of evil advisers, to whose Counsels alone I attribute the Events which have given rise to the Representations of your Agents, will in the end prove detrimental to your Highness's Affairs.

I wait with impatience the receipt of your Highness's answer, and flatter myself with the hope that it will contain Satisfactory Information of your Highness's compliance with the Orders which were transmitted to the Presidency of Fort St. George by this Government.

A true Copy

(Signed) G. P. Cherry

P.S.

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John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hyderabad - with a Letter for the Commander in chief and Copy for the Board's information - Mohaubut Jung before Kopul and Hafiz fired and dien before Cummeen ...

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board Copy of my Letter of this date to General Medows and request the Original, which is enclosed, may be transmitted to him without delay.

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

(Signed) John Kennaway

Paangul
26th October 1790.

The Honble Major General Medows

Governor and Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Camp

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo. Mohaubut Jung is now before Kopul which Major Montgomery represents as one of the strongest Places he has seen in India, the services

of

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5th of an Engineer on such an Occasion would have been very useful. The Nizam has ordered two battering Cannons a Mortar and 4 or 500 Pioneers to be sent to Mohaubut Jung's assistance and has likewise promised me that he shall be reinforced in Cavalry I wish he would perform as well as he promises. Assed Ali Khawn with his party marched the 21st and in two days crossed the Kistna and Tungbuddra both of which are in certain parts no fordable - Hafizfeed U din is still before Cumnam he must get it soon or I am afraid the Garrison will be reinforced. —

I have the honor to be
&c. — &c.

Paangul
26th October 1790

(Signed) John Kennaway

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Stewart Asst.

To John Chamier Esqr.
Secretary
Fort St. George

From the Resident at Poonah - enclosing Copy of his last letter from Captain Little which states the condition of Purso-ram Bhaos Guns and the situation of affairs before Carnar.

Sir,

Be pleased to submit the enclosed Copy of my last Letter from the Commander of

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of the Bombay Detachment acting with the Marratta Army to the Honorable Board's Perusal and to believe me — &c. . . . &c.

Poona
22d October 1790

(Signed) O.W. Malet

Chas. Warre Malet Esqr.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Letters of the 1st and 2d & of the 4th Oct. — With respect to our Operations The Bow continues to Cannonade Darwar under the protection of your Detachment and a body of Horse; but at so great a distance that it can have but little effect. On my proposing to erect a Battery for the purpose at a convenient place and to maintain it; He sent me for answer that he expected very shortly to be joined by a Number of Foot and Artillery sufficient to enable him to attack it seriously, mentioning ten days as the time in which they might arrive. And with regard to my proposal of getting Fascines

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and Sand Bags in readiness: He informed me he had made a reference to Poona to know whether the Fare should be attached according to Our custom or (I suppose) his own, or whether it was to be Blockaded and he should March further into the Country. Captain Thompson has had an Opportunity of examining the Guns and he reports that they consist of a 20 Pr or there about cast in the Country and in a very dangerous State — An English Brass 18 Pr Field piece worn to a 20 Pr — Four Iron Ship Guns greatly honeycombed: 2 Iron Six Prs One of them a Ship Gun: and two Iron Six Pr Field pieces — One of the Iron Guns this fired slowly, burst yesterday and killed 2 men and a horse and wounded two men more — It is I understand a frequent practice with the Marattas and to carry their Worst Guns into the Field Now now here Captain Thompson thinks can only answer to fire random shot, and will be of little use in dismounting the Enemy's Cannon; and therefore that without Six good Battering Guns

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in addition to them, our Success may be doubtful or depend upon other Circumstances than our reducing it by Force — Report says that the Store of provisions in the Fort is old and has already occasioned Sickness amongst the Men in it, and that Grain sells at the rate of three Seers for a Rupee: but what is most extraordinary is, its having been discovered that they have been supplied with fresh Provisions from the Bowr Bazar — This information he lately received from within and about 12 o'Clock last night Secured the Son of a Banian who lives in the Fort, with about 30 People belonging to him, who under pretence of carrying provisions to Our advanced Post from Carnp, found Means of introducing them into the Fort at Night. A severe punishment I understand will be inflicted on the Offender and the example may have a good Effect — Forty Sepoys came over from the Fort last night and two hundred Irregulars went away from it at different times before —

I am sorry to say that Desertion

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still continues to reduce Our Numbers – One cause to which it may be partly ascribed is the price of provisions and the fluctuation of price which have fallen from 74 to 64 in One day – I have made representations on this head to the Bow and he has lately remedied the latter Evil and has promised to remove the former as much as lies in his power. – I have procured Purwannahs from him for recruiting and have sent a Jemidar from each Battalion towards Taungaun and the Kistna for that purpose – Since I last wrote on the subject of the Bows expressing a desire of putting the Guardies under my Command no further mention has been made to me of them. It was never my intention to interfere in their interior management, I should only have endeavoured to render their Service useful when an Opportunity offered. –

I have consulted with Mr. Uhthoff on the subject of employing the Company Bullocks, and we are both of Opinion that the

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expence of provisioning them and of paying the Drivers would considerably exceed the present contract. — We should be subject to endless imposition in procuring fodder and grain, at the same time it might be got by these people at little or no Expence and the consideration of the Cattle that we now have being well trained is an additional reason for giving them a preference. —

Besides the Country Round Darwar, Kittow and all Shah Noor have taken the Paeshwas protection except three unimportant Villages. I have applied for a particular Acct. of these Territories together with a Statement of their Revenues which Ballajee Punt is now preparing and which I shall transmit to you as soon as I receive it. — The Bow has acquainted me that his Son is the Officer who commands the 2000 horse that are to act in concert with this Detachment agreeably to the terms of the Treaty. but I am totally unacquainted with every other circumstance regarding them: Hitherto however when we have marched we have

always —

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always been attended by a party of Horse furnished by Detachment from the whole and not by any particular Body. —

A Body said to consist of 1500 of Rasta's Troops have joined the Army and the remainder of his quota will I understand soon follow. —

I have received a Letter from Major Montgomery dated the 1st instant, wherein he informs me that the Enemy have evacuated Connagherry and that the Nizam's Army had taken possession of it. — That he had a fatiguing march of 13 hours in following the Garrison without being able to overtake them; but that he was in possession of an Iron 12 Pd. Gun which they had left on the way. — He says they were not a considerable Body & whether they had dispersed amongst the Hills or crossed the Tungbodra he was uncertain. — The Marattas I understand are dissatisfied with the Nizam's Troops having entered their ancient Territories and had before sent a party of horse under One of the Gospeorrah Family,

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who they wished to reinstate in that Country in order to take possession of it. —

A Banian some days ago arrived in Camp from Seringapatam in 13 days & mentioned an Action which Our Troops had with the Enemy at the Foot of the Ghauts, wherein the latter lost two thousand Men amongst whom were Booran an Deen & the son of Kumr on Deen killed. this was not at first attended to, until a Maratta who had been sent out for the purpose of gaining intelligence confirmed the Banians relation with the additional Circumstance of the Corpse of Booran an Deen having been carried to Seringapatam to be entered. —

Camp at Werinda 12th Oct 1790

I have the honor to remain
&c.a &c.a

(Signed) John Little

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 17. 18. 19. 20. —

From the Commandant at Tanjore

From the Commandant at Tanjore stating the Orders of Government communicated

to

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5th to him under date the 30th ult. have been abrgd

From the Deputy Adjutant General

From the Deputy Adjutant General - with the Names of four Kings Officers who have the Commander in Chief's permission to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of their health - requesting that a Passage may be ordered for them by the first Opportunity - and that Six Months Pay may be advanced them and Passage Money allowed if any be now authorized. -

From the Commandant at Ongole

From the Commandant at Ongole - stating that a reinforcement of Tippoo Troops with three field Pieces arrived at Cuddeburn on the 31st Ultimo, and that the Tippoo Troops had been repulsed in an advance towards the Enemy. -

From the Commandant at Chundragherry

From the Commandant at Chundragherry - stating that the Calastry Rajah has not sent the 200 Peons agreeably to his Engagements.

6th Dispatched the undermentioned

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6th Letter as entered in M.B. Nos. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. —

To the Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of a Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General in Council respecting the Bengal Detachment, and of the Board's Reply thereto — enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Commander in Chief respecting the Movements of the Center Army. —

To the Resident at Hydrabad.

To Lieutenant McKerras — directing him not to make any predatory Incursions upon the Enemy's Frontiers, but to adhere strictly to his Instructions. —

To Lieut. McKerras commanding a Detachment at Trinomalee.

To the Commandant at Palamcotah, directing him to dismiss Commandant Shaunk Arnud from the Service and expel him the District of Tinnevelly. —

To the Commandant at Palamcotah

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — to report upon an Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

6th Maxwell respecting the Storing Grain at Amboor salt to be sent to Amboor as recommended in his Letter of the 4th Instant.

To the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue - stating that His Highness the Nabob has never communicated to the Board the Treaty concluded with the Dutch Company respecting the Pearl and Chank Fisheries.

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Grand Army.

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Grand Army - stating the form and manner in which he should transmit to the Presidency the Bullock Contractor's Bills.

To the Commandant at Ongole.

To the Commandant at Ongole the Board have resolved not to send to Commission the Detachment proposed in his Letter of the 31st Ultimo approving his Zeal for the public service.

To the Town Major.

To the Town Major - five Pags. ℘ month additional Pay to be allowed to the Person employed under him in keeping the Rolls and pay notes of the Families of the European

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and native Troops and Lascar employed on Service —

To the Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements — his Claim of Pagodas 1669. 21 — to be discharged by a Company's Bond.

To the Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements —

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — his Bills returned — directing him to state what Demands he has made upon the Persons ordered to refund — how long he has made them — and what answer have been given to them.

To the Officer Commanding at Vellore and Arnee — to comply with such Requisitions as may be made to them by the Officer Commanding the Center Army regarding the Sick of that Army as may have been sent into their Respective Garrisons. —

To the Officer Commanding at Vellore and Arnee.

To the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquor — with Copy of a Letter (and its enclosure) from Mr. Secretary Hay — respecting the Quantity of Rum and Arrack wanting at this Presidency — directing him to report thereon.

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To Pulicat - requesting that

To Pulicat the Person sent from Madras may be permitted to examine the two Deserters who arrived at Pulicat the 26th Ultimo - and any person who may since have escaped to that Settlement. —

To Colonel Fraser - with a

To Colonel Fraser Extract of a Letter from the Adjutant General respecting his application to be posted to the 4th Battalion of Native Infantry. —

To Mr. Secretary Hay - enclosing

To Mr. Secretary Hay Copies of two Letters received from the Commander in Chief. —

To the Board of Assumed

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - approving the Recommendations contained in their Letter of the 3 & 4th Instant - the Military Board will be instructed to comply with Indents for old Arms for the use of the Provincial Corps - to enquire from the Cavangoe of the Carnatick to whom the Right of Precedency between the Rajahs of Calastry & Vencatagherry belongs - approving the Statements

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of Subsendies contained in their Letter of the 8th Ultimo. —

To the Military Board — to report upon an Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Colonel Mannell respecting the four Iron 18 Pounder — and upon a Claim transmitted from Vellore by Mr. Surgeon Gahagan — to comply with such Indents for old Arms as may be made by the Officer Commanding at Vellore for the use of the Provincial Corps. —

To the Military Board

To the Adjutant General to the Army — The Board entirely concur in the several Recommendations of the Commander in Chief communicated in his Letter of the 13th Ultimo — the necessary Orders have been issued in consequence — enclosing Copy of the General Order respecting Captain White's Resignation. —

To the Adjutant General to the Army

To Lieut. W. W. Ryland of the Corps of Engineers & Lieut. Hunter of the Infantry — permitting them to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of their Health. —

To Lieut. W. W. Ryland of the Corps of Engineers & Lieut. Hunter of the Infantry

To Lieut. J. Innes at Palamcottah — To Lieut. James Innes — permitting

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6th permitting him to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health - informing him that he will be recommended to the Court of Directors for their Sanction to his return to India without prejudice to his Rank —

Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry (as entered in C.C. Nos. 239. 240.) to the former stating the Pay which will be allowed to his Cavalry employed with the Centor Army - the Right claimed by him of seating his Nazanah before the Vencatagherry Rajah will be determined according to justice - requesting him to send immediately the Troops wanting to complete the Garrison of Chundreghery - To the latter informing him of the Pay &c. intended to be given to his Cavalry serving with the Centor Army and assuring him that Justice will be done him in regard to his Representation respecting the seating of the Nazanah —

Substance of Letter to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry.

7th Sent the following Letters to

Bengal

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4th Bengal —

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K. G.

Governor General in Council at Fort William

My Lord,

We had the honor to address you on the 28th Ultimo transmitting Extracts from our Proceedings relative to the Investigation on foot respecting Paupiah Pubash to the late President Mr Holland — Since the date of our abovementioned Letter We have received yours of the 15th Ultimo and have now to report the Steps We took in consequence —

To Bengal stating the several Steps that have been taken in consequence of their Letter of the 15th ult. and forwarding Copies of the Proceedings —

We immediately published an Advertisement inviting Company's Servants & others to come forward with Information, and holding out to them the Indemnity specified in your Letter, We also gave suitable Instructions to the Committee on the Subject, the whole of which is now submitted to your Lordships in Council in the inclosed Extract from Our Minutes —

Our

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Our Acting President proposed

that the Committee of Enquiry sitting upon the

Nabobs Complaints should be furnished with a

Copy of the Instructions delivered to him on

England which state generally the corrupt Pra-

tices of Mr. Hollands Administration, and that

they should be directed to receive Information and

call for Witnesses upon every point necessary to

elucidate those Transactions Mr. Huddleston con-

curring in this Proposal, the Letter to the Com-

mittee, and the Advertizement now inclosed ac-

dingly include the Object stated in Sir Charles

Oakeley's Minute.

We beg leave to assure your

Lordship in Council that no Exertions shall be

wanting on our Parts to give the fullest Effect

to your Instructions and Wishes on the Subject

of the Enquiry set on foot — We shall from time

to time suggest what may appear necessary

towards the attainment of the grand Object of

Publick Justice to which we trust will terminate

in vindicating the Character and conduct of the

innocent

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7th Innocent, and in bringing the Guilty to disgrace and Punishment. —

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

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(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c.ª Council

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

My Lord.

In the Letter We had the honor to address you under date the 22d. Ult. We requested your Instructions respecting the Hanoverian Regiments — upon this Subject We think it may be of Importance to mention to your Lordship in Council that there have been lately very frequent Desertions from those Corps, which may possibly have proceeded from the short period of their late Reenlistments but should they have originated from disaffection to the Service as may probably in great Part have been the case, such Circumstance will have weight with your Lordship when

To compel-advising of the frequent desertions from the Hanoverian Regiments - Probable cause thereof.

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when you decide upon the subject of sending home or retaining the Regiments agreeably to the Instructions of which you may be in possession —

We have only to add what has probably not escaped your Lordships Observation that the Hanoverian Regiments are particularly expensive to the Company on Account of the very numerous Establishments of Officers attached to them which is constantly kept up. —

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

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

Received Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions (recorded in MB No. 41) stating that he has issued Order to the Storekeeper at Vellore to send immediately from thence a Sufficient Quantity of Rice to complete the Store at Ambore to 200 Garce. —

Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell. —

To

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To John Chamier Esqr

Secretary in the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government a Copy of Intelligence just brought to me by an Hircarah belonging to the Bengal Detachment who may be depended on — The Honble Board will observe from this that Tippoo has at present taken up his Station near Coverypooram so as to oppose either the Southern Army or this, which ever may first attempt to ascend the Gauts — I think it is probable that he may detach a considerable Force to harrass their Army but I imagine he will not move himself, as such a movement would expose his Country to the Southern Army in his absence The Hircarah being employd in examining the Pass of Balaaroid shews that there is an intention of marching Troops in this Direction and renders it more than ever necessary for Government to order a very large supply of Grain to be thrown into Arnbore to this Army — The whole produce of this Country from Kistnapoory

and

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell enclosing Intelligence received by a Hircarah belonging to the Bengal Detachment — requesting his recommendation that Grain may immediately be stored at Arnbore — and that the Force from Madras may be sent —

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and the other Forts being in the Enemys hands, is secured from our Scorch and we already feel the want of Provisions without breaking in on our Stock If a body of Horse comes into the Country to harrass the Army and prevent the Supplies we now procure from reaching Camp, we must depend entirely on what can be furnished from Amboor, and the Honble Board will see the necessity of providing a Sufficient Supply there for our Subsistance with all possible expedition —

In the hope of Supplying the deficiencies of Cattle in the Army I have caused near 2000 Head to be driven in by the Poligar, but in that Number not fifty were found that could be used for Carriage and none for Draft I request that the Contractor may be ordered to send up a Supply to Amboor immediately of Draft and Carriage Bullocks to come to Camp with the 1st Escort — and I beg leave again to request, that the 4 Iron Eighteen Pounders or Cattle to bring the six 12 Pounders and their Ammunition from Vellore may be sent immediately, that they

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I they may join the Army by the Route of Amboor which if the Enemy send a large Force in this direction, will be the only Road by which they can join the Army in Safety. —

Camp at Caveripatam 5th Novr. 1790

I am &c. — &c.

Hamilton Maxwell
Lt. Colt. Commd.

Hircarah sent from Arcot 28th Septr. 1790

He went thro' the Palmanau Gaut to Mooglys — A few matchlock men in Avelpilly durgum — To Oscottah — 700 or 800 Irregular Horse there — By Histaporah (or Kistnapore) to Bangalore — Syed Meer is killedar there — no Regular Troops — but about 2000 Irregulars there. He proceeded by way of Cochery.

Ramgerry — Cross a small Nulla
Cheinapatam large Village & Fort — but few Troops in it
Muddoor
Mundhay or Mundwah
Illoor to
Seringapatam — Kerim Saib is prisoner there

He did not go into the Fort (which he describes as very large) therefore cannot say any thing of the Force of the Garrison — believed to be inconsiderable — from hence he went to. — — — — — Sultanpet

Mysore — One Cashoon of Troops there (about 4000) One Old Fort, and a new One building on a large scale.

Chickey

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Checkey ka Chetter – crossed the River Cupney over a fine Bridge

Mundan Koppah

Hurnully Kostah (Ardenellee) saw 10 Europ. going Prisoners to Seringapt.

Tulmalla – Here are all the Women & Children under charge of Poorneah with 17 Guns and 20 more lately brought from Tippoos Army when in Cam. Catore and were on the way to Seringapatam – These People were under orders of March to Bangalore

Guzelhilly Gaut 2 Coss distant – The Pass very difficult for the Space of One mile and a half –

Achoultry on the Banks of a Branch of the Bowani River – left this place a little on the Right and travelled about 7 Coss to Satternungulum – Here he found the Padshaw (as Tippoo is now called) encamped. Remained in Camp 2 days – The Army marched on the third day – he counted 77 Pieces of Ordnance in the Line and some were reported on Detachment – The Camp (Line of Troops) intended 4 Coss they were regular Troops – well appointed – and armed with Firelocks. The Cavalry were also armed with Carbines – The Army marched two days parallel to the Bowaunee, on the third March they reached the Banks of the Cavery River – Crossed it in 2 days at Coveroperam Gaut – Water higher than the Waist – Very raped. Bullocks

taken

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taken from the Guns, and they were drawn a cross by men after crossing the River he staid in Camp two days, on the third day he left it, and came to. —

Chittoor - - - - 5 or 6 Coss
Lungpilly - - - 6 do. a good Village
Amrah - - - - 8 do. a small do.
Bullaer Koel - - a Pass of difficult access for p. a Coss - A Small Nulla of the same name runs at the foot of it - but little water. —
A Village (name unknown) deserted about 3 or 4 Coss from the Pass. —
Parampouri 3 or 4 Coss - a Mud Fort & good Village
Caveripatam - - 7 p. Coss.

He arrived the 4th instant at Night - Left Tippoo in Camp at Covericorum 2 Coss from Sankery Durgum 3 days before - the first Report in his Camp was that the Center Army was entering the Mysore Country by the Moogly Ghaut. It was Tippoo's intention to enter the Carnatic subsequent Report of the Army being in the Baramaul, altered the Route to this Quarter - The Hircarah saw Tippoo's Hircarahs examining the Pass, and depth of the Water at Balloarcoil. —

Sent the following Letters. —

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

Commanding the Carder Army.

Sir

I am directed by Government to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 2d and 5th Instant - of which Copies have been transmitted to the Commander in Chief. —

To Lieut Colonel Maxwell - advising of the Board's resolution to send the four Iron 18 Pounders completely equipped to Ambour & of completing the Store of Rice in that Garrison to 200 Garce - & of a Letter from the Commander in Chief

As you have expressed yourself so anxiously respecting the Battering Guns, Government have resolved to forward to Ambour as expeditiously as possible four Iron Eighteen Pounders completely equipped for Service, and have requested the Commander in Chief with their determination, so that the Guns may thereafter be conveyed to your Army should it be judged expedient, altho in a Letter from General Medows of the 3d Instant he does not appear to consider them necessary. —

Orders have been issued to complete the Store at Ambour to 200 Garce of Rice - It will be completed from Vellore and will of course be very soon effected. —

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The Board desire you will use every Means to make the Commander in Chief acquainted with your Situation, and act agreably to the Orders you may receive from him — The latest Accounts of his intended Operations, are contained in the Accompanying Extract of a Letter this day received. —

I am &c.a ... &c.a

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(Signed) John Chamier
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To the Hon'ble Major General Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief

Hon'ble Sir,

We have this day been honored with the receipt of your Letter dated the 3d Instant and have the pleasure to inform you of Lieutent. Colonel Maxwell's Arrival at Caveripatam, as will be more particularly communicated to you by the Accompanying Copy of a Letter this Morning received from him. — It is our Intention to take all necessary Steps for securing plenty of Rice for

To Major General Medows — with Copy of Lieut. Col.e Maxwells last letter — advising of the Board's Determination of sending the Fever Iron 18 Pounders to Amboor

Colonel

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8 Colonel Maxwells Army, and to lodge it in the Frontier Garrisons, and as Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has expressed himself so anxiously with respect to the Battering Guns, it is Our determination immediately to send 4 Iron eighteen Pounders completely equipped to Amboor from whence they may be carried on to the Center Army if judged expedient hereafter —

Colonel Maxwell being now at the Place of his destination, We hope you will have the means of sending him further Instructions without loss of time, of which We shall be anxious to be made acquainted as well as with the plans of Cooperation for the two Armies —

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We have the honor to be
&c. . . . . &c.
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

To Mr. Secretary Hay. —

Dispatched Letter to Mr. Secretary Hay (as entered in M.B. No. 42.) enclosing Copy of the Letter received this day from Lieut. Colonel Maxwell

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Maxwell - and Extract of the last Letter from the Commander in Chief. —

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

Tuesday the 9th November 1790

John Hudleston Esqr

The Honble Major Gen.l Wm. Medows

absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Ram and Fallofield. —

To John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Messrs. Ram & Fallofield stating that Mr Ram has been obliged to borrow money for the Payment of the Troops in Garrison — requesting the Board's sanction for entertaining Ram and furnishing them with 10 Tumbrils

We are concerned so much time should have intervened between the Assumption of the Management of the Revenues of this Country for the Honble Company and the sending a Statement of Accounts to the Presidency, which

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which has been solely occasioned by Our not having been able to obtain a free Access to the Pagoda in the Palace, which obliged us to have Recourse to the Inhabitants themselves and to the various and apparently contradictory Messages from His Excellency as to the Sums he wished might be continued for the Expences of his Household to be deducted out of his Cash and 1/5th of the Revenue. But every difficulty having at length been surmounted, We hope to have the Satisfaction of transmitting Our Statement to you within two or three Days.

The Resident considering the urgent distress of the Garrison then full three Months in Arrear, encreased by the Circumstances of the Families of the Sepoys in Camp and the consequence that might be apprehended from such an Arrear at the Commencement of Our Management, took upon him to borrow a Sufficiency to answer the Indents of the Paymaster so far as might enable him to pay the Sepoys and

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and the Women; but no further. The Paymaster's Indent at the End of September amounted to 29,000 Pagodas of which 21,000 Pagodas have been paid. — We request the permission of the Honble Board to afford the Resident the means of repaying the Money which he borrowed for that purpose without Interest. This we are at present nearly enabled to do out of the Collections already received amounting to 45876. Chuck. Gf. 2 or Star Pagodas 19097-25. besides what the Rajah has received for his Household out of the Suncums &c. amounting to Star Pag. 4537 (about 1/5th of what has been as yet collected) and we request the Orders of the Honble Board whether we should comply in future with the Indents of the Paymaster so far as circumstances may make it convenient. —

The whole of the Revenue Battalions being scarcely sufficient for the Duties of the Garrison we have found it absolutely

necessary

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necessary to retain a Number of Peons for the
Collection which were formerly employed by His
Excellency and in Order to give them that respon-
tability which is necessary we have applied to the
Commandant for 1000 Pindarees out of the oldest
in the Garrison, who wishes to have the Sanction
of the Honble Board for the Measure. The
Officers of the Peons aforesaid will give Security for
the Return of the Arms —

The Inhabitants having given
in their Accounts are returned to secure the Loan
and to all appearance perfectly contented —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Tanjore
5th November 1790

(signed) { G. Ram
E. K. Fallofield

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Steps taken
by M Ram for raising Money for the Payment
of the Troops in the Garrison of Tanjore the
Advances made to the Paymaster on this Account

are

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are to be repaid as soon as possible — In future, the Indents of the Paymaster for Cash must only be complied with, as far as may be absolutely requisite, to pay the Troops, and Families of those who are serving in the Field. —

Resolved that, for the present, the Peons retained for the Collection of the Revenue, be continued, and that the Commanding Officer be directed to furnish them with Old Arms, upon the Condition of their being redelivered into Store, when the Services of the Peons shall hereafter be dispensed with. —

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Revd Mr Swartz stating his sentiments as to the management of the Country — recommends the Establishment of a Court of Justice, and fixing the lawful Interest of Money by Public Authority. —

Fully convinced of your indulgence I take the liberty to address you, hoping that if my observations do not meet with your approbation, they will at least be pardoned. —

S.

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A rumor has been spread here that you, Hon'ble Sir and Sirs, intend to give the management of this Country to Renters.

If this should be case, I am afraid that this poor Country would be still more impoverished.

Before the Hon'ble Company take possession of this Country I entreated the Rajah to accede to any, even mortifying terms, rather than to suffer the Country to be taken out of his hands. Whether my uneasiness proceeded from Prejudice or love of justice, I will not determine. But I confess that when the Rajah lost the Country (at least for some time) I felt sincerely for him. And what was the true cause of the Rajah's ruin. It was particularly his depending upon rapacious Dubashes, who managed the Country and were in fact Renters when they by cursing themselves had impoverished the Country and ruined the Rajah, they abandoned him. Surely they might have extricated him if the least principle of honesty had been in their Hearts.

Whether

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Whether the Rajah ever thought that they would act so treacherous a part, I cannot say. But he feels it now. This very day he is in great distress, being as it were besieged by his Servants, who have got no Pay for 7 months and are now very clamorous. —

Having been called by His Excellency more than once to give him some advice in his present Distress I have been at a loss what to say. To upbraid him now for his past misconduct would be cruel and altogether useless. —

Instead of blaming him, I have told him that the Honble Company &c would do that which he ought to have done. That they would manage all things so wisely that they would introduce justice encourage industry and Trade and consequently instead of diminishing the Revenue, would increase it — so that when the Country would be restored he might find it improved and his Subjects happy

people

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people. But when I heard that the Country might perhaps be given to Renters and very likely to Madras Dubashes, who are well able to make Supplements to Machiavels iniquitous scheme, my hopes vanished. —

Give me leave Honble Sir and Sirs to make a few observations on the scheme of giving the Country to Renters. —

It is acknowledged by all people the the Administration of justice is the Basis of the true Welfare of a Country. But is that blessing to be expected from Renters, I think it morally impossible. But it may be said that proper people should be employed to attend to the Administration of justice. However if they did their duty faithfully frequent Complaints would be raised by the Renter of having suffered a great loss by the Managers of justice — and that on that Account an abatement ought to be made on respect of the Stipulated Sum of Money. —

The Management of this Country

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has hitherto in fact been the Management of the Renters - for what else were those Pedashes to whom whole Districts were mortgaged. When these people and their Friends were in power. Their intention was to get as many Villages as they could. As soon as the poor Inhabitants failed in their Payment, they proposed to pay off their Arrear to the Circar, and to appropriate the Village to themselves and their Friends promising to give to the Owners some allowance P Year. Many Complaints of the Inhabitants are now in my hands which prove this deceitful Method beyond any doubt. Some of those Pedashes have got, 2-4-6- Villages by this artful Management, Nay it is said that they have made use even of force to gain their point, An Enquiry into that Case Oppression is wished for by the Inhabitants, a Renter will hinder such an Enquiry and discourage the Inhabitants in their Endeavour of getting their property restored — In the Nabobs Country there is hardly any thing of this nature for plain reasons. To rectify all these

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abuses a Court of justice ought to be established 4 or 5 respectable persons if they were well chosen and endowed with necessary authority by the Honble Board would be a blessing to this Country — These judges ought to be responsible for their Conduct. Having formerly recommended a proper attention to the introduction of justice I cannot but repeat my request in the Name of all the people in this Country. Should this Country be afterwards restored to the former Possessor the Honble Board ill find it an easy matter to insist upon the continuation of Administring justice — But an express Order from the Honble Board I conceive is absolutely necessary to establish such a Court small matter may and will be decided in the Katchere of every District. —

It is well known that the Tanjour Country is not yet well cultivated — The third part of it lies uncultivated though capable of the highest Cultivation — This year

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the Cultivation has been shamefully neglected — For at the time when the Rivers were full of Water the Pattendars were here confined by the Dubashes, whom I before called Renters — They sagaciously foresaw what would happen — therefore they pressed the people for the Payment of the Money they had lent them and the high — interest on it. The Consequence was that instead of advancing Money for Cultivation as is usual the Inhabitants were obliged to pay off their just and unjust debts to those Runderers — Being deprived of the little Money which they had, they found it difficult to carry on the Cultivation with Vigour, By this means more than 10 Lacks of Hollam have been lost this year. —

But should this Country be properly cultivated (which) is hardly to be expected if Renters manage it) it would soon instead of 10 Lacks produce 12. nay 15 — and that without any Oppression of the Inhabitants. —

Surely

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Surely a fair Trial ought to be made; At last I would observe, that as the Tanjour Country is already parcelled Out to above 2000 Pallet-dars who having 10 or More Villages and are responsible for a certain quantity of Grain, the Collection is made easy by it. These Pallet-dars are in fact petty Renters who may be kept in some good Order with more Ease than a general Renter. —

Moreover it is highly to be wished that the lawful Interest, be fixed by a public authority — and that the Usurers be properly punished. Even this point will be opposed by Renters. —

I would humbly propose to the Honble Board that Messrs. Ram and Tallofield might not entirely be separated in their Operations. Tho' One of these Gentlemen might have the special Management of some Districts I wish that in making up the Sum total they ought to join — If they acted at least in the principal points jointly that would check their Servants against whom —

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otherwise hardly any Complaint could be made.

Nay they ought to agree in the fundamental regulation of the Country - Vizt - how much the Inhabitants are to pay ℘C. whether it is to be paid by them in Grain or Money - if in Money is the Market price to be demanded or some thing more - Is every little Tax for the Maintenance of the Subedars and other Officers to be paid as formerly - Is all Service called Vassalage to be destroyed - and many more considerations of that Nature ought to be agreed upon by both - that there may be no party Spirit.

Tho' the Cultivating business has been much impeded this year, still something may be done to encourage it - Whoever of the Merchants will lend Money for that purpose, he ought to be assured of being repaid - and in case of the Inhabitants reluctance to pay off their debt, the Merchant ought to be assisted - To facilitate that business it would be very good to fix the lawful interest.

These few Observations I beg leave to offer and humbly submit to your Mature consideration

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consideration,

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

(signed) C. J. Swartz

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

The Letter which you have honored me with, together with the enclosed One to His Exc: the Rajah I have received — and delivered the enclosed One to his Excellency. —

From the Revd Mr. Swartz - repeating the Recommendations contained in his last Letter - and congratulating the Acting President on his Arrival. —

The Letter was read in my presence It would be needless to mention what his Exc: said to me in private — I requested a written answer — which he promised to give and send to me — only desired some days to consider the Affair as it appeared to him of great Moment to come forth with a full answer to the proposed question and to make it public - I have waited for his answer — but as he may perhaps make some delay and thought it my duty not to delay any longer my

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answering yours. —

Concerning this Country the Income will be considerable but you may be sure that if the Banks and Water courses are properly repaired and the Season proves favorable the Revenue of this Country of the next year will be much augmented.

The probable Account of the Revenue will be sent away to day or tomorrow. The Rajahs Refusal to deliver any Accounts of the last year made this Business tedious and difficult. However all difficulty is now over. —

In my last Letter I have entreated the Honble Board not to give the Country to rapacious Renters — who mind nothing but their Interest. This Country is capable of very great Improvements and though I will not anticipate any future Account. I may however safely say that if the Country be managed properly next year you will find a wonderful increase in the Revenue — at least in respect of Paddy. —

As the poor People lost for some years, almost all the benefit which they had a right

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right to expect from their labour they became very disperited. —

There is still some oppression exercised by the Pattetudars (who are in fact petty Renters) however they are now obliged to moderate their rapaciousness, knowing that the oppressed people now know whether to go, and apply for justice. —

One thing is here needful. Viz. a Court of Justice — Many Complaints have been made of people who have lost their Fields and Villages by the power which was granted by the Rajah to some of his favorites. —

Besides this a lawful Interest should be fixed by the Government and the Offenders published for it is incredible what the poor people have suffered by paying exorbitant Interests. —

In short a proper Management may turn this Country into a Garden and make Superiors and Inferiors happy. —

Hearing of your arrival I rejoiced expecting from your well known Character every thing that tends to make the Country people happy. I

therefore

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therefore wish that Providence may make you Hon'ble Sir a happy Instrument to reform many abuses under which the Country has groaned. —

Wishing you all true happiness, I respectfully am.

&c.a ... &c.a

Tanjore
Nov.r 5th 1790 —

(Signed) C. T. Swartz

Agreed that a Copy of the former Letter and an Extract from the latter be transmitted to the Board of Assumed Revenue, and that the Sentiments of Mr. Swartz as to the Management of the Revenue, and the Administration of Justice in the Tanjore Country be recommended to their attentive consideration. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Thanks of the Board be given to Mr. Swartz for the useful Information contained in his Letters; and that he be told the Board will always pay the most attentive Consideration to every Communication he may think proper to favor them with, respecting the Tanjore Country. —

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore —

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council —

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Honble Sir,

In my Letter to the Honble the Board of the 26th ult. I reported that I had the profession of the Island of Chetwa on Account of the Honble Company, and had given Cowle to the Inhabitants, and with permission, I intended to procure Renters for the Island, as the only mode to ensure any Revenue from it, as I had no force with me to protect it from the Incursions of the Enemy, who might return when Col. Harley's detachment proceeded inland —

From the Resident at Travancore recommends that the Island of Chetwa be rented to the Rajah of Cochin —

In consequence of a Cowlnama granted to the Zamorin, by the Commander in Chief, investing him with the sole Managment of all the Countries heretofore included in the Province of Calicut, which were, or may be

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conquered by the British Troops &c. the Zamorin's People have been endeavoring to interfere with this Island, which they had no right whatever to do — Upon representing this matter to the Zamorin, he claims no pretensions to it and regards it as the exclusive property of the Company. —

Having stated reasons, why the Collections could not, at this time, be made by me, I have offered to rent the Island to the Rajah of Cochin, for One Year only, for the Sum of 40,000 Rupees, the Revenue which Tippoo drew from it — this Offer the Rajah has accepted of, and if it meets with your approbation, I will draw out an Agreement, and make it Over to the Rajah for the above period — The Island was formerly in the possession of the Dutch, I understand, the Revenue which they drew from it, did not amount to more than 16,000 Rupees annually.

I have the honor to remain most respectfully —

&c. — &c.

Ayacottah
30th Oct. 1790.

(Signed) George Powney
Frav. Resident

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Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the Residents Proposition of renting the Island of Chetwa to the Rajah of Cochin for One Year for forty thousand (40,000) Rupees — Agreed in consequence that Mr. Ponney be instructed to conclude the necessary Agreement with the Rajah; and that the Board of Assumed Revenue be ordered to give such Directions as they may think proper. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board — reporting on Lieut. Urquart's application for full Batta — & on the several requests made in Lt. Mackerrah's Letter — recommending that 300 Draughts and 600 Carriage Bullocks be immediately provided. the Claim of the Acting Surgeon of the 72d Regiment deemed inadmissible — recommending that the practice of firing Minute Guns at Out Garrisons for the death of Native Merchants be discontinued

We have been duly honored with your Commands — under date the 29th and 30th Ultimo and 2d Instant. —

In obedience to your desire that we would state the Nature of Lieutenant Urquhart's application as it related to Lieutenant Chesholme and Macdougal, We beg leave to remark

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remark that Lieutenant Macdougal was detached from Tanjore, where his Regiment was Stationed, to take charge of Recruits at Chingleput and was, at the same time, Ordered by Sir Archibald Campbell, to receive full Batta, until he returned to his station. If the late Lieutenant Chesolme received this allowance, as an Officer Stationed at Chingleput, where full Batta is not allowed, it certainly was irregular, unless sanctioned by a similar Order in his favor — Under such Circumstances we do not see any particular reason for granting the Indulgence requested by Lieutenant Urquhart. —

On the Application of Lieutenant Mackerras, We are of Opinion he should be permitted to employ such people as he may deem necessary for the purpose of obtaining Intelligence, Subject, however, to the Restrictions prescribed by the Regulations, under the Head of General Allowances - Art. 11 - and that 7 Lascars may likewise be allowed him which Number the Regulations have fixed for every purpose required by his Detachment. —

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With respect to supplying Ar-
munition and Stores, We observe he is instruc-
ted to indent on Vellore, Arnee, and Tiaga -
however to prevent disappointment or delay We
have circulated directions to the Storekeepers at
those Stations to furnish the necessary quantities
and Lieutenant Mackerras has, at the same
time, been directed to transmit for our Inspection
Copies of his Indents, in order that the Articles
issued may be replaced by equal quantities from
hence. —

On this Occasion we think it
necessary to remark that, with a trifling excep-
tion, the Establishment of Bullocks generally
stationed at this Presidency are employed with
the two Armies, and considering that a Want of
Carriage has alone prevented the Statements for
the above Garrisons and Amboor, being completed,
which now appears the more necessary, as it
may be expected that the Center Army will
thence require it's occasional Supplies of Military
Stores — We take the liberty to suggest the Expedi-
ency of ordering the Contractor to provide 300 —

Draught

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Draught and 600 Carriage Bullocks for the above purpose — This Number we are induced to recommend, from a Conviction that a smaller would only occasion more frequent Escorts, which besides increasing the risque of the Stores being lost, or damaged, will, ultimately, be equally Expensive —

As the Acting Surgeon to the 72d Regiment is misinformed, as to the usage of the Service authorizing an Additional Allowance, during the Absence of the Full Surgeon, We are of Opinion his application is inadmissible —

In examining the Cuddalore Return of Stores for August, We observe the Chief's Order for firing 7 Minute Guns on the death of a Company's Native Merchant, and as the Authority for this practice, although stated as Customary on such Occasions, is unknown to us We submit the necessity of its discontinuance at least during the War, or under the present Scarcity of Gun Powder — We have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) J. Capper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

Government

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Government approve the different opinions and Recommendations contained in the foregoing Letter — Agreed that the necessary Orders be issued. —

The Military Board to be instructed to send to Amboor, as soon as possible, four Iron 18 Pounders, completely equipped for Service. —

Resolved, in consequence of the Recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Center Army, that the Military Board be instructed to send to Amboor, as soon as possible, four Iron eighteen Pounders, with their proper Equipment for Service. —

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

To the Honble Sir C. Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts stating the Demands he has made on Persons ordered to refund. —

In your Letter of the 5th Instant, you are pleased to direct me to inform you, what Demands have been made on the persons ordered to refund, how long I have made such Demands, and what answers have been given to me. —

My Demands on the persons directed to refund have been made by Letter

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and at the time that the Accounts were regularly audited. The Answer I have received, have in general been requesting further Consideration on my part, and likewise references to Government.

On the Subject of Balances, due from Messrs Corbet and Boyd &c. I have likewise repeatedly written to the Garrison Storekeeper, requesting he would receive those due to that Department. —

In due time also, I informed the Military Paymaster General, of the Refund demanded from the Barrack Master Captain Campbell of His Majesty's 72d Regiment, to whom likewise I sent a Copy of the Audit, but unknown to me, he embarked for Europe in a Ship bound to China. —

With respect to Mr Willis's Accounts, part of them were audited and approved by Government, and the Audit was transmitted to him on the 30th of April 1790, with directions to give the Company Credit for the Amount, but since that time, he has made many remon-

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remonstrances upon that Audit, which I regularly laid before the Honble Board, together with my Observations upon them, so that to this time his Accounts remain unsettled —

I am &c. &c.

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8th November 1790 —

(Signed) J Capper
C.G.A.

Minute thereon

The Court of Directors to be informed of the sum due by Captain Campbell late Barrack Master in the Center Division

Resolved, that the sum due to the Company by Captain Campbell of his Majesty's 72d Regiment, late Barrack Master of the Center Division, be particularly noticed in the next Dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that it be recommended to them to call upon Captain Campbell, who is now in Europe for the Balance due upon Col. Capper's Audit of his Accounts, amounting to Pagodas 12,460 —

The Board, observing upon a Report of the State of Audits delivered in by the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, and entered on the Proceedings of Council the 5th Instant

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Resolutions of the Board respecting the Balance due by Mr Willis, as Paymaster Storekeeper and Grain keeper to the Detachment sent to take possession of the Guntoor Circar.—

Instant, that there are Balances of Refunds outstanding against Mr. Willis, as Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions to the Guntoor Expedition, Amounting to Pagodas 27,404. 10. 17— and that there is a further Sum of Pagodas 6611. 5. 24— to be refunded by him being Cash irregularly paid to Officers, amounting in the whole to Pagodas 34,015.15.41— and adverting that a considerable Space of time has elapsed since the Audit was confirmed, and its confirmation announced to Mr. Willis— It is now resolved, that he be called upon to pay into the Company's Treasury on or before the Expiration of One Month from the date hereof, the Sum of Pagodas 21,221.39.48— being the Amount to be refunded upon his Accounts after having deducted the Sum of Pagodas 6182. 12. 49—, on Account of Extra Lascars, which is under reference to the Court of Directors.—

It is further resolved that the

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the Sum of Pagodas 6611-5-74- due on
Account of irregular Payments to Officers, to
discharged by Mr. Willes in three months
from this Date. —

As the Board, however disagreeable, consider it their indispensible Duty to exact a Strict Compliance with the foregoing Resolutions — it is agreed to inform Mr. Willes, that in default of Payment at the prescribed periods, the Board will find themselves under the necessity of having recourse to the Strongest Measures for the purpose of enforcing the Resolutions and Demands of Government. —

Read the following Letter from the Executors to the Estate of the late Mr. Savage. —

To John Cranmer Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Executors of the late Mr Savage requesting that the Balance due to their Constituent on Account of Interest (as stated in their Letter of the 10th February) may be discharged. —

We had the honor of addressing Government on the 10th February last inclosing

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an Interest Account with the Estate of Mr. &c. Savage Deceased late Military Storekeeper as &c. usually allowed to his Predecessors and requesting Northern Bills for the Balance due on that Account Viz.t Pagodas 1554. 2. 54 — No Orders having been issued to the Accountant General — We request you will obtain the Order of Government on the Subject. —

We are &c.a &c.a

Madras
6th Nov.r 1790. —

(Signed) James Taylor
Geo: Moubray
Tho.s Cockburne
Jos. du Pré Porcher

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Executors that the Board cannot admit the Interest &c. Account enclosed in their Letter of the 18th Febry last. —

Read the following Letter from the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President

From the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors — stating the Quantity of Arrack which will probably be required for 12 months. —

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary &c.

Charnier

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Chairmen Letter of the 5th Instant I beg leave to state that 765 Leaguer of Arrack were consumed during the last year. As the greatest part of the Troops are in the field the Consumption may be rather more perhaps as far as 900 Leaguer. The Quantity therefore already advertised by the Honble the Governor General in Council will last nearly a twelve Month from the time of its arrival.

Rum will answer equally well as Arrack, and is nearly as well liked by the Troops, tho' they give the preference to Arrack.

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

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(Signed) Benjn Roebuck
Acting for the Honble Board
Cochrane Agent for Spirituous Liquors

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Agreed that the Contents of the above, be notified in reply to Mr C
Secretary

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Secretary Hay's Letter of the 13th Ultimo —

Read the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 43. 44. 45. —

From the Commandant at Arnee

From the Commandant at Arnee — Stating that some indispensible Repairs are immediately requisite to secure the Fort from any sudden Attack. —

Minute thereon

In consequence of Captain Mackay's urgent Representations, it is agreed that he be permitted to expend a Sum not exceeding two hundred Pagodas in Strengthening such Parts of the Fort as are likely to suffer by the approaching Rain, and that a detailed Account of the Expence be required from him. —

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

From Colonel Capper — Stating that Mr. Ahrens late a Lieutenant in the 14th Hanoverian Regiment, was

permitted

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permitted as an Indulgence to draw his Subsistance until his departure for Europe, provided he embarked on the first Ship, and requesting to know if the Allowance is now to be continued, as he did not avail of the Opportunity by the Houghton —

From Lieutenant Abrons,

From Lieutenant Abrons

stating the reasons that prevented his embarking on the Houghton —

Agreed that Lieutenant Abrons's Bills for Subsistance be paid until the departure of the next Ships for Europe, when a Passage will be ordered for him —

Minute on the two abovementioned Letters —

Lieutenant Colonel Patterson

having transmitted the following Certificate of his Son's Age, as required by the Honorable Court of Directors in their Letter of the 3d June last, it is resolved that Mr Alexander

Mr A. W. Patterson admitted an Ensign on this Establishment and stationed with the 2d Battalion of European Infantry

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Alexander William Patterson be admitted an Ensign on the Establishment, and Statio-ned with the 2d Battalion of European Infantry.—

Masulipatam 3. Novr. 1790

Lieut. Col. Patterson's Certificate of the age of his son Alexander William Patterson.

This is to Certify that My Son Alexander William Patterson, was born on the 13th of January in the Year of Our Lord 1774.—

(Signed) J. Patterson
Lt. Colonel.

Substance of a Letter from the Nizam

Read Letter from His Highness the Nizam (as entered in C.C. N. 241) stating that Hajar Zehoor Jellah Cawn Bahaudor Delawar Jung who is an Hereditary Dependant upon the Circars has been ordered by M. Sadleir to repair to Masulipatam, and that the Enquiry with his

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his Conduct has been neglected six Months

Requesting that the Governor will shew the Cawn some attention. —

As soon as the Subject comes

Minute thereon before the Board, every attention will be paid to the Nizam's Wishes. —

Exd Chas Carpenter " Chas Oakeley

" Huddleston

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Diary.

November, 9th. Received the following Letters

John Chamier Esqre.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

You will be so obliging to acquaint the Honble Board, that in consequence of the extreme Indisposition of Mr. Norman Assistant Surgeon to the 12th Battalion of Native Infantry, I have granted him permission to proceed to the Presidency for the recovery of his Health.—

From the officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar advising of his having permitted Mr. Assistant Surgeon Norman to proceed to the Presidency for the recovery of his Health.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

&c.

Innicondah
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(signed) Alexr. Wynch
Major Commg.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

On the receipt of your Letter under date the 5th Instant, I directed the

From the Chief at Pulicat Six Men who have deserted from the Hanoverian Regiments are delivered up, and sent to Madras under an Escort.

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9th the Person who brought it, to examine, not only the two Men who arrived here on the 26th Ultimo, and reported that they had deserted from the Danish Service, but all others belonging to this Garrison.-

Upon enquiry, it has been found, that the two Men abovementioned and others, agreeably to the enclosed List, have actually deserted from the Hanoverian Regiments at Madras,- they have confessed thus much- but in Justification say, they have served their time, and that they were often in great Distress for want of pay.-

These 6 Men have been delivered to the Serjeant Major, who came hither by your Orders and upon his requisition I have furnished an Escort, consisting of a Corporal and 12 Sepoys, to whom I request the usual Batta may be paid.-

The Men under charge of the Escort, have served in this Place since the 4th Instant.- If their Representation be

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9th be correct, that they are actually free, their Case Deserves some Consideration, and I have to request, agreeably to the Terms of the Castel, and from their earnest Entreaties, that you will releive them from any Military Punishment.—

I have the Honor to be with perfect respect.—

&c &c.

Pulicat 8th Novr 1790 } (signed) Jacob Celbracht

List of Men Sent to Madras—

Jan Mulder Hendrick Winter	from Holsmane from Hildesheim	Arrived at Pullicat the 27th Octr 1790 and reported that they came from Tranquebar.—
Coenroad Baksman Johan Meyen	from Berlyn do Geilshem	Arrived at Pullicat the 3d Novr 1790. and reported that they came from Hydrabad.—
Daniel Hufros Frederic Lompe	from Aanholt from Kinsfals	Arrived at Pullicat the 6th Novr 1790. and reported that they came from Pondicherry.—

Pulicat 7th Novr 1790. (signed) E. Gregoor.—

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John Chamier Esqre

Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

I have Orders to transmit to you the enclosed Dispatch received by the Honble Company's Ship Foulis, which imported here yesterday, - from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors to the Governor in Council at your Presidency. -

From Mr Secretary Kay - with a Dispatch for this Government from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors received by the Foulis. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
&c.
(signed) E Kay
Secy to the Govt

Fort William
25th Octr 1790

Received Letter from the Officer Commanding at Arnee - (as entered in M.B. No 46) States that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has applied for 12 Jemadars 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and thirty Private Troopers, requests the Orders of the Board thereon, and recommends that some Sepoys at Jeagar be ordered to Arnee, in the Event of Lieutenant Coll

From the Officer Commanding at Arnee. —

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Colonel Maxwell's application being complied with. -

10th Despatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52 - 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62 -

To the Commandant at Arnee. - To the Commandant at Arnee authorizing him to expend a Sum not exceeding two hundred Pagodas in strengthening such parts of the fortifications as are likely to suffer by the Rains -

To Do. To Do. to comply immediately with the requisition of the Officer Commanding the Center Army for 2 Jemadars 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and thirty private troopers -

To Messrs Ram and Fallofield - To Messrs Ram and Fallofield - approving of their having made an advance of Cash to the Paymaster as communicated in their Letter of the 5th Instant - the Paymasters Indents only to be complied with as far as absolutely necessary to pay the Troops and Families of those serving in the field - the Number of Peons necessary for the Collection to be entertained - old Firelocks to be furnished as recommended -

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To the Military Board — To the Military Board — to give the necessary Orders for sending to Amboor as soon as possible Four Iron 18 Pounders equipped for Service — and for providing 300 Draught and 600 Carriage Bullocks without Loss of Time.

To the Executors to the late Mr G. Savage — To the Executors to the late Mr G. Savage — the Board cannot admit the Interest Account enclosed in their Letter of the 10th February last. —

To the Resident at Travancore — To the Resident at Travancore — Directing him to conclude the Agreement with the Rajah of Cochin for renting the Island of Chetewa for 40,000 Rupees — to attend to such further Instructions as he may receive from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Board of Revenue — To the Board of Revenue — advising of the abovementioned instructions given to Mr Powney — and enclosing Copy and Extract of Letters from Mr Swartz contain=ing his Sentiments as to the Management of the Revenue and the Administration of Justice in the Tanjore Country —

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To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.— Lieutenant Ahrens permitted to draw his allowance for Subsistence until the Departure of the Next Ship for Europe.—

To Do.—

To Do. his opinion of the Inadmissibility of Lieutenant Urquart's Claim confirmed.—

To Lieutt. Urquart.— stating the reasons which prevent the Board's admitting of his Claim for full Batta.—

To Lieutenant Urquart of his Majy's 71st Regt.

To the Secretary to the Commander in Chief.—

To the Secretary to the Commander in Chief.— with Extract of a Report from the Military Board upon the Claim of the Acting Surgeon of the 72nd Regiment which has been confirmed by Government.—

To Lieutt. McKerras.—

To Lieutenant McKerras at Trincomalee.—

permitting him to employ such people as he may deem Necessary for the purpose of procuring Intelligence.— likewise to enter=tain seven Lascars.—

To Do. with Copy of the

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To Do.

General order prohibiting all Military Servants

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11. Servants from engaging or interfering on Revenue Concerns.—

To the Revd. Mr. Swartz.—

To the Revd. Mr. Swartz.—

expressing the Board's Acknowledgements for the useful Information contained in his two last letters.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore.—

directing that no Minute Guns be in future fired on the Death of Native Merchants, and that he avoid any Expenditure of Gunpowder, except in cases of absolute Necessity.—

To the Commandant at Vellore.—

To the Commandant at Vellore.—

directing him to secure immediately the Person of Jagganadiah or Jaggernaut Eyah, and send him under a Guard to the Presidency.—

Substance of Letters to His Highness the Nabob.— and Abdul Wahab Cawn Brother to His Highness.—

Sent Letter to his Highness the Nabob and to Abdul Wahab Cawn Brother of his Highness (as entered in C.C. Nos. 242. 243.) to the former requesting him to order his Storekeeper at Vellore to deliver to Lieutenant Boisdaune such a

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11th number of firelocks as he may require for the use of the Provincial Corps — to the latter — requesting his Excellency to resign his Authority over the Chittoor Poligars to the Company, and offering in that event to pay him annually at Madras 10,000 Star Pagoas

Sent the following Letters —

To Colonel James Capper

President &ca Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

In a Letter under date 3d Septr last, you were requested by order of Government to state on what times the Article of Gunpowder is supplied by the Military Storekeeper at this Presidency, and to explain the rate at which the Company's Salt Petre has usually been delivered to his Department — But as Government perceive by the last List of Stores given in according to

To the Military Board — enclosing an Indent from the Military Storekeeper to report whether any advance is therein charged upon the former prices of articles and by what authority. —

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11th to their Orders that the price of Gunpowder is stated at Pagodas 43:1.28 ℔ Candy, and understanding that the Company were charged only Pagodas 38 ℔ Candy before, and for some time subsequent to the late War, they desire you will specify by what authority such increase is at present allowed, —

Government also desire that you will carefully examine the whole of the accompanying Indent and reports to them whether any and what Increase has been charged in the Price of any other of the Articles contained therein within the last fifteen years, stating also the Authority upon which the Increase (if any) shall appear to have been charged.

I am
Gentlemen,
&c.
(Signed) John Chamier
Secy.

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To Mr. Richard Willis —

Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar —

Sir,

To Mr. R. L. Willis — calling upon him to pay into the Company's treasury at the Expiration of one Month Pos. 21, 221. 39. 48 — & a further Sum of Pagodas 6611. 5. 24 at the expiration of three Months on Account of irregular and unauthorized Charges —

The Board have observed upon a Report of the State of Audits delivered in by the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, that there are Balances of Refunds outstanding against you as Paymaster and Commissary of Grain & Provisions) to the Expedition for taking possession of the Guntoor Circar amounting to Pagodas 27.. 404. 10. 17. of which a former Administration had consented to refer the Sum of Pagodas 6182.. 14. 49. to the decision of the Court of Directors, and that there is a further Sum of Pag.s 6611. 5. 24 to be refunded by you, being Cash irregularly paid to Officers during the Abovementioned Expedition. —

As a Considerable Space of time has elapsed since the Audit was confirmed and it's Confirmation announced to you, the Board however disagreeably consider it

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11th it their indispensible duty to exact a strict compliance with it - and direct me now to require that you will in one Month from this date, pay into the Company's Treasury the Sum of 21,221.39 48 - Pagodas being the Amount to be refunded upon your Accounts After having deducted Pagodas 6183. 12. 49 - Which remain in suspence until the Orders of the Court of Directors shall be received -

The further Sum of Pag 6611. 5. 24 - due on account of irregular Payments to Officers during the Gunther Expedition is also to be accounted for by you to the Honorable Company's and is to be Discharged in three Months from this date

Having stated what is required from you I am directed to add that in default of payment at the prescribed Periods, the Strongest Measures must necessarily be adopted for the purpose of enforcing the Resolutions and Demands

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11th of Government.—

I am Sir,

&c.

Fort St. George, 10th Novr 1790 } (signed) John Chamier Secy.

To Edward Hay Esqre

Secretary to the Government

at Fort William

Sir,

Having laid before Government your Letter to me of the 13th Ultimo, I am directed to inform you that from a Report made to them, it appears that 765 Leagers of Arrack were consumed on this Coast during the last Year. that, as the greatest part of the Troops are now in the Field, it is probable that the Con=sumption of Liquor may amount to 900 Leagers; so that the Quantity advertized for by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council will last nearly

To Mr Secretary Hay — stating the probable Consumption of Arrack on this Coast for the ensuing Year.—

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11th One Year from the time of it's Arrival.—

It has further been reported that Rum will answer equally well with Arrack, and is nearly as well liked by the Troops.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
&c.
(signed) John Chamier Esq.

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At a Consultation Present.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President
John Hudleston Esqr.
The Honble Major Genl. Willm. Medon
Absent upon Service

Friday the 12th Novemr. 1790

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The great abuses of the Service, and the relaxation under which they have grown to a height that threatens the most serious mischief to the Company, [illegible]

The Board take into Consideration the irregularities committed and overcharges made by Paymasters and

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and the Necessity of adopting some Measure for ensuring to the Company a prompt and full Reparation for frauds &c. practised by Persons entrusted with the Disbursement of Public Money—

in no instance more striking than in the Disbursement of the public money through the hands of Paymasters— The Audit of the Army Accounts during the late War with Hyder presented a variety of Overcharges and other irregularities by which the Company's Property has suffered to a Considerable Amt. Some of these were forgiven, others censured and Refunds directed to be made in consequence, and others were referred to the Consideration of the Court of Directors (who as might be supposed) were unable to decide upon them, and thus by a want of firmness and energy sufficient to enforce the existing orders and Regulations of Government scarce any part of those immense sums which were ordered to be refunded, ever found their way back to the Company's Treasury.—

These Examples, so pernicious in their Effects, have produced similar Attempts in the Season of Peace, when not a Shadow of Excuse could be offered

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11, for the smallest deviation from the rules of the Service, yet such has been the indulgence shewn to excesses of this kind that altho large Sums have been objected to in the Accounts of different Paymasters, no Instance of Punishment has followed except in the Case of Mr Johnston, who was lately suspended by this Board for mis-conduct in the Department of Paymaster at Tritchinopoly, and obliged to give Security for Answering the Company's demands upon him.—

Since this Act, tho' passed only a few days ago, an Account of the Balance due from Mr Willis Paymaster at Jumtoor, has been laid before the Board. The order in Consequence was not such as they would have passed had the Accounts come in the first instance under their Examination, but such as they hope will appear well Calculated to enforce the former Resolution of Government on this Subject.—

The order usually made has been that the Party shall refund what

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what may be overcharged in his Accounts—This Conveys no Punishment or Censure at all proportioned to the Criminality of such an Offence— It tends rather to encourage than discourage the Repetition of it, Since the Person who is obliged only to pay back what he has appropriated under the Sanction of a Publick Charge Still retains the Advantage he may have Acquired by the use of the Money, and Consoles Himself with the hope that Such Attempts may Some times escape Notice— At any Rate Whether he Succeed or fail he is a gainer this not equally in both Cases.—

This Lax mode of proceeding has obtained so long that it is Resolved before the Board adopt the line which this Strict duty requires to apprize the Several Paymasters and others who have the disbursement of the Publick Money that in future they are determined to make the just distinction between Charges arising from the mere misconception of orders and Charges which are Directly contrary to

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orders or fictitious charges - These they shall consider as Frauds and punish them by Suspension from the Service or by a Prosecution at the Quarter Sessions according to the 33rd Section of the 13th Year of this present Majesty - It is Resolved also for the purpose of enabling the Company to obtain the most prompt reparation for any Loss or Injury which they may sustain by such Attempts, that the Several Paymasters of the Army and Garrisons shall give Bonds respectively in a Certain Amount for the Money lodged in their hands with a collateral Security to Answer whatever Sums shall be adjudged due from them by Government for any improper charges in their Accounts -

It is further Resolved that the Sums for which these Bonds and Securities shall be taken do stand as follows -

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The Paymaster of the Grand Army	30,000 Pags
The Paymaster of the Center Army	20,000 Do
The Military Paymaster at the Presidency	15,000
The Paymaster of Tritchinopoly	10,000
Tanjore	10,000
Vellore	5,000
Madura	5,000
Palamcotah	5,000
Guntoor	5,000
Travancore	5,000
Chingleput & Permacail	5,000
Angole	5,000
Ellore	5,000
Chicacole	3,000
Aska	3,000
Nagore	3,000
Paymaster of Sepoys at Madras	5,000
Paymasters at the Subordinates: Masulipatam	5,000
Vizagapatam	3,000
Ganjam	3,000

Paymasters to Sibbendy Corps abolished—

The Board being of Opinion that it is totally unnecessary to have Paymasters to the Sibbendy Corps, Agreed that those Appointments be struck off and the Corps paid by the nearest Paymasters to the Stations where such Corps are Established.—

In consequence of the Resolutions now passed by the Board, it is agreed that an Advertisement be made out therefrom

An Advertisement to be published Conformably to the above.—

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therefrom, and published in the Madras Courier.

Read the following Letter from Bengal

The Honble the Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir.

From Bengal — opinion of the Treaty with the Rajah of Cochin — approving the line of conduct of the Madras Government in regard to the groundless insinuations made by his Highness the Nabob against the Members thereof —

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated the 5th Instant, which enclosed the Sketch of a Treaty to be entered into with the Rajah of Cochin. We have no Hesitation whatever in adding our Approbation of the General Conditions of this Treaty to your own, and that of General Medows, — the Principles on which it has been settled being in Substance, conformable to our Instructions. Mr Downey has, we trust, taken care to make the fullest Inquiry in respect to the Raja's Right to the Several places named in the 3d Article, as having been wrested from him, and to inform himself sufficiently that the Village, of Crangonore, which is one of those Places, was not included in the Purchase made

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made by the Rajah of Travancore, when the Fort, of that name, and Jacottah were made over to him by the Dutch Government. We likewise suppose that the 2d Article is rightly expressed, in engaging the Company's Assistance to the Cochin Rajah for recovering the Possessions that were wrested from him by Tippoo Sultaun, without mentioning the late Hyder Ally, - as if the Rajas only Losses of Country were sus=tained after Hyder's Death. —

You acted, in our opinion, very properly, in declining to Notice to his Highness the Nabob, the Insinuations that appear against the Members of your Board, in his Letter to the Governor General; and we beg leave to Assure you that those Insinuations, which, without Doubt, it was highly improper in his Highness to suggest, without Proof to support them, made not the least impression on this Board. —

We have the honor to be,

Honble Sir

&c &c

Fort William
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(Signed) Cornwallis
Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke

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Agreed that an Extract of

Minute thereon — the above Letter be sent to the President at Travancore, and that he be told, if the Precautions suggested by the Governor General in Council have been taken, the Treaty will be ratified by Government — If not, it must be remodelled and then transmitted to the Presidency. —

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Adjutant General

To John Shannon Esqr Secretary to the Political and Military Department —

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inclose a triplicate of a Letter addressed to you on the 12th Ultimo by order of Major General Medows. — I am now directed by the General to inclose to you, in order to be laid before the Board in his Name a Copy of an address of date 26th September last from Six Cornets of Cavalry relative to Rank and Promotion, and a Copy of an address

From the Adjutant Genl. inclosing Copies of Letters from Six Cornets of Cavalry and from Six Ensigns of the Infantry relative to their Ranks — Major Barrosso's application to be transferred to the Infantry List — the Commander in Chief's opinion of the Number of Sibbendy Troops to be entertained and of the Rank of Officers

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Attached to the Corps. Lieutenant Colt. Campbell resigns the Posts of Quarter Master General. and is succeeded by Lieutt Colt. Richardson — Captn. B. Vigors to command the 16th Battn. Native Infantry vice White resigned — orders published respecting the Command South of the Coleroon. —

Address dated 24th October last from Six Lieutenants of Infantry on the same subject

In regard to the first I am desired to remark as follows; —

That the Cavalry Cornets appear to be mistaken as to the date up to the promotion has taken place in the Infantry line; because no Ensign of that Corps has succeeded to the Rank of Lieutenant, excepting only such as held a Date of Commission prior to the 7th of June 1785. — Agreeably to the Regulation of this Presidency recommended by the General under the authority of the Sentiments expressed by the Government General in their Letter of the 30th last June. —

That although the six Cornets who have signed the address state their having held Commissions in the Service from the Years 1781, 1782. and 1783, yet it appears on reference to the list of the Army that the date of Commission of the Senior Cornet of Cavalry (Cornet Fry) is only of the 20th June 1785. —

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1785, and therefore that the date of Rank alluded to by the Cornets is brought forward under the date of Commission they held as Officers of Infantry previous to their being transferred to the Cavalry Line of the Service, and

That, under these circumstances, the extension of Promotion applied for by the Cornets appears to rest on their Claim from the Commissions they originally held in the Service and on the propriety of making a Promotion of Lieutenants of Cavalry in proportion to those of Infantry.

The Cavalry Establishment of 9 Subalterns under the present system is three Lieutenants and three Cornets to each Regiment with two additional Subalterns of the same Rank supplied by those holding the Staff Posts; that is to say, a Regiment having both the Adjutant and Quarter Master of the Rank of Lieutenant its Establishment of Subalterns becomes five Lieutenants and three Cornets, with the

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the variation upon, on the same principle, of both the Staff posts are held by Cornets, or when one is held by a Lieutenant and the other by a Cornet— besides which there is one Subaltern allowed for the Troops composing the Cavalry Detail of the Governors Guard—

The Infantry establishment of Subalterns is ten Lieutenants and six Ensigns to each European Battalion and six Lieutenants to each Native Battalion (including the Adjutant if he happens to have that Rank) and four Ensigns; besides which there is one Subaltern allowed for the Company composing the Infantry detail of the Governors Guard.—

The General wishes these circumstances relative to the Service on the Coast to be explained to the Government General along with the orders of the Six Cornets of Cavalry and that the whole of the Matter shall be submitted to the decision of the Governments General.— On the Subject represented by the Lieutenants of Infantry I am desired by the General

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General to observe, that he finds the circumstances they state which have operated as a Bar to their promotion to be in general represented, and that he thinks it will be advisable to submit to the consideration of the Government General how far the Causes which have delayed their promotion warrants the adoption of any measure that will be the means of affording them relief, whether by a promotion equal to what would have taken place if the Establishment of Native Infantry had been augmented by adding compleat Battalions instead of additional Companies to the old ones; or, by extending to the Army on the Coast Establishment the Rules which they represent to prevail in Bengal in regard to the Offices on the General Brigade and Garrison Staff being allowed exclusive of the numbers required to compleat the several Corps from the duty of which those Staff Officers are taken to be employed in other duty.— I am also desired by the General to transmit to you, that it

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it may be laid before the Board the Copy of a Letter received from Major Burrows applying, for certain reasons therein expressed, to be placed in the Infantry line of the Service with his original Rank in that Line.—

The General desires me to express at the same time, and to Request his Opinion may be laid before the Board, that the application of Major Burrows to be placed on the Infantry List is inadmissible for the following reasons Viz.t—

That when the Court of Directors thought it expedient to alter the System relative to the Cavalry which placed a Lieutenant Colonel in the Command of the 1.st Regiment, a Major in the Command of the 2.d and the other three Regiments to be Commanded by Captains, the Court thought it also expedient to order that each Regiment of Native Cavalry should be commanded by a Major, and that Major Burrows should have the option of remaining on the Infantry Line of the Service to which he belonged

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and in which he proposes the full Rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the 9.th of December 1787 at the time the Orders of the Directors were received; or, of becoming an Officer in the Cavalry Line of the Service on the Rank of Major agreeably to the Regulations, established by the Court for the Cavalry.—

That it appears from the Government Orders of the 19.th February 1788. (an extract of which is inclosed) that Major Burrows joined the Cavalry Line of the Service and was Ordered to be Struck off the Infantry List, and to be paid and returned as a Cavalry Officer.—

That for the above reasons the General is of Opinion it will be unjust to the Company's Service in particular and in general to the Military Service in India, if Major Burrows is placed on the Infantry List in any Rank whatever—

Major Burrows having expressed, in his Letter, that he is unequal to the duties of the Line of the Service to which he

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he belongs and which at this period requires so essentially the most active exertions of every Officer, and more particularly those in the Command of Regiments of Cavalry, the General desires me to request you will lay before the Board his recommendation that if Major Barrow's does not immediately repair to his Duty with his Regiment in the Field he shall be placed on the Invalid List as a Major of Cavalry and that Captain Pater the Senior Officer of Cavalry in succession to the Rank and Regiment thereby vacant shall be promoted to the Rank of Major and be appointed to Command the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry, which from the reports made by Lieutenant Colonel Floyd Commanding the Cavalry Brigade in the Field, and of Captain Pater, has been in the temporary Command of the Corps ever during the absence of Major Burrowes, has been very much neglected, since the Major left the Army, in regard to many Articles which ought to be supplied, under the

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the Regulations of the Service, by the Major Commanding it, and concerning which Captain Pater inform the General many Applications have been made to Major Burrowes without success.—

In the present situation therefore of Major Burrowes health, and likewise of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry serving in the Field without being duly attended to in regard to several matters appertaining to the contract held by Majors Commanding the Regiments of Cavalry, the General requests that there may be no delay in signifying to Major Burrowes the recommendation now expressed and placing him on the Invalid List, agreeably thereto provided he does not repair to his Duty with his Regiment.—

Major Burrowes having expressed his desire of proceeding on Service agreeably to Orders provided he is placed on the Infantry List, the General desires me

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to express his regret that, that measure being inadmissible, Major Burrowes cannot be employed in the Field unless he joins his Regiment and leaves it to the Board to dispose of him in any other Situation agreeably to the practice of the Service where he may be required during the War (supposing him Invalided) without prejudice to the Officers now in commands who have acquitted themselves to the Satisfaction of the Board.—

I am further directed by the General to address you regarding additional Troops necessary for the Service on account of the Nabobs Country now under the Management of the Company's Government, and on the subject of admitting into the Company's Service such Officers of the Nabob as may have been attached to Sibendy Sepoys or such other Divisions of the Nabobs Troops as have fallen to be entertained and paid by the Company in consequence of the additional Revenue and of the Nabob having no occasion to employ them;—

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The General desires me to express his opinions on these subjects as follows, and his recommendation that they be carried into execution as expeditiously as possible, Vizt.

1st That whatever number of Troops shall be judged necessary for the Collection of the additional Revenue under the manage of the Company's Government shall be raised and formed into Corps in the same manner and on the same principle as the eight Revenue Battalions already in the Service whereby each Revenue Battalion, the new ones to be numbered in succession the 9th 10th &c. will be composed as follows, besides the Vackeels and protempore Staff appointments, and be commanded by an Invalid European Commissioned Officer.—

	European Invalids		Native						
			Invalids already in pay.—						
	Commissioned Officer	Non-Commissioned Officer	Subedars	Jemedars	Havildars	Naigues	Sepoys	Sebindys to be Raised	Total
1 Company to consist of			1	1.	5.	3	16.	104	130
1 Battalion Do.	1	3.	5.	5.	25.	15.	80.	520	650

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2nd That the Officers of the Nabobs Service can only be taken into the Company's Service in the Rank of Ensigns conformably to the principle which has been adopted in the Military Appointments of that Rank which have been made in the Service since the commencement of the War.

The General desires me to express that he is induced to give a preference to the above plan for forming the additional Revenue Troops required for the Nabobs Country under the Company's Management, an Account of the Expence that will be incurred by taking the Nabobs Battalions into the Service with the Establishment of the Commissioned and Non-commissioned Natives belonging to them while Men equally useful for that kind of duty may be obtained from the very large establishment of Native Invalids now paid on the Coast, at an immense annual Expence.

— Independant of this consideration I am desired to add, that forming the Revenue

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Battalions on the proposed plan will prevent the distress and trouble which was experienced, after the expiration of the Assigned Terms on a former occasion, in Consequence of the Claims preferred by a very Considerable number of Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Native Officers who were left without the means of Subsisting at the Reduction of their Corps each of which consisted of Six Companies with their Native Officers formed out of the Nabobs Troops then unemployed for the same reasons that operate at present; and Commanded by the Captains Cochrane and Cadmore and the Lieutenants Gordon, Dunbar Livingstone, Balcott, Jacobs, and Hammond of the Companys Service.

The General desires me further to express that under these circumstances he is of Opinion it will be advisable on every Account to Avoid the immediate Expence as well as the future consequences of forming the additional Bengal Battalions

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which must follow if each Battalion as stated in Captain Leighton's report from Palamcotta, is to consist of five Subedars, five Jemedars, twenty Haveldars and twenty Naigues taken into the Pay of the Company together with the Privates, in which latter Rank an additional Number of Men are only required as Sibendy Sepoys.

I am directed by the General to add on this subject that after the Board has determined on the additional Number of Revenue Troops required, all that will be necessary is to order the new Battalions to be formed by the Officers Commanding at the Stations respectively where their Services are wanted and their quota of Invalids to be furnished from the nearest Stations; which latter will occasion the new Battalions South of the Kistna to be supplied with their proportion of Native Invalids from the 1st. 2d. 3d. 4th. 5th. and 6th. Companies Stationed at Madura, Pondamalie

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Pondamalie Chingleputh and Cuddalore, only that as there are many Men now in the Corps South of the Coleroon fit objects to be Invalided, and whose removal to that List the General means to direct, it will be sufficient to Order only one third of the number required for the New Battalions to the Southward, from the above Mentioned Companies, leaving the remainder to be supplied by the Men that will be transferred to the Invalid list from the Corps to the Southward; and I am directed to say, that as soon as the General is informed of the number of Revenue Battalions that will be required in addition to the eight Battalions now on the Establishment, he will take the Necessary measures for recommending proper Officers to command them as well as the 7th Battalion which is vacant by Captain Turings removal to the effective list, and the 2d and 8th Battalions which will be vacant after the removal of Captain Torrens and Lieutenant

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Innes agreeably to their Applications &c communicated in my Letter of the 13th Ultimo. –

In regard to the Nabob's Officers the General is extremely Concerned that so far from admitting them as Youngest of their Rank (Captain) he considers it his indispensable duty to the Army not to give his concurrence to their being received into the Company's Service on any other terms than those already mentioned in this Letter; and he assures himself that his reasons on this Subject will be decidedly admitted on considering the Claims of the Officers of the Company to Succeed to whatever additional Rank and Promotion becomes Necessary in consequence of new levies or other casualties of the Service, and which is so feelingly represented in the accompanying address from the Senior Lieutenants of the Infantry List serving in the Field. –

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Quarter Master General having resigned that

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that post I am desired to inclose a Copy of his Letter on the subject which the General requests you will lay before the Board and that it may be transmitted a Number in the first packet agreeably to the request of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.—

The Court of Directors in their General Letter of 8th April 1789, Paragraph 4th having ordered and directed that Captain John Richardson shall eventually succeed either Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm in the post of Adjutant General or Lieutenant Colonel Campbell in the post of Quarter Master General, I am directed to express from the General to the Board, through you, that in obedience to the Commands of the Court, he has judged it necessary to publish in Orders that the post of Quarter Master General has fallen in succession to Captain Richardson with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and that he has likewise appointed Captain Campbell to the Command of the 23d Native Battalion (vacant by Major Langley's

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Langley's promotion) in consideration of the circumstances attending his resignation of the Staff posts as well as from thinking him a fit Officer to be intrusted with the Command of a Battalion - all of which the General is convinced will have the concurrence of the Board.—

The 16th Battalion of Native Infantry being vacant by the resignation of Captain White, the General recommends Captain Barth. Vigors to be appointed to Command it.—

I am commanded by the General to request that you will express to the Board, in his Name, that although he has filled up the Post of Quarter Master General by the nomination of Captain Richardson, as a matter of Course in Consequence of the Orders from the Court of Directors, it is not his intention that any Rule or Authority of the Service shall be encroached upon, or that any appointment shall be made otherways than

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through the most regular Channel; but, that in the present situation of the Service, while the communication is so distant and uncertain between the Board and the Governor and Commander in Chief he means to fill up all vacancies, in the Military line (succession to Rank excepted) which cannot Conveniently be delayed the receipt of a Government order on the subject; under the fullest conviction that every vacancy so supplied will be established under a Government Order by the earliest opportu-nity, in all which cases the General is desirous that the Government Order shall establish the commencement of such appoin-ments from the same Day he has authorized them, to prevent the confusion in regard to the Payment of Allowances which might otherways Arise in Auditing the Accounts; the General Directs me to mention the Appointment of Captain Campbell and the recommendation of Captain Vigors to the 16th as cases in explanation of the principle

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on which he means the Military vacancies shall be supplied in the present situation of the Service; and that he is desirous, at the same time, that a communication shall take place between himself and the Board on all Military Subjects that are not absolutely necessary to be determined upon without waiting for his opinion.—

The General desires me to express and beg you will communicate it to the Board, that he does not conceive it will be necessary to appoint any Officer to Command in the Center Division in the present Situation of the Troops and Service on that quarter, as it will be sufficient for the Officers Commanding the different Stations to communicate with the Board and all Matters immediately necessary for the information of Government, and to receive their Orders from the Board, or from the General occasionally according as the Service may require; but, that they

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they shall report to the General and receive Orders from him on all matters of Detail and Discipline; only that so far as regards the returns, the circulation of General Orders, the Recruits, the Men whose time of Service has expired and the Passes usually Signed by the Adjutant General, their communications at present are to be with the Town Major on account of their distance from Head Quarters and the delay that would be experienced in Several Matters requiring the immediate attention of a Public Office.

In regard to the Command South of the Coleroon being Vested in Lieutenant Colonel Bridges, the General thinks it will be advisable to publish in Orders that "the Senior Officer of the Troops at the Stations South of the Coleroon, with the exception of such as have been taken from the Enemy since the commencement of the War, is to be

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considered as the general Command of those
"Stations subject to such Orders as he may
"receive from Government or the General."
and that this Order may either be extended
so as to include the conquered Countries South
of the Coleroon or that an officer be specially
Appointed for them as circumstances shall
require according to the operations and
Situation of the Army, by which means
the purposes of establishing a General Com-
mand will be accomplished without the
inconvenience that might arise by giving
it to any Officer in particular by name
which would operate to the exclusion of a
Senior Officer whose Services might be
judged necessary for a time at any one
of the Stations forming the General Com-
mand.-

The following Papers are inclosed herewith

No. 1 Triplicate of a Letter dated 13th October
2 Address from Six Cornets of Cavalry.
3 Address from Six Lieutenants of Infantry
4 Letter from Major Burrowes
5th Genl. Order relative to Ditto.
6th Letter from Lt. Colonel Campbell Quarter Master Genl.
7th General Order relative to the post of Quarter Master Genl.
and the Command of the 23d Battalion. — 9

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I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Head Quarters Camp at Erroad 5th Novr 1790 } (Signed) Henry Malcolm

Al. Genl. of the Army

His Excellency Major General Medows

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir

At a time when our utmost exertions were required on active Service, it was our wish not to impede the urgent and more important affairs that engaged your attention at the moment; altho' Certain of the Consequence of so great a delay and the material injury we were exposed to, from so long a neglect of representing our Grievances—

We now Sir, beg leave to Submit to your impartial Judgement, the hardships we labour under, and confide in your equity, for the very interesting decision, that must prove of the utmost Concern to our future prospects in Life,

by

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by laying before you the following circumstances —

By the late Promotion in the line of Infantry we, the Cornets of Cavalry holding Commissions in the Service from the Years 81, 82, 83 &c. find ourselves superceded by Ensigns of 86 — Convinced that our Zeal for the Service is not to be exceeded by any Part of the Army, we trust Sir, this plain Statement of the hardships we must sustain from the late partial promotion, will induce you, to honor us with your support in their Removal, by the extension of the like indulgence to the Corps of Cavalry —

We have the Honor to be
Sir.
&c.

Alex.r Strachan Cornet
G. Forbes — Do
John Doveton Do
W. Macgregor Do
M. Crosby — Do
C. Dallas — Do

Camp at Coimbatoore
26th Sept. 1791 —

A true Copy
Signed Henry Malcolm
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army.

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To His Excellency Major General
William Medows
President & Governor, Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

We the Infantry Subaltern officers of the List of 1776 now Serving with the Army in the Field take the liberty of addressing your Excellency on a Subject which we trust will plead our excuse, for intruding on your valuable time at this period.—

Having been upwards of Fourteen years in the Services without obtaining a higher Rank than that of Lieutenant owing chiefly to Circumstances as unexpected, as they have Certainly deprived many of us hitherto, of Succession to the Rank of Captain within the time we were warranted to look for it agreeably to the Regulations of the Service, we hope to have your Excellency's forgiveness for representing a

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matter of such importance in our professional situations, and to our prospects in Life.

The Regulations of the Company published in 1786 detailed Six Brigade of Native Infantry, or thirty Six Battalions, as the Establishment of that discription of Troops on the Coast, but by a Subsequent order, issued a few days after, The Governor and Council resolved to form no more than twenty eight Battalions; since that period two Battalions have been added to the Establishment, making in the whole Thirty.—

It has unfortunately happened from the above Circumstances, that eight Subalterns of Infantry have been deprived of the Promotion to the Rank of Captain, Which would have taken place had the Establishment of the Army, as ordered from home been carried into Execution.—

At the commencement of the present War, when an increase of the Military Force composing the Coast

establishment

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establishment became expedient we flattered
ourselves that the promotions, which had been
stopped in the Manner we have just now
represented would have certainly taken place.

In this reasonable reputa-
tion founded on the Regulations framed by
the Company Relative to the Mode of increasing
their Military establishment, we have
again suffered a most vexatious and mortifying
disappointment the operation of which
on our Minds is most acutely experienced
in the Field at the present moment, and
is aggravated by the recollection, that the
Promotion which has been admitted in
the other Corps of the Service founded on
the same Regulations that equally
applied to us, is the Cause of our holding
an inferior Rank to many Officers, who
have been invariably junior to us, since
their first entrance into the Service until
they obtained the Rank of Captains -

We understand it was suggested

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to the Governor and Council about eighteen months ago, and was represented as a useful and just System, that the Coast Army, should be put on the same footing with the Army at Bengal, by ordering such Promotion as would give each Corps its Complement of Officers, exclusive of those holding posts on the General, Brigade and Garrison Staff; but that the Measure was not only declined, but was not even referred to the Governor General in Council, whose opinion we were strongly induced to believe would have authorized it, in Conformity to the tenor and Spirit of the Company's Military Regulations and System. —

Having thus represented to your Excellency, the vexatious, and mortifying situation in which we are placed and the causes that have operated to effect it, notwithstanding the reasonable pretensions which we are convinced we have to the Rank of Captain, founded on the Regulations of the Service, as we trust we have

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not from misconduct forfeited our claim
to benefit by them in common with our
Brother Officers; it only remains with us,
now to express our utmost reliance on your
Excellencys consideration of the subject in
all its parts, and that you will do us
the honor of supporting the pretensions
we have set forth, in such manner as
shall appear most regular and equitable.
We beg leave to add that our absence on
our Claims to Notice will not be awakened
when your Excellency is informed, that we
had the honor to serve in the Field during
the whole of the last War, many of us
having been selected to fill Staff Offices
of responsibility, besides on expeditions
of inferior consequence that have been
carried on since that period.—

Although it has been
unavoidably necessary on the present occasion,
to state the Circumstances which occasioned
the loss of that Rank which we are so

anxious

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anxious to obtain, we beg that your Excellency will not consider us, as presuming to Arraign the Conduct of our Superiors, but as those cir=cumstances have proved of material detriment to us in many respects, from causes not depending on ourselves, and as some relief may be obtained, We trust to have your Excellency's favourable consideration of this address, more especially, as the System which regulates the Service to which we belong, allows of only one Channel to Promotion; through progressive Succession to Rank according to Seniority to supply the vacancies that happen in the Course of time; whether they arise from the Regulation Establishing the Force to be maintained or the Casualties that fall under those Regulations.—

We have the honor to Subscribe ourselves With the most perfect respect—

&c. &c.

A. Cuppage,
Samuel Jeanneret
R. P. Orton
D. McDonald
C. Corner
W. Kinny.—

Camp 24th Octr. 1790.—

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt. Genl. of the Army—

(Signed)

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His Excellency Major General
William Medows.

Commander in Chief of all the Forces
on the Coast of Coromandel, President
and Governor of Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Motives arising purely
from a wish of being in the way of Service,
induces me to trouble you on the present
occasion.

My very impaired State
of health, not affording me any immediate
prospect of a Recovery equal to the Severity
of Duty, and the Constant exposure to
the Sun which the Cavalry experience,
I trust and hope I shall stand Justified
in your Excellency's opinion, in making
the offer of my Services in the line of Infantry,
where the duty is much less fatiguing,
Consequently much less distressing to a
weakly constitution. It is true, the
Infantry are exposed to fatigue but in a
much

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much less Degree than the Cavalry and they have also their Intervals of rest which affords time for Recovery.—

I beg leave to assure your Excellency that I have no other view, no other object in the present address than the wish of being in the Field.—

I was removed to the Cavalry on my own application and nothing but the consideration of wanting health equal to it's Duty's at this period could induce me to relinquish my advantages and prospects in it.—

Should you be pleased to approve of granting me the Indulgence I request and Return me to the Infantry with my Standing in that line, I will take the earliest opportunity of proceeding agreeable to your Orders.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.—

Sir

&c.

(signed) J Burrowes—

Fort St George,
25th Octr 1790.

(A true Copy)

(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army—

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Extract General Orders by Government Dated Fort Saint George 19th February 1788.

Date of Rank of the Majors Commandant of the Regiments of Native Cavalry —

Major Tonyn		26th September 1785.
"	Burrows	27th " " "
"	Campbell	27th " " "
"	Younge	25th December 1787.
"	Darley	19th February 1788.

Precedence between Majors Burrows and Campbell to be determined by their Date of Rank as Captains of Infantry. —

Majors Dugald Campbell and Thomas Burrows having preferred the Cavalry line of Service, to that of the Infantry in Consequence of the option given them by the Honble Court of Directors they are accordingly to be struck off the list of Infantry Officers, and to be paid and returned as Cavalry Officers.

A true Extract. —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt of the Army.

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The Honble Major Genl. Medows

Governor and Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

In consequence of your having done me the honor to communicate to me the decision of the Right Honble the Governor General upon the Necessity of my resigning either the post of Quarter Master General or the Share I hold in the Bullock Contract, I have now the honor to lay before you my determination to relinquish the former.

After requesting you will be pleased to accept my warmest thanks for the Candor, liberality and kindness you have honored me with during the discussion of this Subject, I trust you will excuse me (as the circumstance under every consideration is a very momentous one to me) for trespassing on your time farther than to say that after a very

thorough

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Thorough investigation of the accounts subsisting between the other Frontiers concerned and myself, I find them so situated, and I owe so much an Amount at this Moment borrowed and advanced for the prosecution of the contract that I cannot without plunging myself into absolute Ruin, and essentially involving the two Gentlemen acting with me, relinquish the Share of the Contract I hold with Government

This premised it will only follow that keeping but a distant view of that Justice every man owes to himself my resignation of the post of Quarter Master General becomes an act of Absolute Necessity on my part, and tho' I hold a Commission from Government for it which I had always labored and hoped nothing but misconduct in that Station could ever tend to deprive me of, I hereby resign it in obedience to the express Commands of the Right Honble the Governor General.—

I feel the respect for the Right Honble the Governor General which his high Character Demands and all the

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sense of Subordination which the truest military principles can dictate, I trust Sir, that you will not deem me wanting in either when I beg leave to represent the case in question as a grievous hardship on an individual, who without any charge of breach of his duty as an Officer, holding a Special Commission from Government, or Malversation in Office as a Contractor with the same Government, is obliged either to resign that Commission (a necessity beg with the most painful Sensations) or relinquish his part in an undertaking begun and carried on with so great a private responsibility of Fortune as leaves him no alternative but the cruel one he is now forced to adopt.—

Under these Circumstances I hope Sir I may be allowed without any impeachment of duty or propriety on my part, to say that I must beg leave to reserve to myself a future moment and a more fitting occasion to appeal from the decision of the Right Honble the Governor General to that attention and Justice from the Honble

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the Court of Directors which I trust my hitherto unimpeached conduct may claim from them.—

In the meantime I beg you will be pleased to allow this Letter to go as a number in the Packet of the First Dispatch.—

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect.—
Sir, &c.

Camp October 31th
1790.—

(signed) James Campbell

(A true Copy)
(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army

Extract General Orders dated Head Quarters Camp at Broad 4th November 1790.—

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell having resigned the Post of Quarter Master General, Captain John Richardson succeed thereto in obedience to the orders of the Court of Directors with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.—

The Commander in Chief expresses

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expresses himself highly satisfied with the conduct and Services of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell in the important post of Quarter Master General.—

Captain James Campbell to Command the 23d Battalion of Native Infantry until further orders, vice, Langley Promoted.—

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army

The Board concur entirely
Memo thereon — in Opinion with the different Recommendations of the Commander in Chief, Contained in the foregoing Letter.—

Resolved therefore — that the Letters from the Six Cornets of Cavalry, and from the Six Lieutenants of Infantry, with the Opinion of the Commander in Chief be referred to the Decision of the Governor General in Council.—

That Major Burrowes
do be furnished with the Extract relating to him, and directed, if his Health will permit, immediately to repair to his Duty with his

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his Regiment in the Field.—

That the Board of Revenue be informed, that Government have Resolved, at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, to raise such a Number of additional Revenue Battalions, as may appear Necessary for assisting the Collections in the Guntoor Country— And that for this Purpose, they are to state what Number of Troops is requisite for Revenue Service in every District, taking into Consideration, that the Troops now to be raised, are to be completely equipped for Service, and Commanded by an European Invalid officer.—

That the Junior Officer of the Troops at the Stations to the Southward of the Coleroon (with the Exception of such as have been taken from the Enemy since the Commencement of the War) be considered in the General Command of those Stations subject to such Orders as he may receive from Government or from the Commander

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in Chief.— That the Resignation of the

do. Quarter Master General, and the Appointments of Captain John Richardson and Captain Bartholomew Vigors be confirmed and published in General Orders.—

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Tiagar—

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c.a &c.a

Sir, I think it necessary to acquaint

From the Commandant at Tiagar recommending the immediate execution of some Repairs to the upper and lower Forts and stating the deficiency of Military Stores and the necessary Articles of Provision—

You on your taking charge of the Government that this Garrison is reduced to about 200 Men fit for Duty by requisitions from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell and the Collectors and as they are not limitted to any particular Number, the whole may be withdrawn, as my Orders are to comply with all requisitions from them.— In consequence of the bad State of the lower Fort and some of the upper Works estimates for Repairs had been ordered and sent in the Secretary informed

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informed me, they were to be put in execution and an Engineer, was sent here for that purpose but hitherto Money has been advanced on that Account, the lower Fort of course continues in a defenceless State, and the Upper Works fast decaying with the present Garrison it would be needless repairing the lower Fort in it are barracks for four Companies of Sepoys & a Granary containing 74 Garce of Paddy, the Grain I fear will be spoiled during the present Monsoon, as the building tho' new and arched has opened the whole length of the top and down one side, it has been covered for some Months with tarpaulings which does not keep the Rain entirely out. The upper Fort contains part of the Military Stores considered as Necessary for it's defence, what are deficient, I am informed are ready packed at Madras for sending, and our only Provision, 74 Garce of Paddy.

This day I learn from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions it's intended to lay in Store here for the

Use

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Use of the Garrison Firewood, Gee, and Salt.
that Mr Parrow at Trichinapoly will provide
these necessary, but insufficient Articles. a
Store Room will be required, to put them
into. the place does not afford cover, to any
part of the Troops. and but scanty and
insecure, for the Military Stores.—

I take the Liberty of sending
You a List of Things, that appear as necessary
for the defence of the place as Arms. Men
who are disgusted with their food will not
cheerfully exert themselves. Gee and Salt
alone, for a Constancy Surely will have
that effect, the Provision ordered offers
Nothing better. the Article of Gee, is
never used by the Natives but with other
ingredients.—

On the Works usually
executed by Lascars.) no Storekeeper residing here)
I am obliged to employ Sepoys, the Portion of that
description of People, have been for more than 12
Months in the Pettah of this place, said to
belong to Wallajahbad apparently unemployed.

I have the honor to be &c &c.

Tiagar
6th Novr 1790.

(Signed) W. Flint
Capt Comdg

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Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military Board, and that they be desired to report thereon.

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Read the following Letter from Mr Hugh Vaughan.—

To John Chamier Esqre
Military Secretary
Fort St. George.

Sir,

By yesterdays tappaul from the Camp I received a letter from the Paymaster General to the Army of which I enclose a Copy, I request Sir, you will inform me if I am to consider myself Storekeeper as well as Paymaster and if all the Troops of the District are to be paid by me, and if I am to make my Indents for Cash to the Collector.—

I applyed to Colonel Martin Commanding the Troops in the Manavars for a present State with an account of their arrears, in reply he informs me some References have been made respecting the

From Mr Vaughan requesting to know if he is to consider himself Paymaster at Dindigul and if the Troops in the Maravars and from whom he is to draw supplies of Cash.—

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the Troops, I request to know from what period I am to Commence my Payments to them, and if I am to receive Charge of the Stores at Ramnad and the other Forts and if I am to draw my supplies of Cash from Mr. Macleod the Collector.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c.

Madura
7th Novr 1790

(signed) H. Vaughan
Paymr.

Hugh Vaughan Esqre
Paymaster at
Madura

Sir,

General Medows has been pleased to Direct that the Garrison of Dindigal shall in future be paid by you that is from the 31st August last or from the time the Pay was Issued last to the Troops—

You will therefore be pleased to include the Expence necessary for the Monthly payment of it in your Indents to the Military Paymaster Genl and transmit the Account of that Garrison

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to the Presidency at the same time you do your own.— Captain Bowser is to Acct. to you for the Money that has been Already Advanced, and you will without loss of time forward his Charges to the Military Paymaster General that they may be laid before the Commissary General for the Audits.— The General Desires that you will advance Captain Bowser on Account of the Bullocks Contractor One thousand S. Pagodas out of the Money you hold for the use of this Army and transmit his receipt in Dupte. to me by two Different Opportunitys—

I remain
Sir &c. &c.
(signed) Oliver Colt
Pay.r to the Army—

Camp
27th October 1790

Agreed to inform Mr. Vaughan that he is to Consider himself Store-Keeper as well as Paymaster at Dindigul and in the Marawars, and that he is

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in Consequence to take Charge of all Stores belonging to the Company in those Places; and indent to Mr Macleod the Collector for such Sums as are absolutely Necessary for his Military Payments.—

Read the following Letter from Mr Jackson.—

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Honorable Sirs,

On the 24th of last July, I had the Honor to address the Board, stating, that Mr Burke the King's Paymaster General, had made Application to me, to officiate as his Deputy on the Coast, and requesting their Orders on the Subject.—

I took Occasion at the same time to remark, that I would not accept the Appointment

From Mr Jackson informs the Board that he has upon further Consideration declined the Offer made to him by the King's Paymaster General to officiate as his Deputy on the Coast.—

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Appointment from Mr Burke, unless it were specifically understood, that my Prospects in the Service would not be injured by it.—

The Honorable Board were pleased to inform me in Reply, that they had not the smallest Objection to my Accepting an Appointment, which, in their Opinion, could not be prejudicial to my future Claims I might have upon the Service.

I have now the Honor to inform the Board, that upon mature Consideration I have determined to decline Mr Burke's offer, which, having notified to that Gentleman, I think it my Duty to report to Government.—

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect.—

Fort St George,
10th November 1790.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Palamcotah.—

To John Chamier Esqre

Secretary to the Secret and Military Department.—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3d Ultº.—

From the Paymaster at Palamcotah requesting permission to employ 18 Conicoplies for receiving the Grain for the use of the provincial Troops in the Several Districts.

Mr Torin has intimated to me his intention, of issuing from the Eighteen Districts, where the three Provincial Battalions are Stationed, a Sufficient Quantity of Paddy for furnishing the Sepoys of those Corps, at the rate of half a Cottah each Monthly, in lieu of a proportion of their Pay; And has sent me a List of Names of the Eighteen Conicoplies employed by him for the

purpose

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purpose of delivering the Prain to the Servants of my Department, who of Course, are to distribute it, amongst the Sepoys - The Collector has likewise requested me to Appoint without loss of time, proper people to receive the Paddy; and as Mr Torin informs me, it is his intention to issue a Months Prain immediately, I have thought it my duty to Appoint Eighteen Coniccoplies, one of whom, is to attend in each District, for the purpose of receiving the paddy from a Similar Number, of the Collectors Servants, which I have to request you will Communicate to the Board, and obtain their Sanction for the Appointments I have been induced to Make -

Palamcotah
4th November 1790 } (Signed)

I am Sir
&c
Geo: Sul. Marton
Paym

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As the Conicoplies

Mescuite therein mentioned in Mr Marten's Letter appear absolutely necessary it is agreed to Confirm their appointment — But it is expected they will be discharged, the Moment therein Services can be dispensed with —

The Acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Blakeney Miller of the 27th Battalion Native Infantry at Vizagapatam

The Acting President reports the Death of Lieutenant Blakeney Miller of the 27th Battalion of Native Infantry —

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on the 28th October 1790—

Ex. Chas Carpenter " Chas Bakeley
" Thos Huddleston

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

John Huddleston Esqr

The Honorable Major General William Medows

Absent upon Service.

Saturday 13th. November 1790

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The acting President delivers in the following Minute —

In Council 13th. November 1790

The acting President reports to the Board a Notification made to him by the Omdat ul Omrah of the clamorous and disorderly behaviour of the Nabobs troops on account of Arrears of Pay — Recommendations in Consequence

I beg leave to inform the Board that His Excellency Omdut ul Omra paid me a visit yesterday Evening for the purpose of acquainting me that two Companies of the Nabobs Sepoys had come near the Gardens at Chepauk and were clamorous for their arrears of Pay that the Nabob had promised to pay them a new arrear of about four or five months immediately, but that they wanted an old arrear of about fifteen months which had been kept back in a seperate account, and which His Highness et could only undertake to pay hereafter by degrees as

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his circumstances might permit. Omdut ul Omrah at the same time thinking it probable that some application might be made to me by the Seapoys, begged that I would give them no Hopes of a more favorable Arrangement, but refer them entirely to the Nabob's Justice —

This morning I am informed that these discontented Seapoys have been joined by two dismounted Troops of the Nabob's Cavalry that they have posted themselves on the road leading to the Gate of Chepauk House and that it is probable they may be joined by another Party of troops belonging to His Highness stationed near Marmalon Bridge —

I imagine that all this Discontent arises from actual Distress but whatever be the cause it becomes necessary for the Government to interfere both for the safety of the Nabob's person and family and for the prevention of tumult and disorder in the neighbourhood —

I propose therefore that a Detachment consisting of 200 Europeans and 300 Seapoys be directed to proceed under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Ross to Chepauk for the Security of the Nabob's Family — That Colonel Ross be instructed

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to demand from the troops assembled near the Nabob's House the Cause of their Grievances to find out what will immediately satisfy them and to inform them That on the condition of laying down their arms, the Company will take them into their Service and provide for the Payment of their arrears after the war - That the same offer be also extended upon the same terms to the Party stationed near Marmalon and to such others as may be in arms about the Nabob.

I propose also that a Letter be written to the Nabob immediately acquainting him with the Intentions of the Board, which it is hoped will afford him satisfaction that his Highness be acquainted at the same time how much the Board are concerned to be under the necessity of taking these Measures, and that they hope and expect that he will immediately consent to disband all his troops except the few necessary to be about his Person, and relieve himself from all further Incumbrance on this account.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

Minute thereon

Mr Hudleston concurs entirely in the acting President's Recommendations, in consequence of which the following Instructions are drafted for Lieutenant Colonel Ross.

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross to proceed with a Detachment to Chepauk House instructions for quieting the Nabob's troops and engaging them in the Company's Service.

Sir,

A considerable number of Sepoy's in the Nabob's Service having assembled in an irregular manner at Chepauk House demanding arrears of Pay, it has been thought

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thought necessary immediately for the protection of the Nabob to order a Detachment which is now put under your Command.

You will accordingly proceed with the Detachment, and demand from the Troops assembled near the Nabob's House the cause of their Grievances ascertaining what will immediately satisfy them and informing them that upon condition of laying down their arms, they will be taken into the service of the Company who will (if you should find it necessary to promise so far provide for the payment of their arrears after the war. The same offer is to be extended upon the same terms to the Party stationed near Marmalon, and to such others as may be in arms about the Nabob.

As the Board know not exactly what are the Claims of His Highness's Sepoys, and what promises have been made to them, it is impossible to frame Instructions to you which may apply to every part of them. it will be sufficient to note, that the principal Object must be to engage the men in the Company's Service which will be benefited by it, while at the same time, the Nabob will be relieved from all future Incumbrances and Embarrassments on this account.

Fort St. George
13th November 1790.

I am &c &c
(Sgd) John Chamier Secy

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Resolved that a Letter be immediately drafted to the Nabob (vide C.C. No. 244) stating the Information contained in the acting Presidents Minute, pointing out the Imprudence of His Highness's retaining more Sepoys than are necessary to keep within the Durbar and immediately about his Person, and requesting he will permit all other Troops of every Denomination to take Service with the Company.

Chas. Oakeley

Ex.
Chas. Carpenter