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Diary

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Received the undermentioned letters
 (as entered in M.B.M. for the month of December

1 2 3 4)

From the Secretary to
 the Commander in
 Chief

From the Secretary to the Commander in
 Chief - enclosing an Application from the Surgeons of
 the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

From the Commandant
 at Vellore.

From the Commandant at Vellore -
 recommending that the Communitaries arrived from
 the Presidency under Charge of Lieutenant Putman be
 deposited in the Garrison and properly examined and
 that the 52 recovered Europeans who were ordered to
 Amboor, to join the Center Army, be recalled, as
 it is impossible for them to join the junction.

From Lieutenant
 Putman -

From Lieutenant Putman advising
 of his arrival at Vellore with Guns and Stores under
 his Charge - stating that he has been obliged to
 leave some bullocks at Chivilimoodoo on account
 of the inclemency of the weather.

From

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3.

From the Officer
Commanding the
Northern Division.

From Colonel Brathwaite at Ellore
Stating, that for the purpose of forwarding the Public
Service he has sent two Companies of Sepoys from
that Garrison in addition to the Companies of Europeans
ordered to proceed to Guntoor Stating also the strength
of the whole Detachment and the Orders he has given
to the Officer commanding it

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters / as entered in M.B. Nos 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.

To Lieutenant
McKerras at
Trincomalee.

To Lieutenant McKerras. directing
him to enquire and report to the Board the lowest
terms upon which the Party of Poligan under
Kistnamah Ranga would enter into the Company's
Service.

To M^r Secretary
Bey.

To M^r Secretary May. enclosing a
present State of the Ordnance and Military Stores
received from Pungat since the first of April and
a particular Report of the State of the Troops Ordnance
received by the Victoria Snow

W. S.

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3.

To the Paymaster
at Vellore -

To the Paymaster at Vellore - Approving
the Securities transmitted to Government with his
Letter of the 29th Ultimo -

To the Accountant
General -

To the Accountant General - enclosing
two Invoices of Military Stores - Received from the
Bombay Government

To the Military Pay-
master General -

To the Military Paymaster General - enclosing
an Account received from Bombay of Money advanced
by that Government to the Officers of His Majesty's
Army -

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board - Approving the
several Recommendations contained in their Letter
of the 30th Ultimo - The necessary Orders will be
issued Accordingly -

To the Commandant
at Vellore -

4th

To the Commandant at Vellore -
Approving the Recommendations contained in his Letter
of 2^d Instant

To Lieutenant
McKerras at
Chennamalai -

To Lieutenant McKerras - informing
him of a large force of the Enemy having appeared
in the Vicinity of Trichinopoly -

To

4700

Fort St George 22 December 1795.

To the Officer Commanding
the Northern Division.

To the Officer Commanding the
Northern Division - Approving the Measures he has
Adopted for reinforcing the Troops in the Guntoor
Circle.

Substance of Letters
to the Nizam and Rajah
of Tanjore.

Sent Letters to the Nizam and
the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C.O. No 268
269) to the former inclosing Copies of the Letter from
Mr Edw J^r Holland and of the acquittal said to have
been given to his Brother Mr J Holland before his
Departure for England and requesting Mr Highways
to explain the Circumstances relating to it to the
latter - requesting his Excellency will permit his
Sethur Shearow to proceed to the Presidency for a
short time for the purpose of giving Evidence upon
some points relative to the administration of
Mr John Holland - Advising of the instructions
sent to the Collectors to send down Khumsia &
Moddilar for the same Purpose.

Sent the following Letters -

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4701

Fort St. George - December 8/90.

4th
To George. Andrew Nam
C. M^{re} and Fallowfield } Esq^{rs}

Collectors in the
Gentlemen. Tanjore Country.

The M^{rs} Nam & Fallowfield
for hundred additional
Armed Pions to be in
entertainment

Having laid before Government your
Letter to me of the 27th ultimo. I am directed by them
to acquaint you that as you represent the 500 -
Additional Armed Pions to be absolutely necessary
for the Protection of the Crops, they may be entertained,
of which a Notification has been given to the
Board of Revenue.

I am
Gentlemen

Fort St. George
3 December 8/90.

Yours
Signed John Chamber
Secy

To George. Andrew Nam
C. M^{re} and Fallowfield } Esq^{rs}

The M^{rs} Nam & Fallowfield
order for sending to the
Board of Revenue
under my Letter for the Rajah
which requires his Excellency
to send down his Secret
M^{re}

Collectors at
Gentlemen. Tanjore

The Evidence of the Secret Shearers
and of Chimeria Moorchar being necessary at the Boarding
upon

4702

Fort St. George. 4 December 1790.

4th

upon some points relative to the Administration of
Mr John Holland, I am directed by the Board to
desire you will direct the latter to proceed immediately
to Madras, and in the event of his not setting out
in a reasonable time after receiving the Order, you
will be pleased to send him down under a
Guard

The enclosed Letter to the Rajah
of Tanjore is to be delivered by the Reverend Mr Lewis
who must be requested to combat any Objections
which the Rajah may make against sending his
Sister to Madras where he will not be detained
longer than is necessary. A Copy of the letter is
forwarded for your information

I am
Gentleman

Fort St. George
4th December 1790

Geo Geo
Signed John Chamberlain
Jury

To

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To Mr James Strange

Paymaster at

Tanjore

Sir,

You will receive herewith the Bond to be executed by you as Paymaster at Tanjore pursuant to an Order of Government of the 16th Mithun which after executing in the presence of two Witnesses of whom the Commanding Officer is to be one, you will return without delay, with the name of a responsible person as your security, who is to sign an obligation for your due performance of the engagements expressed therein —

I am Sir,

8th Dec

Signed/ John Chamberlain Secy

Fort St. George

3^d December 1790.

To Colonel Bupper

Mr^r Hoar

Probus

Moubray

J Garro

Gentlemen,

Committee for investigating the Charges Against Paupiah Bramming Dubash to the late Governor. W. John Holland

The Board have received your Letter Dated 30th Mithun and 1st Instant and direct me in Reply —

Circular Letter to all Paymasters - enclosing the Bond of Administration to be executed by them according to the order of Government of the 16th Mithun to be returned without Delay —

To the Committee for investigating the Charges Against Paupiah Bramming Dubash the necessary measures will be taken in consequence of their Order of the 30th Mithun and 1st Instant — Paupiah is not to be furnished with a copy of their Proceedings —

4704

Fort St. George - December 1890

1st

Reply, to inform you that an Application will be made to Mr Edward Holland for the papers you have specified -

An Application will also be made to the Rajah of Tanjore to send his Serpal and an order will be transmitted to Chinniah to proceed to Madras -

The Board approve the measures reported in your Letter of the 1st Instant and agree with you in Opinion for the reason you have given that it would be improper to furnish Paupers with Copy of your Proceedings tho' they are inclined to afford him every just and necessary means for entering on his defence -

Fort St. George
3^d December 1890

I am
Respectfully
Yours

(Signed) John Channer
To the Honble Major General William Meadows
Governor and Commander in Chief

Most Hon Sir, We have the honor to send you an
Extract from our late Minutes on the subject of

Major General Meadows
with extract of the Minutes
respecting the Society to be
formed for the purpose of
encouraging all persons to
and duties on the subject of
of the Society of Approvers
and duties on the subject of
the 10th Committee at Vellore

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Fort St. George & December 5th 1796

11th

of enacting Security from the Paymasters on this Coast, a Measure which we have thought & absolutely necessary to secure the Company & from future Losses, and to obtain prompt & reparation for the Injuries which they might sustain by Attempts on the part of Paymasters to introduce improper Charges in their Accounts. We trust the Measure we have taken will be honored with your approbation, and in the Confidence that it will, We take the liberty of transmitting the Board to be signed by Mr. A. Colt Paymaster to the Army under your Command which we request you will order to be returned to us when executed.

Mr. Myrick's Paymaster of the Eastern Army having joined the Grand Army a Board for him is also enclosed with a Letter under a flying Seal.

We take this opportunity of informing you that we have been under the necessity of ordering the Person of Appoyer Raw who was left by

4706

Fort St. George & December 1890

1st

by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell in the management
of Treasures to be seized and sent to the President
in consequence of serious acts of violence and rapacity
committed by him. We have advised the Board of
Revenue to give instructions to Mr. Henderson to send
a proper Person to take Charge of the Revenue of the
District.

The four Iron 18 Pounders mentioned
in an Letter of the 25th Ultimo have safely
arrived with their stores at Vellore.

We have the honor to

Fort St. George

2nd December 1890.

Yours

signed Chas. C. B. Esq.
3rd Council

To John Henderson Esq.
President & Members of the

Board of Assessed Revenue

Madam

I am directed by Government to

acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 2nd Instant
and to inform you that as they consider it unnecessary
to place sixty Sepoys for the Collection of the Revenue

To the Board of Assessed
Revenue respecting the
proposals for the
Collection of Sattacondra
the Nabob's Troops at Vellore
to be entertained by the
Collection - donations
respecting the mode of
proceeding against the
Person in compensation
by the Nabob's Troops
claimed to be engaged
by the Collection at
Tanjore -

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Wm B. George December 1890

3rd

at Sattavados they trust the measure may be dispensed
with or at any rate the number must be reduced

With respect to the Troops at Millers
Government desire Mr. Dighton may be instructed
to inform them that the Cabot has publicly
permitted all his Troops and Boys engage in the
Company's Service, and that, if they will repair to
the Presidency, they will be immediately be
entertained.

Upon the Subject of Mr. Hindersley's
Representation I am directed to desire it may be
ascertained, whether there are any Courts of Justice
in Arica or in any other Place in the Easter Division
if there are the Offenders must be delivered up,
and punishments suitable to their offences
recommended but if there are not any Tribunals
of this nature Mr. Hindersley must Proceed in the
manner he proposes in employing Delinquents
properly Secured / in Chains or otherwise according
to the Nature of their Crimes / in Repairing Roads

Yours

I am

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5th

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I am directed to enclose Copy of a Letter
received from the Collector at Tanjore, and to in-
form you that Government have acquiesced in
the recommendation therein contained of maintaining
500 additional Armed Peons for the protection of
the Crops until gathered in.

Fort St. George
11th December 1790.

I have the honor to be

Yours &c. &c.
Signed John Chandler
Secretary

To Colonel Capper
Major Moor
Pembuck
Murray
and
Garroo.

Committee for investigating the Charges
advanced by his Highness the Nizam Against
Baupiah &c.

Gentlemen,

In consequence of Instructions from
the Right Honble the Governor General in Council
under date the 8th of September last, I have in
Command from the Board, to send you the
accompanying Papers relating to the Case

To the Committee for
investigating the Charges
Against Baupiah &c with
Papers Relative to the
Claims of Baupiah to the
Sagundarship of Annam-
to investigate the Charges
made against Mr. Holland
of having received 60000 Pagas
in consideration of the
disposal of the sagundarship
to Stromowappa Row.

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Fort St. George & December 1890

5th

of Venkat Row to the Jaghirdarship of Anur, and stating the reasons that induced Mr John Holland the late Governor to set aside his rights, and to prefer the claim of Shrinivasappa Row the Present Jaghirdar

As it appears by the declaration of Venkat Row that Shrinivasappa Row was put in possession of the Jaghire in consequence of the payment to Mr Holland by the means of Baupiah of Sixty thousand (60000) Pagodas I am directed by the Board to desire you will investigate this charge and take the necessary steps for ascertaining the truth thereof

Fort St. George
1st December 1890.

I am
Gentlemen &c &c.

Yours faithfully
John Channer

To Colonel Capper
Messrs. Near
Rochester
Murray
and
Garraw

Committee for investigating the charges addressed by his Highness the Nizam Against Baupiah &c

Gentlemen

I am directed by Government to send you

To the Committee for investigating the charges against Baupiah &c with copy of letter from Mr John Holland and of the declaration of Venkat Row

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3^d

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you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Mr. Andrew
John Holland, with the Enclosure to which it refers -
and to inform you that the Acting President has
written to the Nabob, requesting his Highness will
explain the Circumstances that gave rise to the
Paper in Question

Fort St George
December 1790

I am
Gentlemen
for you
Signed John Channier
Sur

To Edward John Holland

Sir,

To Mr Ed John Holland -
Desiring to be furnished
with some original
Letters from Mr G. Anderson
to the late Government which
have since been used on
the Records -

I am directed by Government to
desire you will lay before them the Original
Letter of Mr George Anderson of which you are
to enclose a Copy in your Letter of the 21st Ult
and which tho' addressed to the Governor in Council
is not to be found on the Records - I am further
directed to desire you will lay before the Board
the Original Letter of Mr George Anderson to the
Honble John Holland Esq^r Governor in Council
in which he exhibited Charges against

exhibited

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5th

That Governor

This Letter is supposed from the one
you have already transmitted to the Board to be
likewise in your possession —

Your Letter of the 1st Instant has
been received.

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11th December 1790

I am Sir &c &c
I signed John Chambers
Scrib

Received Letter from the Nabob / as entered
in C.B. 1790 / advising of his having ordered Mess^{rs}
Birney and Raim Row to visit the Gentlemen &
Appointed on the part of the Company to ascertain
the balance due from him to the Company &c

Received the following Letter and
Enclosure from the Resident at Ponnah —

To John Chambers Esq^r

Secretary

Fort St George

Be pleased to submit the enclosed Extract
of my Last Letter from Capt^r Little's Detachment to
the Notice of Government

I am Sir &c &c

I signed C. W. Mallet Extract

The Resident at Ponnah
extracts a letter from
C. W. Mallet dated that
the body of the
detachment had
been withdrawn 18th of
Nov

Ponnah
19th Nov 1790

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Fort St George - December 1890

5th
 Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the
 Bombay Detachment Acting with the Maratta Army to
 Resident at Poona dated 15th November 1890 - Received the
 following -

From the present state of the country
 may be concluded that Sipys can collect but very
 little Revenue from that Part of it to the Northward
 of Bidnoor Poona Bappers is advanced with
 18 Coys of that Place and I had the Pleasure
 lately to learn that the Deputy of Morpon
 having raised a Body of Ten Thousand Foot
 made an Application to the Bhaou for a
 Horse which he intends complying with, and
 that with this force the Deputy was to march
 Against Chittildroog where great hopes of success
 were formed from a former good understanding
 which had subsisted between him and the
 Belladar of that Place - I have the Satisfaction
 add this information, that since the action of
 31st March the Detachment has contained in
 high Spirits and our Sweep on that day has
 Attended with the good effect of inspiring

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Fort St George - December 1890

5th
 Sipys with a Confidence in themselves -

True Extract

[Signed] J. M. Lambrecht

Resident at Poona

6th Received the undermentioned Letters
 as entered no. Mts. N. M. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.

From the Officer Commanding at Nagur
 reports that a large body of the Enemy's horse have been
 seen at Mulcherry and said to be going into the Tanjore
 Country and that the whole of the District of Rajinagar
 is overrun by them -

From the Commandant at Subhinspely
 reports that Sipys is in person with a Large Detachment
 of Cavalry and Infantry at Sarnavaram enclosing Copies
 of Intelligence he has collected on the subject

From Lieutenant McKenna reports that
 the Enemy's Horses are in the vicinity of Inimatalu,
 and that he intends marching his Detachment
 immediately to Calachy

From

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5th

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment Acting with the Maratta Army is Resident at Poona dated 15th November 1790 - Recd the following -

From the present state of the Country may be concluded that Supers can collect but very little Revenue from that Part of it to the Northward the Commandant of Bidnoor Poona Bappers is advanced without 18 Cops of that Place and I had the Pleasure lately to learn that the Deputy of Morpore having raised a Body of Ten Thousand Foot made an Application to the Bhaou for a Horse which he intended complying with, and that with this force the Deputy was to march against Chittildroog where great hopes of success were formed from a former good understanding which had subsisted between him and the Belladar of that Place - I have the Satisfaction to add this information, that since the action of 31st March the Detachment has continued in high Spirits and our Success on that day has attended with the good effect of inspiring

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3rd

Supers with a Confidence in themselves -

True Extract

[Signed] J. M. Lauchmut

Resident at Poona

6th

Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in Mts. N. M. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.)

From the Officer Commanding at Nagpur reports that a large body of the Enemy's horse have been seen at Mulcherry and said to be going into the Tanjore Country and that the whole of the District of Nanjimagur is overrun by them -

From the Commandant at Sutchinspely reports that Supers is in person with a Large Detachment of Cavalry and Infantry at Sarneswarum enclosing Copies of Intelligence he has collected on the subject

From Lieutenant McHenry reports that the Enemy's Horses are in the vicinity of Inuornates, and that he intends marching his Detachment immediately to Calcutchy

From

4714

6th

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From the Storekeeper
at Tanjore.

From the Storekeeper at Tanjore.
of his having purchased a few Barrels of Pitch &
Tar for making up Tarpauntin for the Protection
the Joins going from that Garrison to Camp.

From the Commandant
at Tanjore.

From the Commandant at Tanjore
stating that the Resident has applied to him for
some Ball Charges and Sheets for the use of the
Artillery - and requesting the orders of the Board
thereon.

is bridges

From the

7th

From the enclosing Copy of a Letter
from the Commandant at Trichinopoly which reports
Supposed to be Mar that Blow (at Sambarany).

From the Resident
at Hyderabad.

From the Resident at Hyderabad
enclosing a Letter from his Highness the Nizam
the Commander in Chief.

From the Commandant
at Bangalore.

From the Commandant at Bangalore
with an enclosure stating the Irregularities
committed by the Nizam's Troops in passing through
the Polwar District.

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7th

From the
Commandant
Vellore

From the Commandant at Vellore -
enclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Sheridan wherein
he requests to be placed on the Pensions List - Cornet
Whipping applies for leave to proceed to the Presidency
for a few days -

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakley Bart.

Acting President.

John Huddleston Esq.

The Honble. Major General. Meadows.

Absent upon Service.

Minutes of Last Consultation read

and approved.

The Acting President delivers in the
following Minute -

I beg leave to inform the Board that upon
observing a favorable Change since my arrival in the Conduct
and Sentiments of the Nabob with respect to the
management

Sunday the
8th December
1790

"Acting President Minutes
presented to lay before the
Board the Nabob a written
Representation of the above
page which would amount to
his resigning from leaving the
management of his Country
in the hands of the Company
and for the War"

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Management of his Revenue. I have consulted myself
different forms of this disposition to converse with
Highmore on the subject, and am willing to flatter
myself that I have succeeded in far as to persuade his
mind in a great degree to the measures which
have been adopted—

The Confidence vested in myself by
Highmore in my Attention towards him has been
such, that I have ventured to open to him the
real Situation his Affairs with more freedom
than I should otherwise have done, and to suggest
upon the Principles of reason and policy, how
much wiser it would be for him to continue the
Management of his Revenue with the Company even
after the War, than to suppose it under circumstances
which must unavoidably bring me second and
more dangerous failures than the last.

Having previously communicated the
idea very fully to his Highness Lord Cornwallis
and finding him

Fort St. George 4th December 1790

Opinion. but willing to send the object of it with
his father I waited upon his Highness by an
Appointment on Saturday Morning and delivered
my sentiments to him in the following Representa-
tion which he listened to with much Attention
and Requested. I would furnish him with a
translation of it for his more deliberate perusal.

If the Board ^{have} no objection such translation
may be sent to him, and tho I do not expect its
contents will immediately produce their full effect
on his mind - they may possibly give rise to a
serious reflection upon the exigencies of his Affairs
and prepare him for a further, and I hope a
Successfull Solicitation upon the arrival of Lord
Cornwallis from Bengal

Signed Charles Cadeby

Acting President's Representation to his Highness the Nabob

tion which
regarding

When Lord Macartney obtained the
Assignment of the Carnatic Provinces during the late
War

1758

Fort St. George 1st December

My dear Sir, I am very glad to hear
that the management of the Country has
continued with some credit the little and
of the War were entirely discharged. The
however guided by the Council and some
those, who probably did not fully see the
his true interest as Land Proprietors proper
Applications to the Government of Bengal
and to the Court of Directors for the
of the Apportionment, and at length the
his desire, upon such stipulations as were
 requisite for the promotion of the
Private Affairs upon them —

The Council seem to
to the Company in consequence of the
was so large that Mr. Hyatt
himself interested, but rather
his situation to Government or to

incumbrances

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want of resources sufficient to complete his Payments,
he applied to those unnatural and destructive
means which supply present calls for money at
the expense of future ability, disregarding all
proportion between the value of the sums required,
and the sacrifice made for them of this description
are extraordinary Demands and Assignments in the
people - Anticipation of the Revenue - and money
taken up at exorbitant interest to be repaid from
Assignments on the growing Crops - By some or
all of these methods His Highness satisfied the
demands of the Company for the first two
years of his Agreement, but in the third year as
might be expected, the Moskey was too powerful
to be overcome - a large failure happened which
could not be supplied from the usual resources
and then it was that His Highness, apprehensive
of the Consequences threatened by Mr. Hollond's
administration tacitly submitted to that method
mode of making his Payments, of which so much
advantage

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advantage has been taken, to the injury both of the Company and the Country.

If this be a fair Statement of the Matter, I think it must be admitted as unacceptably in every point, Mr. Highways would do well to consult his own understanding with respect to the course most proper for him to take in the present emergency of his Affairs - I have been to perceive since my arrival, a ready and true a sincere disposition to acquiesce in the arrangement made by Lord Cornwallis for the Collection and Appropriation of the Revenue during the war, but I wish to carry Mr. Highways's views beyond that Period, because it will be at the Conclusion of the War, and for some time afterwards that the Burthen will be more felt even than it is at present. The Expenses upon the Carnates and Mysore Countries as well as upon the Revenue of the Company must necessarily be higher than at any former period as the Embarrassments are so much

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much greater. Let me then seriously ask His Highness
whether he thinks it possible for him to perform with
an unpaired and declining Income what he could not
perform when his revenues were free and unincumbered,
and whether the same distress (but with much
hastier strides) would not follow his resumption
of the Revenue, which has so recently happened and
similar Circumstances to the inexpressible mortification
and disappointment of his Friends:—

If his Highness feeling the force of
these Questions should answer as I expect he will
but urge at the same time the difficulty of
making up his mind to such a conception of
his Authority, I would by leave to advise to observe
that it is much more consistent with the dignity of
his Character to Appoint his friends to be the
Stewards of his Revenue than to commit this trust
into the hands of unprincipled scoundrels over whom
he has no proper check, and of insatiate money
Lovers.

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Persons who have no feeling but for their own interest
The Company surely are better able to account for
the Discharge of this duty, and more likely to be allowed
in the comfort of his Highness and the interests of his
Family, than any persons of the above description
In point of Claim too, it must be allowed that
their unremitting Services in defence of his Highness
The heavy burthens which they have undergone
upon themselves by the Expenses of the late War, and the
War, and the Mischance which Compels them to
keep a larger establishment than usual for the
protection of the Country give a peculiar interest and
propriety to the object of this Representation. —

It is not the wish of the Company or of his
His Government in India to retain the Management
of the Revenue one moment longer than the
urgencies require; and as soon as his Highness's
Situation will admit of his resuming them back
without exposing himself and his friends to danger
he may depend on the same Liberality and the

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Fort St. George 7th December 1795

From Major General
Adams - reporting the
Monmouth of the Army
since the junction of Genl
Col Maxwell's force -
meaning new brand.

I did myself the honor of addressing
you last on the seventeenth; and concluding my
letter with Colonel Maxwell's having joined -
We marched the next day towards this place,
from which place I meant to have gone up the
Corcoran Pass - as I had the honor of informing
you but, upon our march, we found the Enemy
had doubled back from his apparently going
up the Ghauts, and was upon his march
before us. We came up in the course of a very
long march, time enough to cannonade his
rear, and kill a few of his stable Horses -
are reckoned of the better kind, but as the
enemy moves lighter than we do and were
such swarms of followers, he got down
Lapoor Pass, and continues before us to
cross. As we are obliged to halt here to
bring up Colonel Maxwell's division, who
have not taken their posts in the line of battle
except the day they joined, have always been
obliged to halt some miles behind us. However
to day, the two Armies I hope will make one

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and tomorrow we shall march in pursuit of our
flying foe, who we hope will not be able to resist
us. I am not at all dissatisfied the going up the Caverporam
him at the bottom, must have
passed with bad consequences; but I am
burning of driving him up sooner or
far by him to a general action, and
later up afterwards. Lieutenant Colonel
followed in offering him battle with
the superiority, and his judgment in
so of his strong position and well chosen
not to be him to it seem equally con-
sistent.

Most ardently wishing that success,
or later, I am far from despairing
of it.

I have the honor to be

with the highest respect & esteem
Yours

(Signed) W^m Meadows
Gov^r & Com^d in Chief

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oglethorpe Bart

Junior Member at the Presidency, And the Gentlman of the
Council at Fort Moxley having joined -

The next day towards this place,
place I meant to have gone up the
Honble Sir & Genl - as I had the honor of informing
our March, we found the Enemy

Yesterday, enclosing a letter from his Apparently going
from the Governor, and was upon his march
here to different places up in the course of the day
with, and replied me enough to Cannon the
mean time I beg a few of his stable Horse
of the Army, its better than we do and every day
its junction with our followers, he got down

The two divisions, we before us towards
the Enemy towards this place, we before us towards
have ordered the Cavalry to halt here to
evidently lighter than us, and its divisions, which
seem to be the detaining us be the line yet
he has gathered in his Corps - have always been
are just now cutting, and led by Genl - they are
we will make us

From Major Genl Moxley -
during his instruction of
marching both heads of
the party, and through
the Governor's Camp
and of Blackington's
Brigade's business, and
the place from there
the line taken from
Cavoy -

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his Lord, I think, and I think with some of the ablest
Officers in the Army, the most determined Measures,

as at last to bring him to Action, and draw him
to every man

pass, and leave to go up the Ghauts ourselves,

been attended to Cauriporam Pass, and

far from des, the Gudge hally, and

later or bring preserving our commun-

following Palacacherry, and the other

Maxwell

so great as to send two Brigades to

not quite with grain, what we are

post, to which I hope will be forty days

pieces of preserving the Private plundered

messing we shall be able to set

Thursday the 8th December at farthest.

of the Cauriporam, I am informed will

of labor, but not of Danger; and once up

with - I think the Enemy must fight or

I am very glad the Commander

Chief in India is coming in person, and

have

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have only to wish him, with equal zeal, superior
fortune—

I have the honor to be

Yours &c

Signed / M^r Medows

Gov^r & Command^r in Chief

alluded to in the two
foregoing letters—

The Commander in Chief's Communication
with the intended Operations of the Army, affords to the Board
much satisfaction—

Letter—

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing
Letters be transmitted to Bengal—

Read the following Letter from the
Board of Assessed Revenue—

To the Honble. Major General Medows—

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Board of Assessed
Revenue Reporting on
the Claims of the Rajah
of Calcutty to the jaghirs
of Jellumangur and 12
villages of which he was
unjustly deprived by
the Nabob

Having attentively considered the
Extract of General Letter from the Honble Council of Directors
relative to the Affairs of the Calcutty Rajah, referred
to us in Mr Secretary Chamberlain's Letter of the 21st Oct^r
together

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together with your Order thereon conveyed to us in the same letter and shall now lay before you, the result of our deliberations on the subject.

The Rajah's Representations of his grievances and actual situation, have been stated to us in a letter from himself, and in one from his Bahadur, of which, Agreeably to your Commands, we herewith enclose copies and we have also had the Bahadur personally before us, and examined him on every point, that seemed to require explanation. —

With respect to the Condition on which the Honble Court of Directors recognize the Rajah's Right, to resume the Jagir of Sittampur namely, that his Highness made no Agreement with the Rajah for the receipt of an average of 50,000 Pag^{as} in four years. — We have found no new data on which to establish the fact, nor obtained any information that has not already been before the Honble Court, unless we may adduce the Ground, of Public, and General belief which is decidedly in favor of the Rajah's Assertions. The

Opinion

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Opinion of Mr. Haliburton alluded to, by the Hon^{ble} Court, he has repeated in the following Minute. —

"The Agreement given by the Rajah of Calcutty, a Copy of which I have seen, is as far as I can recollect as follows" —

"A Yad daskh, or memorandum of an agreement for the sum of 50,000 Ricks Pagodas to be paid in four Years, from the Year of the Sudy — 1195." —

"Although this Agreement does not express the word Mager, yet it can only be considered as such, when given at a time, it was notorious Government had no demand on the Rajah, but a fixed, and established Peshcush, as appears by the Comptroller's Report entered on the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue of the 21st Dec^r 1783 long before this Question was agitated, when it could not be the interest of any party to conceal the truth with respect to the Agreement for the same sum of 50,000 Pagodas, as an increasing rent, which

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which was produced by the Nabob to the Government
in Sir Archibald Campbell's time. - it was without
doubt a fabrication, with a view to deceive the then
administration."

"Mr. Garraw and myself upon being
examined on this matter, expressed our doubts of the
character, in which it was written, not being
the same with that of the letter from the Rajah
to the Governor. The authenticity of this Agreement
therefore, rested on the Rajah's seal being fixed
to it; but he never was called upon to
acknowledge it; yet he has frequently declared
it not only to have been a Muzer, but to have been
forced from him. To call for further proofs of this
would only bring matters to the very same point they
stood in, when the proceedings on this subject, were
sent to the Court of Directors. But from all the
circumstances before us there can scarce be
a doubt, but this. Sure was a Muzer taken
over and above the Rajah's established Peshkash
and

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and that the greatest part of it was paid when he was
"dispossessed."

On this point, it seems to us only a
material to observe, that, in whatever light the
Agreement in question was considered, whether as a
Wager, or a Rent, - it was a stipulation for the
Payment of 50,000 Pag^{as} over and above the established
pishmush, and the Rajah had actually paid or
30,000 P^{as} of that sum, when the troops marched
against him.

With regard to the Grain seized
on that Occasion, the Value asserts the Amount
of it to have been 15,000 Mad. Pagodas and that
the Servants of the Circar, collected besides 60,000 M^{ds}
in Money, of this Amount, an Account has been
taken, compared, and Agreed to by the Servants
of the Nabob to the Amount of 10,000 Pag^{as} and the
remaining 5000 was plundered by the Annals,
Sepoys, and followers. - The Amount of the
50,000 Pag^{as} Collected in Money, while the
Nabob had the Country, is proved by the
Hoover

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Former Wapulat, or Account of gross Collections, given by the Nabob's Council Raguna Pandit compared with that of the Ryots; The Original of this Account, is at the Durbar, and the Copy of it, with the Rajah. —

But it appears, that Previous to the Arrival of the Present Orders, the Rajah had made his peace with the Nabob, by submitting to such an Accommodation, as his Highness thought proper to impose on him. or as the Rajah emphatically states it, "not respecting any justice, he was obliged to acquiesce in the Demands of the Nabob."

It appears by the Letters of the Rajah and his Bahad, and is also a Matter of Public Notoriety, that the Terms of that Accommodation, in which the Rajah has renewed his Country, are these. —

1st The Payment of 60,000 P^{rs} which we find has accordingly been made, because it has come to our Knowledge, that a Trip — for

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for 60,000 Pag^l on the Rajah of Calcutty's account was granted, and paid to the Dealer by Moodoo Chetty —

2^d The holding both Settersimpour and the 122 Villages (composing his whole Country with the exception of 50 or 60 Villages) in farm and instead of the former Purchase of 5250 M Pagodas for Settersimpour and 5000 M Pagodas for the Hill Collams, the Payment of 30,000 Pag^l Ist Account for the whole as a Rent —

That the Rajah according to these terms has been the Effect of his distress, and (as he asserts) his despair of obtaining Justice would be sufficiently proved, by the single Circumstance of his having consented to receive as a Rent the 122 Villages, which (as he states) he possessed from ancient time, and which are acknowledged and have been proved by the Report of M^r Linn and Gless, to have been his indisputable right. —

Such —

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Such is the Rajah's actual situation and your honor in Council will observe that, having been made acquainted with the Company's instruction to afford him redress, he desires that the property which was carried off from his district, may be restored to him, that the former Peshcaw of 1775, Star Pagodas may be reinstated, and that the Nabob shall not oppress him in future, but that every thing may continue, as settled by the Company; and that he may be honored with a declaration to that effect (or as he afterwards terms it, a *boole*) under the seal, and signature of the Governor in Council —

In consequence of the deference you have been pleased to make to us on this occasion we proceed to submit our opinion of what may be done, to afford the Rajah the best redress that his case is now susceptible of; for admitting to all its circumstances not worth to observe, that

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we have been obliged to consider rather what is practicable to effect, than what justice would award to him —

1st That the jaguer of Setterampour and the 122 Villages, of which the Rajah was dispossessed, be declared, to be restored to him by the Company, on the condition of his paying the former established Bushuck Vaj.

For Setterampour M^o Pag^o 5250 or M^o Pag^o 5775
For the Hill Cottages. 5000—

As Pag^o 10775. *Sum*

2^d That the Company shall guarantee to the Rajah; or Pledge their faith for securing to him, the quiet possession of both the above Countries in future, as long as he shall, on his part, & punctually discharge his Bushuck and continue faithful in his obedience to the Nabob—

3^d That the Amount of the grain seized when the troops took possession of his Countries after

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after being ascertained. shall be paid to the Rajah by the Company, or allowed out of the Peshcush, and charged to the Nabob's Account.

Messrs Saunders, Manville and Mombay having dissented to so much of the Second of the above Propositions, as relates to the Jagir of Sitturampoor, we inclose copies of their minutes, together with one delivered by Mr. Haliburton on the same Occasion.

We beg leave to observe that the part of the 2^d Proposition, which Messrs Saunders, Manville and Mombay have disapproved, is, in our Opinion, consonant to the obvious sense and spirit of the Company's Instructions furnished for our guidance in this matter. In the second Paragraph the Court of Directors say they are very much disposed to think that where the holder of Jagir Lands, especially when they come to him by Inheritance, has

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By long residence, or by his protection or good conduct, gained the Attachment of the Inhabitants, it would be more judicious to convert the possession into a perpetual fixed subsidy. We believe the Rajah of Colatury as the holder of the jagur of Sitterampour comes precisely under the above description, and what we have recommended in the 2^d Article would in Effect convert the jagur into a perpetual fixed subsidy, under the fixed subsidy of 5775 Star Pagodas.

In the Next Paragraph, the British Court's preceding acknowledgement of the Nabob's right, to resume the Jagur of Sitterampour is eventual; and admitting the force of the question on which it was to depend to be favorable to the Rajah, they say 'it behoves you to render such justice to the Rajah as the case shall require'

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"requirere" On the question alluded to, our unanimous Opinion was in the Rajah's favour, for although no positive proof can be adduced of the exact tenor of the Agreement, one fact is certain - that it was given as the price of the Matohi forbearance to Mohet Sum in the possession of the Rajah, and that his Highness had actually received 30,000. - Pagodas in part of the stipulated amount at the time that he solicited, and obtained, the assistance of the Company's troops to dispossess him of it. The nature and extent of the consequences that followed were such as precluded the Rajah from the redress which would accord with the intentions of the Company; and the least Reparation that can now be made is, to satisfy his mind that the Company will protect him from future injustice. Such an Assurance is the more necessary when it is considered that the Matohi with what views

may -

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may easily become of has violently changed the nature
of the tenure, not only with respect to all the villages
but including the villages, which form a Zemindary
that never paid tribute, by exacting as a
condition of the Rajah's reinstatement that he
shall receive the whole as a rent: This alarming
speculation sufficiently accounts for the Rajah's
reluctance to obtain a specific declaration from
Government that "every thing shall remain as settled
by the Company" and at the same time strengthens
the ground upon which we have ventured to
recommend the proposition in question —

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7th December 1790

We have the honor to be
Yours for

(Signed) J. Munro
R. S. S. S. S.
Math. S. S.
David H. S.
Hugh Maxwell
George Macbray

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Troth St George. 7th December 1795

From The Calcutta Rajah to John Hudleston Esq.
Dated 25th Suffer 1205 or 8th November 1790
Recd 9th November -

The Nabob and the Company sent a Detachment and unjustly seized upon my District notwithstanding the Summuds which I was in possession of, and which M^r Clore and M^r Sindermann, and established my Right thereto - After the Return of those Gentlemen to Madras, I waited some time with impatience, in expectation of the Districts being restored to me but Sir A. Campbell departed for Europe without repossessing me of them - After which I found it impossible to remain here, and had determined on repairing to Madras; I waited for eight months longer without the smallest complaint, and not experiencing any justice from the Company, I was obliged to acquiesce in the demand of the Nabob to pay the Sum of Pagodas 60000. - as a Muzur

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Receive back my districts, and Return to my
accustomed habitation - all this my Cabuls
will have Represented to you - Now that you
Sir, a person of ability, are at the head of affairs,
I live in hopes, that you will in such a manner
crime your Kindness towards me, as to relieve
my distress, that the property which was carried
off from my Districts, will be restored, and that
the sum of ten thousand two hundred and
fifty Pagodas will as usual be received at
my Beshewsh and in the event of the Country
being restored to his Highness the Nizam, that
he will not appropriate, but let every thing
continue as settled by the Company, and that
every thing being settled agreeably thereto, if
I might be honored with a declaration to that
effect under the Seal, and signatures of the
Governor and Council, it would be well - Thus
reposing myself under the shadow of their
favour, I would expose my life for the benefit
of

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of the Company's Affairs I have long expected
the Reply from England the Company have now
out of their Kindness, and Attention settled the
matter, you will consequently be so kind as
give me a back, or hereafter, strife, and animosity
may arise between his Highness the Nizam and me, or you
should at this time give me your permission to proceed, and
remain at Benares. I am desirous on every Account to
remain under the Protection of his Highness and the
Company, that I may experience the favor of both, but have
for these three years been exceedingly distressed and it is
not in my power to perform the engagement he has
taken from me of Muspity. I have made this known
to you, my Nakhals will represent every thing to you.

proceed

What can I write more

Shree Translation

signed Joseph Garraw

of Shree Ghy

signed J. M. B. S. J.

The

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St. George 7th December 1740.

The Agreement given by the Rajah of Calcutty, a Copy of which I have seen, is as far as I can recollect as follows.—

"A Maddashit or Memorandum of an Agreement for the sum of 5000 Mook Pagodas to be paid in four years from the Year of Supply 1745—

Altho' this Agreement does not express the word *Niozzer*, yet it can only be considered as such when given at a time, it was notorious Government had no demand upon the Rajah, but a fixed and established *Pushush* as appears by the Cammango's report, entered in the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue of the 20th October 1783— long before the Question was agitated, when it could not be the interest of any party, to conceal the truth—

With respect to the Agreement for the same sum of 5000 Pagodas, as an increase of Rent which was procured by the Nator to the Government in Sir Archibald Campbell's time, it—

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it was without doubt a fabrication with a view
to deceive the then Administration -

M^r Garraw and myself upon being
examined in this matter, expressed our doubts
of the Character, in which it was written, not being
the same with that of the Letters from the Rajah to the
Governor, its authenticity therefore rested on the Rajah's
Seal being affixed to it - but he never was called
upon to acknowledge it - Yet he has frequently
declared it, not only to have been a Kugger, but
that it was forced from him -

To call for further proofs of this would
only bring matter to the very same point they stood
in, when the proceedings, on this subject, were sent
to the Court of Directors - But from all the
circumstances before us, there can scarce be a
doubt, but this Sumo was a Kugger taken over
and above his established Pishawab, and that the
greatest part of it, was paid when the Rajah ~~is~~
was

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was deposited.

signed David Haliburton

p. Above Copy

signed I. Withers

The Arzee of Canaro Aro and Bato Poo Cables
of the Rajah of Calcutty.

Our Master has already represented his
case to you - and by his Order we now inform
you, that the Servants of the Circar collected
fifty thousand Mook or 3 image Pagodas, in
ready money, and Grain, to the amount of
15,000 more from the Districts of our Master,
while they remained in the possession of the
Circar, sixty thousand Pagodas were also
received by the Circar from my Master, for
restoring to him his districts. Respecting this the
Gentlemen of the Board will take such measures
as seems to them best. - Instead of the Annual
Beshwabs of 10,995 Mook Pagodas, a written
Affidavit

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obligation was taken by the Circar. from my Master,
for 30000 Pagl by way of Trust for the Salute of
Satterampour and the Villages, which he had proposed from
ancient time which considering all these Circumstances
it is not in the power of our Master to fulfill. - We
therefore hope from the favor of the Gentlemen of the
Board, that our Master being relieved from his difficulties
may enjoy his former Privileges, and ease under the
Shadow of the Company and the Circar. -

ease

(2 More Copy)

(Signed) J. Mette Secy

With the conviction that I have on
my mind of the arts the Nabob may practice,
and the lengths he will go to deceive our Government
without the possibility of detection, whenever it is his
interest to make delinquency or a failure of Agreement
appear on the part of any of his Tributaries. - I cannot
hesitate in giving my opinion for recommending
on this Occasion a guarantee on the part of the
Company to the Rajah of Calcutty for not only
Satterampour

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Settlement, but all his possessions; and it is my wish it could be extended to all the Zemindars and Poligars in the Carnatic as the only means of protecting them against any injustice like that, which has been practiced towards the Rajah of Calcutty.

signed David Haldenstone

I have Copy

signed J. Mettling

I agree to recommend to Government that the Rajah should be guaranteed in the possession of his ancient Zemindary of Calcutty, but I cannot agree to recommend the same should be extended to the Jughier of Settarampore. The Court of Directors having recognized the Right of his Majesty the Nabob as sovereign of the Country to make such resurreptions; nor can I see, or unless he had such a privilege, how it could have

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have been possible for him to pay such large
sums of late years to the Company and his Private
Creditors -

Signed Hugh Maxwell

I Agree - Signed Edward Munders -

I subscribe to Mr Maxwell's sentiments
on the subject of Calcutta and the jaghirs of
Satterampour - But I cannot Agree with
him in Opinion that it was impossible for
the Nabob to have made good his Speculative
payments to the Company on Account of subsidy
and public and private Creditors without the
aid of such Resumptious -

Signed George Murray

True Copy

Signed M. M. S. S.

Government

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Government concurs entirely in opinion with the Board of Assessed Revenue upon the points referred to their Investigation regarding the Claims of the Rajah of Calcutty. The following Resolutions are therefore passed:-

Minute thereon

1. That the Jaghire of Sitterampour, and the 192 Villages, of which the Rajah was dispossessed by the Nabob shall be declared to be restored to him by the Company, on the Express Condition of his paying the former established Peshcush—

At Sitterampour Rs. 5250 or 10⁰⁰ 5775
for the Hill Pollams.

Rs. 5000
Rs. 10775 M. Revenue

Pollams

2. That the Company shall guarantee to the Rajah, the quiet Possession of Sitterampour and the Hill Pollams in future, so long as he shall on his Part, punctually discharge his Peshcush, and continue faithful in his Obedience to the British Power—

3. That, the Amount of the Grain re-
sized, when the Troops took Possession of his or
another

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with the advice of the said Governor, who found that Vincatuparaidoo was disobedient; my Troops together with a detachment of the Company, were employed under the Command of Captain Dummerdy who took possession of the said District and Pollam, which I let out to Renters in the same manner as other District. Some time after, Vincatuparaidoo came to my Presence in person, where he remained ten Months, and with great Submission and humility Requested to Rent the said District of himself, and gave me a paper of Proposals for that purpose. Having taken from him a Muchelka and Moydabundy I granted him the lease of the said District from the Year 1799 Tushy at the yearly Rent of thirty thousand Two hundred and fifty Curruck Pagodes. - and he paid the Rent for that year in full. - I now send copies of the Muchelka and Moydabundy for your Information, and Request you will receive the same Rent for the present Year, that no loss may be sustained in the bargain.

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Wm. L. George 7th December 1790
of that District.

What can I say more?

Thru Translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow.
P^r of

Translation I Rajah Darmata Gomar Venkataprasada.

Whereas the District of Seelarampore
Arumallah &c depending on the Parganah of the
Havally of Coagur &c the Talook of Naudipauk &c
depending on the Parganah of Sutevur &c in the Circuit
of Chundergery in the Carnatic Payinghaut and
the Sotah of Mahomed pore otherwise called Arat
exclusive of the Sibundy, Ruzoomidars Ruans of
Land and Villages the Agrahans, Moutriumdars
Muckarnadars, Yornuadars Darmardars & Salanadars
of Money and Grain, the expenses of the Pagodas
the Chutars, the Watchers and the Soudierward, the
fues of the Mullapuddeus, and the Treanery and other
expenses, the repairs of lakes &c and also exclusive of
the Villages of Allator, Arumamnad Cospum Chenda-
Aorpauk.

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and Gurramannapunta being the father
of Moorarog Jung Bahadur) in case of no earthly or
Heavenly calamities, I have agreed of my own free will
and accord to rent at the sum of Carrack Paydas. 34,250.
per annum from the beginning of the Year 1799 B.S.
I have therefore agreed and given in writing that
I will pay the said sum in full every year into the
Circar Treasury agreeably to a separate Akhundee
and take receipts for the same, and that any month
that I shall not pay Money according to stipulation;
I will from that month consider myself dismissed, and
pay the Money to the Circar agreeable to promise up
to the period of my dismissal. I will not expend
a single Rupee or Dirhem without a proper sanction
from the Presim. The Jamahthunk accounts and
other Papers I will give into the Duffar agreeably to the
usages of the Circar and take receipts for them. I will
by my good treatment to them, make the Ryots satisfied
and thankful, and strenuously exert myself in
increasing the Cultivation Opulence and Reputation
of

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The Rights &c. In the Guddus I will place provisions for six months, and every Year exchange the Grain taking out the old and placing new. I will Repair the Breaches of the Guddies, and the Warlike Store, and will not suffer any ball, Powder, Brimstone and Salt Petre to go from the Paloths to Poligars and Eunius, but such as I shall procure I will purchase and will Place in the Guddies. nor will I on any account suffer the troubles of Eunius, Rebels, Colleries, Poligars, Thieves and Murders &c. to prevail in the Great Districts or any other place, but in case troubles should happen to arise I will effectually pursue the Destroyers and chastise them. During the Festival at Tripity, I will not on any account suffer the people who come to the feast to be injured in the neighbourhood of Tripity and the adjacent parts by the Robbers and Murders, and I will give strict Orders on this Subject whatever Cloths &c. may be ordered to be sent by the Great I will provide in my Paloths and send them safe under an escort through my bounds to the

Governor

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Wherein - and I will make such Arrangements in the
said District, that the Petty and Thieves &c may not
injure the Ryots, Inhabitants, Travellers and People
passing and repassing. I will attend with my Troops Horse
and Pons as formerly wherever I am commanded from
the banks of the Kistnah to the confines of Timmerville -
without requiring Batta, and exert myself in the Service
of the Circar, and will always be aiding and assisting to
and under the Orders of the Natives of the Circars Talukdars.
Whenever in pursuance to orders from the Preside the
Natives of the Mahalls of Arcot &c shall require my
Troops for the Circar Service, I will, without excuse, and
without requiring Batta, attend upon them with
my Troops and exert myself in that Service and, in
chastising every Zemindar depending on the Circar
who may have raised Disturbances, and will exert
myself in such manner as the Zemindars in the
Neighbourhood of the Circars District shall not make
any incursion or trouble therein - Considering that
God is omnipotent and sees all things, I will in
the business of Justice and Equity do what is just
- I will always in every respect procure my obedience
to

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to the Circar, to the Enemies of the Circar I will be at Enmity, and to its friends I will do acts of Friendship - I will on no Account give Refuge in my District to the Enemies of the Circar, nor every Act contrary to the Pleasure of the Princes, should any Person be deserving of Death I will confine him and inform the Princes thereof, and act agreeably to the Orders I may receive - I will not privately or publicly recognize, hold friendship, or correspondence, with any others but the Circar - but at all times and in all Situations exert myself, with heart and life in fidelity, Attachment and Obedience to the Circar - I will never deviate a hair's breadth what has been written above - In case I should act contrary to the Conditions, I will be disgraced and a Culprit to the Circar -

I have therefore written and given these lines by way of a Muckulke, as a Voucher hereafter

The

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Fort St. George 7th December 1797

The Rent of four hundred and Eighty Villages 23 Janicars one Salt
Pan and 24 Petty Villages (exclusive of the above Inamur's Zoa)
is 5th Annam - Current Pagodas 30250

	villages	villages	Villages
Salooka of Sularampour Annampal Zoa			
dependent upon the hereditary Burghmash of			
Podayagheny Curar for 241 Villages of which			
Daurapoorum 11 Villages taken by the			
Myrianas and Chundaloor Paid and			
Gorumenapanta 12 Villages the Jaghirs			
of Moorurayjung Chander, the Annam			
Der are			237
of which			
Sularampour Zoa			215
of which			
Sularampour Zoa			14
Jundipully Zoa			12
Langanapully Zoa			4
Danhezomtah Zoa			14
Thuror Zoa			27
Pannoor Zoa			37
Coppay Zoa			16
Velagapandor Zoa			12
Karra Vanda Zoa			20
Linga Samoodom Salook			4
Sundrus			15

Agwanantak

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Aryamaulak Talook

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Talook of Kanderpauk 8th of the
 Pergunna of Sutorad 8th under the
 Circar of Chundigerry 24th Villages
 of which Altor and Annamalais
 Copeen 12 Villages the Jaghird of Mootay
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262 Villages
 13 Juncans
 1000 Jung
 and 24 Villages

Kanderpauk 8th

189 Villages
 17 Juncans
 and 1000 Jung

Kanderpauk of Ingaur

24 Villages
 4 Juncans
 and 1000 Jung

Kanderpauk 8th of Alwar

12 Villages
 8 Juncans
 5 Villages

Cusba of Palihor 8th

4 Juncans
 8 Villages
 8 Juncans

Cunnawram 8th of Pannajewar

26 Villages
 8 Juncans

Talook of Candaada 8th of Kurwar

26 Villages
 8 Juncans

Candaada 24 Villages 8 Juncans

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The Board observe upon the foregoing
Letter from his Highness the Nizam, that the subject
it contains, has been fully before the Board of General
Revenue and received from them the necessary
Attention.

Minute taken

Read the following Letter from
Pringal—

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

I am Sir, with a copy
of a letter from the Govt
of Directors communicating
their intention of keeping
the two Hanoverian
Regiments in the country
for another year, stating
the strength of the
Detachment to be sent
to the Coast West Coast.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of
your Letter of the 23rd Ultimo, and, as it appears there-
from, that the Honble Court of Directors have not
communicated to you His Majesty's Pleasure that
the Embarkation of the Hanoverian Battalions shall
be suspended for the present, we herewith transmit to
you a Copy of a Letter which we have received from
the Secret Committee on this Subject.

We take this opportunity of acquainting
you that we intend sending round to Madras, about the
Middle of Next Month, the following Troops

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Europe Viz

The Majesty's 73^d Regiment

50. Mafrozes of Artillery

200 Lascars

and about fourteen Hundred Sepoys

We have the honor to be

Yours &c

Fort William
the 17th of November 1798.

signed

Cornwallis

Peter Piche

Mr Cropper

To the Right Honble the Governor General in Council
at Fort William in Bengal.

We think it necessary, in consequence of
the information recently received here of the attack
made by Tipoo Sultan on the Lines of the Travancore
Country, to direct that you should suspend the embarkation
of the Malabar Battalion till you receive further
Instructions from us. His Majesty having been so
graciously pleased to consent that those troops should
remain for the present, and, until by such further
intelligence as we may soon expect to receive
respecting

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respecting the Motions of Tippoo Sultan we may be enabled to decide, whether an Application should be made to his Majesty to Complete those Troops to their Establishment and to suffer them to continue in India, or whether they should return to Europe, according to what was before intended.

East India House
London
3^d June 1790

We are
Yours for
Messrs. Lushington
W. Dwyer
John Manship

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be made acquainted with the expected Reinforcement from Bengal.

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah
The Honble the Governor in Council

North Sir Fort St. George

Since our Letter of the 4th Instant we have received the final Resolution of Paupiah respecting his defence, in a letter copy of which we have the honor

From the Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah enclosing copy of a letter addressed them by Paupiah in which he requests a copy of their Proceedings at the same time expressing against the measures they have adopted and finally requesting to make any defence or to stand the issue of the investigation.

A true copy
J. Tombelle
Sub Secy

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to endorse -

It would be improper in the Committee to enter into a refutation of the Arguments he has made use of or at present to shew in what manner the Charges of the Petrol have been substantiated it is also unnecessary to take particular Notice of the insinuations he has thrown out Against the Committee, for enquiries made into his private Transactions; or to observe upon that general impropriety of Language he has adopted in his address our proceedings at large, when before your Honorable Board, will shew whether, in the discharge of the duties of our Situation, we have, in any shape, deviated from the path of propriety - but we consider it absolutely incumbent on us to observe, that his letter so far from affording one single Argument to induce us to alter our former Opinion, tends in every line to prove it was well founded, and to shew the impropriety of granting him copies; he has expressly declared no act of his shall legalize our proceedings, information is clearly, all he aims at without using the idea of making a defence, for he shews

one.

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observes this would sanction those proceedings which he has
ever insisted are unwarrantable and illegal—

We think it necessary to observe also, with
respect to M^r Hall being the Solicitor of the Nation, that what-
ever capacity that Gentleman may act in elsewhere, he
has never appeared before us, but as an evidence
examined to particular points of information and
your Honble Board will possibly be of Opinion, with
us, that the Person, who deprived of all intercourse with
Europeans, could dictate the Accompanying Address, has
little reason to fear that the force of any expression in
our language could possibly escape him—more
particularly, when our Interpreter is now at hand
to afford him Assistance, nor will it be injured a
Person who shows so complete a knowledge of our
Civil and Military Law could require the aid of any
other person, when repeatedly assured of every indulgence
and Assistance in the power of the Committee to
give him—

We beg leave to mention that the
for

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has bills of lading on the receipt of Paupiahi former
 letter, and the Affidavits he transmitted were demanded
 of the Scurer, and without the smallest Hesitation given up
 to our Secretary in whose possession they now are, ready at
 all times to be produced, when required.

The very great stress he has laid upon the
 requisition of the Committee respecting his Books, —
 affords a most powerful Argument in favor of our
 former Opinion regarding them, communicated in
 our letter of the 1st Instant

We wait the determination of your Honble
 Board — and have the honor to be —
 Sir Sir

signed J. Capper.
 George Hear
 Benth Rockwell
 George Moultrie
 Joseph Parrow

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To the Gentlemen of the Committee

Gentlemen,

When you require me to give an my defence
 you must be all sensible of the situation I am in —

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I have had my own private Dwelling House forcibly
entered by a Military Guard in the dead of Night; I have
had my Person seized on and dragged to the Fort at
that unseasonable Hour, there forced into the most
ignominious Confinement with Madmen and Criminals
and in that loathsome Imprisonment I have been
kept till I was forced to lodge Bonds and other Securities
to the Amount of 373,000 Pagodas in the hands of a
Government - you know Gentlemen that my Person is
still in Confinement and my Property forcibly with-
held and whenever you are pleased to order me to appear
before you I am conducted to you as a Criminal under
a Military Guard in the most ignominious Manner
as if I had been guilty of the greatest Crimes, when
I am charged with no Crime; and you all know
Gentlemen that the only foundation for all these
proceedings is a Letter from his Highness the Nizam,
in which he is pleased to give a Credit with the
Humble Company for Pagodas 4,47,72 - because he
chose

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chance to assert that that sum of money has been paid
to me on this account; though he does not support
this assertion by any specific voucher but refers
the proof to his own accounts and servants, you
also know Gentlemen that all these proceedings
I have constantly protested against, as well as against
this year Committee; and since my last confinement a
new scene has opened; for I have not only been or
debarred all intercourse with any Europeans by the
Captns Orders of Government and even when his
Majesty's Court of Justice sent their Commission to
review my answer, Liberty was not allowed me to
appear except in the presence of a Military Officer
and my Character has been publicly vilified by
advancements in the News Paper and the whole World
invited to come forward with informations against
me. —

I know not upon what Principle you
Gentlemen can claim the Inspection and perusal
of my private books of Accounts, to complete your
Proceedings

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Proceedings, and I cannot admit that you have any
 Authority to inspect or enquire into my private
 Transactions of Trade and Livings in the manner
 which I hear has been practised; such a Demand -
 I am fully sensible cannot be justified upon
 any Principle of Justice or of Reason - All I ask
 is, that you will in order that I may be prepared
 for my Defence allow me a Copy of your Proceed-
 ings. Agreeably to the Express Orders of the Government
 General, as the Board informed me upon my
 first being confined, and agreeable to right and
 Reason; for it is impossible to disapprove Charges
 one does not know or confute Mr. Wright's whose
 names one is not acquainted with - I am also
 as far unacquainted with the Language in
 which your Proceedings are carried on that I
 cannot in many Cases comprehend the force of
 the expression made use of by you or always be
 able to convey with precision and Clarity the
 Intent

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Port St. George 7th Decr 1840

I dare that I might conceive which in the hurry of
 writing together with uneasiness and anxiety of
 my mind may have led to Expressions that may have
 given offence to Gentlemen where none was intended
 which I hope they will forgive; and it would therefore
 be highly imprudent in me to enter on any
 Defence without the Assistance of some European
 who might act as my Solicitor on the occasion;
 and this is the more reasonable as Mr. Wall
 publicly professes to be His Highnesses Solicitor
 in this Business; and Government have their own
 Law Officers to whom they Occasionally resort; other
 Reasons I have Against putting in any regular
 Defence, which go to the illegality of all the Proceedings
 Against me, and which I cannot think to sanction
 by any Act of my own. Such an Act, you must
 yourselves indeed readily see, would be totally
 inconsistent with what I have hitherto always
 insisted upon, that the whole of the Proceedings
 Against me are unwarrantable and illegal
 and

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and as such I hold them and every Act of this your Committee as void and of no sort of Effect, so far as respects my Property or any Demand that is or made upon me — I do ingenuously insist and I am ready to prove it in any regular and legal way that I never have received from his Highness the Robb a single Pagoda that I have not honestly and fairly accounted for; that I never was authorized to receive any money for the Company; nor could I possibly be so; and the Publick Records will prove that none ever was paid at Madras without the receipt of the Clerk of the Treasury — These Records will also show that Accounts between the Company and His Highness have from time to time been made up and his Receipts examined with the Payments into the Treasury; other Circumstances there are that equally point out the Inconsistency and groundlessness of the Charge brought Against me — Some of the sums are said to have been paid me whilst Sir Archibald Campbell was Governor, and I have

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have proved by Affidavits a forgery on two Bills
for upwards of a Lakh of Pagodas drawn upon
Cavalram and produced as vouchers before you; and
it will also appear by the Inspection of the Bills
themselves - And other Bills which I understand
have been brought before you I could easily or
prove have been grossly misstated - It is obvious to
suppose from the very publick and well known
Custom in which Payments are made by his
Highness to the Company that he would think
of making them in any other Manner; and
such large Payments too; and that even without
a Voucher or single Acknowledgement in
writing - no possible Reason can be given
why His Highness should think of Continuing to
pay these large Sums of Money, without a regular
Voucher, and it is in itself a thing incredible - Every
Man knows a great deal of business is done at
Madras in discounting Bills; and every Man of
business is also well acquainted that According

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to the custom of making the Making a Bill
payable to another is a complete discharge for the
Value Received. These are Circumstances that must
strike every one; and must plainly demonstrate
to every considerate and impartial mind, that the
Charge Against me is totally groundless, which I
most solemnly declare it is; and which I could
prove in the clearest manner in any regular
mode of trial but after the Treatment I have received
and the perfect Ignorance in which I have been
kept, it would be the height of absurdity in
me to attempt a regular defence without
knowing Against what, or whom, I am to
defend myself, even I a Member of the Company
or of his Highness, or a servant entrusted with
them, this summary way of Proceeding might
perhaps be justifiable, because it has been the
customary — and when I accept a Commission
into their Service I tacitly agree to subject myself
to this mode of Enquiry in the manner that a
Military Man consents to subject himself to

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Martial Law when he becomes a Soldier but
I am no Recruiter or Servant either of his Highness
or of the Company, or have I ever been placed by
either in any Trust that could Subject me to
these unusual proceedings —

I am Gentlemen

Madras.

1st Decr. 1795.

(True copy) & Paupiah foraming

signed Joseph Garroo

Serj to the Committee appointed to
investigate the Charges Against
Paupiah —

Minute taken

Resolved that, it be repeated to the
Committee, that Paupiah is not to be furnished
with a Copy of the Proceedings — more especially, since
his Requisition appears so totally inconsistent
with the Tenor of his Letter — for at the same
moment that he makes the Application for
a Copy of the Proceedings in order to prepare
for his Defence he declares the Act of the
Committee to be unwarrantable and illegal
— Refuses to make any Defence, or to abide
by —

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by the Issue of the Investigation. —

Minute thereon

at home

As the Governor General is shortly expected at Madras, it is agreed to postpone the further Consideration of the above Subject, until his Lordship's Arrival. —

Read the following Letter from Mr Edward John Holland. —

Mr Secretary Chamber

Sir

Have Mr Edward John Holland with the original Letter from Mr G. Anderson lately received of him

Having received your Letter of the 11th Inst. I have the honor to enclose the Original Letter from Mr George Anderson, the Copy of which was sent you in my Letter of 21st Ulterior desiring leave to withdraw his Letters —

Fort St. George
6 December 1790

I am Sir

Y^{rs} &c

signed Edward John Holland

The Board Remarks upon the foregoing Letter, that Mr Holland has not taken any Notice of that part of the Secretary's Letter to him of the

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the St. Instant, which required him to lay before the Government Mr. George Anderson's Letter, exhibiting Charges against Mr. John Holland, the late Governor.

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The Board are of Opinion there was a manifest Inpropriety on the Part of Mr. John Holland, in not bringing the Subject of the above-mentioned Letter into Discussion at the Board — for — if the Charges said to have been contained therein, were not founded it is extraordinary that Mr. Holland could be so wanting to his own Character and to the important Office he filled, as to suffer them to pass unnoticed. But, whether the Charges were well or ill founded, the Board think an Investigation was equally indispensable, since Mr. Anderson, as Apppear by the Depositions upon Oath of several Persons before the Committee, industriously circulated throughout the Settlement that a Letter containing Charges of a very serious Nature against some of the Members of Government had been sent by him to the

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The Board, which was afterwards taken back in consequence of Mr Holland's having acceded to certain Terms proposed by him & Mr Anderson.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honble. Major General. Medows
Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Revenue
Revenue - Regarding the
Board orders relating to
the Appointment of Mr Wynne
as Collector of the Carnate &c
District - as it is reported
that no Collection can be
made at present.

We have the honor to report, for
your information, that Mr Wynne Collector in the
Districts of Carore, Daraporam and Avacochy
in his Correspondence with Colonel Harris
transmitted to this Board, expresses his
opinion that in the present unsettled state
of the Country very little, or no Collection can
be expected this Year - His monthly Expenses
as per Inclosed Statement is Pagodas 566
for Carore and Avacochy, to which must be

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be added his Charges for Damaporam not yet forwarded and his own Allowance to be hereafter determined upon—These situated with little, or no prospect of Revenue to be derived from these Countries for a twelvemonth, and with the uncertain Monthly Expence above stated we submit to your Honble Board the expediency of annulling the Establishment in question.

Messrs Saunders and Maxwell & considering the foregoing Preference respecting Mr Wyck's Appointment to be premature, have entered their Dissent

In the event of your continuing this Appointment we have to request you will send the necessary Orders to the Commanding Officer at Carore to relinquish the Management of the Pettah and Bazar near to that Fort to the charge of the Collector, in whose province we consider them to be

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to be situated -

We have the honor to be

Y^{rs} &c

Fort St. George
5th December 1790.

Signed John Hudleston

Edward Saunders

Mathew Tudor

David Halberton

Hugh Maxwell

George Moubray

Expenses Libbindy & of Awar court by Desbat
as stated by the Amildar to W^m Wynne of course
of the Allowance to Poligar Peons - Garrisoning
the Fort &c for four months Rec^d 1162 - which
for one month is Rec^d 290 -

Servants in Carore Purgumnah

as stated by W^m Wynne

808 -
1099 -

Rec^d 350 1/2 of Pagodas in Bag 515 -

W^m Wynne's Cutcherry

Servants at Carore

152 -

Total Monthly Establishment

ment for the two

Purgumnah Pagodas

466 -

Signed William Harington
Surf

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Agreed to inform the Board of Revenue that Mr Wynck is to discontinue all Charges for himself and servants - But, as the State of the conquered Countries may possibly, in a short time, permit that Gentleman to enter upon his Charge, he is to be instructed to remain at Caroor, or in its Vicinity, and informed that he will be permitted to draw 100 Pagodas p^r Month; from the Period of his Appointment, until enabled to assume his charge or recalled to the Presidency -

Agreed also, that the Board of Revenue be desired to send similar Instructions to Mr Orbell -

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

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakesley Bart
Governor in Council for

Honble Sir, I have the honor to lay before you these Bills of the Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly.

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts - including the Bills of the Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly for the Expence of Carriage for Articles or Purchases for the Ordnance or Department, and for repairing and making up Carriage -

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N^o 1 for the Repairing Tents of the Southern Army in —
March last

N^o 2 for Articles purchased in the Ordnance —
Department for the same Month

N^o 3 for Filling up Platform Carts and for making
Two New Artificers Carts.

Although these Bills are in most
Respects extremely Irregular, yet upon particular
Examination of them it will appear they are
not totally inadmissible; but at the same time,
the general principle of them must be strenuously
objected to, as subversive of every kind of Check;
and therefore particularly exceptionable at the
commencement of a War.

The first of these Bills, is for the
Repair of Tents whilst the Army was encamped
on the Plains of Trichinopoly. The Regulations
required that the Tents should be Examined by a
Committee of Inspection; who are to determine
the Number of Tents that require Repair, when
the Quarter Masters of European Corps and Nizam
Bengales

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Brigades, are to make out Indents to the Commissary General, or Commissary of Stores for the necessary Materials, which Indents also are to be signed by the President of the Committee of Inspection, with the first part of these Regulations Captain Bell has complied, but instead of furnishing Materials upon the Indents of the Quarter Masters, he repaired the Tent himself upon a General Estimate, made out by the Committee of Inspection. By this mode of proceeding, Captain Bell has, in two respects, acted irregularly; first in purchasing the Materials himself, for which he ought to have Indented to the Storekeeper; and secondly in repairing the Tent and making a Charge for them, or instead of delivering the Materials to the Quarter Master of Brigades and Corps; whose business it is to employ Sappers belonging to the Tents in doing this work; in his favor perhaps it may be urged, that whilst the Troops remained at Trichinopoly, the Quarter Masters of Brigades and Corps

Indents

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even
corps had not Lascars sufficient for that purpose
but in answer to this again, it must also be
observed, that even in this case they should have
applied to the Paymaster of the Garrison who
would have furnished them both with Materials
and Lascars. —

The Bill No 2 is equally objectionable
in every respect, for however necessary the Articles so
therein mentioned for the Ordnance Department
might be, they should have been Indented for by
Captain Bell as Commissary, to the Storekeeper at
Trichinopoly. But he is not authorized to make
any purchases, ^{himself within the established Regulations} or the general usage of the
Service, particularly in that Situation. Amongst
these Articles purchased, there also appears a
large quantity of Cloth, and other Materials for
Repairing Vests; which Captain Bell in his
Reply to my Remarks accompanying this
Report observes were issued to complete the Corps
according.

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According to the Supply of Materials, to be kept by them for future Repair of Ships but admitting that these Materials were regularly issued by him to the Quarter Masters, it must still be insisted upon that he was not authorized to purchase them, especially when he could have procured them from the Storekeeper at a Trucking price. —

The Bill N^o 3 is for putting up with Lockers & thirty Platform Carts for Carriage of Stores and for the Purchase of two Artificers & Carts Pagodas 230 This last is equally Irregular with the three preceding Bills, for admitting even that the work itself was necessary, and the price as reasonable as possible, still the Company of Stores is not the Person to be employed, in Making purchase; he ought in the first instance, to have reported to the Committee of Stores the work required, they

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of course would have ordered the Materials and workmen to be furnished by the Stockholder; and the Commissary of Stores, in this as in all other cases, would probably be called upon to judge, if the work had been properly executed —

By the established Regulations, as well as the general usage of the Service the Paymaster are in all cases considered the Stockholder, and are to supply the Troops in and near their respective Garrisons, with all the Stores required either for Garrison or the Field Service, and the Commissary General or Commissary of Stores, is the person who is to have charge of those which are intended for the Public Service; and is likewise the efficient Member of the Committee of Stores who immediately superintends the Receipts and Issues for Making them up all which he is required at stated times to Report to the Committee: whilst therefore the Troops were supplied

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Assembled on the Plains of Trichinopoly, whatever materials or workmen were required for the Repair of Forts Gun Carriages, or any other Articles in the Ordnance Department; Captain Bell, as I have repeatedly before observed, should have Indented to the Storekeeper for every thing he wanted, and, in compliance with the Regulations, have issued to the Quarter Masters of Sepoy Brigades and European Regiments, the quantity of Materials necessary, for the Repair of the Forts of their respective Corps; but it must be observed, in the Month of March last when these Expenses were incurred, and likewise in the Month of May when a subsequent Bill of a similar kind was drawn for the Repair of the Forts of the Troops which came from Malajabad, under the Command of Colonel Musgrave, the Paymaster of that Garrison was absent from his Station, and it is possible that Captain Bell might

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might consider the service would suffer, if he did not take upon himself to put the Camp Carriage in good order, without waiting for the Paymaster's Return. but nevertheless it must be acknowledged that he acted precipitately in thus taking upon himself to go out of the regular line of his own Department, without the Order of the Commander in Chief or the Sanction of Government. For the Payment of these bills therefore, as well as for those of May he must entirely rely upon the Indulgence of Government. To me only it is permitted to remark that the Committee of Inspection have Reported that the Warts Required Repairs, the Returns and Couches when they are Received, will prove, whether or not the other Articles charged by him, were purchased at that period, and at the usual prices. —

Proides

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Besides the Bills in question, I find by the Paymaster's Letter, that Captain Price who acts as Commissary of Stores in the Field, has delivered in some other Contingent Bills, since the Army has entered the Enemy's Country. It is not by any Regulation or General Order known to me, that the Commissary with Army in the Field, takes upon himself to officiate as an Officer of Supply; the Regulations indeed make no provision expressly for the purchase of Stores in the Field; but as the Paymasters at all the out Garrisons, are in all cases to act as Storekeepers in Garrison; it is very reasonable to infer that they are equally vested with this power in the Field; and that the Commissary, in time both of peace and war, is considered as an officer of Check upon him.

It equally astonishes me, that the Paymaster in the Field should relinquish this right, as that the Commissary without any authority

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Authority, should assume it; but as the
Commissaries with the Center Army, and Major
Montgomery's Detachment; as well as Captain
Brett have most unaccountably adopted the
same error, and their Bills will very soon be
sent to me for examination; I must request the
Government will please to favor me with their
Orders on this Subject, I shall not presume
to offer my Sentiments; whether those charges
whether incurred in the Field should be allowed
or not, but in order to prevent a continuation
of such Irregularities; by which the Company
may eventually be subjected to very heavy
Losses, I beg leave to propose that a General
Order should be immediately issued; declaring
that all Stores required in the Field shall be
furnished by the Paymaster, subject however to
the Previous examination of the Committee of
Inspection as Prescribed by the Regulations, who
should be Instructed to ascertain with all
possible

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possible precision the necessity of making those purchases, and likewise the quantity, quality, and price of every different article. It has been so suggested, that a Special Officer as Commissary of Supply in the Field should be appointed, but for my own part I do not see the necessity of such an appointment, the Paymasters receive no additional Allowance for it in Garrison; and I am convinced they will cheerfully perform this branch of their Duty in the Field, without subjecting the Company to any additional expense, either in Salary or Servants —

I am with great Respect

Y^{rs} &c

J. J. Copper

Fort A George
4th December 1890.

To Mr. Mr. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council &c

My dear Sir,

Application has been made to me by Major Burrows for the Arms of Holy Rattle — and

I am the Inspector General of Army Accounts - including India - and have laid before the House of Commons a report on the subject of the Arms of Holy Rattle - and

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and Gratuity due to him to the time of his Resignation
In his Letter to me on this subject he informs me
he is preparing to embark for Europe by the first
convenient opportunity, and therefore requests I
will settle his accounts. But in time of War the
payment of these Allowances is stopped, excepting
in this instance when an Officer has quitted the
Service; and in such case they are either discharged
in ready money, or the former claims, by Bills on
the Northern Circars, and the latter by Bills on
Bengal. His claim to Temporary Allowance &c
amounts to 392 Pag^o but the Gratuity I have not
yet been able to ascertain the General Accounts
of that Fund not being made up to the present
time.

I have the honor to be

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Yours &c
Signed J. Capper
C. G. S.

Amount on the two
forgoing Letters.

The Board concurs entirely in Opinion
with Colonel Capper as to the Extreme Irregularity

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of Captain Bell's Proceedings throughout - The Payment of any Part of his Bills cannot therefore be Authorized, as it is impossible to judge what ought to have been expended, when the Officer on whom Government depended as the Clerk on the Storekeeper, Act as Storekeeper himself - sits on the Committee Appointed to inspect those Stores which he afterwards repairs, and provides a Variety of Supplies not within the Province of his Department, and for which he had no Regular Sanction or Authority whatsoever. - If there be any Mode by which Captain Bell can prove to the Satisfaction of the Board, the actual Sum expended by him, a Compensation will be made as far as appears Reasonable under all the Circumstances of the case, and this is the utmost that can be Allowed to him.

Agreed that the above be Communicated
to Colonel Cassar

Agreed

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Minute Men

Agreed that a General Order, to prevent similar Irregularities, be issued, agreeably to Colonel Cassin's Recommendation.

With

Resolved that Major Burrows's Claims for arrears of temporary Allowance be discharged - and that his Arrears of Gratuity be liquidated hereafter when the Accounts are made up -

Read the following Letter from the

Hon Major

John Crauer Esq

Military Secretary -

Sir

I transmit

the Extract of the General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors relative to Thomas Johnston Esq. to Major Montgomery commanding the Detachment that joined the Vizcarra's Army with which is at present on service.

which Detachment is unable to proceed to Europe by the Ships as will appear by the enclosed Certificate received -

From the Hon Major - Thomas Johnston Esq who is permitted by the Court of Directors to return to Europe is reported unable to proceed at present on account of ill health -

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received from Major Montgomery

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed / Rich^d Formode
Lieut Major -

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Camp at Racher 25th August 1795

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Johnson Coe late a
private in the Honorable Company's Second
Regiment of European Infantry is at
present unable to undertake the March
to Madras, on Account of Old and
obstinate Ulcers in his leg, for which he
has been under the necessity of being
constantly carried ever since the Detach-
ment marched from Ellore.

Signed / Alex^r Kennedy
Assistant Surgeon -

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Minute thereon—

Agreed that the report of the Hon^{ble}
Major relative to Thomas Johnson Esq be notified
to the Court of Directors by the next Despatch.

(Exd.)

Chas Bakerly

Secretary

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Diary

Sent Letters to the Nabal and the

Substance of Letters
to the Nabal and
Rajah of Calcutty

Rajah of Calcutty as entered in C. C. No. 272. 273 /
to the former enclosing Copy of the Acting President's
Representation as entered in Consultation of the 7.th
Instant - to the latter informing him of the
Board's Resolutions respecting the Sagheer of
Litterampore and the Hill Pollans.

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member at the Presidency and the Gentlemen

in Council

at Fort George, Madras &c &c

Camp near Carroor, bet on the Murrumbidgee
the 29.th of November 1890.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I had the honor of yours of the
eighth and seventeenth, yesterday, both inclosing &
letters from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, which,
since the junction of the armies, and the letter I had
the honor of addressing to you, it is unnecessary further
to

From the Commander
in Chief, advising of
the Board's Resolutions
of the 7.th and 11.th
Instant.

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to reply to - meaning steadily and invariably
to pursue the plan I had the honor to acquaint
you with, but most sincerely wishing Lord
Cornwallis may arrive in time to alter or
stop it as he may think best.

I have the honor to be
W^a W^a

(Signed) M^r Medowes
Gov^r W^a Cornwallis's chief

To John Chamier Esq^r

Sir, Secretary Fort St George

From the Resident
at Poona - with
Copies of letters from
the Camp near
Darnwar which state
that there is a
scarcity of grain
in the Fort.

Poona 22 Nov. 1790.

I have the honor to enclose my latest
advices from the Detachment with the Maratha
army for the Information of your Government.

W^a W^a

W^a W^a

(Signed) M^r Malet.

Extract of a letter from M^r Paymaster White
dated Camp near Darnwar 16th November 1790 to
the Resident at Poona received the 20th following
Peshwa's Darbar.

Two Deserters from the Fort came in this
morning, and say that though there is plenty of
ammunition and water, there is not above
months

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months grain for the Enemy's Troops, and that Salt and Tobacco are very scarce, that the Daily Consumption from the store in the Fort is 100 Mulletts Load & 50 mens Load of Grain, that the People who had the Charge of the Mulletts that were captured have had their Ears and Noses cut off, and that since the 3rd ultimo the Descent from the Fort amount to 500. or 3rd and 18, and a Heavy storm of Wind and Tornado expected here Tomorrow or next day.

I have had the Maratta acquisitions estimated at 20 Lac annual Revenue, of which the Shannar District is reckoned 11; and though Tipproo is not likely to derive any Revenue this year from the Country to the Northward of the Lumbudra, yet the Marattas cannot retain it to Effect without getting Possession of the strong holds.

true Extract

Signed J. W. Lankhat.

Assistant at Pona

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment acting with the Maratta army to the Resident at Pona dated 16th November 1790 Received 27th following &c
Peshwa's Darshan

Since I did myself the honour
of

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to reply to - meaning steadily and invariably
to pursue the plan I had the honor to acquaint
you with, but most sincerely wishing Lord
Cornwallis may arrive in time to alter or
stop it as he may think best.

I have the honor to be
W^a. W^a.

Signed / M^r. Medows
Gov^r W^a. Cornwallis in chief

To John Chamber Esq^r

Sir, Secretary Fort St George

From the Resident
at Poona - with
Copies of letters from
the Camp near
Darnwar which state
that there is a
scarcity of grain
in the Fort.

Poona 22 Nov. 1790.

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advices from the Detachment with the Maratha
Army for the Information of your Government.

W^a. W^a.

Signed / M^r. Malet.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Whittham
dated Camp near Darnwar 16th November 1790 to
the Resident at Poona received the 20th following
Peshwa's Darb.

Two Deserters from the Fort came in this
morning, and say that though there is plenty of
ammunition and water, there is not above 4 or 5
months

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months grain for the Enemy's Troops, and that Salt and Tobacco are very scarce, that the Daily Consumption from the store in the Fort is 100 Bullocks Load & 50 mens Load of Grain, that the People who had in Charge of the Bullocks that were captured have had their Ears and Noses cut off, and that since the 3rd ultimo the Desertions from the Fort amount to 500. or 3rd and 18, and a Party from Maridgo and Targam are expected here tomorrow or next day.

I have heard the Maratta acquisitions estimated at 20 Lac annual Revenue, of which the Shannar District is reckoned 11; and though Tipood is not likely to derive any Revenue this year from the Country to the Northward of the Lumburra, yet the Marattas cannot retain it to Effect without getting Possession of the strong holds.

true Extract

Signed / W Lankhat

Resident at Pona

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment acting with the Maratta army to the Resident at Pona dated 16th November 1790 received 22nd following for Peshwa's Daroh.

Since I did myself the honour
of

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of writing you on the 13th Instant no material
occurred has taken place in this quarter, except
that the three large guns which I there mentioned
to you as expected, have arrived in Camp

True Extract

Signed / M Lankheer

Astutant at Pond

To Sir Charles Oakley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military
Board recommending
that the Engineer at
Trichinopoly be ordered
to Tanjore for the purpose
of making an estimate
of the work that has been
executed to the gates, &
a report and estimate
of repairs absolutely
necessary to the different
works and granaries
of that Fort - and that
the ramparts on sea
face of this Fort be re-
constructed for the reception
of some heavy guns
barrages stating the
expense it will incur

We were duly honoured with your
Commands, of the 30th ultimo and 3rd Instant &
beg leave to remark that, as the particulars of the
work intended to the North & East Gates of Tanjore
are not specified by Captain Glendinning, or an
estimate of the expense transmitted, we are prevented
from forming an opinion on the subject, and as
his account of the other repairs is, likewise, not
sufficiently circumstantial, We recommend that
the Engineer at Trichinopoly be ordered to Tanjore
for the purpose of making a particular report
and estimate of the repairs absolutely necessary
to the immediate safety of that Garrison & of the
work above mentioned.

with

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With respect to the repairs of the Granaries at Tanjore, as they may have undergone considerable alteration since the date of the Estimate referred to us. We conceive Lieutenant Jennings may take the same occasion for estimating the necessary repairs to them also.

We beg leave to represent that the Arsenal is much encumbered by 10 Iron 32 Pounder Carriages on Traversing Platforms, constructed for the Madras on the sea face, and therefore recommend that the Carriages be completed for their re-upton, which Work is estimated at Pagodas 2618. 18. 35.

We have the honor to be

Sirs

Signed L. Capper
Patrick Ref.
George Hall

Received the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.

From the Paymaster at Madras enclosing copies of letters received from the Collectors in the Madras and Tinnevely Districts in consequence of his application to them for a supply

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From the Paymaster
at Madras

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supply of Cash - and of a Letter from Colonel
Martinez respecting the payments of the
Troops in the Marawars.

From the Commandant
at Trichinopoly

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly
stating that Tippu's army still remains en-
camped near that Place - and that a Detach-
ment has been observed to move off to the
Westward towards Trivur.

From D^o

From Ditto - stating that the
whole of Tippu's Army has decamped - and
moved towards Orctatow.

From the Commandant
at Trivur

From the Commandant at Trivur -
stating that Man in Charge of the Fort of
Ranjinagar is much alarmed at the appear-
ance of a large Body of Tippu's regular
Troops in the Neighbourhood of that
place.

From D^o

From D^o - stating that he has
never had any authority to employ the
Lascars in the Detach of that Fort as attached
to the Garrison.

Send the following letter

To

Fort St George, December 1790

inform you that they approve the Propositions you have made respecting the English of Sittarampore and the 122 Villages, & respecting the Guaranting the possession of the above to the Rajah of Calastrey so long as he shall continue faithful to the Circar - a letter to the above Effect will accordingly be written to the Rajah of Calastrey by the Acting President.

The third Proposition also respecting the Grain seized when possession was taken of the Rajah's Country is approved and Confirmed.

Government have received your letter of the 5th Instant and direct me to communicate their Resolution that Mr. Wynne be directed to discontinue all Charges for himself and Servants.

But as the state of the Conquered Countries may possibly in a short time permit Mr. Wynne to enter upon his Charge, he must be instructed to remain at Caroor or in its Vicinity, and he must be informed that he will be permitted to draw 100 Pagodas per month from the purse of his

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his appointment until enabled to assume his
Charge, or recalled to the Presidency.

Government desire that the
above Instructions be also notified to Mr.
Corbett who being supposed in a similar &
Situation must be put upon the same footing
with Mr. Wynne.

I have the honor to be

Wth Wth

Signed John Chamberlain
Secretary

To the Honble Major General Meadows
Governor and Commander in Chief

To Major General Honble Sir,
Meadows stating the
number of troops &
expected from Bengal
referring to memorial
for his division.

We have been honored with the receipt
of your letter dated the 21st 28th 29th ultimo con-
taining a communication of your proceedings &
with the intended operations of the army which
has afforded us much Satisfaction.

We have received an intimation from
the Bengal Government of their intention to
send to the Coast about the middle of the present
month, the following Troops viz^t

His Majesty's 75th Regiment

50 Matroes of Artillery

200 Lascars,

about fourteen hundred Sepoys.

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We enclose a Memorial from
Lieutenant Shrivadar, and request to be favored
with your Sentiments thereon.

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8th Decr 1790

We have the honor to be
Signed Charles Oakeley
V Council

Dispatched the undermentioned
letters as entered in M.B. Nos 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34.
35. 36. 37. 38.

To Mr. Secretary Hay

To Mr. Secretary Hay - with copies
of letters received from the Commander in Chief &c.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - to report upon
a Memorial received from the Surgeon of the 14th
Regiment of Light Dragoons - the Carbs and
Bullocks sent to Vellore with the four 18
Pounders to be immediately recalled to the
Presidency

To the Commandant
at Tanjore

To the Commandant at Tanjore - the President
application for Ball & cartridges & Flint for the use of the
batteries cannot be complied with, as not being customary
to supply such stores to irregular Troops.

To the Storekeeper
at Tanjore

To the Storekeeper at Tanjore
approving the measures he has taken to
procure a few Barrels of Pitch and Tar.

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To the Commissary and Comptroller
General of Army Accounts - Stating that Major
Burrrows's Bill for arrears of Temporary allowance
will be discharged by the Acting President and his
arrears of Gratuity be settled hereafter - the Board's
Decision on Captain Bell's account as Commissary
of Stores at Trichinopoly - a General order will be
immediately issued respecting the Purchase of Materials
and Military Stores in Camp agreeably to his
Recommendation.

To the Commissary
& Comptroller
General of Army
Accounts

To the Military Board - approving
their recommendation respecting the obtaining an
Estimate of the Expenses for the repairs at Tanjore - to
report if the traversing Gun Carriages in the Arsenal
cannot be accommodated at a smaller Expense than Rs 2618.18.35 and to state the particulars of that Estimate.

To the Military Board

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly -
to instruct the Engineer in that Fort to proceed to Tanjore
for the purpose of making a particular Report and Estimate
of Repairs absolutely ^{necessary} to the different works and Gra-
naries of that Fort - and an Estimate of the Work
that has been already executed at the Gates by
the order of the Commandant.

To the Commandant
at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Tanjore
advising of the above mentioned Instructions
issued to the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

To the Commandant
at Tanjore

To the Commandant at Diagar -
directing

To the Commandant
at Diagar

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I directing him to write to the Major in charge of the Fort of Rajinagar recommending him to be upon his Guard against any surprise from the Enemy and inspiring him with confidence in order to prevent his Surrender of the Post.

To the Commandant at Tripasow

To the Commandant at Tripasow to furnish Lieutenant Clayton Sub conductor of Stores to take charge of the Stores which are to be conveyed from that Garrison to the Presidency.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General directing him to engage 150 Dooley Boys and 100 coolies for the use of the Detachment expected from Bengal.

From the Military Paymaster General

Received Letter from the Military Paymaster General / as entered in M: B: N 39 / enclosing copies of letters from the Paymasters at Ongole and Ellore, who state that it is impossible to transmit their Monthly accounts within the time they are required by the Board.

At

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At a Consultation Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Friday the
10th December
1790

Acting President
John Hudleston Esq.^r

The Honble Major General

Medows absent upon Service,

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved,

Read the following letter & Enclosure

From Mr. Tallofield

John Chamier Esq.^r

Military Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter
dated the 22nd ultimo on the 24th following,

In consequence of the Directions of the
Honble Board that I should report to them the Characters
of those persons who appeared in the late Enquiry in
Support of the Charges brought forward by the
Rajah, and in the refutation of them, I requested the
Reverend Mr. Seawitz who from his long abode at
Tanjore has acquired an intimate knowledge of the
transactions of the Palace and the Characters of the

From Mr. Tallofield
with copy of letter
from Mr. Seawitz &
relations to the
characters of the witnesses
who appeared in the
late investigation &
other papers against
Mr. Chamier.

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The principal People here, to afford me all the in-
formation in his power on this Subject.

Copy of a letter I received from Mr. Swartz
I beg leave to enclose for the information of the Honble
Board, I am persuaded that his opinion which I
firmly believe to be founded in the strictest
truth and justice will have more weight with
Government than any I could myself offer on
the occasion.

Tanjore
21st Decr 1790.

I have the honor to be with respect

Yrs. &c.

Signed J. W. Fallofield

J. E. W. Fallofield Esq^r

Dear Sir,

In respect of the Character of
those people who have been for or against Mr.
Rams, one observation will I think be sufficient
to state that Matter. It is enough to know
the Character of Shivarow and Labaroo, all
the rest were, and still are their dependants,
who must and will be for their leading men.

Shivarow's Character is not favorable
to

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to his cause. It is known to a great part of the inhabitants that he too often deviated from truth, so that few could depend upon his Word.

Subarus is more on his guard. He is naturally a timid man, and wishes to have a good Character. However he is sometimes deviating from truth, But when he is found out, as I have found him out, he endeavours to put things right by doing that which he formerly ought to have done, and by undoing what had been wrong.

I think that little could be depended upon the Characters of those people whose principles are not fixed.

I am &c. &c.

Signed J. L. Swartz

The Board have read, and considered with attention, the Proceedings of Mr. Fullsfield, in consequence of, & orders to him for enquiring into the Charges exhibited against Mr. Rann, the Resident at Lanyoe, These charges are of a serious nature, and they mean to deliver their opinions upon them with as much care and Circumspection as possible.

The first Charge is for a monopoly of Indigo, and the depositions of various People concerned in the Manufactures of Lanyoe are produced to establish this fact, and to shew the pernicious effects it produced upon every class of persons, who had before drawn their subsistence from those Manufactures.

Mr

Lanyoe
30th Nov 1790

Minutes of the Board
in consequence of Mr
Fullsfield's final report
in the charges exhibited
against Mr. Rann by
the Agents

the

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Mr Ram in his defence acknowledged that he did cultivate one hundred vallies of Land by way of experiment, and under the belief that it would be a benefit to the country - that this trial suggested to him - now the Rajah's Likhul a speculation of the same nature, which was in reality the cause of those Complaints that are now attempted to be set upon them -

It appears however that in this speculation, Soubaroo, Mr Ram's Dubash, suffered himself to be drawn in, first as a Lascar to furnish money for the Project, and then as a Principal in an agreement for the Farm of Indigo, in which it is inserted - "This Farm is granted to Ramchunder Punt in Soubaroo's Behalf" -

Mr Ram declares that this Transaction passed without his knowledge, and it is certain that the Complaints against him may be sufficiently accounted for by the part which his Dubash took in the concern, but it is difficult to reconcile his total Ignorance of those Complaints with the Vigilance & attention which formed an indispensable part of the duties of his Office, and in all events Mr Ram was culpable in having had anything to do with the cultivation of Indigo, since it led to an Interference with the Rajah's Government which has been strictly forbidden, and he ought to have been aware of its tendency to encourage others to engage in similar

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similar speculations, under the sanction of his example and authority - the conduct of the Dubash Dubrow in lending his name and assistance to the views of Shere - now, without the knowledge of his Master, and in concealing from Mr. Ram the clamours and complaints to which the transaction had given rise, was highly unwarrantable and improper.

The Board now proceed to consider the charge of most consequence to Mr. Ram, namely, that of presents. In support of this charge the Rajah himself stands forward with a direct accusation on a point which must be supposed to come immediately within his own knowledge, and the witnesses he brings are his Lirkul, or Minister, and three other official servants under him. It seems unnecessary to enter into any detail of their respective depositions, as they agree in the leading points, and the evidence of Shere now, the Lirkul, and Rahamed Kurr go directly to the fact of a conversation having passed between the Lirkul and Mr. Ram on the subject of presents, in which a proposal of a present of 4,000 pagodas is said to have been made to Mr. Ram on certain conditions and acquiescence given by Mr. Ram in the receipt of the present, with a promise to fulfil the conditions of it. Thus far the accusation appearing substantiated by positive evidence, Mr. Ram's guilt would be decidedly established without strong grounds adduced on his part to invalidate the testimony of the witnesses against

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against him - the Board proceed to examine Mr Ram's defence upon this principle, and to state what appears to them any way material in the evidence he has brought in support of it.

With respect to the declaration and Narrative of Subarow Mr Ram's Deebash, as it appears that he intrigued with the Rajah's Minister in the Town of Indigo, that he had considerable Money dealings in the Country, and that he is even deeply implicated in the charge in question, the Board are of opinion that no weight can be given to his evidence, and therefore only take notice of two letters mentioned in it from Bannanah and Ramcheendia Pandit, both of which state the return of the Bonds, and that from Ramcheendia Pandit acquaints Subarow, that on delivering them to Shewrow agreeably to his orders, the latter had said that Subarow mistrusted him, to which he Ramcheendia Pandit replied, that the Euroquanp Mr Ram had refused to accept the Bonds.

The Reverend Mr Swartz confesses all the points on which Mr Ram refers to his testimony, but none of those points bear any immediate relation to the principal fact charged against him.

What follows has a direct tendency to lessen the Weight of the evidence against Mr Ram, and even to produce an Idea that the Accusations against him

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him may have been fabricated. It is termed in Mr
Fallofield's proceedings (page 81) the declarations of
six persons whose names are mentioned, of what passed
in a conversation at which they were present between
Labaree, M^r Ram's Dubash, and Rahamed Cawn.

"We were present when Rahamed Cawn
came to the dubash from the Serkud / he desired Labaree
to make M^r Ram the Rajah's friend, saying, "If you
"will act in so disinterested a manner what advantage
"will you derive from it, your European has rejected
"that which has been offered to him - as to the Indigo
"business which Shivarow has given to Ramchandra
"pundit it is no great matter. The palace reaps the
"most benefit by it. before you connected yourself
"with your European you were respected, you say that
"he does not hear your advice, you & he may be as care-
"ful as you please, Chinnia Modely has assured the Rajah
"Shivarow, that in case you refuse to come into their
"measures, you shall be blamed he will find false
"witnesses sufficient, and in an European Court, a
"number of witnesses will carry the point. we have
"the Country & Money at our command we can attach
"people to us. this is the doctrine which Chinnia preached
"to the Rajah, and whatever he says the Rajah and
"Shivarow regard, you had better acquaint the European
"with all this" Shivarow answered that M^r Ram would
not.

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"notorious a Bribe, neither will he, to oblige you, make
"any excuse to prejudice the business of the Company. If
"you should desire such a thing he will not accede
"to it."

There is another paper which can be
scarcely in its present form be considered as evidence,
yet there is so striking a coincidence between the
conversation which it relates and the above written
testimony, that the Board, in Justice to Mr. Ram,
think they cannot pass it by unnoticed, especially,
as the consideration of the rank, and Education of the
person who comes forward with the Information,
may tend to controvert the same consideration as
with respect to his Accuser. The paper alluded
to is annexed to Mr. Ram's letter to the Secretary of the
9th November, and is stated to be a translation of a
letter to him from the Mother of the late Rajah &
Tuljaji. It informs Mr. Ram of a conversation which
had been held by Amur Ling, the Rajah's Chinese
Moddy & Shevarow the Larkal, and which had been
mentioned to her by a person "who wished to be unde-
-covered. The substance appears to be this - that Chinna
"and Shevarow told the Rajah that they had given in
"Writing several complaints against Mr. Ram, and
"Lubrow, which had been believed at Madras that they
"had shewed away how to get them removed, & so forth
that

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"that should be expected, no one would hear what Mr
 "Leortz said that if they brought to their side those
 "that were to come there [Larjow] and bound to
 "their Interest those who were at Madras, who could
 "make any further inquiry?"

The Board have thus gone through the
 material part of the evidence adduced by Mr. Ram,
 in which they observe one striking circumstance esta-
 -blished in proof namely that the Bonds were returned
 very soon after they had been delivered to Lebrons.
 They now proceed to advert to those parts of his de-
 fence which seem to rest on arguments derived from
 the relative situation of himself and his accused, &
 the motives they may have had to accuse him
 falsely, and here the Board acknowledge Mr. Ram
 receives support from points uncontroverted by either
 party, and from circumstances that admit of fair
 reasoning and deduction.

When the System of a Maratta Durbar
 is considered, with the despotic power of the Serkhal, or
 Minister, of the day, and the abject state of servitude &
 Subjection to his will, in which it places all the other
 Officers & Servants of the Pichau, it is evident that an
 accusation in which he takes part will be supported
 by all who depend on him & that the evidence of any
 of the other Subordinate Officers may be considered as
 little

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little more than his evidence. In forming a judgement
therefore on the present occasion it will be right to
keep in mind the relative situations of Mr. Ram and
Shewrow. It appears that from the hour of Mr.
Rams arrival at Larcow, the conduct which his
duty imposed in him had been diametrically opposite
to the views of the Rajah, and that at the very period
when he is said to have received the present he was
directly, and openly, endeavouring the disgrace of the
Minister whom in his own / the Ministers presence
he accused as the author of the Rajahs distress, and
advised the Rajah to dismiss him from his service, as
the only means of saving himself from ruin, Mr.
Rams own statement of this argument is forcible &
impressive when it is further considered that on the 30th
July I wrote the letter to Government advising the arrest
of Shewrow they must conclude me totally void of
understanding to have accepted the Bonds the 1st
August or granting that the Bonds had been received the
25th July that I should have written the letter in
question. In other words, that I should have accepted
the Bonds after advising the arrest, or after having
accepted such a benefit, advised the arrest of the person who had
conferred it. The transactions that relate to this charge
are stated as having happened between the 20th July &
3rd November, upon which Mr. Ram referring to the
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public records of his proceedings at Tanjore, avers that during that period scarcely 4 days intervened without his writing to Government, or to the Rajah, or receiving the Letters of Government full of the strongest measures to be taken against the Rajah, which as far as lay in his power he executed - that on the 8th October he in a conference with the Rajah, and in the presence of the viceroy, "accused the latter of the Embezzlement of 12 Lacks - of being the cause of the ill treatment of the Boy, and earnestly urged the Rajah to dismiss him, & from his employ, or he would otherwise be ruined - that on the same day he publicly demanded orders from the Rajah to the several Paltahdars, to pay the Collection of the Car Exp^t to him on the Company's Account, & that this demand continued without relaxation till on the 14th November he received the Secretary's Letter of the 11th - This continued series of oppositions the Rajah and his Minister forbore the belief that at that very time he was in treaty for, or had actually received from them the sum of 40,000 Pagodas on the express condition of forbearance from such opposition - In short Mr. Rarris conduct on the presumption of his guilt is unaccountable - as his safety was concerned, it would have been infatuation, and as it regarded his Moral & Character, the extreme of perfidy. on the other hand, it is equally obvious, that the conduct of his

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his accusers on the presumption of their having fabricated the accusation is so perfectly consistent with their Situation as to leave no difficulty in concluding upon that part, but what may arise from considering the guilt annexed to it, and even the experience had not shown how lightly the Crime of false accusation is held in this Country the difficulty would vanish in the present Instance by adverting to the Importance of the object to be Compa-ssed by it, Namely, the Removal of Mr. Ram from his Office - an event which the Rajah was doubtless taught to look to as not less essential to his own safety than it really was to the safety of the Minister. The foregoing Reasons receive confirmation from the Character given of the principal Witness Shevarow by Mr. Swartz.

Upon these various considerations added to that of Mr. Ram's former impeccable Character, the Board acquit him of the principal Crime laid to his charge - the actual receipt of a Bribe or present of 40,000 Pagodas, which in his situation having taken, and Subscribed to the Revenue oath would besides a direct violation of the Company's orders, & a Breach of trust, involve the guilt of perjury - but the Board at the same time that they acquit Mr. Ram of the principal

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principal charge brought against him, are concerned to be obliged to pronounce his conduct very exceptionable in the following Instances.

First... It appears on the face of the proceedings that the Intention of offering him a present was made known to him by his Dubash, and that he took no effectual Measures to discourage such Communication, or to prevent the execution of such Intention, whereas the Board are of opinion that the Dubash ought to have known so well his Masters principles and determination regarding presents as not to have dared to mention such a proposition much less to concert a meeting between Mr Rams & the Dubash for the purpose of carrying it into effect.

Secondly. after the Meeting had been held, and the attempt to corrupt him had been made, Mr Rams does not appear to have checked the Misconduct of his Dubash or to have confided in him less than he did before.

Thirdly It appears by Mr Rams own admissions, that he allowed his Dubash to engage in Loans of Money to the Rajah, & in Mortgages of Grain in the Laryow Country, in which transactions he must have been sensible that his own Name & Influence would be made use of.

The Board therefore, while they
 acquit

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Acquit Mr. Ram of those charges, which tend to impeach his personal Integrity, are of opinion that in the Instances above stated his conduct has been highly culpable and deserving of censure; it is Resolved therefore that he be severely reprimanded for these several acts & enjoined to be more Circumspect in future as the Board after this caution, will think it their indispensable duty to punish any similar Irregularity by the strongest marks of their displeasure.

With respect to the Diabash Libanon, his whole Behaviour has been such as to render him a very unfit person to remain in the Languir Country and it is agreed that he be informed of this disapprobation of the Board and directed to quit that territory within one month, & if afterwards found within its limits under any pretence, whatsoever, that he be seized and kept in close confinement until the pleasure of Government can be obtained respecting him.

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Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Minutes be transmitted to Mr. Ram and to Mr.

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M^r Lallfield, - that the latter be directed to execute the Board's Determination respecting the Dubash & Subarow, agreeably to the manner prescribed - and that he return the thanks of the Board to the Reverend Mr Swartz for the assistance & Information he has given upon the different points requested of him. -

Resolved that a letter be written to his Excellency the Rajah, stating the Determination of the Board upon the different Charges preferred against Mr. Ram; and that it be strongly recommended to his Excellency to dismiss from his Presence those Servants who have presumed to abuse the Confidence reposed in him. -

Ordered that the Secretary do communicate to M^r Lallfield the Board's approbation of his Conduct in the Execution of the Service entrusted to him. -

The Board resolved in their Minutes of the 3^d Instant to call on the Collector of Guntoor, the Resident at Tanjore and the Military Storekeeper to make the Declaration therein specified, because those Offices had been particularly named in the reports which had reached England of M^r Hollonds corrupt Practices, but as there seemed to be a general belief that the same Principles would govern that

The Board resolved to call upon all Civil Servants who pursued their appointments during the administration of M^r Hollonds to make the Declaration as required from the Collector of Guntoor Resident at Tanjore Military Storekeeper in the Minutes of the 3^d Instant.

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that administration in all appointments of consequence and as the letter from the Governor General in Council authorises an extension of the demand to any other Servants of the Company who may be reasonably suspected of having obtained their offices by the Payment of Money, the Board now proceed to select those remaining appointments which appear of sufficient Importance to excite a suspicion with respect to the motives from whence they might have originated.

Mr Davidson Chief of Vizagapatam

Mr Taylor - Member of the Board of Revenue, & afterwards temporary Member of Council

Mr James Hall a D^o D^o of the Board of Revenue

Mr. Michell Member of the Board of Trade

Mr. Henry Taylor - Paymaster at Ellore

Mr. Joseph Garros Persian Translator with a new Salary as Steward

Mr. Martin Secretary to the Board of Trade

Mr. Phaidon - Investigator of Laghiv Accounts

Mr. Clerk - Mr. Dighton, & Mr. Macleod - Collectors in the Laghiv

Mr. Colt - Paymaster of the army

Mr. Purvis - Deputy Comptroller General for army accounts

Mr. Landon - a pay Master

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as Mr. Willis has not thought proper to reply to the letter addressed to him on the 10th ultimo to comply with the requisitions therein contained, the Board are of opinion under all the circumstances of the case that the Misconduct by which the Company's Property has suffered to so large an Amount, is deserving of the severest Censure - Resolved therefore that Mr. Willis be suspended from the Honble Company's Service, & he is hereby suspended accordingly, until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors can be known -

Resolved that the office of Paymaster in the Gunter Circular be annulled, & that the Troops in the Circular be in future paid by the Paymaster at Angole -

Ordered that the Company's Solicitor be instructed to file a Bill against Mr. Willis in the Mayor's Court and that the necessary Papers be furnished for the purpose -

Read the following letters from Captain Read, Commanding at Amboor -

To

Mr. Willis suspended from the Honble Company's Service in consequence of his not having made a reply to the letter addressed to him under date the 10th ult. nor complied with the requisitions therein contained -

The office of Paymaster in the Gunter Circular be annulled - the Troops to be paid by the Paymaster at Angole -

A Bill to be filed against Mr. Willis in the Mayor's Court -

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir,

From Captain Read
 having the Honor of
 appraising the Revenue
 of the Paramaribo
 according to the best
 accounts to be collected
 recommends some
 improvements to
 be made in the Fort of
 Trippation, and reports
 the principal Reasons
 who prevent the
 Collection of the Revenue
 of the Paramaribo.

I was duly favored with Mr.
 Chamiers letter of the 26th ultimo, & marched myself with
 the Detachment therein ordered, to Trippation, for the
 purposes, which will be here explained.

I delayed the seizing of Appaze Am,
 till I could gain further knowledge of his transac-
 tions, judging from the nature of them, that to
 answer the intention of Government, it might be
 necessary to secure the persons engaged in them,
 in which case, my rather exceeding my instructions,
 might be attended with good consequences; & if
 disapproved of, might be soon remedied, by setting
 them at liberty. He has sent all the money & effects,
 of which he has pillaged the inhabitants of that
 district, to Amboi, and other places, & though
 the truth of it may be doubted, I am told that,
 being old, and therefore, setting little value, on his
 own life, he would rather part with it, than
 make restitution, that his family might benefit
 by his late acquisitions. Whatever there may be on
 that, as there are many things no doubt in

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charge of his son at Ambor, and his son in law -
 employed by him as a civil of Varniambaddy. I
 thought it of importance to confine them first; & a few
 hours after effecting that, secured appoze, himself, with
 all the sirket papers. Having sent him off under
 a guard to Ambor immediately published, by tom
 tom, to the inhabitants, the reason of his removal,
 and invited them to come forward, with their complaints
 against him, under every assurance, that should
 make them prefer, the Company's Government,
 to any other. Having been informed by M^r H.
 Hindusley of the advantages that Government
 had resolved to grant all people of the Carnatic
 - Payengaut, who should return thither, I like-
 - wise advertised them here, with intimation
 that, if any of the natives of this country should
 chuse to leave it, and settle there, they might, or
 now remove, with their effects, which appoze
 Row had prohibited, without molestation; and
 he saw. of the same encouragement, by applica-
 - tion to any of the Company's collectors. -

Next I released certain poor people whom appoze
 had confined, as partly the means of forcing them to
 satisfy his rapacity on being previously informed of their
 innocence, by the Zemindars, & Mootasaddies, & taking a
 written

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written declaration to that effect, binding them to answer any demands which it might afterwards appear, the Lark had upon them - not knowing what else I could do of immediate service to the public, or to individuals, I have taken no other steps here, that could affect either, and directed that, all the Heads of villages, and those employed in collecting the revenue, should diligently attend to the duty of their Stations, until the arrival of the collector, to whom they would be held responsible for their conduct.

Though not instructed by Government, I have done all that has lain in my power, during the few days I have been here, together every information respecting this District, and Oppojie Row; and from the same motives which have induced my inquiries, I do myself the honor of laying it before you -

All the public records of the Barrainall being kept at Kiongury, the present Castro, I have found it impossible to procure an accurate statement of its revenues. — The following is collected from the matta sardis of the Katcharee, held at this place, and is probably not very wise of the truth especially that of the nine first as till Tippoo's time they constituted one Circar under Jaga Dio. from which

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circumstance, it may be supposed, they are both informed respecting them the other three.

Mahals or Purgunas	Revenue
1 Trippatoor including Sawandepaur	52,000
2 Vanniam baudy	12,000
3 Jagga Deo	4,000
4 Muttoor	5,000
5 Cully or Culauee	4,000
6 Langarpate	6,000
7 Paranda pully	5,000
8 Kipsingury	8,000
9 Mahraungur	2,000
Total Containing Tanams	<u>98,000</u>

10 Caverypatam	25,000
11 Dingry cotla	35,000
12 Dharampoory	<u>16,000</u>
Total Trivady Tanams	76,000

Revenue of the first 9 Mahals or Purgunas in Rupees	3, 01, 376
Revenue of the 3 last	<u>1, 90, 000</u>
Revenue of the Barramall	<u>4, 91, 376</u>

The hill forts in the Barramall are Kipsingury
Jagga deo Kaywulgur, Warrangur, Maharagur,
Boojingur, Guggungur, Catorugur, Loodursumagur
or Latcul, all of which are yet in the enemy's possession.

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The company's authority has only extended to five of the parganas, and it appears that by reason of frequent visits from the circumjacent pollegars, it is not established yet in more than three of them. The underwritten is a statement showing the number of villages in each, and the collections that have been received at the Katcheries, or, more correctly, the portion of Appojus receipts entered in the sirkar books, from the 26th November to the 3^d December the period of his collectorship.

Parganas	Villages	Collections
Inppatoor	120	1207. 7. 12
Vannamandandy	100	722. 5. 10
Parandapilly	40	242. 3. 7
Akuthoor	70	not brought
Langanpate	60	into the
Taken from a supply of Tippees		1. 5. 0
Total Receipts		2174. 1. 14

Account of Disbursements

To Cash delivered to Serry Ram Vankasethy, gumastha of Gowind Chetty and sent by Capt Devon to receive the collection made by Appojus Row	524. 8. 1
To 794 bullock load of Rice Paddy and Binjara sent to camp	602. 3. 10
To 158 bullocks sent to camp amounting to	679. 8. 12
To Libbindeo	184. 7. -

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To Anka Myr Commandant of the
 Vankitgury Pollegars a loan of 118. 5. 8
 To the annil of Vancainbaudy, a loan of 2. 3. 4
 To Sander-waured or Contingences - 14. 1. -
 Balance - 47. 4. 5.

Total Receipts - 2174. 1. 14

By this Account which is an abstract of one made out by Appojee Rows Senishtadant from the daffars in the Katcharee, or registry of receipts and disbursements, he makes himself indebted to the Company, only 47½ chuckrams, but by the inclosed Statement, which is an abridgement of the several accompanying Gentes and Persian papers, delivered me by the injured Inhabitants, his assessments and robberies amount to 11044 Rupes, none of which is paid to the public Amount. Upon investigation of the several estimates of effects they will no doubt prove to be greatly overrated. But I may be expected with equal certainty that many more charges will come against him, for those I have brought forward, are only such as I have gather'd in this place, alone, since yesterday morning that I publicly began to receive them. Independent of the satisfaction I have in acting under that influence which has led me so far into this business, I have gratified by what I have done in

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in it a wish, which the vigorous proceeding of Government against Appoje Row, naturally excited, that was to vindicate the truth of the information I gave at first of his oppression. As more in my own line, I request now your attention to some remarks I have to make upon the Fort of Tripptawor, and on the protection of the districts now under its jurisdiction.

The Fort is situated in a fertile and extensive plain, presenting a beautiful prospect, bounded every way by distant hills. The ground all about it is very level, and the N. face of it is close to a large lake, which waters a Tract of paddy fields extending many miles. It is of an irregular figure but approaching an oblong, and is about three quarters of a mile, being 1300 paces round vide the accompanying plan. It is built of mud, and very much out of repair. The wall is from 16 to 20 feet high, and from 3 to 5 feet of that is a parapet the lowest part of which in few places is more than 3, and the top of it only 1 foot thick. The rampart varies, being from 5 to 13 feet in breadth, and of 17 bastions. Few of them are large enough to work any other gun upon, than a field piece. — In its present condition it is utterly against any respectable force, and if attempted, under cover of the night, might be easily taken by assault.

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Though it could not be made a strong port of
without an expense exceeding its importance, it
might be made quite secure against any number
of horse and foot, with any Guns for a small sum;
by cutting a trench round it, in the ditch or rather
hollow way, that has been made, by the removal
of earth, of which the wall has been built; and
by sum necessary repairs of the works. Think-
ing this might be worthy your consideration, as
I have ascertained by help of the waddiwars whose
business it is to dig tanks and ditches, that a trench
30 feet wide, and 7 deep, at the rate of a rupee for
gas for every yard of such dimensions, would
not cost so much, as 300 Pagodas. The fort is
so conveniently situated for supplying it with
water, that at this season of the year, it might be
every where, from 4 to 7 feet deep, in the middle,
which would make it impassable, without a bridge.
After such security, the ~~ruin~~ state of the wall,
would be of little consequence, but it would be
necessary to rebuild the bastion of the north east
angle, which will shortly be down, being intirely
undermined

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undermined, by a sluice from the Lake, before described; and to repair the gateways, which are covered, and falling in. No other works would be indispensable, to render Tripattoor a post. I shall insert an estimate of their expense.

A ditch all round the fort, 30 feet wide, and from 5, to 9 feet deep of water 300

A stockade across the bank of the tank or lake at the N. Angle, whether the ditch could not be carried 10

A drawbridge at the gateway 20

A new gate and two new sally ports 40

Repairing the gateway, now falling in 20

A gate for a Savammy house that would answer for an magazine 5

Repairs and additions that would be requisite to convert two chandtries into granaries, and store rooms 60

An officers quarter and outhouses 150

Barracks for a company of Sepoys 20

Barracks for 870 polligars 87

Total 642

It appears necessary, either to render the fort more

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more secure them at present, to augment the garrison by at least two more companies of sepoys, or to abandon it; for a few days ago when 1000 or 1500 of the enemy were said to be in the neighbourhood, the polligars who then entirely composed the garrison, had serious thought of evacuating it, and still consider themselves in danger, though there is no account of any enemy near, excepting of people of their own description. There are the polligars that inhabit the ~~two~~ ranges of hills, which run in a truth and north direction, the eastward of which is called the Jawaddipaw, and that to the westward the Barramall hills. They have only from one to five hundred men each and though so despisable, are the dread of the inhabitants on both sides of the hills, alternately committing their robberies in the two Carnatics. as government has the power, and may be pleased to furnish some of them, I shall recite what I know of them.

Tim Nyc. of Coorgondy, is an inhabitant of Amboor, took credit of Colonels Kelly and Maxwell before the army marched from Arcue and accompanied it, into the Barramall. It had no son.

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some in left Cavery pateram, than he plundered this district of nine hundred head of cattle. at present he is investing Congoondy, 12 cofs N W of Trippatoor, and the same distance S.W. of Amboor.

Chill Nyyg, was driven from the Carnatic by Wallajah, took refuge with Tippoo K^{ing}.

Candalu, 8 cofs W. of this, in yaguer from hence. He is in league with Sun Nyyg, and the people inform me him, is assisting him against Congoondy.

Chenka, resides in Iwaddipattam and was employed by Colonel Kelly to collect cattle in the enemy's country for the use of the army. He carried off 5000 head of cattle and sheep out of this and other districts of the Barramall, immediately after the inhabitants of this place had taken the Company's cause, and is said to be now with them, in the vicinity of Trincomoly.

Narrapatty, Lemma Nyyg, resides at Narrapet, 6 cofs W. of this place, and commits frequent

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frequent robberies on the inhabitants of this district.

I beg leave, sir, to add that while there is nothing to apprehend from Tripuras & Sirkar troops, the Carnatic rangers if advanced to Shangama or Sangarpate, would be a great check on these banditti, and might be very assisting to the amildar deputed from him to the last mentioned place, in making his collections, which, he writes, he is unable to accomplish, on account of the ravages committed by those thieves. If any more important service do not require the rangers to be stationed so far to the southward they might be still more usefully employed in this district, for it appears that the polligars I have mentioned, are the only impediment, at present to government extending its authority over other districts of the Barramall. You will pardon I hope these suggestions. So apologise for the length of this letter would only be adding to any transgression in standing

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obtruding so much upon your time.

Trippatore

December 5. 1790

I am with great esteem

Sir Yea Yea

Signed / Alexander Read

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Captain Read
- puts the Com. any's
Reader into possession of
Trippatore - forwards
a sketch of the Bara-
mahal - and details
the villainies that have
been practised by upa-
poo Row

Sir,

Having been advised by Mr. Hinders-
ley of his being directed to take the management
of Trippatore, and of such other districts as have
taken out; and his venter having arrived at
Trippatore, I notified to the inhabitants, his
appointment, and having delivered over every
thing there into his charge, returned yesterday
to Amboor. I shall in consequence give over
Appajee Row, and his relations, into Mr. Hindersleys
custody.

I now do myself the honour of transmit-
ting you a sketch plan of Barramahal, which is
sufficiently correct, to illustrate the information con-
tained in my letter of the 5th instant. By a discovery
since that, of Appajee Rows private papers that, my
statement of his experiments and robberies, constitutes
but

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but a small portion of them; and that, of his many
villanies, one of them is, his having entered into
a compact with Timmapa Nyr, the poligar of
Amboor and Cungoondy, to share of the cattle,
which, as I mentioned in my last, he plundered
in the Trippatoor district, whenever Colonel
Maxwell marched from Caverypatam. An-
other plan of theirs, was to divide between them,
the revenues of Swaddypan, which the inha-
bitants of that country have agreed to pay to
Timma Nyr, by installments, and to a consider-
able amount. As may be seen in the sketch,
Swaddy is a hilly country, lying to the East-
ward of the Trippatoor and Agram districts, and
Westward of Canniambaddy, Cannatigur,
and Shangama. Mr Hindersley will of course
be able, very shortly, to give you full informa-
tion of these transactions and put a stop to them
as soon as possible. I have only mentioned
them, to lose no time in showing the evils that
will

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will be prevented, and the advantages arising
to the public, from governments speedily appo-
inting collectors to take charge of such countries,
as may hereafter, receive the Company's protection

Amboor
7th December 1790

I have the honor to be
Y^{rs} Y^{rs}

Signed / Alexander Read

Notification to be
made to Captain
Read of the Board's
approbation of his
judicious Conduct.

The Board have great Satisfaction
in noticing Captain Read's very judicious Conduct
in the Execution of the Orders entrusted to him, and
greatly applaud the zeal and activity which he
has manifested on the Occasion.

Ordered that the above be communi-
cated to Captain Read, and a Copy of his letter sent
to the Board of Revenues for their Information

Read the following Letter from the

acting Resident at Nagore.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President and Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

Fort St. George

The Returns of the Troops doing
Duty

From the acting
Resident at Nagore
the Substantive of
that Town refuses to
dispay any longer
the Charges of the
Troops formerly
collected by subscription
recount.

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Recommend that
they be placed on the
Strength of the 12th
Revenue Battalion.

Duty in this Factory, wait on your Honor &c. en-
closed.

I beg leave to inform your Honor &c.
that Mr. Sallofield the late Resident had prevailed
with the Merchants of this Town to pay a certain Num-
ber of Sepoys for its Defence, in which a liberal Example
was set them by the monthly Contribution of the Compa-
ny's Civil Servants. With the Funds so subscribed, &
upwards of Seventy Sepoy Recruits were engaged, who
are now in a high State of Discipline; the Merchants
consented to this Supply on a promise the Government
should not exceed three Months provided that Hostilities
were concluded, but at all Events they would not be
called upon to pay these Troops more than Six Months.
The time elapsed is now upwards of Seven Months
and the Merchants positively refuse any farther aid,
nor indeed can the Collection be adequate to the Dis-
charge of the Payment of the Corps, as the greater part
of the Subscribers have left this Place from apprehen-
sions of the Enemy.

I therefore humbly propose to
your Honor &c. that this Corps be taken into the
Honble Company's pay, and placed on the Strength
of one of the new Revenue Battalions now ordered to be
raised

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raised, as the Men composing our Corps are our only
Confidence; those of the two Companies of Sibbonds sta-
tioned here being principally Invalids, and old Men, and
inadequate for active service.

Nagore

4th December 1790

I have the honor to be

Yours &c

[Signed] W. Mitchell

Minute thereon

The Board approve the placing on the
strength of the 12th Revenue Battalion seventy recruits Re-
cruits at Nagore - agreed that Colonel Bruce, comman-
ding at Vellore, be directed to order the necessary Proportion of
native Commissioned and non-Commissioned officers to join
them.

The acting President
reports the Death of
Ensign R. H. Petry of
the Invalids.

The acting President reports to the Board
that Ensign R. H. Petry of the Invalids died at Pondi-
cherry on the 6th Instant.

Sergeant W. Sedgery
appointed Sergeant
Major of the Garrison
of Cuddalore

The acting President recommends that
Sergeant William Sedgery be appointed Sergeant Major
of the Garrison of Cuddalore.

Ordered accordingly -

" Chas. Baker

" Waddeston

Cd
Chas. Carpenter

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. N^o. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49.

From Lieutenant
M. Kerras at
Trinomalee

From Lieutenant M. Kerras enclosing a Letter received from the Rajah of Ranyinagur which states the Situation & Strength of the Enemy's troops in that Neighbourhood advises that he has received a Summons to surrender & applies for immediate Assistance - Repeating his Recommendation that Kistnamah Rauge's party be immediately entertained.

From D^o

From D^o - Tippoo has opened his Guns at Ranyinagur which have been returned from the Fort - the Enemy take Possession of the Pettah and are dislodged - Motabur Khan has refused to surrender.

From the Commandant at Chundaregerry

From the Commandant at Chundaregerry - stating that several of Tippoo's expelled Poligars who were dispossessed by him of their Countries have lately with the assistance of some Carnatic People regained their Territories recommending that measures be adopted for securing some

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some revenues from them.

From G^o

From L^o reporting the refractory and insolent Conduct of the Cankal Coligar - particularly in having repeatedly broken down a Dam which turned a river by which the Tripaty Tanks are supplied in direct opposition to frequent representations made to him by Letter, and by deputations sent to him from the Tripaty Amildar - requesting to know if coercive Measures should be taken in case of his persisting in such Behaviour.

From the Agents of M. W. W. Soriano

From the Agents of M. W. W. Soriano - enclosing a Company's Bond for 2000 Pagodas in part of the Security required from their Constituent as Paymaster of Bellere - requesting to be furnished with a Receipt for the same.

From the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Guntur Circar

From the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Guntur Circar - advising of his arrival at Guntur - and of the manner in which he intends to dispose of the Detachments from Masulipatam and Ongole.

From the Resident at Hyderabad

From the Resident at Hyderabad - enclosing a Letter for the Governor General to be delivered to his Lordship on his arrival at Fort St George.

From

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From the Commandant
at Trichinopoly. —

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From the Commandant at Trichinopoly
Tippu has only moved five Miles from his former
Station - reports prevail that he intends going to Utatur

From D^r

From D^r the Enemy move from the
encampment near Sarniavram in a direction towards
Utatur - our Camp discovered from the Rock at the
Distance of about fifteen Miles. —

From Ganjam

From Ganjam - M^r S. Lennox who
has not been yet able to proceed to his Station from
Ongole, requests permission to repair to the Presidency
for a few Days. —

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M^o. N^o. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54 55.
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To Captain Read at
Amboor.

To Captain Read at Amboor - advis-
ing of the Receipt of his Letters of the 5th & 7th instant
approving his Conduct in the Execution of the
orders entrusted to him, and applauding the Zeal
& activity which he manifested on the occasion. —

To Masulipatam

To Masulipatam - Directing them
to dispatch to Ongole & Ellore the Money necessary
for the Paymaster's Disbursements, so as to arrive
at those Places by the 1st of Month - the Troops in the
Quarter Corias to be paid in future by the Paymaster at Ongole. —
Do.

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To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General - the accounts of the Paymasters at Ongole & Ellore to be transmitted as heretofore - advising of the abovementioned instructions sent to Masulipatam respecting the Supplies of Cash for the troops at those Stations.

To the Superintendent of the Dutch Possessions at Balicat.

To the Superintendent of the Dutch Possessions - at Pulicat - requesting him to order strict Search to be made for a Man of the Maroonian Regiment named George Narges, who has deserted from this Place - Description of the person enclosed.

To Mr. John Lennox at Ongole.

To Mr. John Lennox - permitting him to proceed to the Presidency & directing him to return to Aska as soon as possible.

To the acting Resident at Nagore.

To the Acting Resident at Nagore - the Seventy Sepoy Recruits formerly supported by the inhabitants of that Place to put on the Strength of the 12th Revenue Battalion - the necessary Instructions will be sent to Colonel Brad.

To the Commandant at Villore.

To the Commandant at Villore - if the two Companies of Sepoys under the Command of Lieutenant Bulman have not yet left Villore Lieutenant Reddle is to be instructed to proceed with his Company to Conjiveram to do Duty there until further Orders - directing him to order the necessary

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necessary proportion of native Commissioned and non-commissioned officers to join the seventy Sepoy & Recruits at Nagore.

To Lieutenant Bulman
Commanding a Detach-
ment of three Companies
of Sepoys.

To Lieutenant Bulman - to direct

Lieutenant Reddle with the Company of the 26th Battalion to remain at Conjivaram and so Duty there until further Orders.

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Substance of a Letter
to the Rajah of
Tanjore.

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. (as entered in G. C. N^o 274) informing his Excellency of the several Resolutions of the Board in consequence of Mr. Fallofield's final Report on the Charges exhibited by his Excellency against the Resident Mr. Ram; and advising him to dismiss from his Presence all those Servants who have appeared in the face of Mr. Fallofield's Report to have abused the Confidence reposed in them.

Sent the following Letters

To George Andrew Ram Esq^r

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore -
with Extract of the Minutes
containing the Board's
Resolutions &c. on Mr.
Fallofield's Report upon
the charges preferred
against him by the
Rajah.

Enclose by Order of the Board
an Extract of their Minutes containing their
Sentiments & Resolutions respecting the Charges
exhibited.

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exhibited against you by the Rajah of Tanjore.
M^r. Falloufield will receive their directions as to
the Execution of the Determination regarding
Subarow.

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11. December 1790.

I am

Y^r.^a G^d.

/ Signed / John Chamier

To Ernst William Falloufield Esq. ^{Secretary}

Sir

To M^r. C. W. Falloufield.
- with Extract of the
Minutes containing
the Board's resolutions
Y^r.^a respecting the charges
exhibited against M^r.
Ram. - Extracts
regarding Subarow.
His conduct in the
investigation approved.
Thanks to be given to
M^r. Searcy for his
assistance.

Enclose by Order of the Board an
Extract from their Minutes containing their
Sentiments & Resolutions respecting the Charges
exhibited by the Rajah of Tanjore against M^r.
Ram.

You will be pleased to Carry into
Execution the Board's Determination respecting
the Dubash Subarow agreeably to the manner
prescribed.

The Board direct me to add their
approbation of your Conduct in the above Enquiry
& to desire you will return their thanks
to the Reverend M^r. Searcy for his assistance
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& information upon the different points request-
-ed of him.

Fort St. George
11th December 1790.

I am

Yr^a Yr^a

/Signed/ John Chamier

Secretary

To Mr. Richard Willis

Sir

By Mr. A. L. Willis.
suspending him the
Honble Company's
Service reasons assign-
-ed Mr. Young to take
charge of this Employ.

As you have not thought proper to
reply to the Letter addressed you on the 10th
Ultimo, or to comply with the request therein
contained the Board have reconsidered all the
circumstances of your case, and being of opinion
that the misconduct by which the Company's
property has suffered to so large an Amount
is deserving of the severest censure they conceive
it their indispensable Duty to mark the dis-
pleasure of Government by suspending you
from the Honble Company's Service until
the pleasure of the Court of Directors be
known, & you are hereby suspended the
Service accordingly.

The Board have directed
Mr. Young Paymaster at Ongole to take charge
of

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th 12. of your Employ of Paymaster & Storekeeper
in the Guntoor Circar.

Fort St. George
11. December 1790.

Sam

Ye. ^a Ye. ^a

/Signed/ John Chamier

Secretary

Letters written to all
Companies Servants
who received appoint-
ments during M^r
Hollonds Government
agreeably to the acting
Presidents Minute
of the 11. Instant

Conformably to the Recommendation
contained in the Acting Presidents Minute of the
11. Instant, Letters were written all Companies
Servants to whom appointments were given &
during M^r Hollonds Government requiring to
know if their appointments were obtained by
any corrupt Means - (For the form of the Letter,
see the Minutes of Consultation the 3. Instant.)

Lord Cornwallis
arrives on his Ma-
jesty's Ship
Vestal.

Late this Evening His Majestys
Frigate the Vestal anchored in the Roads, having
on board the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis
Governor General of Bengal.

Lord Cornwallis
lands and is received
with the usual
Honors.

th 12. This Morning Earl Cornwallis,
with his Family and Suite, landed, and was
received with the usual Honors.

Received the following Letter
from Major General Meadows.

To

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

Camp near the Fort on the
 Carry opposite Carroor.

The 5th of December 1790.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major General
 Meadows. Before his
 plan of ascending the
 Ghauts for a short time
 he determines marching
 towards Trichinopoly
 the reasons assigned
 receive a kind of warrant
 from a treaty from Tippu's
 Minister.

Th^o I informed you in
 my last, that convinced the Enemy's design in
 continuing below the Ghauts was to divert me from
 going up them, and that therefore I was determined
 not to be the dupe of it, but to proceed up them the
 instant I was ready; yet, some circumstances, such
 as the unusual swelling of the river, and the
 apparently setting in of the Monsoon; the daily
 expected arrival of Lord Cornwallis, and some
 other reasons, have determined me to proceed &
 first towards Trichinopoly; by which means &
 we shall clear the Country of the Enemy,
 ensure the facility of Lord Cornwallis join-
 ing the Army, and enable him to pursue &
 the war in the manner he may think most
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elligible: all which might be very uncertain should we proceed without him; Besides some other advantages, of providing the Army with many things in the neighbourhood of Trichinopoly, of which - after six months in the Field they stand much in need. - From all these circumstances I hope you will approve the alteration; which, after all, need not postpone the intended scheme above a fortnight; and may very possibly enable Lord Cornwallis to pursue a better.

I have received a kind of overture to a Treaty, from Tippoo's Minister; which, with my answer, I shall submit to Lord Cornwallis upon his arrival.

And have the honor to be

Yr^{ts} &c^{ts}

Signed/ W^m Meadows Governor
Yr^{ts} Commander in Chief

Sent the following Letter to

Major General Meadows.

To the Hon^{ble} Major General William Meadows
Governor & Commander in Chief
Hon^{ble} Sir

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Vestal Frigate anchored last night

In Major General
Meadows - advising of
the arrival of Lord
Cornwallis.

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13 in the Roads & that Lord Cornwallis landed this
morning.

We have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your favor of the 5th Instant received this
day in Duplicate, & shall immediately lay it
before Lord Cornwallis.

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13th December 1790.

We have the honor to be

Sr.^a & C.

Signed

Charles Oakeley

&c.^a Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M.B. N^{os} 38. 39. 60.

To the Secretaries at
Bengal & Bombay -
and the Residents
at Poona & Hydrabad.

To the Secretaries at Bengal & Bombay
& the Residents at Poona & Hydrabad -
advising of Lord Cornwallis's Arrival.

To Bengal

To M^r. Secretary May - enclosing
Copy of the last Letter from Major General Meadows.
Received the following Letter

from Captain Read at Amboor.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir

From Captain Read of the
Bengal Artillery he has
made in a Negotiation
with Chell Nayappa
Nayappa and other persons
concerning Poligars.

As perhaps the most effectual way of
preventing the mischief occasioned by the poligars,
mentioned in my letter of the 5th instant, I have
entered

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entered into a negotiation with some of them; and do myself the honour of laying before you, at present, that with Chill Nyg, who has been in this neighbourhood these three days past.

Letter from Chill Nyg Appy Nyg.

I here give the desired information regarding my ancient Gaucers, Cauvely, Rowoms, Enaums, and Kustunas, that you may lay it before the governor, in order to procure me Coul, and the restoration of my rights. The being deprived of them by Nabob Wallajah, obliged me to quit his country, and to take refuge in Tippoo's. Tippoo gave me a helat of Rup^{ts} 1000, a gauger of 2000, and commanded that I should savage the Carnatic, and devote myself to his service. I obeyed, but was rejoiced, when the Company's army arrived, in the neighbourhood of Krisnagery, and Calastry Vangum Nyg invited me to camp. Without hesitation I dispatched my vakeel to Colonel Maxwell, and he gave, full assurance, that my ancient Gaucers &c. should be restored; but the army marched away, before I had time to procure the promised grant of them.

The districts of Sankrapeer, and Chudry are

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are my ancient inheritance in the Carnatic, which from failure of male heirs, devolved to a woman, & when Saundet Volla Cawn, unjustly made them over to Golam Musool Cawn. I attempted to recover my birth right, and on that account my Cauvolee was afterwards confiscated. I now hope for the restoration of them, through the favour and support of the English. The gross revenue of those districts, is Pagodas 10,000, and their usual tribute, & Rup. 18,000. My Cauvolee districts, in the Carnatic, are Trinonai, Mangama, Callispatti, Tirraoarungum, Callacoorchy, Mulloor, Ploor, Bhootmangul, Aoolakaur, & Paurulum; my roosom from which, is, 10 per cent, of the collections. Besides which, I had Maira, (or proportion of their produce, in kind). Enaums, and a Vurtund on the Syr, and Pulpitree i.e. customs on merchandise, and tradesmen, in every village.

In Tippus's country I formerly had Hauroor, and Dotapatty, of the Singricotta district, in Jaugeer; which the Mysore-man seized, during the struggle my family made, to recover my lands in the Carnatic. My father got them & both.

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th both back after that, and held them, four or five years, when he died; and leaving me a minor, they were again taken from me. Their gross revenue is 4000 Nagaree Chuchras, and they pay no paishkash. My C Cauvatee districts, under Mysore, are Vanniambaddy, Trippatoor, Saggadee, Koisagery, Cauverypatam, Singricotta, Dharrampoor, Painagaram, Paulole, and Anantagery; my share is 10 per cent, on their collections. I have likewise a right to Masra and Virtuna from them.

Tippoo declared at the time he gave me Candalee in Jajgeer, that after distinguishing myself in his service, he would reestablish me, in my ancient possessions. If the English will make me a similar promise, and protect me in them, I will engage to serve them with zeal, and fidelity.

Answer to Chill Nugg.

I have received your letter, and in regard to your claims on the Carnatic, must inform you, that I conceive the Company will not comply with them, as your Jajgeers &c in that country are the

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^{th.} the property of Nabob Wallajah. Besides your pretensions being so various, and considerable, might be an objection with the governor to acknowledge them, which he might otherwise be induced to do. Therefore advise you, not to attempt what will certainly fail of success; by not urging those claims, or by dispensing with any application to the governor, concerning them, at present; and to be satisfied with demanding the Jangues, inaimi &c in Tippoos country, which I think it very probable, government will grant, as a reward for your services. I request to know what number of men you would engage to maintain for the Company, as the conditional tenure of those lands, and purquisites.

From Chill Nugg

You inform me the Company cannot restore my Jangues &c in Wallajahs, but will grant me those in Tippoos country. These in Tippoos are of little consequence, and the Company will no doubt, act by me, in respect to them, as by other pollijars. Shankrapoot, and my other Jangues in Wallajahs country are my object, and my family has endeavoured to recover them for three generations, - ever since they were seized on.

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1st "myself to conduct the army, by the best road to wherever
"its destination may be, and point out the fittest &
"encamping grounds; for I and my people, are per-
"fectly acquainted with the enemys country.

"I will further undertake, to bring over the
"pollegars of Rydoorug, Muggery, Nedjgal, Gommyn-
"pottom, Daby, and others to the Companys interest;
"to supply the army with whatever cattle, and provi-
"sions it may require, on its march to, and while
"before Seringapatam; to reduce whatever garrisons,
"or mud forts, I may be ordered against; and to obey
"all other commands in my power to execute.

"I assured him, that his faithful promises
"should be communicated to you, with exactness,
"and that you would honor them with due &
"consideration. He intimated his want of means
"to support his people, and intreated that he &
"might be soon favored with your answer, and
"Coul nama. Then he desired leave to visit,
"in the mean time, Candale, his Sanguer in
"the Trippatoor district, and I enjoined him to
"desist from his practice of plundering, on pain
"of incurring your displeasure, and forfeiting all
"favor."

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14. favor from the Company. Two other robbers of life note, in that quarter, have taken route, and I have required their attendance here, a few days hence to meet. Mr. Rindersley, who comes to settle with the inhabitants. By the inclosed you may please to observe, that Tim Nyar, the cavalgar of this district, continues his depredations, on the Company's possessions. He took Cwangoony his pollom, which Nyar deprived him of, a few days ago.

By information just received, Tippoo's bazar has moved a march to the Southward of Opor, and about 1000 horse, and 300 foot, probably attached to it, are a few miles on this side of it.

Amboor

12. December 1790.

I am with great esteem

Yr^a & Yr^a

/ Signed / Alex. Read

At a Consultation Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

John Hudleston Esq.

The Honble. Major General W. Meadows
absent upon Service

Tuesday the
14. December 1790.

Minutes of Last Consultation read
and approved.

Read

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Read the following Letter & Endorsement
from His Highness the Nabob (as entered also
in C.C. N^o 275)

Translation

From the Nabob Moulajaw to Sir Charles Oakesley Bart.

Dated 3rd Mubtassam 1205 Hegiry
10th December 1790

Received 11th December 1790

I have received my friend's Letter of
the 3rd Instant informing me that M^r. Edward
John Holland had addressed your Government
on the subject of a Paper said to have been signed
"by my Son Omadal ul Omrah" and inclosing a
Copy of M^r. Holland's Letter and the Paper
alluded to—

It is a fact that M^r. John Holland,
then Governor did obtain from my Son Omadal
ul Omrah the paper of which Paper he sent
into your Board—a Copy and the annexed
declaration of my Son on the Subject and to
which I refer you, will I trust be sufficiently
explanatory of the Transaction—The Supreme
Government of Bengal is acquainted with
this Paper which M^r. Edward John Holland
emphatically

From the nabob stating
the circumstances which
induced his son Omadal ul Omrah
to sign the Paper a copy
of which M^r. E. J. Holland
has lately laid before the
Board under the title of
an acquittal—enclosing
a Translation of his Son's
Declaration and the sub-
ject information respect-
ing the letter addressed
the late Government
by M^r. George Anderson—

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emphatically denominates a full discharge & acquittal
and which he Seizes with eagerness as the Asylum
for his own and his Brothers delinquency - Mr. Ed-
ward John Holland observes that "if such formal
Testimonies and acquittals do not carry with them
full conviction no character can be safe" were
acquittals to be obtained in the same manner as
Mr. Holland obtained his acquittal no property would
be safe, but allowing Mr. Hollands acquittal to have
its utmost force and it amounts to this that Messrs.
Hollands have not received from the Circle either
money or jewels or in other Words that they have
not received from me any presents and then the
production of the acquittal will appear altogether
unnecessary to the preservation or defence of Messrs.
Hollands Character. I have not brought such a
charge against it; my charges against those Gentle-
men are of a very different description and a
much more heinous nature - a breach of public
Trust - and the Commission of Fraud in the
management and application of Public Money
and if Mr. Edward John Holland had not known
such charges were founded he would have taken
advantage of the opportunity which offered for
confuting.

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confuting them in the Committee when they were lately brought forward -

M^r. Holland asserts the Public Records will testify that I was kept constantly apprised of the Money received from me and which I had formally acknowledged by frequent Letters. The Public Records are not the criterion by which a judgement is to be formed, they have been rendered defective by M^r. John Holland and the Person who now appeals to them; Can M^r. Edward John Holland forget the Letter sent into the Board during the Government of his Brother M^r. John Holland and when he himself was a Member of Council by M^r. George Anderson that Letter was never entered upon the Records but suppressed untill M^r. Anderson was prevailed upon some months afterwards to withdraw it. He continued charges of a highly criminating nature against M^{rs}. Hollands respecting their public conduct and particularly in their Transactions with my Durbar. if that Letter had been in Existence M^r. Edward John Holland would not have ventured the assertion with which he now so daringly approaches your Board. If terrified, it alarms, it confounds them, they will know M^r. Anderson could have established his charges against them.

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them and they shrank from them and through their
 Dubash Caupiah compelled me to pay M^r. Anderson
 a certain sum of money on account of his loans with
 the Circar to qualify his clamours, and save them from
 destruction. Our relative situations reduced me to the
 necessity of complying with their desire. But in
 what manner the money received from me was applied
 and how different to the intent for which it was
 advanced, will I am persuaded fully appear on the
 proceedings of the Committee of Investigation on the
 Mess^{rs}. Holland and their Dubash Caupiah and
 to those proceedings I refer you for a further
 confutation of M^r. Edward John Hollonds ill ad-
 vised and ill founded assertion.

What can I say more?

/ A true translation /

Joseph Garrow

pr^{nt}

/ Translation /

The Declaration of Omdul ul Omrah Bahaudet on the
 Subject of a Persian Paper Dated 2^d Rubejany 1205 or 9th
 December 1790.

That on the 10th of February M^r.

John Holland the then Governor sent for me in a
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great hurry and imagining the occasion to be some business of importance I waited on him immediately at the Government Garden House and after the usual compliments he requested me to give him a writing purporting that neither His Highness the Maharajah nor myself had ever given him any Money or Jewels. I observed it would be impossible to comply with such request untill I should first have mentioned the Circumstance to His Highness. Mr. Holland replied he could not think of dismissing me untill I should give the writing required - much altercation ensued and Mr. Holland continuing inflexibly determined on his purposes and growing violent in his Language, & as I saw no prospect of permission to return to my own House unless I obeyed his dictates and reflecting that if ever the paper should be produced it would on the face of it carry the strongest conviction of the Mr. Holland's corruption, I gave the paper insisted on.

Minute thereon Ordered that Copy of the above be sent to the Committee for investigating the Charge against Caupiah &c.
Read the following Letter from Bengal -

To

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To the Honble

The Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal a complete Regiment of Cavalry will be sent from that Presidency to the Coast in the Beginning of January

As it is our intention to send a complete Regiment of Cavalry to the Coast, from hence, at the Beginning of January, we request that the necessary Preparations may be made for disembarking them on their Arrival at Madras.

Fort William

the 24th of November 1790

We have the Honor to be

Yours &c

Cornwallis

Peter Speke

Wm Cooper

To the Honble

The Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal the Revenue made to that Government respecting the Distribution of the Wickopung will be decided by Lord Cornwallis on his arrival at Madras.

We have been favored with your Letter of the 20th of October, referring to our decision, by the Orders of the Court of Directors, a Letter from the Field Officers and Captains in the

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the Company's Service, employed to the Southward of
the Coleroon, in which they remonstrate against
the new Plan of distribution of Off reckonings on
the Coast, — and acquainting us that you had
Suspended the Payments of the off reckoning &
Money, on the new Plan, until you should
receive our Opinion on the Subject.

As the Governor General is
proceeding to your Presidency we shall request
his Lordship to take this Subject into Considera-
tion, and to give you his Sentiments upon it
to enable you to come to a Decision, and finally
to Confirm the present Plan, or Substitute
one that may appear to be better Calculated
for all the Circumstances of the case.

Fort William }
3^d December 1790 }

We have the Honor to be,

Yc^{rs} &c^{rs}

Cornwallis

Signed

{ Peter Speke
W^m Couper

The Honble The Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We have already had the Honor
of

From Bengal enclosing
Copy

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Copy of a Paper specifying the Powers given to Lord Cornwallis by that Government in consequence of his Lordship's Determination of proceeding to the Coast.

of informing you of Lord Cornwallis's Intention to proceed to the Coast of Coromandel, and We now transmit to you a Copy of a Paper which contains the Powers given to his Lordship by this Government.

Fort William

We have the Honor to be,

3^d December 1790

Yc^a Yc^a

Cornwallis
/ Signed / { Peter Speke
W^m Cropper

Whereas it has been Resolved that the Governor General shall proceed to Madras for the purpose of directing & in person the Operations of the War against Tippoo Sultan and for the other purposes expressed in his minute of the 5th of November And Whereas for the said purposes, as well as for others which may occur and which may require the immediate presence of the Governor General it is essentially necessary that he should be invested with such full and entire powers, as are suitable to his Station and may enable him to apply the whole force of the Company with energy for the prosecution of the War or to avail himself with promptitude and effect of any favorable Opportunity that may offer for negotiating and obtaining an advantageous

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and honorable peace, and also to provide for, or act, upon any exigencies which may arise and require his Direction, interference, or controul, whether with respect to our Allies, or the other Native powers of Hindostan, or to the several Presidencies of Madras & Bombay so that the Orders of the Governor General issued by him during his Absence from this Presidency may have the same force and effect as if given by him in Council at Fort William. It is hereby Resolved that the Governor General shall be & he is hereby invested with the full power and authority of this Government in all matters which Respect the Conduct & prosecution of the present War with Tippoo Sultan, or the negotiating and concluding peace with him, and also with the full power and authority of this Government to form such arrangements and to conclude such several engagements, or treaties, with any of the Chiefs or Powers of Indostan, as he shall judge expedient and necessary, whether for the termination of the present War with Tippoo Sultan or for the advancement of the interests of the Honble Company, or for the strict & permanent establishment.

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establishment and confirmation of the alliances which do at present subsist, or which he shall judge it necessary to form with the said Chiefs & Powers respectively And it is hereby declared that all such Acts and Orders and all such engagements and treaties made as aforesaid shall be binding on the Governor General in Council in the same manner and as effectually as if they had been passed and done by the Special immediate concurrence and actual Sanction of the Governor General in Council assembled.

Given in Fort William under the Seal of the Honble Company and under the hands of the Governor General and Members of the Council this third day of December in the year of our Lord 1790

/Signed/ { Cornwallis
Peter Spence
Wm. Cochrane

(L.S.)

/Attest Copy/
/Signed/ E. Hay
Secretary to the Government

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To the

Honble the Governor in Council
Fort St. George
Honble Sir

From Bengal - advice
recd of the Honble the
Board of Directors
dated 10th Sept. 1798
concerning the
Honble Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th instant and to acquaint you that we approve entirely of the steps, which you have taken with regard to the investigation into the Charges against Paulist Dubaut - and your last Address to us on this subject, dated the 22^d of October.

Fort William
2^d December 1798

We have the honor to be,

Sr. Srs.

Yours faithfully
Cornwallis
Signed
John Campbell

Ordered that the necessary Correspondence be made for the Disembarkation of the Cavalry expected from Bengal.
Resolved that a Copy of the above be sent to Fort Cornwallis by the Governor General in Council be transmitted to Major General Mavor for his information.

Recd.

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Fort St. George 14. December 1790

Recd the following Letter from

Major General Meadows

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

New Southwicks, but on the
other side of the Cavery. -
the 9th of December 1790.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major General
Meadows. After his
intention of sending
with the army in the
neighbourhood of
Southwicks, all the
necessary for the
operation of Lord
Cornwallis.

I take the earliest
opportunity of acquainting you with our arrival in
this neighbourhood, where the finest army in the
world is getting into the finest order to penetrate
into the Enemy's Country; and which if it depended
upon me, no movement of his should divert me
from. - I am as if possible by changing ground now
and there remain hereabouts till the 1st of January.
To put the Army into Lord Cornwallis's hands in
a situation when he may commence his operations
in the way he may take best; - and let him so
commence them which way he pleases I have
not the smallest doubt of his success, and that
before.

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Minute Mason

Ordered that the Contents of the a
bove Letter be communicated to Carl Cornwallis,
& that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the Supreme
Council

And the following Letter from
the Board of assigned Revenue

To the Honble. Major General, Meadows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

We have the honor of acknow-

ledge the receipt of your Commands, under date
1st and 4th Instant, and of informing you, that the
necessary Orders have in consequence been transmitted
to the several Collectors.

We feel great Reluctance in again
interducing upon you, the subject of the Nabob's Depo-
sit in Bourneage Pollam; but their obstinate perse-
verance is such, as to preclude all hope of removing
them, but by force. We have received a Petition from
Minaquim, in which he informs us that he had
executed the Order of Government, but that Maha-
mid ally, the Commandant, had refused to quit
the Pollam, until the arrears of the Depo-
sit be

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before the June Monsoon he will have brought the war to the most honorable conclusion; and be far advanced in concluding a lasting peace.

Of delays or accident, - which God forbid. - should prevent his coming, by the first of January, the Season will be too far advanced that I shall pursue my own plan with the most unswerving and unshaken determination.

The Army are in such high spirits and so conscious of a decided superiority over a constantly flying Enemy frustrated in all his essential pursuits, strong enough to force his way into the Enemy's country whenever they please, and at the same time to secure their Convoys. - that I am forced to stop the game myself I have little doubt of winning it; - and am sure of soon surging if it is delayed by Lord Cornwallis; - which, most anxiously watching, and impatient for his beginning.

I have the honor to be

Yr^o &c^o

Yours &c^o M^r Mordaunt Governor

As a Commander in Chief
Ordered

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be discharged. The Petition further represents, that a
petition had been put upon the Record, until the
Commandant had obtained some hint, and agreement
to pay half of what was due in 8 days. As it seems
doubt that all means of persuasion will be fruitless,
We take the liberty of recommending, as the only
means of giving the Country some their representation,
that one or two companies of Negroes should be
ordered against them. —

We have already had reason to
complain of Rompage himself, and we are sorry
to observe, that we have additional cause for our
representation of Mr. Remondy. That gentleman
informs us, that he not only introduced upon the
established claims of some British Colonies to the
country &c., but that he seems to have, and
others offend in his country, and that he has
refractively procured to send into the country some
bodies of some or two hundred armed men to accom-
plish his purpose. — The importance of this conduct,
and the necessity of testifying it is too evident
to need comment; We therefore recommend that
a letter be written by the President, to warn &
Rompage of the consequences, which he must expect
— by

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I lay bring upon himself, and to threaten him with the severest displeasure of the Company. In particular we request, that he be ordered in the most positive terms, to restore one Caumachia, a man employed in the Revenue at Trivallum, who has abandoned, and whom he protects. — The March of the Sepoys may therefore, be attended with a double advantage, and it is with great concern, we are acquainted your Honble Board, that this Poligar has afforded more serious cause of displeasure, & than in any of the foregoing instances, for we have reason to believe that, it was by his means, and assistance, that Long today was delivered to those who have since murdered him. —

We have in compliance with your Order transmitted to the different Collectors, the new arrangement of Lebbendy Sepoys, but we are apprehensive, that, some difficulties may arise to oppose its execution; for the limitation, which it puts upon the number, and distribution of Native officers, will be distressful to many, who have hitherto found livelihood in the Madah's service. — M^r. Kindersley has already represented, that, he meets with opposition from this

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While the Governor General in Council - respecting the 2^d & 3^d Articles of the proposed Treaty with the Rajah of Cochin

I'm regard to the Places named in the Article, & the Rajah's right to them as having been wrested from him. I beg leave to inform you, that I made the fullest Enquiry on the Subject, and I have every reason to conclude that the Places named appertain'd to the Cochin Rajah - what gives force to this Opinion, is, that there have been no Claims advanced by the Zamorin whose Possessions are contiguous to them, for any one of them, since they were made over to the Cochin Rajah, by Colonel Hartley, two months ago.

Before I inserted the Village of Carraiganore in the Article, I applied to the Governor Minister, to know whether it was included, in the purchase of the Fort of that name, made by the Rajah of Travancore - He informed me it was not included & that his Master had no Claim whatever to it.

The only tops of Country which the Rajah of Cochin sustained to the Mysore Chiefs were to Tippoo Sultan, & these, after he made his ^{attack}

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their President, and Representative to rent the said Island to Chaimanama Rajah of Cutchin for one year only, for the Sum of Rupees, Forty thousand Be it known therefore in virtue of the powers delegated to me, & George Bowenby do grant from this date the said Island of Cutchin to you on the following Conditions, for one year only; that you pay a Rent for the said Island to the Representative of the Madras Government for the above-mentioned period the Sum of 40000 Rupees at the periods and in the manner following.

In the month of

February 1791. -- R. 12,000

June - - - - - 13,000

October - - - - - 40,000

Rupees - 40000

That you are not to be exempted in the Observation & Execution of the Duties incumbent on you; and that you are to be have with Moderation & Kindness to the Rajahs & people, and to promote the Cultivation and produce of the Lands.

Signed and Sealed at
Cutchin on the 26th

November 1790. / Signed / George Bowenby,
Governor Resident

/ Signed / George Bowenby,
President on the part of
Madras Government
Whereas

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Port J. George 14th December 1880

Attack on the Anconmore Lines.

The foregoing Explanation I hope will prove satisfactory on the points alluded to in the Extract of the Letter from the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor General in Council, & will induce you to satisfy the Straty, as the Agent of Cochran is very urgent with me for it. I have informed the Agent that altho the Straty has not yet been signed, that you would expect he should pay his Strake for it, from the day he took possession, which he has consented to do.

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith Copies of Papers exchanged between the Agent of Cochran & myself for the grant of the Island of Cochran to him for one year.

I have the honor to be with every

Sentiment of Respect

Y^{rs} &c

Cochran
29th December 1880

George Denny,
Anconmore Assistant

Noticed by Command the Hon^{ble} East India Company having obtained possession of the Island of Cochran. The Government of Madras have authorized and directed me

their

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Whereas the Smiths the Government of Madras
having informed you Mr George Browne their
Resident and Representative to grant to me from
this date, and a lease for one year only, the Island
of Chutun for the sum of Rupees 1000, and having
engage to take the said Island and pay for it to
their Representative or Delegate the sum of 1000.
Rupees for one year in the following manner and
at the following periods

In the month of

February 1791. . . . Rupees 13000

June 10000

October 14000

Rupees 37000

It shall be my Duty to do

everything incumbent on me that may promote
the welfare of the inhabitants of Chutun, and shall
be attentive to the Cultivation and Improvement

of the Lands.

The Agents are

Sealed with the seal

of the Agents by himself

at Cochin on the 26. True Copy

November 1790. Signed George Browne

Commissioner Resident John

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John Chamier Esq^r

Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir

From the President at
Travancore - I hope I have
instructed all not require
Security for my horse as
Paymaster - I have
that the balance of
cash in his hands be
appropriated to the
purchase of horses -

Having observed in the Courier of the
17th 91th that Government had required that all
Paymasters should give Security in a certain amount
according to their Situations and that the Paymaster
at Travancore was included in the List - I take the
liberty to refer the Hon^{ble} Board to my Letter of the
16th September, which acquaints them of my having
debayed every Expence of the Detachment under
Captain Knox to the end of the preceding month -
from which period I therefore apprehend my Station
as Paymaster expired, & that the insertion of the
Paymaster at Travancore in the List was a
mistake - I request the favor of you to intimate
to me whether upon this Explanation - the
Hon^{ble} Board will still deem it expedient for
me to transmit my Security Bond -

I request the favor of you
to inform the Hon^{ble} Board that I have in
conformity to orders received from Major General
Mordaunt purchased thirty Horses, & that I have
very

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Read the following Letter from

Mr Francis Lind.

The Honble. Major General William. Medows
Governor in Council

Honble Secy Secs
Fort St. George

From Mr. F. Lind.
Office to answer any
Questions of the Board
relative to the obtaining
of the office of
Military Storekeeper

I have been honored with
your Letter of the 3^d Instant and beg leave to
acquaint you that I am ready to appear before
you to answer such Questions as may be put
to me regarding the attainment of my present
Office.

Fort St. George
12th December 1790.

I have the honor to be
with great respect

Y^r Obed^t Serv^t
Signed J^o Lind

W^m Storekeeper

The Board have not any Questions
to put to Mr. Lind except what is contained in
the Secretary's Letter to him of the 13th Instant.
If Mr. Lind's appointment of Military Storekeep-
er were not obtained by any corrupt Tricks, the
Board conceive he ~~will~~ find no Difficulty in
making an Affidavit before the Mayor to that
Effect.

Resolved

will

Fort St. George 14.th December 1790

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Mr. Francis Lind.

The Honble. Major General William. Medours
Governor in Council

Honble Secy Secs
Fort St. George

From Mr. Lind.
offered to answer any
Questions of the Board
relating to the affairs
concerned in the office of
Military Storekeepers

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your Letter of the 3.^d Instant and beg leave to
acquaint you that I am ready to appear before
you to answer such Questions as may be put
to me regarding the attainment of my present
Office.

Office.

Fort St. George

12.th December 1790.

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Yr.^a Sec.^a

(Signed) F.^d Lind

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Resolved

will

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I have the honor to be,

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John Chamier Esq^r.

Military Secretary

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From M. J. P. Rome -
offer to make the
Declaration required
by Government res-
pecting the Slaves
obtained by her
during the admini-
stration of Mr.
Hollid.

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Sam convinced the bringing forward the Stones at a time when the Severity of the Monsoon had thrown many additional Obstacles in their way must have been attended with much Difficulty.

Mohandut Jung is still encamped before Popul, and (after expending the small Quantity of Ammunition with which his light Guns were supplied, in two days fire only, and without much Success) has resolved to breach the Lines of the three Forts which compose the Defences of the Place.

A Battery has accordingly been erected in the Heavy Artillery moun Camp, namely, three Guns of 12 to 14 Pounders, which will, I believe, after tomorrow, but for which Sam is afraid, after every Endeavour and his part, he will not be able to do

collect a sufficiency of Ammunition to make a practicable Breach. I should that however be effected I shall immediately advise the Governor of it.

The Exertions which have been lately required of me (having no Engagement or Pioneer Officer and Mohandut Jung's People being so unacquainted with the Steps necessary to be taken, as well as unprovided with the necessary

Articles.

not

at New

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at any other time of the year would not have occurred, on account of Rivers, Lands & many other obstructions, in the way and Powder being the principal article, required every possible care & precaution, to bring it with Safety to great a distance.

Safety

Copied

15th November 1790.

I have the honor to be

Yr^o Obedt^o Serv^t

Signed, M^o M^o MacGregor

Lieutenant

Account of the Expenses incurred by Lieutenant Malabar M. Gorge on his march from Beswarah to his joining the camp at Cochool in Escorting Military Stores

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- 5th To 30 Coolies employed 4 days in rendering the Pass at Beswarah passable for the Gunbells } 5-0-0
the Road being out of Repair by the rains
- 9 Working money to 5 Ahmedar, 1 Haridar, 1 Maque, & 12 Sepoys employed in the above work the Coolies of Beswarah not finding sufficient Coolies for 4 days } 4-5-0
- 12 50 Coolies supplied me by the assistance of Major Bonnacore to drag Bricks & Stangores from Stanthamphatam to the River Nipera and 50 Coolies to drag Stangores from Chintaphulla } 33-5
four Ropes purchased to make Rafter up the Stangores 3-0-0
- 25th The Road men and Stangore people bringing the Stangores } 25-0-0
to the camp } 70-10-0

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October - 30 Coolies supplied me by the Command of Devalandam

for carrying Sticks over a River near that place and

Adjusting the Working Party - - - - -

1 12 - -

19th Marching money to 1 Subedar 2 Havildars 2 Naigues

and 24 coolies employed at the Dray Ropes &

2 3 - -

levelling the Road this march - - - - -

21st Boat hire for paying the Stores Sundrells, Cattle &c

40 - - - -

over the Krishna at Callichaboutra Gaed

Horsemen and Village Cows for showing the

Roads and carrying Public Letters - - - - -

20 - - - -

Paid for the Carriage of the Arms & Accoutrements

4 - - - -

of desertion - - - - -

Paid 12 Cooly Boys their Pay and Ratta for

seven months supplied me at Ellore with

42 - - - -

2 Country Cotts made into Doolys there

being no others at that time in store

2 Brasaps for the Draughts of the 1st & 2^d Battalions

6 - - - -

for 2 months their being now furnished - - - - -

150 Gunny Bags for the Ammunition &c^{ce} Troop place

65-16-40

those were used on the March through the Jungles

Mr. Pagadas 271-24-120

Camp at

Coppole 15th Nov. 1790.

Signed, M. G. Macgregor

Lieutenant

Agreed that the military Band be
directed to report upon the account of Lieutenant

M. G. Macgregor

Resdend

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place from the growing crop—

(True Extract)

Robert Clark

D^y Secretary

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Walter Balfour.

Dated 3^d December 1790.

It is impossible to ascertain with any degree of certainty what number of Drought &c Carriage Bullocks it may be practicable to collect from the Districts under my charge. The Gent^l Army having seized all they could find in this part of the Country. The Board may however rely upon my exertions in these urgent times provided they allow me to act as I think proper, and without listening or paying the smallest attention to the numerous Petitions which will be given in Against me, and that only for doing my Duty to the Company—If Bullocks are to be raised Coercive & even violent measures must be adopted and in many instances the inhabitants will have great reason to complain of injustice, & violence. But the Board must at the same time be sensible that neither gentle treatment, or even extraordinary Pay will induce these People to give up their Bullocks voluntary—

voluntary

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Ordered that Major General Munroe be requested to give his Opinion as to the Officer who should succeed Major Munro in the Command of his being obliged to quit the Command of the Detachment.

Ordered also that it be suggested to the General, that the Officer to be recommended for the above charge, should write to the Commanding General under the most prudent management in the Disbursement of the Public Money, which in the Case in Question seems particularly requisite.

Read the following Extract of

Letter from the Board of Revenue.

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue

Dated 8th December 1795

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue - 1795
We have the honor to say before you for your information, Extract of a Letter from Mr. Walter Bageant, Collector in the District of the Sagarie, regarding Coultacks to be purchased in the District under his charge for the use of the Army, which he was desired to report upon, and representing a deficiency of Military force for the defence of the Sagarie of Bengal, where a large quantity of Gunpowder is already deposited, and no more was expected to be stored in the same place

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A Sherry answers to this will oblige, and I again respectfully assure the Board that unless I am so armed with full powers all the stations I need make to raise Doubtless for the Public Service will be languid, & inefficient.

I now beg leave to represent to the Board how very inadequate having one of ships are to defend the Pagoda of Government in case of any sudden, or unforeseen attack, and as in the issue of another Month, or six Weeks I shall have a large Portion of the new Gunpowder stored in the thousand Pillars Shouldly which added to what is there already must surely render the Place of such consequence as to merit the attention of Government, and if practicable to send a Company of Sepoys for its defence - I am now in a very disagreeable predicament being hardly five Miles distant from any Military force whatever, & only having one of Sepoys to defend a Pagoda of great extent - on small numbers are I am a sufficient to mount as I wish.

(True Copy)
Wm Hastings Esq
Secretary
Extract