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# Diary

3 Received the undermentioned Letter for entered in Mis. Dr. for the Month of December 1790.

From the Secretary to the Commander in Chief

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

From the Commandant at Vellore

From the Commandant at Vellore — recommending that the Communication arrived from the Presidency under Charge of Lieutenant Bulman 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 Bulman

From Lieutenant Bulman — advising of his Arrival at Vellore with Guns and Stores under his Charge — stating that he has been obliged to leave some Bullocks at Chevilemoodoo on Account of the inclemency of the weather.

From [redacted]

3.

From the Officer commanding the Northern Division

From Colonel Braithwaite 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 MB. Nos. 5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13

To Lieutenant M.Kerras at Innomalee

To Lieutenant M.Kerras directing him to enquire and report to the Board the lowest terms upon which the Party of Polygars under Kistnamah Rauze would enter into the Company's Service

To M.r Secretary Hay

To M.r Secretary Hay inclosing a State of the Ordnance and Military Stores received from Bengal since the first of April and a particular Report of the State of the Brass Ordnance received by the Victoria Snow

To



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 inclosing two Invoices of Military Stores received from the Bombay Government

To the Military Paymaster 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 Navy

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

4th ..... To the Commandant at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore approving the Recommendations contained in his Letter of 2d Instant

To Lieutenant M.Kerras at Innomalee

To Lieutenant M.Kerras informing him of a large force of the Enemy having appeared in the Vicinity of Trichinopoly

To

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No 4

To the Officer Comm.g the Northern Division—

Fort St George 6th December 1790—

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division— Approving the Measures he has Adopted for reinforcing the Troops in the Guntoor Circar—

Substance of Letter to the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore—

Sent Letter to the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C.C. Nos 268 269.) to the former inclosing Copies of the Letter from Mr Edwd J.n Holland and of the acquittal said to have been given to his Brother Mr J Holland before his Departure for England and requesting His Highness to explain the circumstances Relating to it to the latter— Requesting his Excellency will permit his Serkul 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 Collector to send down Chinnia Moodiliar for the same Purpose—

Sent the following Letters—

To

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To George Andrews Pearse and Edward Falkfield } Esqrs

Collectors in the Tanjore Country—

Gentlemen

Pay Mr.s Pearse & Falkfield four hundred additional Armed Peons to be entertained

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 Peons 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
3d December 1790.

&c &c
(Signed) John Chamier
Secry

To George Andrews Pearse and Edward Falkfield } Esqrs

Collectors at Tanjore

Gentlemen.

Mr.s Pearse & Falkfield— Orders for sending Chinnia Moodiliar to the Presidency enclosing Letter for the Rajah which requests his Excellency to send down his Serkul Shearow—

The Evidence of the Serkul Shearow and of Chinnia Moodiliar being Necessary at the Presidency upon

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 Circular Letter to the Rajah
of Tanjore is to be delivered by the Reverend Mr Swartz
who must be requested to combat any Objections
which the Rajah may make against sending his
Brother to Madras where he will not be detained
longer than is necessary — A Copy of the Letter is
forwarded for your information

I am
Gentlemen
Your &c.
Signed John Chamier
Secy

Fort St. George
2d December 1790



To Mr James Strange
Paymaster at Tanjore

Sir,

Circular Letter to all Paymasters ordering the Bonds of Indemnification to be remitted by them agreeably to the order of Government of the 16th Ultimo to be returned without Delay —

You will receive herewith the Bond to
be executed by you as Paymaster at Tanjore pursuant
to an Order of Government of the 16th Ultimo 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,
Your &c.
Signed John Chamier
Secy

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2d December 1790

To Colonel Capper
Majr Scott
Roebuck
Mowbray
and
Garrow

Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah Brannsing Dubash to the late Governor Mr John Holland

Gentlemen,

The Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah the Company's Dubash will be called on in Consequence of their Letters of the 30th Ultimo and 1st Instant — Paupiah is not to be furnished with a Copy of their Proceedings —

The Board have received your Letters
Dated 30th Ultimo and 1st Instant and direct me in
Reply

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reply, to inform you that an Application will be made to Mr Edward Hollond for the papers you have Specified —

An Application will also be made to the Rajah of Tanjore to send his Vakeel and an order will be transmitted to Chinnah 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 Reasons you have given that it would be improper to furnish Paupia with Copy of your Proceedings tho' they are inclined to afford him every just and necessary means for entering on his defence —

I have &c.

Fort St. George
3d December 1790.

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to send you an Extract from our late Minutes on the Subject of

To Major General Medows with extract of the Minutes respecting the Security to be required from all Paymasters — enclosing Mr Wynch's Bond and Letter on the Subject — Bond of the Surgeon of Appajee Rao — and of the Assistant to the Paymaster at Vellore —



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of exacting 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 Measures we have taken will be honored with your Approbation, and as the Expedience that it will, We take the Liberty of transmitting the Bond to be Signed by Mr Colt Paymaster to the Army under your Command which we request you will order to be returned to us when executed

Mr Wynch Paymaster of the Center Army having joined the Grand Army a Bond for him is also inclosed 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 Appajee Rao who was left by —

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by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell in the Management of Sequatore to be Seized and Sent to the Presidency in Consequence of various acts of Violence and Depredations Committed by him We have desired the Board of Revenue to give Instructions to Mr Hindersley to send a proper Person to take Charge of the Peroomahl of the District—

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

We have the honor to—

&c &c

Signed Chas Oakeley Bt

1st Counsellor

To John Huddleston Esqr

President &c Members of the

Board of Assessment & Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by Government to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 2d Instant and to inform you that as they consider it unnecessary to place Sixty Sepoys for the Collection of the Peroomahl

To the Board of Assessment & Revenue respecting the Troops stopping for the Collections of Sattavador—

the Nabob's Troops at Vellore to be entertained by the Collector—Directions—

respecting the Mode of Proceeding against the Person in Confinement by Mr Hindersley 500 additional Peons to be employed by the Collector at Sattavor—



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at Sattavador they think the Measure may be dispensed with or at any Rate the Number must be reduced

With Respect to the Troops at Vellore Government desire Mr Dighton may be instructed to inform them that the Nabob has publickly permitted all his Troops and Sepoys engaged 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 Hindersleys Representation I am directed to desire it may be ascertained, whether there are any Courts of Justice at Arnot or in any other Place on the Circar 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 as employing Delinquents properly Secured / in Chains or otherwise According to the Nature of their Crimes / in Repairing Roads

&c

I am

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I am directed to enclose Copy of a Let
Received from the Collector at Tanjore, and to
inform you that Government have acquiesced in
the Recommendation therein contained of entertaining
500 additional Armed Peons for the protection of
the Crops until gathered in

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

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Signed John Chamier
Secy

To Colonel Capper
Majr Boar
Roebuck
Mowbray
and
Garrow

Committee for investigating the Charges
advanced by his Highness the Rabob Against
Caupiah &c.

To the Committee for
investigating the Charges
Against Caupiah &c with
Papers Relative to the
Claim of Veerad Row to the
Jaghiredarship of Arnee
to investigate the Charges
made Against Mr Holland
of having received 60000 Pags
in consideration of the
Disposal of the Jaghire
to Shrinivasa Row

Gentlemen,

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

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of Veerad Row to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee, and stating
the Reasons that induced Mr John Holland the late
Governor to set aside his Rights, and to prefer the
Claim of Shrinivasa Row the Present Jaghiredar

As it appears by the Declaration of
Veerad Row that Shrinivasa Row was put in
possession of the Jaghire in consequence of the
Payment to Mr Holland by the Means of Caupiah
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

I am
Gentlemen &c. &c.

Fort St. George
4th December 1790

Signed John Chamier
Secy

To Colonel Capper
Majr Boar
Roebuck
Mowbray
and
Garrow

Committee for investigating the Charges advanced
by his Highness the Rabob Against Caupiah &c.

To the Committee for
investigating the Charges
against Caupiah &c with
Copy of a Letter from Mr
John Holland and of the
Committee's Minutes

Gentlemen

I am directed by Government to send
you

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you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Mr Geo
John Holland, with the Business 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

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

Fort St George
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To Edward John Holland
Esq.

Sir,

I am directed by Government to
desire you will lay before them the Original
Letter of Mr George Anderson of which you sent
to me a Copy in your Letter of the 21st Ult
and which the 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 Governor in Council
in which he exhibited Charges against

exhibited

Mr Ed John Holland
Secy to be furnished
with some original
Letter from Mr G. Anderson
to the late Government which
have never been entered on
the Records

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Chief 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.

I am Sir &c &c

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4th December 1790

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy

Some of the
Letter from the
Nabob —

Received Letter from the Nabob (as entered
on 6th Inst) advising of his having ordered Meer
Binny and Ram Row to meet the Gentlemen
Appointed on the part of the Company to ascertain
the Balances due from him to the Company —

Read the following Letter and
Enclosure from the Resident at Poonah —

To John
Chamier Esqr
Secretary

Fort St George

The Resident dated Poonah
transmits a Letter from
Cheetoo which states that
Ryajee Boslay of the
Berar has determined
not to assist Chittoo and
has ordered his Detachment to
join with the Troops of
Poonah

Poonah
19th Novr 1790

Respected Sir and to submit the enclosed Extract
of my Last Letter from Capt Little's Detachment to
the Notice of Government

I am &c &c

(Signed) C. W. Malet

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment Acting with the Marratta Army &c Resident at Poona dated 15th. November 1790 Received the following ——

From the present State of the Country may be concluded that Sippoo can Collect but very little Revenue from that Part of it to the Northward of Bednoor Burma Bappoo is advanced with about 18 Cos of that Place and I had the Pleasure lately to learn that the Depoy of Morpoor having raised a Body of Ten Thousand Foot made an Application to the Bhaou for a Horse which he intends complying with, that with this force the Depoy was to March Against Chittil drorg where great hopes were formed from a former good understanding which had subsisted between him and the Killadar of that Place — When the Satisfaction add this information, that since the Action of 31st Ultimo the Detachment has Continued in high Spirits and our Troops on that Day has Attended with the good effect of inspiring



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Sepoys with a Confidence in themselves ——

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. H. Lumsdaine
Resident at Poona

6th ..... Received the undermentioned Letters as entered on Mtb. N. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. ——

From the Commandant at Tiagur

From the Officer commanding at Tiagur — Reports that a large Body of the Enemy's Horse have been seen at Mulleherry and said to be going into the Sanjore Country and that the whole of the District of Ranjenagar is overrun by them ——

From the Commandant at Thanjore

From the Commandant at Sattimpoly reports that Sippoo is in person with a Large Detachment of Cavalry and Infantry at Sarnierayan enclosing Copies of Intelligence he has collected on the Subject

From Lieut. McKenzie at Trinomalee

From Lieutenant McKenzie reports that the Enemys Horse are in the Vicinity of Trinomalee and that he intends Marching his Detachment immediately to Calcurchy ——

From

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Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment acting with the Mahratta Army to the Resident at Poona dated 15th November 1790 — Received the following —

From the present State of the Country may be concluded that Tippoo can Collect but very little Revenue from that Part of it to the Northward of Bednoor Benna Bappoo is advanced with his Cossids of that Place and I had the Pleasure lately to learn that the Depoy of Morpoor having raised a Body of Ten Thousand Foot and made an Application to the Bhaou for a Horse which he intends complying with, and that with this force the depoy was to march against Chittildroog where great hopes of Success were formed from a former good understanding which had subsisted between him and the Killadar of that Place — I have the Satisfaction add this information, that since the action of 31st Ultimo 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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5th

Sepoys with a Confidence in themselves —

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. H. Swanston
Resident at Poona

6th ..... Received the undermentioned Letters as entered on Mis. N. 10. 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 Mulluchery and said to be going into the Sanore Country — and that the whole of the District of Ranjinagur is overrun by them —

From the Commandant at Sathimpoly reports that Tippoo is in person with a Large Detachment of Cavalry and Infantry at Sarnuvaram enclosing Copies of Intelligence he has collected on the Subject —

From Lieutenant McKerras — reports that the Enemys Horses are in the vicinity of Innomalee and that he intends Marching his Detachment immediately to Calecherry —

From —

to the Commandant Sathimpoly —

from Lieut McKerras of Innomalee —

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

From the Commandant at Tanjore —

From the Commandant at Tanjore —
stating that the Resident has objected to issue
some Ball Charges and Flints for the use of
Polygars — and Requesting the orders of the Board
thereon —

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From Do. inclosing Copy of a Letter
from the Commandant at Trichinopoly which Reports
Support to the Mar that Place (at Samayavaram) —

From the Resident at Bednore —

From the Resident at Bednore —
inclosing a Letter from his Highness the Nizam
the Commander in Chief —

From the Commandant at Bangalore —

From the Commandant at Bangalore —
with an inclosure stating the Irregularities
Committed by the Nizam's Troops in Raising the
the Palnaud District —

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

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President

John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honble. Major General Medows —
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

Tuesday the
4 December
1790

The Acting President Minute
relating to lay before His
Highness the Nabob a written
Representation of the advan-
tages which would accrue to
the Highness from leaving the
Management of the Country
in the hands of the Company
during the War —

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management of his Revenues. I have recalled myself to different Times of this deposition to converse with his Highness on the Subject, and am willing to flatter myself that I have succeeded so far as to reconcile his mind to a great degree to the Measures which have been Adopted—

The Confidence conducted respectfully by his Highness on 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 repossess it under circumstances which must unavoidably bring on a second and more dangerous future War than the last—

Having previously communicated the Idea very fully to his Highness Son Gholam



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Opinion, but willingly to second the object of it with his father. I availed myself upon his Highnys by appointment on Saturday Morning and delivered my Sentiments to him in the following Representation which he listened to with much Attention and Requested. I would furnish him with a translate of it for his more deliberate perusal.

If the Board have no objection such translate may be sent to him, and the I do not expect its contents will immediately produce their full effect on his Mind — they may probably give rise to a serious Reflection upon the exigencies of his Affairs and prepare him for a further, and I hope successful Solicitation upon the Arrival of Lord Cornwallis from Bengal

Signed Charles Oakeley

Nothing President's Representation to his Highness the Nabob—

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

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Marquis Cornwallis ally, it was his wish to
the case of the Nabob and the relief of his
that the Management of the Country shou
continued until those under
of the War were entirely discharged The Ki
however guided by the Counsel and advi
those, who prefer to fly direct path to th
his true interest as Land Mediatory perso
Applications to the Government of Bom
and to the Court of Directors for the
of the Assignments, and at Long
his desire, upon such Stipulations
requisite for the Payment of the
Private Claims upon them ——

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to the Company are consequences of th
was so large that His Highness
honorably embarrassed, but rather
his Situation to Government or Co

incumbrances

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want of resources sufficient to Complete his Payments
be applied to those unnatural and destructive
means which supply present calls for Money at
the expence 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 Appointments in the
people — Anticipations 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 the 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 Mischief 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 Holland's
administration tacitly submitted to that unjust
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 [illegible]
I think it must be admitted as unexceptionable
in every point, His Highness would do well to
Consult his own understanding with respect to
Course most proper for him to take in order to
present emergency of his Affairs — [illegible]
to perceive since my Arrival, a ready
best a sincere disposition to acquiesce
Arrangement made by Lord Cornwallis for the
Collection and Appropriation of the Revenue
during the War, but I wish to Carry His
Highness's views beyond that Period, because I think he
at the Conclusion of the War, and for some time after
that the burthen will be more felt even than it is
at present. The Opprobrium upon the Carnatic
and Tanjore Countries as well as upon the Revenues
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 resources were free unincumbered
and whether the same distress (but with much
hastier strides) would not follow his resumption
of the Province, which has so recently happened in
similar Circumstances to the unexceptible 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 beg leave to observe to him
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 Annildars over whom
he has no proper Checks, and of insolvent Money
Lenders

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Settlers who have no feeling but for their own [illegible] whether the Company surely are better able to account for the Disadvantages of this Duty, and more likely to [illegible] to the Comfort of his Highness and the interests [illegible] of this Country, than any persons of the above description Inspite of Claims [illegible], it must be allowed [illegible] their unremitting Services in Defence of [illegible] the heavy burthens which they have [illegible] upon themselves by the Expences of the late [illegible] War, and the Necessity which Compels them [illegible] up a larger establishment than usual for the protection of the Country give a Peculiar interest [illegible] propriety to the object of this Representation —

It is not the wish of the Company or of the Government in India to retain the Management of the Revenue one Moment longer than the [illegible] exigencies require; and so soon as the Rajah's [illegible] situation will Admit of his resuming them back [illegible] without exposing himself and his friends to certain [illegible] he may depend on the same Liberality and the same



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same desire of making him happy which he has experienced on the former surrender of the Country — with this difference only that they will be exercised more cheerfully in proportion as they are likely to become more useful to his Affairs —

Mr Huddleston desires to express his entire Concurrence in all that the Acting President has now Communicated in the Papers just read, and the strongest sense of the Presidents early attention to the important Object to which they refer —

Resolved that a Copy of the Acting Presidents Representation be transmitted to the Rajah and that his Highness be requested to give to it his serious attention —

Read the following Letters from the Commander in Chief —

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

Camp at Wombeneellore
Honble Sir and Gentlemen the 21st of November 1790 I —

From Major General Medows reporting the movements of the army since the junction of that Col. Maxwell with — encamping near Broad

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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 Coneroraw Pass as I had the honor of informing you but, upon our March, we found the Enemy had doubled backs from his Apparently going up the Ghauts, and was upon his (his) flank before us. We came up in the course of the day long Much time enough to Cannonade his rear, and Kill a few of his stable Horse are reduced of the better Kind, but as the enemy moves lighter than we do and carry Such swarms of followers, he got down the Saprer pass, and Continues before us on Broad. As we are Obliged to halt here to bring up Colonel Maxwell's division, who have not taken their rests in the time they (and except the day they joined, have allways 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 repass [illegible] accomplished the going up the Coneroraw [illegible] him at the bottom, must have [illegible] the bad Consequences; but I am [illegible] ging of driving him up sooner or [illegible] him to a general Action, and [illegible] up afterwards. Lieutenant Colonel [illegible] it in offering him battle with [illegible] priority, and this judgement in [illegible] his strong position and well chosen [illegible] him to it seem equally con- [illegible]

Most ardently wishing that success, [illegible] or later, I am far from despairing [illegible]

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect & Esteem
Sr &c &c
(Signed) Wm Medows
Gov. & Com. in Chief

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To the Honble Sir Charles Pakeley Bart

Senior Member at the Presidency, and the Gentlemen
Council at Fort St. George having joined

From Major Genl. Malcom
stating his intention of
marching both Wings
the 5th Battalion through
the Carnaticporam Pass
and of detaching three
Brigades to Trichinopoly
to relieve from thence
the three taken from
Caroor —

The next day towards this place,
place I meant to have gone up the
Honble Sir & Gentlemen as I had the honor of informing
our march, we found the Enemy
Yesterday, inclosing Letters from his Apparently going
from the Governor, and was upon his Rear
him to different Parties up in the course of the day
with, and replied to me enough to Cannonade his
mean time I beg to
of the Army, its
its junction with
The two
the Enemy towards this Place
have escaped the Cavary lower to halt hereto
evidently lighter than us, under division,
seem to be the detaining us to the time
he has gathered in his Crops
are just now cutting, and
we will make

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his Forts, & Mounts, and Attacks with some of the ablest
Officers in the Army, the most determined Measures
& I last to bring him to Action, and draw him
every
pass, and lead to go up the Ghauts ourselves
been Attended & Carriporam Pass, and
pas from deep the Gudjel hatty, and
labor or Diss preserving our communi-
following Palecachery, and the other
Maxwell
to send two Brigades to
so great an with Grain, what we are
not greatly sick I hope will be forty days
post, to Pas piece of preserving the Private plunder
Necessary we shall be able to reach
Thursday the 8th December at farthest —
of the Carriporam; I am informed with
of labor, but not of Danger, and one up
ents — 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

Sir &c &c

(Signed) Wm Medows

Gov & Comm^r in Chief

Minute on the two foregoing Letters —

The Commander in Chiefs Communication
with the intended Operations of the Army, afforded the Board
much Satisfaction —

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

Read the following Letter from the
Board of Ajumma Revenue —

To The Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

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Honble Sir

Having attentively considered the
Extract of General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors
relative to the Affairs of the Calastry Rajah, referred
to us in Mr Secretary Chamiers Letter of the 21st Oct^r
together

From the Board of Ajumma Revenue reporting on the Claims of the Rajah of Calastry to the Jaghire of Sittiramapooram and 22 Villages of which he was unjustly dispossessed by the Nabob



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together with your Orders thereon conveyed to us in the
same Letter we shall now lay before you the Result
of our Deliberations on the Subject —

The Rajahs Representations of his grievances
and actual Situation, have been stated to us in a —
Letter from himself, and in one from his Vakeel,
of which, Agreeably to your Commands, we herewith
enclose Copies and we have also had the Vakeel
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
Rajahs Right, to resume the Jaghire of Sittiramapooram
Namely, that his Highness made no Agreement with
the Rajah for the Receipt of Amanee of 50,000 Pag^s
or four Years. — We have found no such 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 Rajahs Assertions. The

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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 "Calastry, a Copy of which I have seen, is as "far as I can Recollect as follows".—

"A Sad-dasht, or memorandum of an "Agreement for the sum of 50,000 Fanam Pagodas to "be paid in four Years, from the Year of the Fusly "1195".—

"Although this Agreement does not "express the word Nuzzer, yet it can only be considered "as such, when given at a time, it was not customary "Government had no demand on the Rajah, but a "fixed, and established Peishcush, as appears by "the Canongo's Report entered on the proceedings of "the Committee of Appointed Revenue of the 21st "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 increase of Grant, which



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which was produced by the Nabob to this Government "on Sir Archibald Campbell's Name— it was without "Doubt a fabrication, with a View to deceive the then "Administration"—

"Mr Gowan 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 Nuzzer, 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 Sum was a Nuzzer taken "over and above the Rajahs established Peishcush

"and

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

On this point, it seems to us only material to observe, that in whatever light the Agreement in question was Considered, whether as a Nuzer, or a Rent, - it was a Stipulation for the Payment of 50,000 Pag.s over and above the Established Peishcush, and the Rajah had actually paid 30,000 Ps of that Sum, when the Troops marched Against him.-

With Regard to the Grain seized on that Occasion, the Vakeel Asserts the Amount of it to have been 15,000 Mad.s Pagodas and that the Servants of the Circar, collected besides 60,000 Rs 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.s and the remaining 5000 was plundered by the Armed Sepoys, and followers.- The Amount of the 50,000 Pag.s Collected in Money, while the Nabob had the Country, is proved by the Former



Summary Dupelat, or Account of gross Collections, given by the Nabob Ameer Rayanna 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 Accomodation, as his Highness thought proper to impose on him. or as the Rajah emphatically states it "not expecting any justice, he was obliged to acquiesce in the Demands of the Nabob"

It appears by the Letters of the Rajah and his Vakeel, and is also a Matter of Public Notoriety, that the Terms of that Accomodation, in which the Rajah has Restored his Country, are these.-

1st ..... The Payment of 60,000 Pc which we find has Accordingly been made, because it has come to our knowledge, that a Sup-

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for 60,000 Pags on the Rajah of Calastry's Account was granted, and paid to the Dubar by Moodoo Chetty —

2d The holding both Setteraseypour and the 122 Villages (composing his whole Country with the exception of 50 or 60 Villages) on farm: and instead of the former Peishcush of 5250 M Pagodas for Setteraseypour and 5,000 M Pagodas for the Bill Pollams, the Payment of 30,000 Pags P. Annum 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 antient time, and which are acknowledged and have been proved by the Report of Messrs Lind and Close, to have been his indisputable Right —

Such



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Such is the Rajahs Actual Situation and your Honor in Council will observe, that, having been made acquainted with the Company's intention to afford him Redress, he desires that the property which was carried off from his Districts may be restored to him, that the former Peishcush of 10775 Star Pagodas may be re-established, 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 Cowle) under the Seal, and Signature of the Governor in Council —

In consequence of the Reference 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 adverting to all its Circumstances we think to observe, that

we

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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 Jagueer of Setteramapoor and the 122 Villages, of which the Rajah was dispossessed, be declared, to be restored to him by the Company, on his Condescension of his paying the former established Peishcush Pags

For Setteramapoor ... Pags 5250 or Rupees 5775
For the Shill Pottams ... 5000
Sum Pags 10775 Viz.

2d 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 Peishcush and continue faithfull in his obedience to the Nabob —

3d 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 Peishcush, now charged to the Nabobs Account —

Messrs Saunders, Maxwell and Moubray having deputed to us much of the Second of the above Propositions, as relates to the Jagueer of Setteramapoor, we inclose copies of their minutes, together with one delivered by Mr Pakenham on the same Occasion —

We beg leave to observe that the part of the 2d Proposition, which Messrs Saunders, Maxwell and Moubray have disapproved, is, in our Opinion, consonant to the obvious sense and Intent of the Company's Instructions furnished for our guedance in this Matter —

In the second Paragraph the Court of Directors say they are very much disposed to think that where the Holder of Jagueer Lands, especially which they came to him by Inheritance, has by

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"by long residence, or by his partiality or good
"conduct, gained the attachment of the
"Inhabitants, it would be more judicious to
"convert the possession into a Zemindary or
"Sunnud under assisted subsidy" We believe the Rajah
of Calastry as the holder of the Jaguer of
Sitterampour comes precisely under the above
description, and what we have recommended
in the 2d Article would in effect convert the
Jaguer into a Zemindary Sunnud, under the
fixed subsidy of 5775 Star Pagodas.—

In the Next Paragraph, the Hon.ble
Court's preceding Acknowledgement of the Nabobs
right, to resume the Jaguer of Sitterampour is
eventual; and admitting the issue 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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"requires" On the question alluded to, our unanimous opinion was in the Rajahs 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 Nabobs forbearance to molest them in the possession of the Jaguer, and that his Highness had actually received 36,000 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 Nabob, with what view

may—

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may easily become, / has violently changed the nature of the tenure, not only with respect to Illumpoor but including the Villages, which form a Zemindary that never paid Tribute, by exacting as a / Condition of the Rajahs reinstatement that he shall renew the whole as a Rent: This alarming Stipulation sufficiently Accounts for the Rajahs solicitude to obtain a Specific Declaration from Government that "every thing shall Remain as settled by the Company" and at the same time shows the ground upon which we have hitherto to recommend the Proposition in question —

We have the honor to be
&c &c

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(Signed) J. Huddleston
Wm. Saunders
Matthew Lindo
David Balfour
Hugh Maxwell
George Mowbray



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From the Calastry Rajah to John Huddleston Esqr
Dated 25th Sujjee 1205 or 6th November 1790
Rec'd 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 Mr Lindo and Mr Lind examined, 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 at Madras 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 Nuzzer

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Receive back my districts, and Return to my accustomed habetation - all this my Vakeels 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 evince 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 as my Pieshcush and in the event of the Country being restored to his Highness the Nabob, that he will not oppress me, 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 Seals, 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 an act of this Kindness, and Attention settled the Matter, you will encouragement be so kind as give me a Cowle, or hereafter, strife, and Animosity may arise between his Highness the Nabob and Myself you should at this time give me your permission to proceed to 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 these for these three years have exceedingly distressed and it is not in my power to perform the engagement he has taken from me of Necessity - I have Made this known to you, my Vakeels will Represent every thing to you

What can I write more

A true translation
Signed Joseph Farrow
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A true Copy
Signed J. Webb
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The Agreement given by the Rajah of Calastry, a Copy of which I have seen, is as far as I can recollect as follows.—

"A Yaddasht or Memorandum of an "Agreement for the Sum of 50,000 Star Pagodas to be paid in four Years from the Year of Fuslyg 1193—

"Tho' this Agreement does not express the word Nuzzer, 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 Pishcush as appears by the Cannongoes report, entered in the Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue of the 20th October 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 50000 Pagodas, as an increase of Rent which was promised by the Natives to this 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—

Mr. Garrow 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 Rajahs 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 Nuzzer, 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 Sum was a Nuzzer taken over and above his established Pishcush, and that the greatest part of it, was paid when the Rajah was

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was dispossessed.—

(Signed) David Haliburton

A true Copy
(Signed) I Webbe Secy

The Nizze of Conaro Roo and Baboo Roo Cabob of the Rajah of Calastry—

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 Pork 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 them his districts. Requesting that the Gentlemen of the Board will take such measures as seems to them best.— Instead of the Ammount Peshcush of 10,975 Pork Pagodas, a writing or Obligation



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Obligation was taken by the Circar from my Master, for 30000 Pagl. by way of Peut for the Talook of Setterampour and the Villages, which he had possessed 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 oppressions may injoy his former Privileges, and ease under the Shadow of the Company and the Circar.—

(A true Copy)
(Signed) I Webbe Secy

With the conviction that I have on my mind of the arts the Nabob may practice, and the length he will go to deceive our Government without the possibility of detection, whenever it serves 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 Calastry for not only

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Sellavampore, but all his possessions; and he may
wish it could be extended to all the Zemindars
and Poligars on the Carnatic as the only means
of protecting them Against any injustice like
that, which has been practiced towards the Rajah
of Calastry—

signed David Haliburton

A true Copy
signed J Webbe Secy

I agree to recommend to Government
that the Rajah should be guaranteed in the possessions
of his ancient Zemindary of Calastry, but Cannot
Agree to Recommend the same should be extended
to the Jaghire of Sellavampour. The Court of
Directors having Recognized the Rights of this or
Hyghness the Nabob as sovereign of the Country
to make such resumptions; nor can I conceive, 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 Saunders—

I subscribe to Mr Maxwells sentiments
on the Subject of Calastry and the Jaghire of
Sellavampour— But I cannot Agree with
him in Opinion that it was impossible for
the Nabob to have made good his Stipulated
payments to the Company on Account of subsidy
and public and private Creditors without the
aid of such Resumptions—

signed George Mowbray

A true Copy
signed J Webbe Secy

Government

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Minute thereon

Government concur entirely in opinion with the Board of Revenue upon the points referred to their Investigation regarding the Claims of the Rajah of Calastry. The following Resolutions are therefore passed—

1st That the Jaghire of Sitteramporr, and the 122 Villages, of which the Rajah was dispossessed by the Nabob shall be declared to be restored to him by the Company, on the Expres Condition of his paying the former established Pushcush—

Viz. For Sitteramporr Pags. 3250 & 10th 5775
for the Five Pollams 5000
Pags. 10775 Sicca Rupees

Pollams

2d That the Company shall guarantee to the Rajah, the quiet Possession of Sitteramporr and the Five Pollams in future, so long as he shall on his Part punctually discharge his Pushcush, and continue faithfull in his Obedience to the Circar—

3d That the Amount of the Grain &c seized, when the Troops took Possession of the Countries



Countries, after being ascertained, shall be paid to the Rajah by the Company or Allowed out of the Pushcush and Charged to the Nabobs Account.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (which is also entered in C. C. No. 271)—

Translation from the Nabob Wandayah to Sir Chas Oakely Bt

Dated 26th Rubbelowell 1205 Hegeny or
4 December 1790
Received 5th December 1790

From the Nabob Requesting the Rents which he received from the Calastry Rajah for the District of Sitteramporr—

The District of Sitteramporr &c with the Pollams were, at the first, delivered over to Dammarla Comar Vencatapunnaidoo at a Certain Rent. I wished to increase that Rent according to the Ability of the District—and Added so Accordingly—in the Year 1195 Chist when I was under the necessity of providing immense Sums of Money for the Companys Affairs—and the small additional Sum that he agreed to, he neglected to pay—I informed Sir Archibald Campbell the then Governor, of this circumstance who was convinced that Right was on my side—and in the year 1198 Chist

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with the advice of the said Governor, who found that Vencatapnaidoo was disobedient; my Troops together with a detachment of the Company, were employed under the Command of Captain Dunwordy who took possession of the said District and Pollams, which I let out to Renters in the same manner as other Districts - some time after, Vencatapnaidoo came to my Presence in person, where he remained ten Months, and with great Submission and Humility Requested to Rent the said Districts himself, and gave me a Paper of Proposals for that purpose - Having taken from him a Muchilka and Woydabundy I granted him the lease of the said Districts from the Year 1199 Fusley at the yearly Rent of Sixty Thousand five hundred and fifty Current Pagodas - and he paid the Rent for that year as per Invoice and copies of the Muchilka and Woydabundy for your Information, and Request you will receive the same Rent for the present year, that no loss may be sustained on the Business of



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of that District -

What can I say more -

I have translated

(Signed) Joseph Garrow
P. S.

Translation of Rajah Durmala Comar Vencatapnaidoo -

Whereas the Districts of Seelarampoor Arrumallah &c depending on the Purgunah of the Wavally of Codgur &c the Taloob of Nauderpauk &c depending on the Purganah of Sutteear &c in the Circar of Chundergery in the Carnatic Payenghaut and the Sirkar of Mahomed poor otherwise called Arcot (exclusive of the Sibundy, Rusoomdars Inams of Land and Villages the Agrahams, Shottumdars Mukamadars, Yormukdars Durmardars & Salamdars of Money and Grains, the expences of the Pagodas the Choultries, the Watchers and the Underwards, the fee of the Mullepuddee, and the Treasury and other expences, the Repairs of Tanks &c and also exclusive of the Villages of Allatoor, Annamnaid Coopum Chundabooppah

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= hoopaud, and Purrawinnunnapunto being the Joyhoor of Morbarroo Jung Bahauder) in case of no Earthly or Heavenly Calamities, I have Agreed of my own free will and Accord to Rent at the Sunn of Current Pagodas 30,250 per Annum from the beginning of the Year 1199 Phasly - I have therefore Agreed and given in writing that I will pay the said Sum in full every Year into the Circar Treasury Agreably to a seperate Kistbundee 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 Agreable to former up to the period of my Dismission - I will not expend a single Dumm or Dimmy without a proper Sunnd from the Presnee the Jumabundy Accounts and other Papers I will give into the Duftor Agreably to the usages of the Circar and take Receipts for them - I will by my good treatment to them, make the Ryotts satisfied and thankfull, and strenuously exert myself in increasing the Cultivation Opulence and Population



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of said Districts - I will pay the Ryotts their full share According to the Custom, and Receive the quit Rent of the Dry Grain as is usual, and will not make any exorbitant demands - I will Continue the Jemmabundy, Shotnums, Examy Villages, Agrahorums and Lands, and the Cavilley the Pollagars and the Muckamars &c. According to custom - I will yearly Repair the Lakes &c. in a proper Manner, and will cut the woods in a proper Manner and on those Grounds, by Jemmabundy and the greatest encouragements, cause Cultivation to flourish - The Balances due to the end of 1198 Phasilly in grain and money on from the Ryotts, and the Provisions of the Cuddies such as shall appear on examination of the Ryotts and late Renters, I will collect and Pay seperately to the Circar - I will prepare the Accounts of the Receipts Embezzlements, and Peculations, from the day the Circar took possession to the day the late Renters were Removed by examining each Management seperately, and transmit them to the Presence under my own Seal and those of the late Renters and the Signatures of the

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the Ryotts &c. In the Cuddies 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 Cuddies, and the Warlike Stores, and will not suffer any ball, Powder, Brimstone and Salt Petre to go from the Talooks to Polygars and Enimies; but such as I shall procure. I will purchase and will Plant in the Cuddies. nor will I, on any account, suffer the troubles of Enimies, Rebels, Colleries, Polygars, Thieves and Murders &c to prevail in the Circar Districts or any other place, but in case troubles should happen to arise I will effectually persue the Disturbers & and chastise them. During the Festival at Tripaty, I will not on any Account suffer the people who come to the feast to be injured in the Neighbourhood of Tripaty 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 Circar. I will provide in my Talooks and send them safe under an escort through my bounds to the

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Pressence - and I will make such Arrangements in the said Districts, that the Polligars and Thieves &c may not injure the Ryotts, Inhabitants, Travellers and People Passing and Repassing. I will Attend with my Troops Horse and Foot as formerly wherever I am commanded from the banks of the Kistnah to the confines of Tinnevelly - without Requiring batta, and exert myself in the Service of the Circar, and will always be acting and assisting to and under the Orders of the Naibs of the Circars Talooks Whenever in pursuance to orders from the Pressence the Naibs 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 Zimmindar depending on the Circar who may have Raised Disturbances, and will exert myself in such Manner as the Zimmindars in the Neighbourhood of the Circars Districts shall not make any incursion or troubles therein - Considering that God is omnipresent and sees all things, I will in the Business of Justice and Equity do what is just - I will always in every Respect preserve 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 Presidency; should any Person be deserving of Death I will confine him and inform the Presidency thereof, and act Agreeably to the Orders I may receive — I will not privately or Publickly 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 Obidience to the Circar — I will never deviate a hairs breadth what has been written or above — In case I should act Contrary to this Conditions, I will be dismissed and as Culprit to the Circar —

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

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The Rent of four hundred and Eighty Villages 23 Inamdars one Salt Pan and 24 Petty Villages (exclusive of the above Inamdars &c) is 3½ Annum Current Pagodas 30250

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| Sangamapilly &c | | 4 | |
| Dambigomtah &c | | 16 | |
| Veroor — &c | | 27 | |
| Paumoor — &c | | 37 | |
| Coppy — &c | | 16 | |
| Velagapaudoo &c | | 12 | |
| Narra Vaudu &c | | 10 | |
| Linga Samoodrum Talook | | 4 | |
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Aryawarnaulah Talook ..... 23

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Naudenpauck &c ..... 172 Villages 17 Jemeans and 1 Salt Pan —

Naudenpauck of Sayanar ..... 46 Villages 4 Jemeans and 1 Salt Pan —

Aurpauck &c of Alewar ..... 12 Villages

Cusba of Pulicoor &c ..... 3 Jemeans 5 Villages & 1 Jemeans

Cunnavaram &c of Paumanjeevar ..... 8 Villages & 1 Jemeans

Talookha of Candaada &c Nuwaar ..... 96 Villages & 7 Jemeans

Candaada 26 Villages 82 Jemeans
Mullaveram 28 do 2 do
Culava Gunthu 32 do 3 do

Cusba of Mullam Pollam &c ..... Villages Jemeans 13 & 1

Do of Ary &c of Chinnamanaidoo ..... 13 & 1

Wagaloor ..... 1 & 1

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Dated 10 Zuhejee 1203 Hegery or 1 September 1789.

N.B. The above Muchilka is under the seal of Rajah Bomma Venkatapaiah Bahauder, and Approved and Signed by His Highness the Nabob.

Translation of Poodabundy of the Talukha of Sutteramapoor &c of the Circalch Purgunah of haveley Padaya Ghurry &c under the Seal of Rajah Bommala Cannam Venkatapa Naid Bahauder Approved and Signed by His Highness the Nabob and Dated 10th Zuhejee 1203 Hegery or 1789

Carried Pags. 30,250

The Year 1199 Phasly ..... 30,250

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The Board observe upon the foregoing Letter from the Right Hon.ble the Court, that the Subject it Contains, has been fully before the Board of Trade Revenue and Received from them the necessary Attention.

Read the following Letter from the Bengal

To the Hon.ble the Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir.

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 23d Ultimo, and as it appears therefrom, that the Hon.ble Court of Directors have not communicated to you his Majesty's Pleasure that the Cantonnation 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

Minute thereon

From Bengal sending the Copy of a letter from the Court of Directors communicating their Intention of keeping the Hanoverian Regiments in this Country for another Year taking the Strength of the Establishment to the Court of the Court Mad Monk



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Troops Viz.t

His Majesty's 73d Regiment
50 Matrosses of Artillery
200 Lascars
and about fourteen Hundred Sepoys

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Fort William the 6th of November 1790

signed Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

To the Right Hon.ble 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 Hanovrian Battalions till you receive further Instructions from us His Majesty having been 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

Respectfully

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

We are

East India House
London
3d June 1790

&c &c &c

Sign'd { Step. Lushington
W. Devaynes
John Manship

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be made Acquainted with the enquiries from Bengal—

Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Charges Against Paupiah

To The Right Hble the Governor in Council

Fort St George

North Sir

Since our Letter of the 1st Instant we have received the finale Resolution of Paupiah respecting his defence, in a letter copy of which we have the honor to

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 protesting against the Commissioners they have adopted and finally refusing to enter any Defence or to attend the farther Investigation—

A true Copy
J. Tombellie
Sub Secy



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to inclose—

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 Rabob 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 owing to idea of making a defence, for he observes one

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

We think it necessary to observe also, with respect to Mr Hall being the Solicitor of the Nabob, that whatever 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 probably 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 ever at hand to afford him Assistance, nor will it be imagined a person who shews so compleat a knowledge of our Civil and Military Law could Require the aid of any other person, when repeatedly Apprized of every indulgence and Assistance in the Power of the Committee to give him—

We beg leave to mention that the two



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two Bills of Exchange on the Receipt of Paupeahs former Letter, and the Affidavits he transmitted were demanded of the Sircar, 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 6th Instant—

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

&c &c

(Signed) J. Capper
George Stoar
Benjn Roebuck
George Mowbray
Joseph Farrow

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To the Gentlemen of the Committee

Gentlemen,

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

I

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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 unreasonable 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 — Government- you know Gentlemen that my Person is still in Confinement and my Property forcibly withheld- 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, whilst 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 Nabob, in which he is pleased to assume a Credit with the Honble Company for Pagodas 4,42,792- because he chuses



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chuses 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 your Committee, and since my last Confinement a new Scene has opened; for I have not only been or- dered all Intercourse with any Europeans by the — Express Orders of Government and even when his — Majesty's Court of Justice sent their Commission to — receive my Answer, Liberty was not allowed me to Speak except in the presence of a Military Officer and my Character has been publickly Villified by — Advertisements 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 Inspexion 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 inquire into my private transactions of Trade and Business 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 Proceedings. Agreeably to the express Orders of the Governor 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 Witnesses whose names one is not acquainted with — I am also so 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 Clearness the Ideas



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Ideas that I myself 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 now to enter on my Defence without the Assistance of some European who might Act as my Solicitor on the Occasion, and this is the more Reasonable as Mr. Hall — publickly professes to be the Highwayes Solicitor in this Business; and Government have their own Law Officer 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 Shold them and every Act of the pour 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 am ready to prove it in any regular and legal way that I never have received from his Highness the Nabob 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 properly 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 shew 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 Lack of Pagodas drawn upon Cavalcanti 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 prove have been grossly Misstated — It is absurd to suppose, from the very Publick and well known Channel 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 or writing — no possible Reason can be given why His Highness should think of Continuing to pay those 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 to

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to the Custom of Madras the Making a Bill payable to another is a complete discharge for the Value Received. There are Circumstances that must strike every One; and Must plainly demonstrate to any 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 first knowing Against what, or whom, I am to defend myself, since I am a Writer of the Company or of his Highness, or a Servant interested under them, this Summary way of Proceeding may perhaps be justifiable, because it has been customary — and when I accept a Cadetship or enter 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 martial



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Martial Law when he becomes a Soldier but I am no Writer 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 &c.

A Pauliah Interpreter

Madras
1st Dec. 1795

(A true copy)
Signed Joseph Garrow
Secy to the Committee appointed to investigate the Charges Against Pauliah

Minute thereon

Resolved that it be represented to the Committee, that Pauliah is not to be furnished on 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 Acts of the Committee to be unwarrantable and illegal — refuses to make any Defence, or to abide by —

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by the Spirit of the Investigation.—

Minute thereon

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.—

postpone

Read the following Letter from Mr Edward John Holland.—

Mr Secretary Chamier

Sir

From Mr Edward John Holland with the original Letter from Mr G. Anderson lately required of him

Having received your Letter of the 4th 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 Ultimo desiring leave to withdraw his Letter.—

I am Sir

Your &c

Fort St George
6th December 1790

Signed Edward John Holland

The Board remark 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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4th Instant, which required him to lay before the Government Mr George Anderson's Letter exhibiting Charges against Mr John Holland the late Governor.—

Minute thereon

The Board are of Opinion there was a manifest Impropriety on the Part of Mr John Holland, in not bringing the Subject of the above mentioned Letter into Discussion at the Board.—for— of 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 indispensible, since Mr Anderson, as appears by the Depositions upon Oath of Several Persons before the Committee indiscriminately 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—Requesting the Board's orders relative to the Appointment of Mr Wynch as Collector of the Carroor &c. District—and stating—That no Collections can be made at present—

We have the honor to report, for your information, that Mr Wynch Collector in the Districts of Carore, Darapooram and Aravacurchy in his Correspondence with Colonel Harris transmitted to this Board, expresses his Apprehension that in the present unsettled state of the Country very little, or no Collection can be expected this Year— His Monthly Expence as per Inclosed Statement is Pagodas 166 for Carore and Aravacurchy, to which must be



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be added his Charges for Darapooram not yet forwarded and his own Allowance to be hereafter determined upon—Those situated with little, or no prospect of Revenue to be derived from those Countries for a twelvemonth, and with the certain Monthly Expence above Stated we submit to your Honble Board the expediency of Annulling the Establishment in question—

Majr Saunders and Maxwell on considering the foregoing Reference Respecting Mr Wynch's Appointment to be provisional, 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

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to be Situated —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

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5th December 1780

Signed John Huddleston
Edward Saunders
Mathew Fuder
David Haliburton
Hugh Maxwell
George Moubray

Expences Sibbendy &c of Avarcourchy Dasbut as stated by the Amildar to Mr Wynch exclusive of the Allowance to Polegar Peons — Jamsaving the Fort &c for four Months Rup.s 1162 — which for one Month is ..... Rup.s 290 — 8 —

Servants in Carroor Purgunnah as stated by Mr Wynch — 808 — 8 —

1099 — 8

Rup.s 350 @ 70 % Pagodas 210 — —

Mr Wynch's Cutchery Servants at Carroor — 152 — —

Total Monthly Establishment for the two Purgunnahs Pagodas — 466 — —

Signed William Harrington
Secy

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Memb. thereon

Agreed to inform the Board of Revenue that Mr Wynch 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 Carroor, 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 recalled to assume his charge or recalled to the Presidency —

Agreed also that the Board of Revenue be desired to send similar Instructions to Mr Pybus —

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

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor and Council &c

Honble Sirs — I have the honor to lay before you three Bills of the Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly &c

from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts inclosing the Letter of the Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly for the Expence of Cash for the Use of Merchants for the Ordnance Department & Cash for Repairing and Making up Cash Pending the Presidency Union —

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No 1 for the Repairs Done of the Southern Army in March last

No 2 for Articles purchased in the Ordnance Department for the same Month

No 3 for Fitting up Platform Carts and for making Two New Artillery 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 require 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 Sepoy Brigades



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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 Tents himself upon a General Estimate, made out by the Committee of Inspection By this mode of proceeding, Captain Bell has on 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 Tents, and making a Charge for them, instead of delivering the Materials to the Quarter Masters of Brigades and Corps; whose business it is to employ Lascars 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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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.—

even

The Bill No 2 is equally exceptionable
in every Respect, for however necessary the Articles
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, formerly either by 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 Tents; which Captain Bell in his
Reply to my Remarks accompanying this
Report observes were found to complete the Corps
according



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according to the Supply of Materials, to be
Kept by them for future Repairs of Tents but
Admitting that these Materials were Regularly Issued
by them to the Quarter Masters, it must still be
insisted upon that he was not Authorized to
purchase them, especially certain he could have
procured them from the Storekeeper at
Trichinopoly —

The Bill No 3 is for fitting up
with Lockers &c. 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
Commissary of Stores is not the Person to be
employed, in Making purchases, he ought
in the first instance, to have Reported to the
Committee of Stores the work Required, they

of course would have ordered the Materials and workmen to be furnished by the Storekeeper; and the Commissary of Stores, in this as in all other cases, would probably be called upon to judge, if the works 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 Storekeepers 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 Assembled



Assembled on the Plains of Trichinopoly, whatever Materials or Workmen were required for the Repair of Field 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 Corps, Brigades and European Regiments, the quantity of Materials necessary for the Repair of the Tents of their Respective Corps; but it must be observed, in the Month of March last when these Expences were incurred, and likewise in the Month of May when a subsequent Bill of a similar kind was drawn for the Repair of the Tents of the Troops which came from Walajanbad, 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

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might consider the service would suffer; if he did not take upon himself to put the Camp Equippage in good order, without waiting for the Paymasters 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 many he must entirely rely upon the Indulgence of Government. I am only also permitted to remark that the Committee of Inspection have Reported that the Tents Required Repairs; the Returns and Vouchers 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.

Besides



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Besides the Bills in question, I find by the Paymasters Letters, that Captain Bell who acts as Commissary of Stores in the Field, has delivered me some other Contingent Bills, since the Army has entered the Carnatic 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 Paymaster at all the out Garisons, are in all cases to act as Storekeepers in Garison; it is very Reasonable to supose 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 them.

I 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 Centre Army, and Major Montgomery's Detachment, as well as Captain Bell have most unaccountably adopted the same error, and their Bills will very soon be sent to me for examination, I must request Government will please to favor me with their Orders on this Subject, I shall not presume to offer my Sentiments, whether those charges hitherto incurred in the Field should be allowed or not, but in order to prevent a continuance 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 Commissaries of Inspection, as Prescribed by the Regulations which 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 suggested, that a Special Officer as Commissary of Supplies in the Field should be Appointed, but for my own part I do not see the Necessity of such an Appointment, the Paymasters Having no additional Allowance for it in Garrison, and I am convinced they will Chearfully perform this Branch of their Duty in the Field, without Subjecting the Company to any additional expence, either in Salary or Servants —

I have with great Respect

Sir & Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servant

Signed J. Cowper

C.J.C.

Fort St. George
7th December 1790

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

From the Comptroller General of Accounts inclosing Bills Laid before him for arrears of Contingencies Allowances and Gratuity &c. Rejected thereon

Honble Sir

I have the Application has been made to me by Major Burrows for the Arrears of Daily Batta and

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 pass 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. The Claim to Temporary Allowance on
Account to 892 Pags 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
&c &c
Signed A. Cappier
C.G.S.

Fort St. George
6th December 1790.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters.

The Board concur entirely in Opinion with Colonel Cappier as to the Extreme Irregularity



of Captain Bells 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 Check on the
Store Keeper, acts 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.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be Communicated
to Colonel Cappier

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a General Order, to prevent similar Irregularities, be issued, Agreeably to Colonel Casper's Recommendation —

ditto

Resolved that Major Burrowes's Claim 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 Town Major —

Town Major —

John Ramsay Esqr.

Military Secretary —

Sir

From the Town Major — Thomas Johnson Coe who is recommended by the Court of Directors to return to Europe is reported unable to proceed at present on account of Ill health —

I have the honor to transmit [illegible] the Extract of the General Letter from the Honorable [illegible] Court of Directors Relative to Thomas Johnston Coe [illegible] to Major Montgomery Commanding the Detachment [illegible] Nizams Army with [illegible] which Detachment he is at present on Service. [illegible] unable to proceed to Europe by the Ships [illegible] as will appear by the [illegible] of this Season — enclosed Certificate received —



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received from Major Montgomery —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
4 December 1795

(signed) Richd. Townsende
Town Major —

Camp at Rachore 25th August 1795

This is hereby Certify that Thomas Johnson Coe late a private in the Honorable Companys 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 Detachment Marched from Ellore —

(Signed) Alexr. Kennedy
Assistant Surgeon —

1796

Fort St. George 7th December 1796

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Report of the Town Major relative to Thomas Johnson Coe be notified to the Court of Directors by this Mail Despatch

Chas Oakeley

Huddlestons

Exd.

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# Diary

Sent Letters to the Nabob and the Rajah of Calastry as entered in C. C. Nos 272. 273 1

Substance of Letters to the Nabob and Rajah of Calastry

to the former enclosing Copy of the acting Resident's Representation as entered in Consultation of the 7th Instant to the latter informing him of the Board's Resolutions respecting the Ingress of Letter carriers and the Hill Pollams.

Received the following Letter

## To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member of the Presidency and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St George, Madras &c &c

Letter to Commander in Chief advising of the Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 5th and 7th Instant

Camp near Carnoor but on the Riverside of the Cavery the 29th of November 1796

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I had the honor of yours of the eighth and Seventeenth, yesterday, both inclosing Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, which, acquainted the junction of the armies, and the latter I had the honor of addressing to you, it is unnecessary further to

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
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Medows
Gov. & Com. in Chief

To John Chamier Esq.
Secretary Fort St George

Sir,

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

&c &c &c
Wm. Wm.
(Signed) M. Malet

From the Resident at Poonah with Copies of Letters from the Camp near Dharwar which state that there is a Scarcity of Grain in the Fort.

Poona 22 Nov. 1790.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Ushtho dated Camp near Darwar 16th November 1790 to the Resident at Poona received the 20th following

Peshwa's Durbar.

Two Deserters from the Fort came in this Morning, and say that though there is Plenty of Ammunition and Water, there is not above 2 Months



months Grain for the Enemy's Troops, and that Salt and Tobacco are very Scarce, that the Daily Consumption from the Stores in the Fort is 100 Bullocks Load & 50 Mens Load of Grain, that the People who had the Charge of the Bullocks that were captured have had their Ears and Noses cut off and that since the 25th. ultimo the Desertions from the Fort amount to 500 a 300 and 18, and 2 Hircarrahs from Miraje and Tasgaum are expected here Tomorrow or next day.

I have heard the Mahratta acquisitions estimated at 20 Lac annual Revenue, of which the Shanoor District is reckoned 11; and though Tippoo is not likely to derive any Revenue this year from the Country to the Northward of the Toombudra, yet the Mahrattas cannot retain it to Effect without getting Possession of the strong Holds.

true Extract
(Signed) J. W. Lankhat
Resident at Poona

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment acting with the Mahratta army to the Resident at Poona dated 16th November 1790 Recieved 22d following

Peshwa's Durbar

I am Sir with respect the honour
&

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Peshwa's Dawk.

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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 the Charge of the Bullocks that were captured have had their Ears and Noses cut off, and that since the 27th returns the Desertions from the Fort amount to 500 or 3 or 4 and 18, and Hurtz from Meritge and Tadgaum are expected here Tomorrow or next day.

I have heard the Mahratta requisitions estimated at 20 Lac annual Revenue, of which the Shanoor District is reckoned 1/4; and though Tippoo is not likely to derive any Revenue this year from the Country to the Northward of the Toombudra, yet the Mahrattas cannot retain it to Effect without getting Possession of the strong Holds.

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[Signed] J. W. Lankhat
Resident at Poona

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment acting with the Mahratta army to the Resident at Poona dated 16th November 1790 Received 22d following &c.

Peshwa's Dawk.

I send herewith myself the honour of

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I am writing you on the 13th Instant no Material occurrence has taken Place in this Quarter, except that the three Large Guns which I then mentioned to you as expected, have arrived in Camp.

True Extract

Signed J. Blankhead

Assistant at Pond

To Sir Charles Oakley Bart.

Acting President in Council

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 take different works and Casemates of that Fort, and that the Ramparts on sea Face of the Fort be constructed for the reception of some Battering Guns Carriages stating the opinion it will incur

Sir,

We were duly honord with your Commands, of the 30th Ultimo and 5th 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 Glendening, or an Estimate of the Expence 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 abovementioned.

with



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With respect to the repair 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 Redans on the sea Face, and therefore recommend that the Ramparts be completed for their Reception, which Work is estimated at Pagodas 2618 15 6 35.

We have the Honor to be
Wt: Wt: Wt:
Signed J. Capper
" Patrick Ross
" George Hall

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7th Dec. 1790.

Recived the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 20. 24. 25. 26. 27.

From the Paymaster at Madura

From the Paymaster at Madura enclosing Copies of Letters received from the Collectors in the Madura and Tinnevelly Districts in consequence of his application to them for a Supply

supply of Cash – and of a Letter from Colonel Martin, respecting the payments of the Troops in the Marawars.

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly stating that Tippoo's army still remains encamped near that Place – and that a Detachment has been observed to move off to the Westward towards Erroor.

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly

From Ditto – stating that the whole of Tippoo's Army has decamped – and moved towards Ondatow.

From Do

From the Commandant at Dindigul stating that Man in Charge of the Fort of Ranjinaguer is much alarmed at the appearance of a large Body of Tippoo's regular Troops in the Neighbourhood of that place.

From the Commandant at Dindigul

From Do – stating that he has never had any authority to employ the Lascars in the Pallak of that Fort as attached to the Garrison.

From Do

Sent the following Letter

To



To Colonel Capper

Messrs Hoar, Roebuck, Moubray & Garrow

Committee for investigating the Charges adduced by his Highness the Nabob against Paupiah &c.

To the Committee for investigating charges against Paupiah – Enclosing the Original Letter from Mr G. Anderson of which a copy has already been transmitted them.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your Letter of the 3d Instant I am directed by Government to inform you that they perfectly approve your proceedings therein reported as already communicated to you in my letter of the 3d Instant.

I enclose the Original Letter from Mr. George Anderson of which a Copy is in your possession.

I am &c.
Signed John Chamier
Secretary

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7th Dec. 1790.

To John Hudleston Esqr
President &c. Members of the
Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue – approving their proceedings respecting the Calastry Anjah – all charges to be hitherto made by Mr G. Mynah to be discontinued – Mr Cooper to allowed him Rs 150 per Month till he can be recalled to take charge of his Employ &c.

Gentlemen,

Government have received and taken into Consideration the Letter from your Board dated the 4th Instant, and direct me to inform

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inform you that they approve the Propositions you have made respecting the Zaghire of Tellicampore and the 122 Villages, & respecting the Guaranteeing the possession of the above to the Rajah of Calastry so long as he shall continue faithful to the Circar — a letter to the above Effect will accordingly be written to the Rajah of Calastry 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. Wynch 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. Wynch to enter upon his Charge, he must be instructed to remain at Carroor or in its Vicinity, and he must be informed that he will be permitted to draw 100 Pagodas P Month from the period 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. Wynch.

I have the honor to be
Sir. Sir.
Signed John Chamier
Secretary

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To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief

To Major General Medows Number reporting the Receipt of their Dispatches for this Division

Honble Sir,

We have been honored with the receipt of your Letters dated the 24th 28th 29th ultimo Containing 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 Assistance the Middle of the present Month the following Troops Viz.

The Majesty's 75th Regiment
50 Matrosses of artillery
200 Lascars, & about Fourteen Hundred Sepoys.

We

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Sir

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

We have the Honor to be
Signed Charles Oakeley
&Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil: Sts 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 report upon a Memorial received from the Surgeon of the 19 Regiment of Light Dragoons — the Carts and Bullocks sent to Vellore with the Four & Twenty Pounders to be immediately recalled to the Presidency —

To the Military Board

To the Commandant at Tanjore — the Resident's application for Ball Cartridges & Flints for the use of the Gallerias cannot be complied with, as not being customary to supply such Stores to Irregular Troops —

To the Commandant at Tanjore

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

To the Storekeeper at Tanjore

I &c

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Sir

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — Stating that Major Burrowes'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 Expence for the Repairs at Tanjore — to report if the traversing Gun Carriages in the Arsenal cannot be accomodated at a smaller Expence than Pagodas 2618.18.35 and to state the particulars of that Estimate —

I &c

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 Gramaries 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 Tiagar — directing

To the Commandant at Tiagar

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directing him to write to the Man in Charge of the Fort of Ranjinagur recommending him to be upon his Guard against any surprize from the Enemy - and inspiring him with confidence in order to prevent his Surrender of the Post -

To the Commandant at Trippasore

To the Commandant at Trippasore

to permit Serjeant Clayton Lieb 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 -

Received Letter from the Military Paymaster General / sentered in M: B: № 39 / enclosing copies of letters from the Paymasters at Ongole and Gooty, who state that it is impossible to transmit their Monthly Accounts within the time they are required by the Board -

From the Military Paymaster General

To



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Friday the 10th Decr 1790

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

John Hudleston Esqr

The Honble Major General

Members absent upon Service -

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved -

Read the following letter & Enclosure from Mr Tollesfield -

John Chamier Esqr

Military Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive your letter dated the 23d ultimo on the 29th following -

From Mr Tollesfield with a copy of a letter from Mr Besant relative to the Characters of the Natives who appeared in the late Investigation - & a letter for Mr Besant against Mr Ram -

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

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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 Received from Mr Swartz

I beg leave to enclose for the information of the Honble Board, & 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.

I have the Honor to be with respect
Sir: &c &c
Signed/ W Fallofield

Tanjore
2d Decr 1790.

To E. W. Fallofield Esqr

Dear Sir,

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

Shevarow'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.

Subarow is more on his guard. He is naturaley 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 endeavors 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 can be depended upon the Characters of those people whose principles are not fixed.

Tanjore
30th Novr 1790

I am &c: &c:
Signed/ C. L. Swartz

Minutes of the Board in consequence of Mr Fallofield's Final Report on the Charges exhibited against Mr Ram by the Rajah.

The Board have read, and considered with attention, the Proceedings of Mr Fallofield, in consequence of their Orders to him for enquiring into the Charges exhibited against Mr Ram, the Resident at Tanjore, those 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 Tanjore 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

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Mr Ram in his defence acknowledges 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=self the Rajah's Sirkul 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 specu=lation, Soubarow, Mr Ram's Dubash, suffered himself to be drawn in, first as a Soucar 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 Soubarows "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 & atten=tion which formed an indispensible part of the duties of his Office, and in all events Mr Ram was culpable in having had any thing to do with the Cultivation of Indigo, since it led to an Interference with the Rajahs 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 Soubarow in lending his Name and assistance to the views of the=mow, without the knowledge of his Master, and in con=cealing from Mr Ram the clamours and Complaints to which the transaction has given rise, was highly cen=surable 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 upon point which must be supposed to come immediately within his own knowledge, and the witnesses he brings are his Sirkul, 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 Shevarow (the Sirkul) and Rahamud Cawn go directly to the fact of a conversation having passed between the Sirkul and Mr Ram on the Subject of presents, in which a proposal of a present of 40,000 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 sub=stantiated 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 Dubash, as it appears that he entriqued with the Rajahs Minister in the Farm of Indigo, that he had considerable Money dealings in the Country, and that he is now 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 Banpa=nah and Ramchundra Punditien, both of which state the return of the Bonds, and that from Ramchundra Punditien acquaints Subarow, that on delivering them to Shevarow agreeably to his orders, the latter had said that Subarow Mistrusted him, to which he Ramchun=dra Punditien replied, that the European Mr Ram had "refused to Accept the Bonds"

The Revrend Mr Swartz confirms all the points on which Mr Ram refers to his testimony, but none of those points bear any immediate relation to the principal part charged against them.

That 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 Fallofields proceedings (page 81) the declarations of six persons (whose Names are mentioned) of what passed in a conversation at which they were present between Subarow Mr Ram's Dubash, and Rahamed Cawn —

"Six were present when Rahamed Cawn "came to the Dubash from the Serkel (he desired Subarow "to make Mr Ram the Rajahs Friend, saying, "If you "will act in so disinterested a manner what advantage "will you derive? prove it, your European has rejected "that which has been offered to him — as to the Indigo "Business which Shevarow has given to Ramchundra "punditien it is no great matter. the palaver rests 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 asun= "ful as you please, Chinnia Moodely has assured the Rajah "& Shevarow, that in case you refused 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 attack "people to sea — this is the doctrine which Chinnia preaches "to the Rajah, and whatever he says the Rajah and S. "Shevarow regard, you had better acquaint the European "with all this" Shevarow answered that Mr Ram would not

"not receive a Bribe, nether will he, to oblige you, make
"any excuse to prejudice the busines of the Company. If
"you should desire such a thing he will not accede
"to it. —

There is another paper which can
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 quoted
testimony, that the Board, in Justice to Mr Ram,
think they cannot pass it by unnoticed, especially,
as the consideration of the rank, and Situation of the
person who comes forward with the Information,
may tend to counteract the same consideration
with respect to his Accuser. The paper alluded
to is annexed to Mr Rams 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
Tulajee. it informs Mr Ram of a conversation which
had been held by Annundy Ling the Rajah Chinna
Moodely & Shevarow the Sirkul, and which had been
mentioned to her by a person "who wished to be unkis-
-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
"Suberow, which had been believed at Madras that they
"had Shewed away how to get them removed, &c &c
that



"that should be effected, no one would hear what Mr
"Swartz said that if they brought to their side those
"that were to come there Tanjore was 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 Suberow.
They now proceed to advert to those parts of his
defence which seem to rest on arguments derived from
the relative situation of himself and his accuser, &
the Motives they may have had to accuse him
falsely, and here the Board acknowledge Mr Ram
receives support from points not controverted 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 Sirkul, or
Minister, of the day, and the abject state of servitude &
Subjection to his will, in which he places all the other
Officers & Servants of the Sirkul, 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 Shevaroy. It appears that from the hour of Mr. Rams arrival at Tanjore, the conduct which his duty imposed on 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, endeavoring the disgrace of the Minister whom in his own, the Ministers presence he accused as the author of the Rajahs distresses, 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 Shevaroy 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 30th July & 3d November, upon which Mr Ram referring to the public



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publick records of his proceedings at Tanjore, avers that during that period Exactly 60 days entervened 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 Shevaroy, "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 Pallaikarrs, to pay the Collection of the Car Crop to him on the Companys Account, & that this demand continued without relaxation till on the 16th November he received the Secretary's Letter of the 11th This continued series of oppositions the Rajah and his Minister forbid the belief that at that very time he was in treaty for, or had actually received from them the sum of 60,000 Pagodas on the express condition of forbearance from such opposition - In short Mr Rams 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 shewn 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 the Company effected by it, Namely, the Removal of Mr Ram from his Office - an event which the Rajah was doubtless taught to look to as indispensible to his own safety that it really rose 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 Rams former unreproachable Character, the Board acquit him of the principal Crime laid to his charge - the actual receipt of a Bribe or present of 60,000 Pagodas, which in his situation being 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 Ram & the Chitteel 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 Ram 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 Tanjore 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 indispensible duty to punish any Similar
Irregularity by the strongest marks of their
displeasure.

With respect to the Dubash Subarow,
his whole Behaviour has been such as to render
him a very unfit person to remain in the Tanjore
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.

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

Minutes thereon



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Mr Tallofield, — 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 Mr Tallofield the Board's approbation of his Conduct
in the Execution of the Service entrusted to him. —

The Board resolved in their
Minutes of the 3d 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 Mr Hollands corrupt
Practices, but as there seemed to be a general
belief that the same Principles would Govern

that

The Board resolve to call upon all Civil Servants who may exercise their appointments during the absence of Mr Holland to make the Declaration as required from the Collector of Guntoor Resident at Tanjore & Military Storekeeper in the Minutes of the 3d 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 Ball a Do Do of the Board of Revenue
Mr Michell Member of the Board of Trade
Mr Harry Taylor – Paymaster at Ellore
Mr Joseph Garrow Persian Translator with a new Salary as Steward
Mr Martin Secretary to the Board of Trade
Mr Thurston – Investigator of Paymr Accounts
Mr Clerk – Mr Dighton & Mr Macleod – Collectors in the Paymr
Mr Ell – Paymaster of the army
Mr Pearse – Deputy Comptroller General of 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—

Mr Willis suspended the Hon'ble Company's Service in consequence of his not having made a reply to the letter addressed him under date the 5th Inst. nor complied with the Requisitions therein Contained.

Resolved therefore that Mr Willis be suspended from the Hon'ble Company's Service, & he is hereby suspended accordingly, until the pleasure of the Hon'ble Court of Directors can be known.—

The office of Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar annulled. Allowance to be paid by the Paymaster at Angola

Resolved that the office of Pay-master in the Guntoor Circar be annulled; & that the Troops in the Circar be in future paid by the Paymaster at Angola.—

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

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

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Sir,

From Captain Read I received the Custom of appeyzing Rice — collecting the Revenues of the Paramaul according to the best accounts to be collected — recommends some improvements to be made in the Mode of Collection — and reports the principal Reasons who prevent the Collection of the Revenues of the Paramaul.

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

I delayed the seizing of Appeyzes Rice, till I could gain further knowledge of his transactions, 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 proceedings, 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 this district, to Ambore, 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 in that, as there are many things no doubt in charge



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charge of his Son at Ambore, and his son in law employed by him as aumil of Vanniambaddy & thought it of importance to confine them first, & afterwards after respecting that, & send Appeyze himself, with all the sirkar papers — Having sent him off under a guard to Ambore I immediately published, by town 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 Mr. H. Hindersley of the advantages that Government had resolved to grant all people of the Carnatic Payenguat, who should return thither, I likewise advertised them here, with intimation that, if any of the natives of this country should chuse to leave it, and settle there, they might, as now remove, with their effects, which Appeyze Row had prohibited, without molestation, and be sure of the same encouragement, by application to any of the Companys collectors — Next I released as a new poor people whom Appeyze had confined, as partly the means of forcing them to satisfy his rapacity on being previously informed of their innocence, by the Zemindars, & Mootsaddies, & taking a written

written declaration to that effect, binding them to answer any demands which it might afterwards appear, the Circar 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, than called upon 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, to gather every information respecting this District, and Ashoje 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 Barramall being kept at Kisnagery, the present Cutcha, I have found it impossible to procure an accurate statement of its revenues — the following is collected from the mutta saddies of the Kutcharee, held at this place, and is probably not very wide of the truth especially that of the nine first, as till Tippoos time they constituted one Circar under Jagga Deo, from which circum-



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

| Mahals or Purgunas | Revenue |
|---|---|
| 1 Trippatoor, including Jawandepaur | 52,000 |
| 2 Vanniam baudy | 12,000 |
| 3 Jagga Deo | 4,000 |
| 4 Mattoor | 5,000 |
| 5 Cully or Culaveer | 4,000 |
| 6 Sangarpate | 6,000 |
| 7 Parandapilly | 5,000 |
| 8 Kisnagery | 8,000 |
| 9 Maharajgur | 2,000 |
| Total Containing Fanams | 98,000 |
| 10 Caveripatam | 25,000 |
| 11 Dungry cotta | 35,000 |
| 12 Dharampoory | 16,000 |
| Total Inwardly Fanams | 76,000 |
| Revenue of the first 9 Mahals or Purgunas in Rupees | 3,01,376 |
| Revenue of the 3 last | 1,90,000 |
| Revenue of the Barramall | 4,91,376 |

The hill forts in the Barramall are Kisnagary Jaggadeo Kayanelgur, Warrangur, Maharajgur, Beejingur, Guggungur, Caterngur, Soodersinagur or Patcul, all of which are got in the enemy's possession

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The Company's authority has only extended to five of the purganas, and it appears that by reason of frequent visits from the circumjacent polligars, it is not established yet in more than three of them. The undermentioned is a statem[t] shewing the number of villages in each, and the collections that have been received at the Katcheree, or, more correctly, the portion of Appajeus receipts entered in the sirkar books, from the 26th November to the 3d December the period of his collectorship.

| Purganas | Villages | Collections | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nepputtoor | 120 | 1207. 7. 12 | |
| Vanneambaudy | 100 | 722. 5. 10 | |
| Perandapilly | 40 | 242 3. 7 | |
| Muttoor | 70 | | not brought into the Katcheree |
| Sangarpatee | 60 | | |
| Taken from a Sipoy of Tippoos | | 1. 50 | |
| Total Receipts | | 2174. 1. 14 | |

Account of Disbursements

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Cash delivered to Serry Ram Vankatesetty, gumashta of Govind Chitty and sent by Capt Dewton chuckrums ten. to receive the collection made by Appajee Row | 524. 8. | 1 |
| To 794 bullock load of Rice Paddy & Bunjara sent to Camp | 602. 3. | 10 |
| To 158 bullocks sent to Camp amounting to | 679. 8. | 12 |
| To Setbindeo | 184. 7. | — |



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|---|---|
| To Anka Nyr commandant of the Vanketgury Polligars a loan of | 118. 5. 8 |
| To the aumil of Vaneambaudy, a loan of | 2. 3. 4 |
| To Sunder-waurid or Contingencies | 14. 1. — |
| Balance | 47. 4. 5. |
| Total Receipts | 2174. 1. 14 |

By this Account which is an abstract of one made out by Appajee Rows Seroshtadaur 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 Gentoo and Persean papers, delivered me by the injured Inhabitants, his assessments and robberies amount to 11044 Rupees, none of which is placed to the public Account. Upon investigation of the several estimates of effects they will no doubt prove to be greatly overrated. But it may be reputed with equal certainty that many more charges will come against him, for those I have brought forward are only such as I have gathered in this place alone, since yesterday morning that I publickly began to receive them.

Independant of the satisfaction I have in acting under that influence which has become 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 Appoji Row naturally excites, 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 Trippatoor and on the protection of the districts now under its jurisdiction.

The Fort is situate 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 Sheet of grassy Fallow 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 these are large enough to work any other gun upon, than a field piece. — In its present condition it is unsafe against any respectable force, and if attempted under cover of the night, might be easily taken by escalade.

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Though it could not be made a strong post of without an expence 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 such necessary repairs of the works. Think-ing this might be worthy your consideration, I have ascertained by help of the wood-drawers 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 each 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 ruinous 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

undermined, by a sluice from the Lake, before dis=
=cribed; and to repair the gatways, which are cover'd,
and falling in. No other works would be in dis=
pensible, to render Trippatoor a post. I shall insert
an estimate of their expence.

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. E angle, whither
the ditch could not be carried ..... 10

A draw bridge at the gateway ..... 20

A new gate and two new sallyports ..... 40

Repairing the gateway, now falling in ..... 20

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

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

An officers quarter and outhouses ..... 150

Barracks for a company of Sepoys ..... 20

Barracks for 670 polligars ..... 87

Total ..... 612

It appears necessary, either to render the fort more



more secure them at present, to augment the garri=
son 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 neighborhood the poll=
gars who then entirely composed the garrison, had
serious thought of evacuating it, and still consider
themselves in dangers, though there is no accounts
of any enemy near, excepting of people of their own
description. Those are the polligars that inhabit
the two ranges of hills, which run in a south and
north direction, the eastward of which is calle=
Jawaddi paur, and that to the westward the
Barramall hills. They have only from one to
five hundred men each and though so dispicable,
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 punish some of them, I shall
recite what I know of them.

Timm Nyc, of Coonjoondy, is an inhabitant
of Amboor, took cards of Colonels Kelly and Mas=
=well before the army marched from Arnee and
accompanied it, into the Barramall. He had no
con=

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

Chill Nyg, was driven from the Carnatic by Hallajah, took refuge with Tippoo K.n Candalu. 8 cos W.t of this, in zaugeer from hence. He is in league with Sam Nyg. and the people inform me him, is assisting him against Coongoondy.

Chenka, resides in Iwaddepatam and was imployed by Coland 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 inhabitant of this place had taken the Company's caule, and is said to be now with them, in the vicinity of Trinomoly.

Narrapally Timma Nyg, resides at Narrapet, 6 cos W. of this place, and commits frequent



frequent robberies on the inhabitants of this district.

I beg leave, sir, to add that while there is nothing to apprehend from Tippoos Sirkar troops, the Carnatic rangers if advanced to Thangama or Sangarpate, would be a great check on these banditte, and might be very assisting to the amildar deputed from hence 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 imployed in this district, for it appears that the pollegars 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. To apologize for the length of this letter would only be adding to my transgression in

obtruding

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obtruding so much upon your time.

I am with great esteem
Sir Yr. Mo. Obt. Hble. Servt.
(Signed) Alexander Read

Trippatore
December 5. 1790

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Captain Read
upon the Company's
Renter in Possession of
Tripatore - forwards
a sketch of the Bara-
mahal - and details
the villainies that have
been practised by Ap-
pagee Row

Sir,

Having been advised by Mr. Kinder-
ley of his being directed to take the management
of Trippatoor, and of such other districts as have
taken coul; and his renter having arrived at
Trippatoor, 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 to
Appaje Row, and his relations, into Mr. Kindersleys
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 assessments and robberies, constitutes
but



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but a small portion of them; and that, of his many
villainies, one of them is, his having entered into
a compact with Timmapa Nyr. the pollegar 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 Caveripatam. An-
other plan of their, was to divide between them,
the revenues of Swaddy paur, which the inha-
bitants of that country have agreed to pay to
Timma Nyr. by installments, and to a conside-
rable amount. As may be seen in the sketch.
Swaddy, is a hilly country, lying to the East-
ward of the Trippatoor and agram districts, to
and Westward of Cannambaddy, Carnatiegur,
and Shangama. Mr. Kindersley 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 to
them, to lose no time in shewing the evils that
will

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will be prevented, and the advantage arrising to the public, from government speedily appointing collectors to take charge of such countries, as may hereafter, receive the Company's protection

I have the honor to be
Yr. Hble.
Signed / Alexander Read

Arnboor
7th December 1790

The Board have great satisfaction in noticing Captain Reads 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 communicated to Captain Read, and a Copy of his letters sent to the Board of Revenues for their Information

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

Read the following Letter from the acting Resident at Nagore.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President and Governor in Council
of
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

The Returns of the Troops doing Duty

From the acting Resident at Nagore. The Inhabitants of that Town refuse to defray any longer the Charges of the Sepoys formerly ordered by Subscription as comm.



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Recommends that they be placed on the Strength of the 12th. Regiment Battalion

Duty in this Factory, wait on your Honor &c. enclosed.

I beg leave to inform your honor &c. that Mr. Salloefield the Late Resident had prevailed with the Merchants of this Town to pay a certain Number of Sepoys for its Defence, in which a Several Company'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 aforesaid 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 further aid, nor indeed can the Collection be adequate to the Discharge of the Payment of the Corps, as the greater part of the Subscribers have left this Place from apprehensions 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 Reserve 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 Sibbendys station=ed here being principally Invalids, and old Men and inadequate for active Service.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W. Stichell

Nagore
4th December 1790

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

Minute thereon

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

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

Ordered accordingly.–

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

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

Ch. Bakeley
Wm. Huddleston

Ed. Chas. Carpenter



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# Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. No. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49.

From Lieutenant M.Kerras at Trinomalee

From Lieutenant M.Kerras enclos=ing a Letter received from the Rajah of Ramanagud which states the Situation & Strength of the Enemys troops in that Neighbourhood advises that he has received a Summons to surrender & applies for immediate Assistance – Repeating his Recommen=dation that Kistnamah Rauze's party be immedi=ately entertained.–

From Do

From do.– Tippoo has opened his Guns on Ramanagur which have been returned from the Fort – the Enemy take Possession of the Pettah and undislodged – Motabar Khan has refused to surrender.–

From the Commandant at Chundregurry.

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

some revenues from them.—

From Dt. — From Do. reporting the refractory and insolent Conduct of the Cauhal Poligar particularly in having repeatedly broken down a Dam which turned a river by which the Polipaty Tanks are supplied in direct opposition to frequent representations made to him by Letter, and by deputations sent to him from the Polipaty Annidaar requesting to know if coercive Measures should be taken in case of his persisting in such Behaviour?—

From the Agents of Mr. W. W. Tomano — From the Agents of Mr. W. W. Tomano enclosing a Company's Bond for 2000 Pagodas in part of the Security required from their Constituent as Paymaster of Vellore requesting to be furnished with a Receipt for the same—

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

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

From-



From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — From the Commandant at Trichinopoly—Tippoo has only moved five Miles from his former Station—reports prevail that he intends going to Utatoor

From Dt. — From Do. the Enemy move from the encampment near Samiarram in a direction towards Utatoor—ever Camp discovered from the Rock at the Distance of about fifteen Miles.—

From Ganjam — From Ganjam—Mr. 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.—

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss. Nos. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54 55. 56. 57.

To Captain Read at Amboor — To Captain Read at Amboor advising 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 Paymasters Disbursements, so as to arrive at those Places by the 1st. of Month—the Troops in the Guntoor Circar to be paid in future by the Paymaster at Ongole—

&c.

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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 Superintendant of the Dutch Possessions at Pulicat—

To the Superintendant of the Dutch Possessions at Pulicat requesting him to order strict Search to be made for a Man of the Hanoverian Regiments 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 Arka 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 Brace.—

To the Commandant at Vellore—

To the Commandant at Vellore if the two Companies of Sepoys under the Command of Lieutenant Balman have not yet left Vellore Lieutenant Reddle is to be instructed to proceed with his Company to Conjeveram to do Duty there until further Orders—Directing him to order the



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

To Lieutenant Balman commanding a Detachment of two Companies of Sepoys—

To Lieutenant Balman—to direct Lieutenant Reddle with the Company of the 26th. Battalion to remain at Conjeveram and do Duty there until further Orders.—

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore—

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C. C. No. 274) informing his Excellency of the several Resolutions of the Board in consequence of Mr. Falloficlds 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. Falloficlds Report to have abused the Confidence reposed in them.—

Sent the following Letters

To George Andrew Ram Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore with Extract of the Minutes containing the Boards Resolutions &c. on Mr. Falloficlds Report upon the Charges preferred against him by the Rajah.—

Sir,

I 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 Mr. Fallofield will receive their directions as to the Execution of the Determination regarding Suberow.

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Sam
Ge. & Ge.
/Signed/ John Chamier
Secretary

To Ensn William Fallonfield Cdg.

Sir

To Mr. C. W. Fallofield with Extract of the Minutes containing the Board's Resolutions &c. respecting the Charges exhibited against Mr. Ram & directing Suberow's conduct in the investigation approved thanks to be given to Mr. Swartz for his assistance

I 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 Mr. Ram.

You will be pleased to Carry into Execution the Board's Determination respecting the Dubash Suberow 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 Mr. Swartz for his assistance &



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& information upon the different points requested of him.

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Sam
Ge. & Ge.
/Signed/ John Chamier
Secretary

To Mr. Richard Willis

Sir

To Mr. R. L. Willis suspending him the Honble Company's Service &c. reasons assigned 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 requesitions 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 indispensible Duty to mark the displeasure 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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of your Employ of Caymasten & Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar.

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Sam
&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ John Chamier
Secretary

Letters written to all Companys Servants who recieved appointments during Mr. Hollonds Government agreably to the acting Presidents Minute of the 10th Instant.

Conformably to the Recommendation contained in the acting Presidents Minute of the 10th Instant, Letters were written all Companys Servants to whom appointments were given during Mr. 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 3d Instant.)

Lord Cornwallis arrives on his Majestys Ship Vestal.

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

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Lord Cornwallis lands and is received with the usual Honors.

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

Received the following Letter from Major General Medows.

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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
Cavery opposite Carroor.
the 3d of December 1790.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows. Reports his plan of attending the Ghauts for a short time &c. determines on marching towards Trichinopoly. the reasons assigned. receives a kind overture to a treaty from Tippoo's Minister.

I have 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 joining the Army, and enable him to pursue the war in the manner he may think most eligible

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illigible 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 Ministers; which, with my answer, I shall submit to Lord Cornwallis upon his arrival. —

And have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Medows Governor

&c. Commander in Chief

Sent the following Letter to

Major General Medows. —

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor & Commander in Chief

To Major General advising of the arrival of Lord Cornwallis.

Honble Sir

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



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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 recieved this day in Duplicate, & shall immediately lay it before Lord Cornwallis. —

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c. Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 38. 39. 60.

To the Secretaries at Bengal & Bombay and the Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad —

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

To Mr. Secretary Way — enclosing Copy of the last Letter from Major General Medows

To Bengal

Received the following Letter from Captain Read at Amboor. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart.

Sir

From Captain Read stating the Progress he has made in a Negociation with Chull Nyg appy Nyg and the Polygars

As perhaps the most effectual way of preventing the mischief occasioned by the pollegars, mentioned in my letter of the 3d 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 Appay Nyg.

I here give the desired information regarding my ancient Jaugeers, Cauvely, Rascoons, Enaums, and Vurtuma, 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 Kelat of Rupees 1000, a jaugeer of 2000, and commanded that I should ravage the Carnatic, and devote myself to his service. I obeyed; but was rejoiced, when the Company's army arrived, in the neighbourhood of Krisnageery, and Calastry Vanguru Nyd invited me to camp. Without hesitation I dispatched my vakeel to Colonel Maxwell, and he gave full assurance, that my ancient Jaugeers &c: should be restored; but the army marched away, before I had time to procure the promised grant of them.

The districts of Sankrapoor, and Chuckry are-



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are my ancient inheritance in the Carnatic, which from failure of male heirs, devolved to a woman, when Saadut Oolla Cawn, unjustly made them over to Golam Russool Cawn. I attempted to recover my birth right, and on that account my Cauvelee 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, Rupees 68,000. My Cauvelee districts, in the Carnatic, are Sirinoal, Shangama, Callishpauk, Tirracarungum, Callacoorchy, Mulloor, Poloor, Bhoolmunguel, Moolakaur, & Caunlum; my rasoom from which, is, 10 per cent, of the collections. Besides which, I had Maira, (or proportion of their produce, in kind) Enaums, and a Kurtunaeen the Syr, and Pulpatree i:e: customs on merchandise, and tradesmen, in every village.

In Tippoo's country I formerly had Kauroor, and Ootapaty, of the Dingricotta 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 back.

th. both back after that, and held them, four or five years, when he died; and leaveing me a minor, they were again taken from me. Their gross revenue is 1000 Nagaree Chuckras, and they pay no Peishkash. My Cawalee districts, under Mysoor, are Vanniambaddy, Trippatoor, Jaggadoo, Koina-gery, Cauvery patam, Singricotta, Dharrampoory, Painagram, Caulcole, and Ariantgeery; my Jaugeer from which is 10 per cent, on their collections. I have likewise a right to Maira and Virtuna from them.

Tippoo declared at the time he gave me Cawalee in Jaugeer, that after I distinguishing myself in his service, he would restablish me, in my ancient possessions. If the English will make me a similar pro-mise, and protect me in them, I will engage to serve them with, zeal, and fidelity.

Answer to Chill Nyg.

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 Jaugeers &c. in that country are the



th. the property of Nabob Wallajah. Besides your pretentions 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 Jaugeers, inaums &c. in Tippoo 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 Nyg.

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

"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 Rydroorg, Maggery, Nedygul, Gonnya-
"pollom, Daly, 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 expedition,
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. There he desired leave to visit,
in the mean time, Candalee, his Sangues in
the Tripatoor district, and I enjoined him to
desist from his practice of plundering, on pain
of incurring your displeasure, and forfeiting all
favor.



favor from the Company. Two other robbers
of less note, in that quarter, have taken voule, and
I have required their attendance here a few days
hence to meet Mr. Henderley, who comes to settle
with the inhabitants. By the inclosed you may
please to observe, that Tim Nyr, the cavalegar of
this district, continues his depredations, on the
Companys possessions. He took Cungoondy his
pollom, which Hyder deprived him of, a few
days ago.

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

I am with great esteem
Gt. &c. &c.
Alex. Read

Amboor
12th December 1790.

At a Consultation Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President
John Hudleston Esqr.
The Honble. Major General Wm. Medows
absent upon Service

Tuesday the
11th December 1790

Minutes of Last Consultation read
and Approved.

Read

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Read the following Letter & Enclosure from His Highness the Nabob (as entered also in C.C. No. 275)

Translation.

From the Nabob Wauluujaw to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 3d Rubbeesaany 1205 Hegery
or
16th December 1790

Received 11th December 1790

From the Nabob stating the Circumstances which induced his Son Ondal ul Omrah to sign the Paper a Copy of which Mr. E. J. Holland has lately laid before the Board under the Title of an acquittal - enclosing a Translation of this Sons Declaration on the Subject, containing information respecting the Letter addressed the late Government by Mr. George Andrews

I have received my friends Letter of the 3d Instant informing me that Mr. Edward John Holland had addressed your Government on the Subject of a Paper said to have been signed by my Son Ondal ul Omrah and inclosing a Copy of Mr. Hollands Letter and the Paper alluded to -

It is a Fact that Mr. John Holland then Governor did obtain from my Son Ondal 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 Mr. Edward John Holland emphatically



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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. Edward 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 Mrs. Hollands have not received from the Circar 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 Mrs. Hollands Character I have not brought such a charge against it; my charges against those Gentlemen are of a very different description and a much more heinous nature - a breach of publick Trust - and the Commission of Fraud in the management and application of Publick 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 -

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

Mr. 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 by Mr. John Holland and the Person who now appeals to them; Can Mr. Edward John Holland forget the Letter sent into the Board during the Government of his Br. Mr. John Holland and when he himself was a Member of Council by Mr. George Anderson. that Letter was never entered upon the Records but suppressed untill Mr. Anderson was prevailed upon some months afterwards to withdraw it. He contained charges of a highly criminating nature against Messrs. Hollands respecting their public conduct and particularly in their Transactions with my Durbar: if that Letter had been in Existence Mr. Edward John Holland would not have ventured the assertion with which he now so daringly approaches your Board. It terrified, it alarmed, it confounded them, they will know Mr. Anderson could have established his charges against them



them and they shrunk from them and through their Dubash Cauviah compelled me to pay Mr. Anderson a certain Sum of Money on account of his loans with the View 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 Messrs. Holland and their Dubash Cauviah and to those proceedings I refer you for a further confutation of Mr. Edward John Hollands ill advised and ill founded assertion - -

What can I say more?

/ A true translation /

Joseph Garrow

Pers.

/ Translation /

The Declaration of Omdut ul Omrah Bahauder on the Subject of a Persian Paper Dated 2d. Rubbeejany 1205 or 9th December 1790.

That on the 10th of February Mr. John Holland the then Governor sent for me in a great

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great hurry, and imagining the occasion to be some Business of importance Swaited 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 Nabob Wallajah nor myself had ever given him any Money or Jewells - Sobserved it would be impossible to comply with such Request unthill Sshould first have mentioned the Circumstance to His Highness - Mr. Holland replied he could not think of dismissing me unthil Sshould give the writing required - much altercation ensued and Mr. Holland continuing inflexebly determined on his purposes and growing violent in his Language, & as Ssaw no prospect of permission to return to my own House unless Sobeyed 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 Mgt. Hollands corruption, Sgave the paper insisted on. -

Ordered that Copy of the above Minute thereon be sent to the Committee for investigating the Charge against Cauptiah &c.a -

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 compleat 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 compleat 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.

We have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort William
the 24th of November 1790

[Signed] Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

To the Honble

The Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal the Reference made to that Government respecting the Distribution of Rankings 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 Consideration, 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.

We have the Honor to be,

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&c.a &c.a

Signed { Cornwallis, Peter Speke, Wm Cowper

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.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort William
3d December 1790

&c.a &c.a

Signed { Cornwallis, Peter Speke, Wm Cowper

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 Sultaun 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 and

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 Sultaun, 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 Sultaun or for the advancement of the interests of the Honble Company, or for the strict & permanent establishment



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 L.S.
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

/A true 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 advising of the Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 7th Instant approving the Proceedings reported therein.

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 7th 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 Pauplah Dubash since your last Address to us on this Subject, dated the 22d of October.

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3d December 1790.

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

Minute on the four foregoing Letters.

Ordered that the necessary Preparations be made for the Disembarkation of the Cavalry expected from Bengal.

Resolved that a Copy of the Powers delegated to Earl Cornwallis by the Governor General in Council be transmitted to Major General Medows for his Information.

Read.

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Read the following Letter from

Major General Medows —

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

Near Trichinopoly, but on the
other side of the Cavery. —
the 9th of December 1790.

Hon'ble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows stating his intention of uniting with the army in the Neighbourhood of Trichinopoly, till the 1st January for the junction 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 mean if possible by changing ground now and then to 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 like best; — and let him [illegible] commence them which way he pleases, I have not the smallest doubts of his success, and that

before —

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Contents of the above Letter be communicated to Earl Cornwallis, & that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the Supreme Council —

Read the following Letter from the Board of assumed Revenue —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Board of Assumed Revenue to the Nabob Tromboo Bonsrauze's Pollams on their quitting their Post till their arrears are discharged recommendation in consequence com[plain]t they received of the insolent and irregular conduct of Bonsrauze himself

We have the honor of acknowledging 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 intruding upon you the Subject of the Nabob's Sepoy's in Bonsrauze Pollam; but their Obstinate perseverance is such, as to preclude all hope of removing them, but by force. We have received a Petition from Monaigum, in which he informs us, that he had executed the Orders of Government, but that Mahomed ally, the Commandant, had refused to quit the Pollam, until the arrears of his Sepoys should be

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his

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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.

If delays or accident, - which God forbid! - should prevent his coming by the first of January, the Season will be so far advanced that I shall pursue my own plans with the most unremitting and unrelenting 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 their way into the Enemy's country wherever they please, and at the same time to secure their convoys. - that if I am forced to play the game myself I have little doubts of winning it; - and am sure of our success if it is played by Lord Cornwallis; - which, most sincerely wishing and impatient for his beginning. -

I have the honour to be

&c. &c.

[Signed] Wm. Medows Governor

&c. Commander in Chief

Ordered

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be discharged. The Petition further represents, that a restraint had been put upon the Rajah, untill the Commandant, had Obtained from him, an agreement to pay half of what was due in 8 Days. As it is evident that all means of persuasion will be fruitless, We take the liberty of Recommending, as the only means of freeing the Country from their depredations, that one or two companies of Sepoys, should be Ordered against them.

We have already had Reason to complain of Bonrauze himself, and we are sorry to observe, that we have additional cause from a Representation of Mr. Kindersley. That Gentleman informs us, that he not only encroaches upon the established claims of some Circar Villages to Water courses &c.a, but that he screens Murderers, and other offenders in his country; and that he has repeatedly presumed to send into the Circar farms, bodies of one or two hundred Armed peons to accomplish his purpose. The insolence of this conduct, and the necessity of Restraining it, is too evident to need comment; We therefore Recommend that a letter be written by the President, to warn Bonrauze of the consequences, which he must inevitably

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-bly 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 Caurnachia, a man imployed in the Revenue at Trivallum, who has absconded, and whom he protects.— The March of the Sepoys may therefore, be attended with a double advantage, and it is with great concern, we acquaint 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 Lung Teddy was delivered up to those who have since murdered him.—

We have in compliance with your Orders transmitted to the different Collectors, the new arrangement of Sebbendy Sepoys, but we are apprehensive, that, some difficulties may arise to oppose its execution; for the limitation, which it puts upon the number, and description of Native officers, will be distressfull to many, who have hitherto found livelihood in the Nabobs service. Mr. Kindersley has already represented, that, he meets with opposition from this

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

In regard to the Places named in the Article, & the Rajahs 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, apper-tained 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 Cranganore in the Article, I applied to the Travan-core 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 losses of Country which the Rajah of Cochin sustained to the Mysore Chiefs were to Tippoo Sultaun, & these, after he made his attack -

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their Resident, and Representative to rent the said Island to Raumavarma Rajah of Cochin for one year only, for the Sum of Rupees, Forty Thousand — Be it known therefore in virtue of the powers delegated to me, — I George Browney do grant from this date the said Island of Chetwa 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 abovementioned period the Sum of 40,000 Rupees at the periods, and in the manner — following.

In the month of

February 1791 ---- R. 13,000

June ---------- 13,000

October ---------- 14,000

Rupees -- 40,000

That you are not to be remiss 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 Cochin on the 26th November 1790.

/Signed/ George Browney
Travancore Resident

A true Copy

/Signed/ George Browney
Resident on the part of Madras Government

Whereas —

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attack on the Travancore Lines—

The foregoing Explanation I hope will prove Satisfactory on the points alluded to in the Extract of the Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, & will induce you to ratify the Treaty, as the Rajah of Cochin is very urgent with me for it— I have informed the Rajah that altho the Treaty has not yet been signed, that you would expect he should pay his Tribute for it, from the day he retook possession, which he has consented to do—

I do myself the honor to transmit herewith Copies of Papers interchanged between the Rajah of Cochin & myself for the grant of the Island of Chetwa to him for one year.

I have the honor to be with every sentiment of respect

Cochin
29th November 1790.

&c.a &c.a
George Powney,
Travancore Resident

Whereas by Conquest the Honble East India Company having obtained possession of the Island of Chetwa the Government of Madras have authorized and directed me

their

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Whereas the Honble the Government of Madras having impowered you Mr. George Cowney their Resident and Representative to grant to me from this date, on a lease for one year only, the Island of Chetwa for the Sum of Rupees 40000, I do hereby engage to take the said Island And pay for it to their Representative or Delegate the Sum of 40000 Rupees for one year in the following manner and at the following periods

In the month of

February 1791 ... Rupees 13,000

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October ... 14,000

Rupees 40000.

It shall be my Duty to do every thing incumbent on me that may promote the Welfare of the Inhabitants & Ryots, and I shall be attentive to the Cultivation and Improvement of the Lands.

(The Rajahs Seal)

Sealed with the Seal
of the Rajah by himself
at Cochin on the 26th
November 1790.

True Copy
(signed) George Cowney
Travancore Resident

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John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Resident at Travancore - hopes Government will not require Security from him as Paymaster - recommends that the Balance of Cash in his hands be appropriated to the purchase of horses -

Having observed in the Courier of the 17th Ultimo, 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 Honble Board to my Letter of the 16th September, which acquaints them of my having defrayed 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 Honble Board will still deem it expedient for me to transmit my Security Bond -

I request the favor of you to inform the Honble Board that I have in conformity to orders received from Major General Medows purchased thirty Horses, & that I have

every -

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Read the following Letter from
Mr. Francis Lind.

The Honble. Major General William Medows
Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

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

I have been honored with your Letter of the 3d. 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 obtainment of my present Office.

Fort St. George
12th December 1790.

I have the Honor to be
with great respect
&c. &c.
[Signed] F. Lind
Mr. Storekeeper

Minute thereon

The Board have not any Question to put to Mr. Lind except what is contained in the Secretary's Letter to him of the 13th Instant.—
As Mr. Lind's appointment of Military Storekeeper were not obtained by any corrupt Proceeds, the Board conceive he will find no Difficulty in making an affidavit before the Mayor to that Effect.—

Resolved

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Resolved

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their Dubash, any Sum of money or valuable consideration whatever for the attainment of the Office of Persian Translator, or for the allowance which was annexed to the Employ of Steward—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Fort St. George
13th December 1790.

John Chamier Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir

In Answer to your Letter of yesterday, I beg you will acquaint the Honorable Board that I am ready whenever called upon, to attest on Oath, that I never paid, or promised to pay, directly, or indirectly, the value of One Pagoda to Mr. Holland, or any other Member of his Administration, or to Paupia, Dubash to Mr. Holland, for, or on account of the Employs of Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts, or Deputy Post Master General of Fort St. George—

I beg leave to remark that on my succeeding to the former, the Office Deputy Import. & Warehousekeeper was taken from me, which I had the Honor of being appointed to, in Lord—

from Mr. J. Peare offers to make the Declaration required by Government respecting the Places obtained by him during the administration of Mr. Holland.

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

Mohaubut Jung is still encamped before Kopul, 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 Lower of the three Forts which compose the Defences of the Place – A Battery has accordingly been erected for the Heavy Artillery now in Camp, namely, three Guns from 12 to 24 Pounders, which will, I believe, open Tomorrow, but for which I am afraid, after every Endeavour on his part, he will not be able to collect a sufficiency of Ammunition to make a practicable Breach – Should that however be effected I shall immediately advise the storming it. –

The Exertions which have been lately required of me (having no Engineer or Pioneer Officers, and Mohaubut Jungs People being unacquainted with the Steps necessary to be taken, as well as unprovided with the necessary Articles –

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at any other time of the year would not have occurr'd, on account of Rivers Tanks & many other Obstructions, in the way and Powder being the principal article, required every possible care & precaution, to bring it with Safety so great a distance. — Safety

Copoole
15th November 1790.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Malcm MacGregor
Lieutenant

Accompt of the Expences incurred by Lieutenant Malcolm M.Gregor on his march from Besvarah to his joining the camp at Copool in Escorting Military Stores —

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| September | 5th | To 30 Coolys employed 4 days on rendering the Pass at Besvarah passable for the Tumbrills the Road being out of Repair by the Rains — | 5 — | — |
| | 9 | Working money to 1 Jemedar, 1 Havildar, Naique, & 12 Sepoys employed in the above Work the Cut-walls of Besvarah not finding sufficient Coolys for 4 days — | 1 — | 5 — |
| | 12 | 50 Coolys supplied me by the assistance of Major Bonneveau to drag Boats & Sangrees from Sirahanapatam to the River Hesseva and 50 Coolies to drag Sangrees from Chentapellie | 33 — | 5 |
| | | Coir Rope purchased to make Rafts upon the Sangrees — | 3 — | — |
| | 21st | The Boat men and Sangree people for crossing the Troops & Stores — | 25 — | — — |
| | | Carryover: | 70 — | 10 — |

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| | | Bro.t forward — | | 90 | 41 80 |
| October — | 11 | 30 Coolies supplied me by the Cutwall of Devalauda for carrying Stores over a River near that place and Assisting the Working Party — — — — — — | | 1 | 12 — |
| | 19th | Working money to 1 Subedar 2 Havildars, 2 Naigues and 24 Sepoys employd at the Drag Ropes & levelling the Road this march — — — | | 2 | 3 — |
| | 21st | Boat hire for passing the Stores Tumbrills, cattle &c over the Kistna at Callachaboutra Gaut — | | 40 | — — |
| | | Hircarrahs and Village Coons for Shewing the Roads and carrying Public Letters — | | 20 | — — |
| | | Paid for the Carriage of the Arms & Accoutrements of deserters — — — — — — — — | | 4 | — — |
| | | Paid 12 Dooly Boys their Pay and Batta for Two months supplied me at Ellore with 2 Country Cotts made into Doolys there being no others at that time in Store — | | 42 | — — |
| | | 2 Beasts for the Draughts of the 17th & 26 Battalions for 2 months their being now furnished — | | 6 | — — |
| | | 150 Gunny Bags for the Ammunition &c to replace those Worn out on the March through the Jungles | | 65 | 16 40 |
| | | M. Pagodas — | | 271 | 24 120 |

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Copoole 15th Nov.r 90.

/Signed/ Mal.m MacGregor
Lieutenant

Agreed that the Military Board be directed to report upon the account of Lieutenant M.Gregor —

Resolved —

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place from the growing Crop.—

I, A true Extract,

Robert Clerk

Dy. Secretary

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Walter Balfour

Dated 3d. December 1790.

It is impossible to ascertain with any degree of certainty what number of Draught & Carriage Bullocks it may be practicable to collect from the Districts under my charge— The Centre 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 methods 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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Resolved that Major General Meadows be requested to give his Opinion as to the Officer who should succeed Major Montgomery in the Event of his being obliged to quit the Command of the Detachment.—

Minute thereon

Resolved also that it be suggested to the General, that the Officer to be recommended for the above Charge, should unite to the Character of a good Soldier the most prudent Management in the Disbursement of the Public Money, which in the Case in Question seems particularly requisite.—

Read the following Extracts of Letters from the Board of Revenue.—

## Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue

Dated 8th December 1790

Extract of a Letter the Board of Revenue—Mr. Walter Balfour reports the Measures that must be adopted to procure Bullocks—recommends that an additional Force be sent to defend the Pagoda of Conjeveram.

We have the honor to lay before you for your Information, Extract of a Letter from Mr. Walter Balfour, Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire, regarding Bullocks to be procured in the Districts 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 Pagoda at Conjeveram, where a large & quantity of Grain is already deposited, and & more soon expected to be stored in the same

place

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... A Speedy answer to this will oblige, and I again respectfully assure the Board that unless I am armed with full power all the exertions I can make to raise Bullocks for the Public Service will be langued & ineffectual—

I now beg leave to represent to the Board how very inadequate twenty one Sepoys are to defend the Pagoda of Conjeveram in case of any Sudden, or unforeseen attack, and as in the course of another Month, or Six Weeks I shall have a large Portion of the new years Grain Stored in the Thousand Pillar Choultry 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 twenty five Miles distant from any Military force whatever, & only twenty one Sepoys to defend a Pagoda of great extent—so small a number are I can Sufficient to mount as Sentrys.

A true Copy
Wm Harrington Secretary
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