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Diary

1 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B for this Month No. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor informing him of the Boards Resolution of appointing Mr. Cuppage adjutant of his Battalion to the Charge of the stores at amboor with an allowance of 25 Pagodas ⅌ Month fifty additional Lascars to be entertained at amboor and to be employed in faciliating the Receipt of Grain refairing the Pettah Wall and building the new Granary directing him to deliver over to Cornet Keppen the three Horses received by him from Chiel Naig.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing him of the Boards of Resolutions respecting Mr. Cuppage and the additional Lascars to be entertained at Amboor directing him to advance the Monthly Pay to the Party of Cavalry under the Command of Cornet Keppen enclosing Extract of a Letter to Mr. Kindersley respecting repairs to the Pettah Wall at Vellore

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions informing him of the allowance to be given to Mr. Cuppage for assisting in the Store Department at Amboor and of the orders issued for entertaining fifty additional Lascars at amboor.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts advising of the permission given to the Paymaster at Vellore to entertain in Monthly Pay a number of Dooley Boys

sufficient

sufficient for three or four Doolies and of the salary granted to Mr. Cuppage directing him to audit the Bills presented by Captain Lieutenant Forins attornies.

To the Collector in the Arcot &c. Districts

To the Collector in the Arcot &c. Districts the repairs to the Wall of the Pettah of Vellore to be executed the expense not exceeding 1000 Rupees enclosing a Copy of the instructions given to Cornet Kippen.

To the Resident at Ganjam

To the Resident at Gangam directing him to write off to Profit and Loss the difference which may accrue on the sale of the unserviceable Military Stores approving the orders he has given for the erection of a tiled Shed the works recommended to be executed to the Bridges to be differred

To the Collectors at Tanjore

To the Collectors at Tanjore with a Letter for the Rajah and Copy for their Information.

To the accountant General

To the accountant General with returns of King's Officers entitled to Gratuity from the 1st May 1789 to the 30th April 1790 also a Certificate respecting an Omission in the Returns of last year of the name of Major Spankenburg.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board approving the Proceedings reported in their Letter of the 28th December desiring them to issue the necessary orders for entertaining fifty additional Lascars at Amboor and for Shipping thirty days Provisions for the Troops embarked on the Countess of Errol for Tillecherry and for making up 5 hundred Saddles fit for the Cavalry enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Ganjam notifying the Resolution of the Board thereon.

To Major Banks of the Engineers

To Major Banks informing him that his application to proceed to Europe and participate in

Lord

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Lord Clives Bounty must come recommended to the Board by the Commander in Chief returning the Surgeon's Certificate.

To the Commandant at Tiagar - expressing the Board's approbation of the regular Intelligence he has transmitted of the Enemy's Movements - an intelligent Person to be sent into the Enemy's Camp - who will be recompensed, agreeably to his recommendation.

To the Board of Revenue - directing no part of the Grain deposited in the Pagoda at Conjeveram be disposed of to the Inhabitants - the necessary Orders to be immediately issued to the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire for beating into Rice the Paddy stored at Chingleput and Conjeveram.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - with Extract of the Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad requiring information respecting the Chokies erected on the Banks of the Kistna - the Collector in the Palnaud to be instructed to correspond with the Resident on that, as well as all other Points relating to the Revenues.

To the Resident at Hydrabad - stating that the Estimate required in his Letter of the 17th Instant was transmitted in the Secretary's Letter to him of the same date informing him of the abovementioned instructions issued to the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Commandant at Tanjore - informing him that the Draw bridge at the North Face and Stockade at the East Face of that Fort are the only repairs

to

1 to be executed, at present the expences of these Repairs not to exceed the Estimates transmitted, in his Letter of the 12th December.

To the Paymaster at Tanjore

To the Paymaster at Tanjore, with Copy of the abovementioned Letter to the Commandant.

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam with Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery and Copy of an account transmitted by him of the expences incurred by Lieutenant Mc Gregor on his march from Besworah to Copul also Copy of the Military Board's Report thereon, for his Guidance in the Discharge of the Bill.

Received the undermen[illegible] Letters as entered in M.B. N^rs 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-[illegible]

From Pulicat

From Pulicat requesting Government will repair a decayed Redoubt on the [illegible] Side of Pulicat and station some Troops there, for the protection of the Inhabitants.

From M^r. J. Webbe

From M^r. Josiah Webbe requesting the Board will again take into Consideration his application of the 19th Instant.

From the Commissary of Grain & Provisions with the Army

From the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Army enclosing the Bullock Contract Bill for the month of August.

From Ensign Williams of His Majesty's [illegible] Regiment

From Ensign Williams requesting the passage may be ordered for him on board one of Ships about to sail for England in consequence [illegible]

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1st having obtained the Permission of Lord Cornwallis and Major General Medows - applying for the Arrears due to him and for the Indulgence of Six Months advance of Subsistence. —

From Colonel Fraser - with Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief in consequence of his application for the Command of the vacant Regiment of Europeans - requesting the Orders of the Board thereon. —

From the Secretary at Bombay - with an Invoice of Military Stores consigned by that Government to Major General Medows. —

From Mr. W. Brown - expressing his acknowledgements for the attention shewn him by the Board in appointing him Paymaster and Storekeeper to the Detachment serving with the Nizam. —

From Mr. Davidson declaring upon Oath that he did not pay either to Mr. Holland or any Member of his administration or to Caupiah Dubash to Mr. Holland any Sum of Money or other valuable Consideration for his Nomination to the Post of Chief of Vizagapatam

Received Letters as entered in C. C. for the Month

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From the Nabob (vide No. 1) requesting that all Articles coming from the Country which are accompanied by a Dustuck bearing the Chop of His Son Amdut ul Omrah may pass Duty free. —

From

From Colonel Fraser

From the Secretary at Bombay

From Mr. W. Brown

From Mr. Davidson

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

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have thought it advisable had I been here, to make
any change in Mr Ram's Situation while his Conduct
was under Enquiry, but the comparison fails in this
respect - that nothing was then proved against Mr
Ram, whereas the ill advice given by your Servants
was as manifest as the sun at the time I requested you
to remove them.

I beg your Excellency to be assured there
is no ground whatever for your suspicion that any
persons at your Court can impress me with unfavorable
Sentiments of yourself or your Servants - my Judgment
is not formed upon any partial representations and
your Excellency has no cause to distrust my friendship
while your actions are guided by a proper Regard to
your connection with the Company and the Dignity
of your own Character.

Having said thus much in reply
to your Excellency's Letter I shall proceed to observe
that altho' the Board did not think it proper to
remove Mr Ram from his Office in consequence of
your Charges against him, they are of opinion that
in the present Circumstances of Affairs respecting
Tanjore a Resident at your Durbar is not at all
necessary and they have come to the resolution thereof
of discontinuing the appointment - my Intention is
to Communicate what I may have to say to your

Excellency

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Excellency, through the Channel of the Reverend Mr. Swartz and I request your Excellency to adopt the same mode of acquainting me with your sentiments by which the necessity of a direct correspondence, by Letter will be in great measure removed, and the genuine dictates of your mind come to me through the mutual friend of your Excellency and the Company. May your Health and Prosperity daily encrease. What can I say more

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

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The Board approve the foregoing answer to be sent under Cover to the Reverend Mr. Swartz

The Board entirely approve the proposed answer agreed that it be translated, and sent under Cover to the Reverend Mr. Swartz, to be delivered by him to his Excellency.

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob (entered, also in C. C. No 8)

Translation

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or
30 December 1790

From the Nabob requesting that his people may be permitted, to examine the Revenue accounts and that the Management of the Revenues of his Family Jaghires may be delivered over to His Highness's Servants

Agreable to the determination of Lord Cornwallis you will admit my people to examine into the Receipts of the Revenues, and you will be further pleased to deliver up the Jaghires of my Family together with the whole one fifth of the produce in the respective Fallooks to such of my people as I may appoint. A true Translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow Pr. Jr.

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The Acting President informs the Board that the Governor General is very desirous that his Highness should be gratified, if it can be done with Propriety, in his wish of receiving Back the Jaghires & the Board are disposed to comply with his Highness's Desire, The acting President recommends that the following Letter should be written to his Highness.—

The Acting President proposes that agreeably to the wish of the Governor General the Jaghires of the Nabob's Family be delivered over to his Highness's Management and that the following Letter be written to His Highness in answer to the foregoing

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Highness

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness's Letter of the 30th ultimo and as I am anxious to remove every source of trouble and uneasiness from your mind I shall again enter upon the subject of Jaghires, in the firm and sincere Intention of meeting your Highness's wishes as far as I possibly can, consistently with the duty I owe to the trust reposed in me by my Employers.—

In the Treaty concluded between your Highness and the Company, it is stipulated that in case of War your Highness shall be allowed one fifth of the Revenue, and Jaghires to the annual Amount of 2132/ Pagodas ℔ annum.—

As the Treaty specified no Particulars concerning these Jaghires, it became a matter of doubt when the Revenue was assumed, how this Article should be fulfilled

To the Nabob - in Reply to the foregoing Letter from His Highness respecting his Family Jaghires - and the examination on the part of his Highness of all Revenue Accounts of the Company's Management

and as the Board of Revenue were unable to trace any Jaghires belonging to your Highness's Family and Servants, to the amount of 2,13,421 Pagodas, they proposed, that such as were ascertained, should be delivered to you; and the difference between their amount and the Sum mentioned in the Treaty should be made up to you in money.

The Jaghires admitted by the Board of Revenue as belonging to your Highness's Family and Servants were as follows:

Jaghires	Jaghiredars	Estimate Produce
Aleabad Timmapagand	Serful Mulk	Pag.s 6,000
Calava Walapundel	Calavi Mahl	8500
Hylasguddy	Vellore Mahl	5000
Chittoor &c.	Abchel Waheb Cawn	41,000
Arriore Venumbaukaa	Nizam addien Ah Med Cawn	300
Shunkapoor &c.	Sied assur Cawn	20,000
		80800

Your Highness objected to this Statement, and sent another account containing the Names of various Districts which could not be traced by the Board of Revenue under the description of Jaghires. On the Contrary it appeared evident to them that they were lands hitherto considered as Kalsa and consequently included in the Farms

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Farms adverted for Rent by the Company By your Highness's account, even, they appear, before the Country was assumed, to have been farmed under your own Direction, and to people of your own appointment, so that the Idea of their being Jaghires seems to have been lost in the very mode of collecting their Revenues.

Under these Circumstances the only possible way that occurs to me for gratifying your Highness in the Spirit of the Treaty, is, to appropriate such a number of Districts contigues to each other as, with the Jaghires acknowledged and Specified above, shall amount to the Sum of 2,13,421 Pagodas and to allow your Highness to manage, and receive the Revenue as you shall think proper.

But here some Difficulty arises, for you say, that the Revenues of the Jaghires which I have Specified, as belonging to your family, must not be deducted from the 2,13,421 Pagodas which should be a Separate allowance, give me leave to ask your Highness in what part of the Treaty you find this Stipulation? The Jaghires allowed to your Highness were not in the whole to exceed the sum prescribed, and as far as that provides I shall be happy to accommodate you by any reasonable Settlement. I request therefore

of your

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your Highness will be pleased to assist me in this sincere Intention by such explanations as the subject still seems to require, before an ultimate conclusion can be formed upon it.

With regard to your Highness's request to have the Inspection of all Revenue accounts of the Company's Management in the Carnatic as nothing can be more reasonable or proper I shall give orders that these accounts be open to such persons as you may be pleased to appoint for this purpose and that every other satisfaction you require shall be given to you.

In respect to the payment of your Highness's fifth, I shall be happy to comply with every request you make on this subject to the utmost of my Power, but as it is only at the Presidency that the nett amount of the whole Collection can be ascertained with exactness it is here that the fifth should be settled and paid yet I shall have no objection, if you desire it at any time, to order the Collector at Trichinopoly to advance money to your sons there, or to pay sums occasionally at other places, on this account.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed Chas Oakeley

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The foregoing Letter to be dispatched

Resolved that the Letter recommended by the acting President, be sent to the Nabob. Read

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Read the following Letter from the Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah &c.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Form the Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah with their Proceedings to this time expressing their Satisfaction of the zeal and attention manifested by the Secretary.

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to transmit your herewith, the proceedings of our Committee to the present time, to which are annexed, Copies of such Informations as have been sworn to, and the different Papers produced by the several Witnesses in the course of our Enquiry, which we have thrown into an appendix, - we have also the Honor to lay before you our Report on the Charges brought forward by His Highness the Nabob.

We beg leave also to take this opportunity of acknowledging the zeal and attention of our Secretary, to whom we are principally Indebted for being able to conclude in so short a time our Proceedings and Report, which embrace and we hope develope such an infinite variety of complicated Subjects.

We shall proceed with as little delay as possible, to complete our enquiry into the other Charges agreeably to your instructions, & remain with great Respect &c &c

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Signed J Capper
Geo Hoar
Benj Roebuck
Geo Mowbray
Joseph Gatrow

Resolved

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Minute thereon,

Resolved that the Committee be informed that the Board highly applaud the zeal and ability with which they have hitherto conducted the Enquiry entrusted to their management and that the Board have full Reliance that the same Principles will actuate them in their Investigation of the remainder of the Charges.

Do

Ordered that the Committee do inform their Secretary that the Board are highly sensible of his zeal and attention, and that their approbation of his Conduct be expressed to him accordingly.

Do

Resolved that the Report and Proceedings of the Committee be bound up in a separate Book and kept a Part in the Office, and that a Copy be transmitted to England by the Rodney.

Read the following Letter from the Commander of the Countess of Errol.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

From the Commander of the Countess of Errol with Bills for victualling the Troops on board his ship and for their Freight to the Malabar Coast.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you inclosed my bill for victualling the Detachment of His Majesty's 73d Regiment on board my ship the Countess of Errol amounting to S.Rs. 3,438.—
also my bill freight of the same to the Malabar Coast — 9,000.—
Sica Rupt. 12,438.—

for which I request payment.

But having disbursed the amount for victualling stores long ago, and having fully expected payment

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payment in Cash and made arrangements under that idea which I cannot now carry into effect — I Hope the Honorable Board will in consideration of these Circumstances allow me Interest on the Sum from the date of the Bill I am to receive for Payment instead of the Period, of its becoming due —

I am &c &c

Signed George Hall

Madras
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Ordered that Bills on Bengal in favor of Captain George Hall for the Sum of twelve thousand four hundred and thirty Eight /12438/ Sicca Rupees be granted at the Exchange of 410 Arcot Rupees 9 p.c Star Pagodas —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kyd

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting Governor in Council

From the Comptroller General of Army accounts reporting on the Proposition made to the Board by Mr Duffin relative to granting a fixed Monthly allowance to Assistant Surgeons in lieu of Batta Medicines

Honble Sir

I have received your Orders of the 28th Ultimo with an Extract of a Letter from the Hospital Board, and directing me to Report upon the proposition submitted to you by Mr Duffin. In answer to which I must beg leave to observe, that in general Mr Duffins opinions upon all matters relating to the Medical Department deserve the

greatest

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greatest attention, but in this single Instance, I cannot by any means concur with him - I am afraid if it is found necessary to give a fixed allowance to the Surgeons Assistants in order to prevent their making extravagant Charges for Bazar Medicines, that when this allowance is granted, the same Spirit of self Interest which in Mr Duffins Opinion renders the measure necessary, will induce them to convert the whole into a regular Monthly perquisite, But it is to be hoped, that the Checks on this branch of the Service, assisted by the vigilance of the Officers who attend the Hospitals will prevent such abuses, without establishing a dangerous opposition of Interest between the Surgeons and their patients, nor can I conclude this subject without candidly acknowledging, that the Buzar Medicines have always appeared to me in the light of almost a clear perquisite to the Surgeons; for it is evidently the Duty of the Purveyor, to furnish, Rice, Vegetables, Fruit, and many other Articles that are classed under this head - Five fanams a Day allowed for victualling each patient was certainly not given for the purchase of animal food only, which cannot be a proper diet for many of the patients - In cases where Toddy or Country Beer are necessary, (as perhaps they frequently may be) when the use, the quantity, quality, and price of

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them are clearly ascertained, It would be much better in my humble Opinion, for the Company to incur a small Temporary Expence for these articles, than to have an encreased allowance perpetually entailed upon the Service. The quantity actually required can always be known to the Hospital Board at Madras, from the Return of the Sick in the Hospital whose Disorders are therein specified. As to Spoke Seeds, Squills, and other Medicines which are easily procured in every Bazar in the Country, a few of these Articles may be purchased Quarterly at fixed Rates under the Inspection of the Committee of Stores, or in places of little note of a Special Committee appointed for that purpose. By these means the Medical Regulation recommended by the Court of Directors, and adopted by this Government will be properly observed. The Contingent Charges will be much abolished, and what is equally desirable whilst the Sick in the Hospital will have no temptation to remain there, they will not want any thing

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What is necessary for their comfort or recovery

I am, with great Respect,

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

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[signed] J. Kapper

Resolved, for the Reasons stated by
Colonel Kapper, that no fixed allowance be made
Minute thereon to Assistant Surgeons in Lieu of Bazar Medecines
as proposed by Mr. Duffin. —

Agreed that a Copy of Colonel Kapper's
Letter be sent to the Hospital Board, and that
Do they be desired to pay particular attention to such
Parts as relate to the mode proposed for lessening
the Charge on Account of Bazar Medecines. —

Resolved that no Assistant Surgeon
of a Native Corps except those in the Field be
Do in future allowed to bring forward in his
accounts any of those Articles hitherto classed
under the Head of Bazar Medecines. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St George

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with a List of workmens Tools &c. to be sent to this Presidency requiring information respecting the proportions of ingredients used & the wastage of the different articles in the Composition of Gunpowder on the Coast—

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to acknowledge his receipt of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Fort St George, dated the 14th Ultimo, and to acquaint you, in answer thereto, that the Military Board at this Presidency has been instructed to comply with the Indent transmitted with it, as far as possible, by the Ships proceeding to the Coast. The undermentioned articles will be supplied as follows. Viz.t—

Shovels	600
Spades	600
Tools Braziers Setts	2
Carpenters Do	2
Coopers Do	2

Tinmens

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Tinmens	Sotts	2
	Wheel Wrights	2
Hatchets	Carpenters	12

Orders have been given for providing immediately, or as soon as possible without distress to the Company's Gunpowder Manufacture at this Presidency, the quantity of Sulphur applied for, to be sent round in one of the Ships going in this or the following Months, refined for immediate use.

I am further directed to desire, that the Governor in Council at Fort St George will be pleased to acquaint this Government, in what proportions the Ingredients for the Composition of Gunpowder are used at Madras, and what allowance is made for wastage from the state in which they are received by the person employed in the Manufacture of Powder.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) J Tombelly

Sub Sec.

Fort William
the 3d of December 1790

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter

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Letter be sent to the Military Board, and that they be instructed to furnish the Information required respecting the Gunpowder. —

Ft St George Balmain

" Chas Oakley.

" J Hudleston

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 26. 27. 28. 29 30. 31. 32. 33.

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the army

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the army stating the form to be observed in the transmission of the Bullock Contractors Bills to the Presidency.

To the Accountant General directing him to draw out Bills on Bengal in favor of Captain George Hall Commander of the County of Enol for the amount of his Bills for Freight and victualling the Detachment of his Majesty's 73d Regiment on board his Ships the Bills enclosed.

To the Accountant General.

To D. enclosing an Invoice of Military Stores received from Bombay Government directing him to give that Presidency credit for the amount agreeably to the Instructions issued to him under date the 3d Ultimo.

To D.

To D. informing him that the new Mode of Distribution of the Gratuity to the Field Officers on this Establishment is to take place from the 1st May 1790.

To D.

To the Civil Paymaster General with an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 31st Ultimo respecting

To the Civil Paymaster General.

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4th respecting the Pension allowed to Nineapah Dubash in the Military Secretary's Office.

To the Committee appointed at the Presidency for the investigation of Mr. Johnston's accounts.

To the Committee appointed at the Presidency for the investigation of Mr. Johnston's accounts with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Johnston in consequence of the final Report of the Committee at Trichinopoly.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board with Extract of a Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal directing them to report in consequence the proportion of ingredients used and the wastage charged in the composition of Gun Powder on the Coast.

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad.

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hartley to Lord Cornwallis, containing a particular account of the victory obtained by the troops under his Command over a Corps of the Enemy commanded by Mahlaub Cawn and Hyder Ally Cawn.

5th Received the following Letter from Majr. Cochrane and Jones at Guntoor.

From Majrs. Cochrane and Jones at Guntoor stating the reasons which have induced them to detain at Guntoor the two Companies of Europeans which were sent for the purpose of assisting them in the Collection of the Revenues.

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

Honorable Sir,

We have been honored with the Commands

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Commands of Government in a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson of the 24th Instant, directing that as the second Battalion of European Infantry had been ordered to march to the Presidency without delay, the two Companies lately sent into the Guntoor Circar should be order to join their Regiment at Ongole, if their services could be dispensed with; desiring us to consult with Major Wynch on this subject, and if we should detain them to give Satisfactory reasons for so doing.—

Having consulted with Major Wynch he has expressed himself fully satisfied of the absolute necessity there is for continuing the two Companies of European in this Circar, and we have from a full conviction thereof taken upon ourselves to detain them.—

Knowing well the exigencies of the Service at the present period, we should be very cautious of detaining them, if we were not impressed with a sense of their presence being indispensibly requisite. The reasons which before induced us to apply for a force still exist. The Innacondah and Bellumcondah Countries being yet in an unsettled State, and a number of men in arms, who there is reason to believe are encouraged by the Chintapilly Zemindar to continue their depredations in order

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to throw the Country into confusion. A letter has lately been detected from one of the Relations of that Zemindar to Gnapah the head of the Banditti concerned in the Disturbances. That letter bears the Chop of the Zemindar himself and directs Gnapah to attend on a certain day with all his Peons, when his / the Zemindars / would also join him. It is dated a very few days before the disturbances began, and joined with other circumstances leaves little room to doubt that this Zemindar is principally concerned in exciting them; and serves to shew the Opposition we may expect. Should the Europeans now here be removed, we cannot but apprehend that the Zemindars, who as it may be supposed, are inclined to counteract us as much as possible, would be still more ready to do so, and we could have little hope of being able to proceed in the prosecution of our Enquiry, or in the Collection of the Revenue. The time of the great Crop is now at hand, and as it is necessary to detain the Zemindars at Guntoor to prevent their interference in the Country, we consider it requisite to have a respectable Force in order to keep up our authority, and to overawe them. In this view the presence of the two Companies of Europeans will have the best effects, and we are convinced

convinced that their removal at this juncture would be attended with very bad consequences, and that it is necessary they should be continued in the Guntoor Circar until the Enquiries of the Committee can be brought to a conclusion —

We trust these reasons will be considered by the Board as satisfactory, and we beg leave to assure Government that we have nothing in view in detaining the two Companies of Europeans, but the good of the Service, and that if we conceived we conduct the business with which we have been entrusted without their continuance in the Circar, we should on no account have detained them —

Guntoor
30th December 1790.

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

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
William Jones

Substance of a Letter from Bomrauze —

Received Letter from Bomrauze (as entered in C. C. No. 10 - containing Congratulations on the Commencement of the new year, and requesting the acting President's acceptance of a Nuzzer of twenty one Pagodas —

Sent Letters to the Nabob and the Rajah of Travancore as entered in C. C. No. 12. 12. to the

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of our Treasury will not admit of it's being discharged in Cash — we beg leave to request you will make known to the Field Officers on this Establishment, that we leave it to their Option, either to wait until they can be paid in Money, or to receive Bonds bearing an Interest of Eight p.r Cent p.r annum from the Periods at which the Gratuity became due — If it be their wish to receive Payment by the latter mode, we shall direct the Accountant General to prepare the Bonds accordingly —

The Governor General has informed us, that the new Mode of Distribution of the Gratuity, is to take place from the 1st of May 1790 — and that whatever were the existing Regulations either in respect to the Amount or the Distribution of Gratuity, should continue to operate until that Period —

We have the Honor to be
with Esteem &c &c

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[Signed] Chas Oakeley
&c Council

To George Andrew Ram Esqr
at
Tanjore

To Mr G. A. Ram informing him of the Board's Resolution of discontinuing the Office of Resident at Tanjore all intercourse at the Rajah's Palace to be carried on thro' the Channel of the Revenue Mr Swartz.

Sir,

The Revenues of the Tanjore Country being under the Management of the Company's Servants, and few Instances occurring at present in which Negotiations with

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with the Rajah are necessary I am directed by the Board to inform you that they have come to the Resolution of discontinuing the Office of Resident at Tanjore — whatever Intercourse with the Palace is thought requisite in future is to be carried on solely through the Channel of the Revd. Mr. Swartz —

All allowances granted to you, as Resident at Tanjore, are to cease from the 1st. Instant —

I am &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

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To the Revd. Mr. Swartz

at

Tanjore

Sir,

To the Revd. Mr. Swartz — advising of the abolition of the Office of Resident at Tanjore — requesting him to conduct such communications as Government may in future have to make to the Rajah — copy of the Rajahs last Letter & of the acting Resident's reply enclosed —

The Board being very desirous of availing themselves of your Experience and local Knowledge of the affairs of the Tanjore Country, and not doubting your ready Inclination to co operate with them in any Measure which may tend to the mutual Benefit of the Honorable Company and His Excellency the Rajah, have directed me to express their Hope that you will be pleased to acquiesce in the Resolution which they have come to, of entrusting you solely with

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such communications as they may have to make to the Rajah in future.—

The Revenues of his Excellency's County being under the Management of the Company's Servants, the Board trust you will not find much Trouble or Difficulty in transacting such Business at the Palace as may occasionally occur.— The Office of Resident at Sanjore, in the present Situation of Affairs, is judged entirely useless and therefore discontinued.—

The Rajah having in his late Letters thought proper to express himself in a Stile very disrespectful to this Government, and unbecoming his own Dignity, I am directed to request you will be pleased to impress on his mind the Impropriety of such Language in his Public Letters. Indeed, it is the wish of the Board that his Excellency's sentiments should in future be made known to them only through you.—

I have the Honor to transmit a Letter for the Rajah, which the Board request you will deliver in Person.— a Copy of it is enclosed for your Information, together with a Copy of the Rajah's last Letter to the acting President.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Sign'd W. C. Jackson Secy

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To Colonel Capper
Messrs George Hoar
Benjamin Roebuck
George Moubray
& Joseph Farrow.

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

To the Committee for investigating the Charges against Paupiah - approving the Zeal and ability with which they have hitherto conducted their enquiry - likewise the attention and zeal manifested by their Secretary -

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 29th ultimo, with the Proceedings which accompanied it -

The Board have perused your Report upon the Charges brought forward by his Highness the Nabob, with great attention, and highly applaud the Zeal and ability with which you have hitherto conducted the Enquiry entrusted to your management - They have full Reliance that the same Principles will actuate you in your Investigation of the remainder of the Charges -

The Board are highly sensible of the Zeal and attention of your Secretary and they desire you will express to him their approbation of his Conduct -

I am &c

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson Secy

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To Mr. George Powney

Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore with original and Copy of the Letter to the Rajah respecting the Surrender of the Management of his Country the delivery of which to depend upon Circumstances

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 18th Ultimo, and to express their Hope that before this Time you have prevailed upon the Rajah to advance the Lack of Pagodas demanded from him by the acting President in his Letter of the 30th Ultimo.

In the Event of the Rajah's having made good the abovementioned Sum or given Bills for the Amount and that you are in Possession of the necessary Information respecting the Revenues of the Travancore Country in every Branch, the Board desire you will deliver to his Excellency the accompanying Letter, a Copy of which is enclosed for your Information.

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I am &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. No. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43.

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar is of opinion that the reasons assigned by the Committee at Guntoor for detaining the two Companies of Europeans are sufficient Satisfactory.

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From the Deputy Garrison Storekeeper

From the Deputy Garrison Storekeeper with a Return of Provisions shipped on board the Countess of Erroll for the Detachment of His Majesty's 73d Regiment about to sail for Tellicherry.

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam returning the Bond required of him executed in the manner prescribed. Mr. J. Erskine offers to be his Collateral Security.

From Messrs Ram and Fallofield

From Messrs Ram and Fallofield will pay particular attention to the instructions of the Board communicated to them in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 17th and 21st ultimo.

From the Collector in the Trichinopoly District

From the Collector in the Trichinopoly District will deliver as soon as possible such a Quantity of Grain to the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly as will replace that lately issued to the army. Chinniah Moodely will proceed to the Presidency without loss of time.

From Lieutenant Mc Kerras at Tiagar

From Lieutenant Mc Kerras Tippoo still remains within 10 Miles of Tiagar and in the high Road to Trinomalee. Kistnamah Rauzi's Party have retired to the Pagoda at Trinomalee.

From Lieutenant Munro

From Lieutenant Munro requesting that Government will give him a Bond for his half Batta Bills or that they will order the Import Warehousekeeper to receive his half Batta Bills in payment

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5th for Company's Madeira —

From the Commandant at Chandregherry —

From the Commandant at Chundregerry — requesting to be furnished with orders on the Poligars in the neighbourhood of Chundregerry to supply a certain number of Poligars in case there should be any necessity for their services — the Carnatic Poligars on the frontiers expel the Enemy's people from the Possessions which formerly belonged to them —

From the Chief at Pulicat — with a List of 13 Malay Deserters who have escaped from Jaffenapatam — requesting that search may be made for them and if found that may be delivered up agreeably to the terms of the Cartel —

From the Commandant at Permacoil — requesting the Board will allow him one additional Company of Regulars or invalids for the purpose of strengthening that Garrison —

6th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. No. 44 - 45. 46. 47. / X

To the Hospital Board — with a Copy of the Comptroller General's Report respecting the granting a fixed Salary to Assistant Surgeons in lieu of Buzar Medicines — the Charge made by the Medical Storekeeper for Contingencies is inadmissible — returning the account —

To the Accountant General — directing him

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to draw out an account shewing the Interest on certain Sums ordered to be devided between the Public and Private Creditors of his Highness the Nabob.

To the Register of the Nabobs Debts advising of the Boards Resolution of issuing Bonds for the amount due to the Nabobs Private Creditors previous to the 8th of January - and of making the Distribution upon the same Principle which has obtained on former occasions - directing him to report to the Board as soon as he has formed his Calculations

To the Register of the Nabobs Debts

To the Chief and Council at Pulicat stating that the present Situation of affairs renders it impracticable to comply with their Request of Stationing a Force in the Neighbourhood of Pulicat -

To the Chief & Council at Pulicat

Sent the following Letters.

To Captain George Hall

Commanding the Countys of Errol

To the Commander of the Countys of Errol instructions for the disembarkation of the Troops on board his Ship at Tellicherry - Letter for the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry -

Sir,

You are hereby directed to proceed on Board your Ship and make the best of your way to Tellicherry - on your arival at that Place you will deliver to the Chief and Factors the accompanying Letter and obey such Orders as you may receive through them from

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from Major General Abercromby — If there are no Orders for the Disembarkation of the Troops at Tellicherry — you are in that Case to proceed to Cannanore, and obey such Orders you may receive from General Abercromby the Commander in Chief —

By Order

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

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To Robert Taylor Esqr

Chief & Factors at Tellicherry

To the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry with a Return of the Provisions shipped on the Countess of Enrol for the troops embarked for Tellicherry instructions thereon and Copy of the Orders given to the Commander of the Ship —

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to enclose a Return of Provisions shipped on the Countess of Enrol for the use of the Troops belonging to his Majesty's 73d Regiment embarked for Tellicherry —

You will observe that the Quantity of Provisions shipped is for thirty Days Consumption for 387 Men — If the voyage be made in a shorter Time, we request you will call upon the Commander of the Countess of Enrol to land such Provisions as may remain unconsumed at the Time of his arrival at Tellicherry —

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We have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Chas Oakeley &c Council

P.S. — We enclose a Copy of the Instructions given to the Commander of the Countess of Enrol —

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. No. 48. 49.

From the Military Paymaster General with Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster at Trichinopoly wherein he applies for a supply of Cash for the Payment of the Brigade left in the Garrison of Trichinopoly.

From the Military Paymaster General

From the Commandant at Chundregerry the Mutlewar Rajah has possessed himself of lands in the Cuddapah District to a large amount exclusive of those which formerly belonged to him - the Nizams horse have appeared at Cuddapah requests instructions regarding the punishment to be inflicted on three of the Enemy's Spies whom he has detected.

From the Commandant at Chundregerry

At a Consultation Present

Friday the 7th January 1791.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
acting President
John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General William Medows
absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Captain Haldane - Private Secretary to the Governor General -

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Private Secretary to the Governor General. States the substance of Letters received by Lord Cornwallis from General Abercromby wherein he advises of the Surrender of Cannanore and of his further Success on the Malabar Coast & mentions also the Assistance he has received from Captain Byron of his majesty's Frigate Phoenix.

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to request that you will be pleased to acquaint the Honorable Members of the Council of this Presidency that his Lordship has this Morning received two Letters from Major General Abercromby The one dated at Cannanore the 18th and the other at Ferrokiabad the 22d of December 1790.

In the former of these Letters General Abercromby informs him that he had had the good fortune to make all Tippoo's Troops in the Neighbourhood of Cannanore lay down their Arms, and that that place had surrendered at discretion, and in the subsequent Letter of the 22d he notifies his arrival at Ferrokiabad, to which place he had gone on a visit to Lieutenant Colonel Hartley, for the purpose of [illegible] with him the most eligible mode of conducting any future Military Operations in which the Detachments under their Command might be jointly employed.

General Abercromby represents Ferrokiabad as the Capital of Tippoo on the Malabar Coast, and

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and that the brilliant success of Colonel Hartley, with the good fortune of the Detachment under his own Command, had not only opened the Paniana River, but Completely cleared the Malabar Coast, and left them at liberty for any further Operations that might be thought necessary. In the last Paragraph of his letter of the 22d he speaks in these terms of the assistance he had received from Captain Byron Commanding his Majesty's Ship the Phoenix — "Captain Byron has been kind enough to "bring me hither in his Majesty's Ship Phoenix — I meant to "return with him to-morrow, and am pleased at an "opportunity of assuring you he has been of essential Service, "not only in a well directed fire from his Ship, but in his "Exertions in forwarding the Public Stores, and in landing "with two 18 Pounders, his Marines and a part of his "Crew, in the reduction of Carley" —

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I am &c &c

(Signed) Henry Haldane
Private Secy to the Governor General.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Substance of the above Letter be mentioned to the Honorable Court of Directors & Rodney.

Read the following Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue —

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To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Board of assumed Revenue recommending that the seven Villages in the Trivady District be commuted at 4000 instead of 5000 Chuckrums. orders having been given for the assumption of the Villages in the Tanjore County that have been mortgaged to the Danes. particulars relating to the Bhuska Tax at Tanjore.

We have the honor of informing you that the Collectors at Tanjore have represented that, if the seven Villages in the Trivady district, valued by them at 5000 Chuckrums ₰ annum, might be commuted even for 4000 Chuckrums, they would wish to recommend it as a measure which would be highly pleasing to his Excellency, and at the same time relieve them from continual discussions with the holders of these Villages in every Stage of the Collection — we beg leave to support the recommendation of the Collectors by an approbation —

As we have directed Messrs. Ramsden, Fallofield in conformity with the Orders of Government, to assume all the Villages, which had been — mortgaged to the Danes by the Rajah, and to pay the interest at 12 ₰ Cent upon the loan of 60,000 Pagodas which has been recognized by the Honble Court of Directors — We take the liberty of recommending that previous to the assumption of the Villages the

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Government of Tranquebar be apprized of this resolution by a Letter from your Honorable Board

Before we finally carry your Orders relative to the Chusca into execution, we must once more trouble you with a representation, which we have received from the Collectors. They observe that the value of a sheep fit for the European Troops is in the Tanjore Country at least 7 gold fanams, at which price the inhabitants are very loth to part with them: and they believe the established price for the military to give, is no more than 4 Gold fanams This difference, when only occurring to small detachments marching through the Country has been productive of tumults, and very great disorder and must be considered as a hardship either on the European Troops or on the Country people. The additional 3 Gold fanams was an allowance, which the late Rajah Tulzagee promised to General Stewart should be regularly paid for the Provision of the Garrison of Tanjore

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We have the honor to be &c &c

J. Hudleston
(Signed) David Haliburton
Hugh Maxwell
Geo. Monbray

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

Form the Board of Assumed Revenue. Mr. Kindersley applies for an additional force to support the Collections at Tripa[illegible] the Collector at Tinnevel[illegible] recommends that a trial be made this year, for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the Pearl Fishery on that Coast.

We have the honor of inclosing, for your information copy of a letter, which we have received from Mr. Kindersley upon the subject of the Pacaly Poligar.

We have also the honor of inclosing a letter from Mr. Torin relative to the Pearl Fishery at Tutacorin.

We take the liberty of recommending that a trial of the fisheries should (as suggested by the collector be made this year; because it may enable him to procure actual information respecting the value, and assist in determining the sum which the Dutch ought to pay, in the event of the fisheries being rented to them.

We have the honor to be with Respect.

&c. &c.

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7th January 1791.

(Signed)

J. Hudleston
David Haliburton
Hugh Maxwell
Geo. Moubray

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have been honored with your letter of the 24th Instant, conveying the Boards Commands to Communicate with Captain Massey on the subject of his two letters to Government enclosed to me. I shall do every thing in my power to turn the subject to advantage but must beg leave to observe that the removal of the whole Company of Sepoys from that Garrison, (tho' no doubt indispensible) is not only likely to annihilate all hopes of success in the negociation, I am now Ordered to enter upon; - but what is of much more consequence, if this loss is not speedily supplied; the Collections at Tripetty will be exposed to the utmost danger, while surrounded with such neighbors as the Paucauta Polygar -

I am &c &c

(Signed) Nathl. E. Kindersley
Collector.

Vellore
28th December 1790 -

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy.

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

Gentlemen,

Even since the Trials were made to ascertain the State of the Pearl Banks in order to determine on the practicability of a Fishery, I have been in a constant Correspondence with the Chief at Tuticorino relative to the different reports made by the divers of the respective Parties. — The result of the Dutch researches determining against a Fishery till the next year, and those of the Etican reporting every way in favor of it. — I imagine the Board will be satisfied with the Subject in the abstract particularly as it terminates in a manner that cannot but be acceptable to them, the Dutch having at length consented to make the Fishery in the Month of March should it be the pleasure of Government to insist upon it —

As the principal Arguments held forth by the Dutch Chief, rested upon his experience of the Subject, I felt myself a little open to the Charge of presumption, totally unacquainted as I was with the nature of it — but my Enquiries among the

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natives of the Coast, and with the Lobbies the most conversant, enabled me to see into the Mistery, so far as to impress me with very faint hopes of its value in point of Revenue, and to believe that the benefit arising from the Pearl Fishery is merely accidental, and the value studiously entranced by the Dutch, the better to gain their Ends with the Nabob - in particular the Fishery of Tutocorin which has hardly been fished in the memory of men - The one at Manaris more certain and productive. - Various however are the Opinions and there are not wanting men, who believe the Banks, tho' so seldom reported in a productive state, to be annually fished by the boat-men on the Coast in a clandestine manner, and under pretence of taking the Chank, convey away the Oysters to the Islands in the Gulf. The Banks, in both Fisheries are very numerous and by a common mode of reasoning, ought to contain Oysters of all ages, as the Dutch pretend to drag only a certain number for example 7 out of 50 are the few they would be persuaded to make their Trials upon for this year -

By the accounts I have collected it appears the Bank of Tutucorin have not been

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publickly fished for more than half a Century except in 1748 and 1749 when it was said to produce about 40,000 Pagodas each year, and again in 1787, when it was disposed of by publick sale for 33,000 Rupees only; for these two last years the Trials have been reported unfavorable, we must therefore conclude this Fishery to be of little or no value, or to have been secretly enjoyed if not purposely neglected.

The fishery at Manar has also had it's repose, a Moormans has furnished me with Statements of it's produce from 1728 to 1734 during which period it was fished by Aumanie, and yielded from 50 to 70,000 Pagodas annually. The Banks lay uninterrupted till 1745 when it was rented for upwards of a Lack of Pagodas every year till 1750 and again from 1764 to 1767.

This discontinuance in the fishery is accounted for by the Banks requiring 7 years to recover, and they are supposed to have left bare previous to these periods. The Nabob's share of this Fishery is now reduced to 1/15th of the produce, and I understand it is considerably decreased in value.

The Objection made by the Dutch to the Tuticorin Fishery, for this year proceeds from

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the Oysters not having as they say arrived at Maturity, and from the produce of those, they took upon the late Trial not answering to a standard they have by which they pretend to jude of the value of the whole—

I could only remark in Reply to this, that the Fisheries did not appear to have been frequent enough at Tuticorin to entitle any man to speak from experience of the age of the Oyster, much less to form a Comparative value of the Contents by a standard—

These Pearl, when brought the other day from Tuticorin to Tinnevelly, and valued here by the Soucars and merchants, exceeded all expectation; and upon a valuation of the produce of 2800 Oysters, a Fishery was pronounced to the probable amount of 50,000 Chuckrums—

On this Simple ground I pressed the expediency of the fishery and strengthened my Argument by remending the Dutch of the precarious state of the Object in question, from an insect that is allowed even by themselves to destroy whole Banks in a season—

I suggested at the same time that it might be most adviseable to fish Annani— or as they had an Objection to this year to drag only a part of the

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the Banks, and to leave the remainder 'till the next year by which a little real experience would be gained of these hidden Treasures.

In answer the Dutch insist upon the correctness of their standard, and made of estimating the Fishery on the good prospects the banks hold out for the next year and their disinclination to anticipate - yet in compliance with the wishes of the Circar Orders are arrived from Colombo to the Chief at Tutucorin, to treat upon the subject. I have therefore to request you will take the matter into your Consideration, and honor me with your Commands as soon as convenient, that timely notice may be given so as to assemble the Merchants and Divers from all Quarters.

As the Chank Fishery is supposed to give too favorable an Opportunity to the Divers to disturb the Pearl Banks, and as it was usual for the Circar to send out a watch Boat with them to prevent this I have proposed the survival of this institution to the Chief at Tutucorin, and to compell the Chank Boats to unload at places to be specified upon the Coast.

Tinnevelly
29th December 1790.

I am &c &c
(Signed) Benjn Torin
Collector of Tinnevelly

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

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The Board's Resolutions upon the two foregoing Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue

The following Resolutions are now passed upon the Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue—

That the Recommendation of the Collector at Tanjore respecting the seven villages in the Tiruvady District be approved.

That as it is not the Intention of the Board to interfere with the villages mortgaged to the Government of Tranquebar in the year 1788 on account of the Loan of sixty thousand Pagodas, and recognized by the Honorable Court of Directors the Board of Assumed Revenue must countermand the Orders they have given for the Assumption of those villages—

That all other villages in the Tanjore County be immediately assumed, as the Rajah was expressly bound not to mortgage or alienate them in any Respect and that a Letter be written to this Effect to the Governor of Tranquebar,

That the Board are at a Loss to know how far the Tax called Theusca or Handsel extends in consequence of the different Explanations given by the Board of Assumed Revenue. But that if seven Gold Fanams are actually paid to the Inhabitants for each Sheep, and the established Price for the Mulsey to give is only four Gold Fanams, the Loss in that Case

must

must be sustained by the Company, provided it be fully ascertained that the extra sum of three Gold Fanams goes entirely to the Inhabitants clear of all Deduction whatsoever

That the force applied for by Mr. Hendersley for the Purpose of supporting the Collections at Tripetty cannot at present be spared, and it is hoped will not be necessary

That a Trial of the Pearl and Chank Fisheries at Tutocoryn be made this year as suggested by Mr. Torin the Collector at Tinnevelly

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be advised of the foregoing Resolutions, and informed that they are considered competent to decide upon most of the Points which they have lately referred to the Superior Board

Agreed also that they be directed in future not to make references except upon Points of material Import which absolutely require the Sanction and approval of Government, and except in Cases where there may be differences of Opinion, and the dissenting Members may desire a Reference

Read the following Letter from Mr. Ram

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Mr. Ram in reply to the Board's Letter calling upon him to make Oath relative to the Attainment of the Office of Resident at Tanjore.

I have received your Letter of the 20th ultimo, expressing the Satisfaction of the Honorable Board with respect to my Letter of 16th ultimo, from which I infer they do not differ in Opinion from the Honorable Court of Directors in regard to the Propriety of my appointment to the Place of Resident at Tanjour, by Mr. Holland; if the suspicion of a Sum of money having been paid for it, were done away, and proposing the Form of an Oath on that account —

The Tenour of which having duly considered, It appears to me to go much further than the Purport of the Declaration desired of me in the Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier of 3d ultimo; (which I could have wished had been more particular) Insomuch that I am dubious whether I can with propriety take such an Oath without apprizing the Honorable Board that I have been told, that a Sum of Money was paid by another Person to Sampiah, after the appointment had taken Place, upon an occasion nearly connected

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with my appointment, namely on account of that other Persons being recommended to me as a man perfectly acquainted with the affairs of the Tanjour County and on that account the Properest I could take with me not as a Dubash (in which Capacity he had never acted nor did I even consider him) but one whose advice would be of the utmost Service to me in the conduct of the Employ.—

I must however inform the Honorable Board that this was not made a condition but merely a Recommendation and hearing and indeed having seen the strongest recommendation of the same Person from other Quarters, particularly from the Reverend Mr. Swartz I had no difficulty in following it.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) G. A. Ram Resident

Tanjour
21st January 1791.

Minute thereon

The Board are not by no means satisfied with the answer given by Mr. Ram to the Question put to him on the 20th ultimo.— It appears Evident from his reply that the Office of Resident at Tanjore was obtained by the Payment of a Sum of money— and whether it were paid by him or by his agent— and

(illegible)

whether it were previous or subsequent to his appointment he stands in the Judgment of the Board equally implicated, since it was within his own Knowledge that his appointment had led to the Payment of a Sum of Money to Paupiah, the Dubash of Mr Holland —

Under these Considerations, the Board would have deemed it their Duty to have removed Mr Ram instantly from the Office of Resident at Tanjore if that appointment had not already been discontinued —

Resolved that the Collectors at Tanjore be directed to order Subarow the Dubash to proceed immediately to the Presidency, and that if he refuse Compliance, to arrest his Person, and send him hither under a Guard —

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Brunton, Commanding at Permacoil —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Permacoil respecting a Letter addressed by the Commander of the Enemy's Army to the Nabob which has been stopped by the Aumil of Trivanalore recommending that a compensation be made to the Bearer for some Ill treatment he has met with —

I request you will do me the favor to acquaint the Honorable Board, That a Letter written by the Commander of the enemies Army, directed to His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, has been stopped by the Aumil of Trivanalore, who has detained the

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Hircarrah who was charged with it under a guard, and otherwise maltreated him, The letter remains here I have sent to order the Hircarrah to be sent here likewise, but as this letter may contain matter, which the Honorable Board should be apprized of I would wish to know from you, whether I shall permit the Hircarrah to proceed directs to the Nabob, or send him to your Office, the favor of your answer in due Course will prevent delay, for that time will elapse before the Hircarrah can arrive —

Permacoil the 5th of January 1791 —

I remain &c &c

J. Brunton Lieut. Commanding

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Brunton be directed to transmit the Letter to the Secretary — to send back the Hircarrah to the Enemy's Camp with some Person to protect him, and to give him a few Rupees as a Compensation for the ill Treatment he has received —

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Permacoil —

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart &c &c

Fort St. George

From the Commandant at Permacoil stating that Colonel De Frêsne permits the Plunder taken by the Enemys Horse from the Carnatic People to be sold within the French Limits —

Honorable Sir,

The enemies plundering horse, —

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Continues to commit such inhuman acts of barbarity as are too shocking to be related from the best accounts I can procure Tippoo is not in person with the army near Munalore-pettah, it is said to be commanded by his Brother in law Cummer adean Chan, The Corps of any Grain and Rice are daily destroyed by detachments from the main body, Tippoo is said to be above the Gants waiting anxiously for intelligence of the future intended projects and designs of the British army, in order to contrive every means of frustrating them, I think it necessary again to acquaint you, that Colonel Desfeine still permits plunder to be sold in the French limits, which encourages the Robbers to depredate in the vicinity of Pondicherry many thousands of defenceless inhabitants have sheltered themselves in this Pettah and around the Rock.—

Permacoil
4th January 1791.

I am &c.
(Signed) J. S. Brunton Lieut Commdg

Honorable Sir,

I am just informed a party of (50) horse from an advanced picquets of the enemy is detached to intercept our tappals.—

The acting President propose that the following Letter be written to Colonel Du Fresne in consequence of the foregoing from Lieutenant Brunton.—

In consequence of the foregoing, the acting President recommends that the following Letter be written to Colonel De Fresne, Commandant at Pondicherry.—

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To Colonel Dufresne

Knight of the Royal and Military Order of St. Louis
Commandant of the French Settlements in India
&c &c &c
at
Pondicherry

Sir,

We have received accounts that parties of the Enemy's plundering Horse, after despoiling the poor and defenceless natives of their property by acts of the most inhuman Barbarity, have proceeded to Pondicher[illegible] and bartered their acquisitions among the Inhabitants for Broad Cloth and other articles of value, by which encouragement their thirst of plunder has been increased and excesses of every kind multiplied with a view to profit by so easy and advantageous a traffic.

We are perfectly satisfied from the good understanding which subsists between our respective Courts as well as from a regard to those principles of humanity which universally prevail in cultivated minds that such proceeding cannot be known to you, yet as the circumstances come so strongly represented to us that we think it our duty to mention them, and We trust that effectual measures will be taken by you, Sir to prevent all

to the Governor of Pondicherry requesting that he will not permit the Plunder taken by the Enemy's horse from the Inhabitants of our Districts to be sold within the French Limits and that he will order such articles as have been already purchased to be restored to the owners on payment of their value.

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all communication of this nature, and if any of the Property belonging to the Inhabitants of our districts should have found it's way to Pondicherry that you will direct the Purchasers to restore it on payment of the value for which it was sold—

We have the Honor to be with perfect Consideration—

Fort St George
7th January 1791.

&c &c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

The Board approve the proposed answer to Colonel De Fresne — ordered that it be Copied — fair and Dispatched.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To John Chamier Esqre
Secretary at Fort St George

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you that the undermentioned Military belonging to this Establishment are to be embarked on board the Honble Company's Ship Hawke in part of the Reinforcements intended to be sent from hence to the Coast Vizt

Captain	1
Subalterns	2
Subadars	2
Jemmadars	2
Hawildars	8
Naiks	8
Sepoys	350
& Followers estimated	80

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Fombell
Sub Secry (Ordered)

[illegible] Letter [illegible] approved by the Board —

[illegible] Bengal with [illegible] of Military [illegible] arked on the Hawke

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Ordered that the Troops on Board the Hawke be immediately landed.

Ordered that two hundred (200) Garce of Rice be issued from the Public Granaries at the Presidency for the use of the Army.

The Draft of the Letter in the Military Department addressed to the Honble Court of Directors, and intended to be despatched by the Rodney having been sent in circulation for the approval of the Members of the Board. Mr Huddleston desires to enter the following Remark upon the 11th Paragraph.

I cannot with perfect satisfaction to my own mind subscribe to the 11th Paragraph of the General Letter from this department intended to be despatched by the Rodney without proposing to the acting president that it be respectfully submitted to the Governor General whether instead of granting Commissions in future to supply the vacancies that may occur in our Army some of the Supernumerary Officers on the Bengal Establishment might not be ordered to the Coast to supply them until the Arrival of Cadets from England. It seems to me that not only the public service might derive advantage from such an Arrangement but the Officers themselves who might be lent to us by the knowledge & experience they would acquire in their profession whilst the Patronage would be preserved to the Company entire and we should avoid the necessity of having recourse to a measure of which they have so strongly and invariably expressed their disapprobation.

I am sensible of the deference which becomes me in offering any opinion on a subject of this nature but knowing as I do the Sentiments of the Honble Court in relation to it I have felt it my duty to make the above suggestion and

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and having done so I shall readily
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President whether to adopt it or othe

The Acting President inf
that he will take an opportunity of Spe
Governor General upon the Subject contai
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Minute therein

Ex^d George Balmain

Chas. Oakeley.

J Hudleston

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Diary

8. Received the following Letters

Unto the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt acting Governor in Council &c &c &c

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Honble Sir.

From the Sheriff stating that two Warrant officers sent to execute on Major Bonneveaux at Condapilly had been refused admittance into the Fort

I have the honor to enclose you the affidavits of two Bailiffs who are lately returned from Condapilly whether they were sent by the late Sheriff to execute on Major Peter Bonneveaux who commands there a warrant issuing out of the Mayors Court at the suit of Wm Balfour, John Spalding and Oliver Colt of Fort St George Merchants.

By those affidavits and to which I entreat a reference you may perceive Honble Sir the impossibility of carrying the process of the Court into effect unless Government be pleased to interpose its authority, and which in discharge of the duty of my Office I humbly solicit

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Neil Campbell
Sheriff

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The Joint and several affidavit of James Sidney and William George of Madraspatnam Bailiffs.

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8th The above named James Sidney and William George being duly sworn depose and say that on the second day of december which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety they did receive from the hands of Thomas Ledsham Deputy Sheriff of madras aforesaid a warrant issuing out of the hon.ble the mayors Court on a cause therein depending between William Balfour John Spalding and Oliver Colt Complainants and Peter Bonnevaux defendant and directed to the Sheriff of Madras patnam and the districts thereof with instructions to seize and arrest the person of the said Peter Bonnevaux there residing and being at Condapilly if possible and him the said Peter Bonnevaux in safe custody to bring to Madras aforesaid agreeable to the tenor of the said Warrant and these Deponents each for himself say that on the said second day of December they did leave Madras accompanied by Muckundo Naick as their Interpreter and proceed on their way to Condapilly aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid: that on their arrival there they were stopped near the Gate of the Fort by the guards stationed there and ordered them these deponents, for so they were informed by the said Muckundo Naick not to advance further untill they had received the orders of the Mayor and some short time afterwards the Depoys returned

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8th returned and informed these deponents that the Commanding Officer required the names of these deponents who delivered their names accordingly and at the same time told them the Sepoys by the means of the said Shurkundo Sauk that they these deponents, were going further and desired to shew their passports to the officer commanding and these deponents say, the Sepoys returned and told these Deponents by the means of the said Shurkundo Sauk that the Major did not want to see them these deponents use their Passports and ordered them to quit the place immediately or that it would be worse for them remarking that if they these deponents persisted in remaining that they would be punished and forced out of the place: whereupon these Deponents say that they did retire; and finding on enquiry in the Village that the said Peter Bonneaud had not been seen out of the Fort for many days, and judging upon the circumstances aforesaid that it would be impossible to arrest Him in the Fort they returned

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8th to Madras. — .

pigned/ James Sidney
" William George

Sworn to before me pigned/ H. Readhead
this 7th January 1791 Alderman.

From the Resident at Hydrabad with copies of correspondence with Major Montgomery respecting the Resignation of Detachment. Major Montgomerys ill state of Health obliges him to quit the field.

John Chamier Esqr
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copies of two letters I have received from Major Montgomery under date the 16th & 19th inst. together with my replies which I request may be submitted to the Governor General and the Board; likewise whether in the event of Major Montgomeries being obliged to retire to the Coast for the benefit of his health the services of a field Officer to supply his place may not be dispensed with and the command of so small a Detachment entrusted to the senior Captain in the same manner as was done with that serving with the Mahrattas previous to its late augmentation

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8th station. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(sign'd) John Kennaway

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25th December 1790

(Copy)

John Kennaway Esqr.
President at the Nizams Court

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Inst accompanied by a packet from the Board of Madras Copy of which You are already in possession of.

Having formerly expressed my readiness to concur in my measures of Oconomy which agreed with the instructions of my Superiors. I shall now chearfully use every endeavour to conform to the regulations recommended to the Military Board and laid down by Government for my guidance. —

I need not recall to your remembrance that the charges of the Artillery Staff, the Paymasters Drawing the Allowances

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8th Allowances of three stations & several others of those objected to, are stated in my letter to You of the 10th October to have been made by mistake and unsanctioned by me - that many of them have never been drawn for want of that sanction and that my table money in particular has never been drawn since I received the first Report of the military Board from You and the allowance (one month only) which had been drawn prior to that had been long since refunded. I cannot however but express my regret that this allowance has not been sanctioned by Government, as the Military Board in their Report seem to be sensible of the necessity of Appearances here and as a similar allowance is made to Capt Little by the Bombay Government. I must here observe that in the extract from my Letter accompanying the Report there appears a small Inaccuracy where originating I know not the Extract says that the placing Kannauts round my tent was recommended to me by the Nizam "himself" but the passage

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It was entered in my minute Book of presses "the Nizams Sirdar" and applies to the Vakeel who was sent to meet us on entering this Country and who stated it to me as a thing which the Customs and manners of his Court required to be indispensably conformed to. —

In regard to the price of grain, and of sheep &c. for victualling the Europeans I can only observe that the attentions necessary to the Duties carrying on here together with my ill state of health have obliged me lorely much on the Commissary of whose Department those Articles form a part. I must add that I have been ever studious to have our supplies procured on the most reasonable terms so far as I was able but having no assistance allowed me in investigating his accounts (tho he has a fixed Establishment of Servants for preparing them) and being myself not well versed in matters of account, I have been of necessity precluded from inspecting the charge of that Department so fully as I could wish and as the Board deem necessary. —

In the article of Grain I am led to hope that a very considerable saving will now be made, as the surrender

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7th of Gajender-Ghurr, and the Blockade of this and other places in the Douab, have obviated all impediments on the part of the Enemy and supplies are beginning to come in, in much larger quantities than before in consequence of which I have already struck off half the Bullocks employed in the grain Department and shall if the measure I have in view meets with Your Concurrence, effect a much more considerable diminution of that expence.—

The Method I would propose is to get some responsible Person, who will contract for the supply of the Detachment at the price current in the Bazar. The grain to be delivered in quantities sufficient for 3 or 4 days and in the event of marching &ca to be carried at the Contractors own expence. The method at present appears to me very feasible and will at once annihilate the charge of grain Bullocks and (as a reduced Price is the necessary consequence of an increased supply) will now produce a great Saving in the purchase also. I need not however ob-

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serve to you that / if this measures coincides with your Ideas / it will be necessary that the contractor be of responsible Character and connections and that the sanction of the Nizam and Mohaubut Jung will be requisite to enable him to carry it into effect. Under this Regulation / if adopted / a very few servants will be necessary to inspect and keep accounts of Deliveries &c and consequently the Commissarys Charge for that article will be diminished besides the other savings already mentioned. — I am now making enquiries after a person capable of undertaking this business and / if it meets with your concurrence / am not without hope of finding one — but if any other measure should appear to you more advisable, or if in the Execution of this there is any Person whom You would prefer I shall without hesitation comply with that You recommend. —

Some of my Hircarahs just come in inform me that the Pettah of Darwar has been taken but that Capt. Little has been wounded in the attack of it

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Sir I anxiously expect the arrival of the Guns mentioned in your Letter, and have the the Honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant

(signed) H. Montgomery

Camp before Kopul
16th December 1790. —

A true Copy
(signed) Wm Stewart
Asistant

(Copy)

Major Montgomery
Commanding the Ellore
Detachment. —

Sir,

I have been favoured with your letter of the 16th Instant in which You inform me that having uniformly expressed Your readiness to concur in any measures of oeconomy which agreed with the instructions of your superiors You shall most chearfully use every endeavour to conform to the regulations of the military Board & those laid down by Government for Your guidance, an assurance which I receive with great satisfaction sensible that

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so much will ultimately depend on your exertions for checking the excessive expences of the Detachment that no endeavours of mine can be of service without your fullest Support; with the assistance of that support the printed regulations & the late rules laid down by government for yours and the paymasters guidance, I hope such reduction may be shortly effected in your disbursements as shall answer the Boards intention in having entrusted to me the degree of controul over them which they have been pleased to do: & be likewise an inducement to them to reconsider their resolution respecting your allowance of Table money; in which case I shall with great pleasure represent the expediency of it to the Nizam. — You acquaint me that you are led to hope a very considerable saving may now take place in the article of grain as supplies are coming in in much larger quantities than before in Consequence of which you have already struck off <u>half</u> the Bullocks employed in that department but as at the time of Striking off <u>half</u> the Bullocks You were in possession of the Boards resolution that the Seapoys should purchase their

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own Rice, which there sold for Ten & I
informed now sells for eleven seers the
in. Mohaubut Jungs Camp. I should h
been glad if you had informed me why
whole of the Bullocks employed in the
Department were not discontinued on
receipt of the above resolution.

With respect to your
supplies & the mode you propose of con
: ting with some responsible person to
: nish them at the price Current
Bazar. I should conceive the best Contrac
that can be made has been established
by the privilege you are allowed of bri
: ing the quantity necessary for the consump
: tion of the Detachment into Your Baza
duty free: which must enable You to hold
out such encouragement to the people who
business it is as well at all times ensure
to yourself a preference over other Bazars &
render any offence to the Company on
account unnecessary. in the event of ma
or any apprehension of scarcity You ma
I should suppose direct the Boutique
to carry a certain quantity of grain to
reserved for the use of your fighting
who on the strength of such stock migh

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directed to provide themselves with provisions for only half the number of days which You may think necessary to direct shall be carried by your private & public Followers I however see no objection to your engaging with any responsible person at Culwaal to your Bazar for this Business if You are satisfied of its being a preferable mode provided no Extra charge on the Company be incurred thereby.

With respect to any charge for secret intelligence I shall be glad to receive such an account as you may suppose will be necessary to engage the Nizam to provide for it. It may very naturally be expected that his Highness will think You may safely rely for information on the intelligence procured by the Commander of his forces I conceive however it will be but a necessary precaution that You should have people of your own that you can depend on exclusive of any reliance you may be disposed to place on his Officers for which reason I should think the Board would not object to your keeping up 20 or 25 Pasouses or as they are denominated in this Country Chowbasseys who are the only people employed on such

occasions

8 occassions at the rate of 10 or 12 Rupees pr man
Exclusive of the papers & vouchers with which
the Board have directed that I shall be
furnished by the Paymaster I request he
may be instructed to forward to me Copies
of the price Currents of Mohaubut Jungs
Camp which you have been desired to
transmit for the information of Govern
:ment –

The two heavy Guns have arrived
on the Banks of the Kistnah at Paagtoo
where they are detained by the rivers
being unfordable & the want of Rafts &
boats necessary to cross them over. I shall
send you immediate intelligence as soon
as I hear of their having got to the South
Side that Mohaubut Jung may be
no time in ordering such assistance
afforded from Roychore as may expedite
their arrival in Camp.

I have the pleasure
to transmit an order on Anoop Ram
for thirty four thousand Rupees
payable the 15th of the present mo

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8 Rubbee ul Sanie & have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant

signed John Kennaway

A true Copy

signed Wm Stuart. Asst.

Paangul
22d December 1790

/Copy/

John Kennaway Esqr

Resident at the Nizams

Court —

Sir

I have the honor to inclose Copy
of a letter from Mr. Kennedy Senior Sur-
geon with the detachment to me in which
you will observe he earnestly recommends
my quitting the field immediately for the
recovery of my health — I have some days
since transmitted a Copy of thes letter
to the Commander in Chief and Board
of Madras requesting their permission

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& to withdraw in the event of my Complaint taking any unfavourable turn - and have reason to fear (as the surgeon has since verbally renewed his advice and represents this place as very unhealthy) that I shall in a short time be obliged to avail myself of it, altho in the present Juncture highly repugnant to my wishes - I have therefore thought it necessary to apprize you of it and as it appears to me necessary that Leave should be obtained from the Nizam for my quitting Camp for which I request you will make the Requisite Application as soon as can be done with convenience -

I propose at first only repairing to Paargal in the hope that the Change of air will so far re establish my Health as to allow of my returning to my Station here in a short time If that however is ineffectual, I shall at least be so far advanced on my Way to the Coast -

Our last advices from before Darwar state the attack of the Pettah there to have been much mismanaged by Pereram Bhow - It was indeed gained and for some hours kept by his Troops, but in the end they were obliged to evacuate it, carrying off with them

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them two or three Guns of little Use. The Enemy have returned to their former Posts so that the Blow after suffering a severe loss is no further advanced than at first nor does it appear that if he could have kept the Pettah, its Importance would have compensated for the loss sustained in the attack, or have been in any Material degree conducive to the fall of the Fort.-

An Intrigue is now on foot here with the People in the Place with what success a few days will enable me to inform you.-

Mohaubut Jung is, and has been since he came before this place daily applying to me for men to make Gabeons and Faseines to erect the Batteries to clear the Roads to them and in short to do every thing necessary which his people either cannot or will not be brought to do themselves. By this means there are seldom less than 30 or 40 of the Detachment daily employed in the various Works who all expect and by the hitherto invariable Rules of the Service, are allowed a Compensation for it as the men for this Duties must in general be experienced good Soldier and much trouble occurs

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8th in the daily selection of such from the Corps I
submit whether it would not be better at once to
establish a small Body of Pioneers for these particular
services which the People here seem on every occasion
to consider as the peculiar duty of the Detachment
I should conceive that an Officer and about 30 men
would be adequate to the general detail of such
duties with what assistance I might be able to
give or procure them on extraordenary occasions.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) H. Montgomery

Camp before Kopal
19th December 1791

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm. Stewart
Asst.

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

Sir,

It is with Reluctance that I find
myself under the necessity of addressing you upon
a subject which I know will be extremely
disagreeable to you — yet I conceive it to be my
duty in this manner to repeat the advice I have
formerly given you, and to recommend it to you

as a Measure entirely necessary and that you should immediately quit the Field for the benefit of your Health.—

When you was first threatned with your annual attack of the Gout at Rachore, you may remember that this was my earnest Advice to you your remaining in a Tent during the Monsoon not only added much to the Violence of that attack but also lengthened its duration beyond the usual Period, and has besides been the Occasion of inducing the Chronic Rheumatism from which you have lately experienced so many bad Consequences to your general State of Health—you cannot but be sensible how much Injury it has sustained—I am sorry to say that it appears to me to be declining daily and that there is little Probability of your Ammendement while you continue in the Field your quitting it immediately seems more particularly necessary for this Reason that should your Complaints suffer any aggravation it will be impossible for you to be moved or to bear the Fatigue of Travelling I would therefore urge your acceptance of a Certificate of Ill Health and advise you to proceed to the

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8th Coast with what expedition you can in order to endeavor to procure the Reestablishment of it. This measure appears to me so necessary that I am apprehensive of bad Consequences if unless you quickly adopt it. Not only the discharge of my own duety but also Justice to you have pointed out to me the propriety of my giving you the above Information. -

I have the honor to be
/Signed/ Alexander Kennedy
Assistant Surgeon

Camp at Ropeel
11th December 1790

A true Copy
/Signed/ Alex Orr
acting Aide de camp

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Stewart Asst.

Major Montgomery
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Instant. I shall acquaint the Nizam of the necessity you are reduced to of quitting Camp for the benefit of your health and shall be happy if the Climate of Paungal should have the desired

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8th desired effect of conducing to its re-establishment there will be no occasion for you to defer your departure till you receive his Highness's Permission which will be granted as a matter of course however sorry he may be for the cause which renders it necessary Permit me to recommend your delivering over such extracts and other papers of our correspondence to the officer next in Rank to you as may be necessary for his guidance.—

I cannot take upon me to give an opinion on the propriety of your proposal for the establishment of a small body of Pioneers but if the object of it be to save the Company the expence of working Money I should think the necessity may be superceded if such expence is considerable by your proposing to Mohaubut Jung that it should be depay'd by him.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Paangul
23d December 1790.

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm Stuart. Assist.

John

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John Chamier Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

Montgomery from Major advising of the Receipt of the letter addressed him under Date the 26th Nov. observations on the Items of the accounts of his Detachment which the Board have thought objectionable.—

I have the honor of your Letter of the 26th. ultimo with Inclosures, and shall strictly observe the Instructions and Orders contained therein which I have also communicated to the Paymaster for his Guidance,

Considering the Resident with the Nizam not only as the Source from whence Supplies were to be derived, but as the readiest Channel of Communication with the Governor General, and, on many Occasions, with the Board of Madras, I have regularly kept them advised from time to time of our Progress and Situation here, and shall in future pay strict Attention to every Measure of Oeconomy he may Suggest.—

I beg leave to observe for the Information of the Board, that the Abstract on which their Strictures and the Report of the Military Board are founded, materially differs from the Disbursements actually made here—It was, in fact, no more than a probable Estimate drawn from the different Heads of

Departments

Departments and Corps, and transmitted to Captain Kennaway at his Requisition, but from fortuitous Circumstances mentioned in my Letter to that Gentleman under date the 10th October, was not thoroughly examined by me - Several of the charges, when offered for my Sanction, were rejected, and have not been paid - and I hope and trust that Government will in a great measure acquit me of Inattention, when they refer from the Abstract alluded to, to the Accounts of Disbursements actually allowed by me -

The drawing Allowances for three Stations by the same Person - the Adjutant of Artillery, and several other Charges, had not my Sanction, were never paid, and are stated by the Paymaster to have been inserted by Mistake - The Quarter Master of Artillery was allowed by me for one Month, as Captain Pitt represented that such Appointment was customary with Detachments of that Corps on Service, but upon this express Condition, that the Money should not be drawn, but remain in the Treasury, until Government had decided upon the Charge - That Decision being now received, the Money has been brought to account -

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I have an Idea that Pay has been drawn for the two Stations of Brigade Major and Quarter Master to the Detachment, I imagine must have arisen from Lieutenant Blair's generally drawing his Pay under the latter Denomination, tho' acting in both Capacities but the Fact is, that altho' Government allow one Staff with the Detachment, yet Lieutenant Blair's holding that Station creates no additional Expence to the Company, as, while he remains on this Service, he draws no Allowances for his Appointment of Quarter Master to the 1st Brigade, which he otherwise would do.

The Pay for aide de Camp was drawn by Lieutenant Orr, who acted as such and as Brigade Major during our long and troublesome March to join the Nizam, and afterwards until the Arrival of Lieutenant Blair under the Orders of the Commander in Chief, from which time it was discontinued. I therefore hope that this is no additional charge, but merely the same with that which Government have and do under another Name, and ceasing on the Arrival of the Person appointed to it by the Commander in Chief, that Government will not refuse

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their Sanction to this charge – I must further beg leave to submit that the Bombay Government have allowed two Staff Officers to their Detachment at this inferior in numbers, and from the cautious Policy of the Mahrattas, restricted in interfering with any thing beyond their own Equipment – whereas Mohaubut Jung has all along been, and still is, in the habit of employing the Detachment on every Service, and resorting to us for Resources in every Emergency, which, agreable to the strict Orders of Earl Cornwallis, I am directed to make every Exertion to comply with – and have in particular since he came before this place, executed every Work here with the Detachment, his People being totally unacquainted with them and unprovided with the Implements necessary the Construction of these Works, and almost the sole Direction of the necessary Measures, having no Engineer, whose particular Department it is, has in a particular manner claimed my Attention and Inspection – in doing which as Lieutenant Blacks various Duties within the Lines would not permit his Attendance upon me, I have again had recourse to the Services of Lieutenant Orr, who has acquitted himself highly to my

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Satisfaction, and whom I beg leave to recommend to the Favor of the Board, should they, after what I have now submitted to them, be pleased to authorize another Staff with the Detachment, which, as the one now existing is so little burthensome, and the Duties so various, I the rather hope the Board will give their Sanction to.—

The charge of Table Money was drawn for one Month only, and refunded on your informing me that Government declined authorizing it, nor has it afterwards formed a part of my charges, tho the very heavy Expences attendant on my Situation, and the Knowledge that it was allowed to the Officer Commanding the Bombay Detachment, rendered me desirous of submitting it once more to the Consideration of the Board.—

Respecting the Tent Repair, I must observe that most of the Tents with the Detachment were belonging to Corps, and in charge of the respective Officers Commanding them—but that our Route to join the Nizam was for near three fourths of it a continued stony Jungle, thro which the Guns could

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with Difficulty be got, and where, in course, the Tents must suffer considerably from the Bushes &c. to which must be added that they have since stood out a Monsoon, and that more severe than has been known in this part of India for many years. Every Repair they have undergone has been referred to Committees agreeably to the printed Regulations, who have likewise inspect and passed the Accounts for such Repairs.

In regard to the charge of victualling the Europeans, I can only say that my Directions and wishes were that it should be done with as much Oeconomy as possible, consistently with the Orders of Government on that Head. I can only say further, that if any Overcharge or Mistake occurs in the Commessary's Account, I trust it will not be imputed to me, but that Allowances will be made for my not being much conversant in matters of Account, and having no one allowed to assist me in the Investigation of his Papers tho' he has a regular Establishment of Servants for drawing them up.

It is a real Pleasure to me

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that I can premise what I have to say on the subject of Grain, by observing that in Consequence of the Surrender of Gajendir-Ghurr, and the Blockade of the other Places possessed by the Enemy in the Douab, the Communication is perfectly free, and Supplies now begin to come in much larger Quantities and at more reduced Prices than at any time formerly, in Consequence of which I had (before you Letter arrived) directed the Discharge of half the Grain Bullocks, and (those Supplies having at present every Appearance of continuing) have since ordered the Commissary to issue the Grain in Store, to make no more Purchases, and to discharge the remaining Bullocks at the End of the present Month.

I have also directed him to procure a Price Current of Grain in the Nizam's Bazar from the time of our joining him, and to transmit a similar one in future Monthly with his Accounts - but must beg leave to remark that it seems to have been understood that the Measure of carrying Grain was adopted while the Detachment

remained

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remained in Camp with the Nizam – whereas it was not till after leaving him, and proceeding towards the Kistna, that any measure of the kind took place, and then upon the Recommendation of the Sirdar sent to accompany us, who informed me that the Country we were entering was not a Rice Country, and the Supplies of that Grain were precarious, and brought from a considerable Distance – On this Account, and from a wish to avoid giving any additional Strength to the Aversion which the Northern Sepoys are known to have to crossing the Kistna, I had recourse to the Expedient of carrying a Supply with the Detachment, which was moreover recommend and requested by the Officers in Command of Corps – the Effect, I am happy to say, answered my Hopes, as was apparent by the very small Number of Desertions afterwards – and the Truth of the Sirdars Information has been evinced by our not seeing a single Field of Paddy from our crossing the Kistna till we arrived before this place – I shall only subjoin that it was never my Intention or Idea, that this Measure should be permanent, but that when the necessity for it ceased the Measure itself should

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fall to the Ground.—

It is with Concern that I trespass upon the Patience of the Board for so long a time, but I trust they will be the readier to excuse it as it originates in a wish to state the particulars and Motives of my Conduct to them as fully & as possible.—

Little of moment has occurred here, since I last addressed you, for the Information of Government, except that a Party of the Enemy made a Sally yesterday before Daybreak and surprized an advanced Post of the Nabob's People, of whom they killed and wounded about Forty but on the coming up of a Reinforcement, retreated precipitately into the Fort.—

Mohaubut Jung was yesterday joined by a Body of Horse and Foot, about 1500, from the Nizam's Camp but the heavy Guns, without which we are at a stand, are not yet come up.—

Camp before Kopul
28th. December 1790.

I have the honor to be
Signed H. Montgomery

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

Be pleased to acquaint your Government that Col. Frederick had ascended the Ghaut the 15th Instant and is I doubt not by this Time at Darwar, from which Place I inclose my latest Intelligence and.

I am Sir,

&c. &c.

Poona 27th Decr. 1790.

(Signed) C.W. Malet

From the Resident at Poonah Copies of Intelligence from Darwar with Notes that the Bhow Troops have again got Possession of the Town & Island and that the Enemy are deserting in great Numbers Capt. Little doing well Colonel Frederick expected there the 21st December.

Extract of a Letter from Camp Near Darwar dated 16th December 1790.-

Received 24th following

That B had resumed the Cannonade again Today, and Rohellas and Gardes got Possession of the Town again by 12 o'Clock, the Enemy making little or no Resistance, having only posted a few Piequets in the Town since the last attack One of our Battalions was advanced for their support and the Bhaow Brought his Guns nearer to the Fort than Ever the Firing was very heavy but

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I dont hear that much mischief was done we have a Report this Evening that a Gun of the Enemys is taken, the Town is most completely plunder'd Large Quantities of Beams, Bamboos and wood of all Sorts were brought out. In the Evening the Town was evacuated the Enemy will not again attemp its Defence, the Disations from the Enemy are very great, and will probably continue so, but I cannot Conceive that the Town alone will Tend to the acquisition of the Fort. the Koosgul People made a Salley on Rasta's Troops the other Day, and were repulsed, and this Day was fixed on for Storming the Town of Koosegally Rasta's Troops, Reinforcements join us Daily from Poona, Some hundred Gardies arrived yesterday and to Day, Good Looking Fellows Shehr Bag, who may be considered of the most Consequence after Budders and Baukir Beg, is said to have been disperately Wounded on the 13th Captain Little is doing very well, and Lieutenant Forster as well as can be expected though there are but little Hopes of his Recovery. the Guns from Poona Were on the North Bank of the Kistna four Days ago.—

True Extract
(Signed) J. W. Lankheet
P. Assistant at Poona
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Extract of a Letter received from the Camp before Darwar 27th December dated 20th Instant Recd 27 foll 4½ PM

The Battering Guns may be expected here in a very few Days and Ballajie Rent says after Col. Frederick joins it is settled that Ragonat Rao Corundivarree is to be dispatched with 7000 Horse some foot and a Gun or Two — He also says that the Marratta Pendarries have made Incursion for Plunder with in Ten Coss of Seringputtum — meojie, near Onore has fallen — the Bhaou Keepsone of our Battalions an all his own Infantry constantly advanced very near the Enemy Who are in the Batteries on the upper Part of the Town and the Covered Way the Enemy desert in great numbers and prefer coming to us, the Bhaous People invariably plundering them the Bhaou has ordered a Battery to be erected to Night near the southWest angle of the Town there is a Constant Fire of meesquetry Rockets and Connon Captain Little is doing Extremely Well and there are some hopes of Lieutenant Forster Who was the first man that Entered the Town the Day of the Storm — 21st December Colonel Frederick is Expected here Incog. to reconnoctre previous to the

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the arrival of his Detachment Major Sortonies is to attend him. —

A true Extract

(Signed) J.W. Lankheet

P. Assistant at Poona

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

From Lord Cornwallis with Copy of Signals to be hoisted by Vessels Conveying the Reinforcement from Bengal - the officers who arrive with the Native troops by Sea to be called upon to state the treatment the troops have experienced from the Commanders of the Ships. —

I enclose a letter which was received this day from Chenglaput, and I take the same opportunity to transmit a copy of the signals that are to be hoisted by the Vessels which are to bring the reinforcements from Bengal, and I have to request that your Government will call on the Commanding Officers of the several detachments of native troops that may arrive in the Company's Ships for an account of the treatment which the Sepoys have met with from the respective Commanders which will I am sure turn out very much to the honor of those Gentlemen, and greatly tend to recommend them to the favor of the Court of Directors. —

I have the honor to be with great esteem. —

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

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Substance of a Letter from the Vackeel to the Pundit Purdhaun.—

Vackeel to the Pundit Purdhaun / as entered in BB N° 13 / requesting that orders may be P given for continuing the customary allowances to the Peishwa's Vackeel residing at Tanjore which has lately been stopped.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB N°s 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.—

To the Commandant at Permacoil

To the Commandant at Permacoil directing him to send to Military Secretary's office the Letter from the Commander of the Enemy's army addressed to the Nabob—the Hircarrah who conveyed it there to be escorted back as far as may be necessary and a few Rupees to be advanced him as a Compensation for the ill treatment he has met with.—

To the Chief at Pulicat.—

To the Chief at Pulicat with the names and descriptions of two Hanoverean Soldiers who have deserted from Madras P requesting that they may be secured agreeably to the terms of the Cartel if found at Pulicat.—

To the Collector in the Tricheinopoly District

To the Collector in the Tricheinopoly District directing him to make occasional advances of Cash to the Paymaster at Tricheinopoly sufficient

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sufficient for the actual Payment of the Troops except he may be in possession of any orders to the Contrary from Major General Medows.—

To Mr Alexander Davidson advising

to Mr A Davidson

of the Receipt of his Letter of the 23d ultimo & directing him to make oath to the truths of the Declaration therein contained before the Commanding Officer at Vegayapatam enclosing a Form of the affidavit.—

9th

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

to the Board of Assumed Revenue

with Copy of the Letter to the Collector in the Trichenopoly district respecting furnishing Cash to the Paymaster at Trichenopoly.—

To Do approving the Measure

To Do

suggested in their Letter of the 6th Instant & respecting the seven Villages in Tanjore & District stating the Lands in the Tanjore Country which have been mortgaged to the Danes with which the Collectors are not to interfere—instructions relating to the Phuska Tax.—

To Do the Force applied for

To Do

by Mr Kindersley for supporting the Collections in the Tanjore District cannot be spared at present a Trial of the Pearl

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Fisheries at Tuticorin to be made this year as recommended in their Letter of the 6th Instant disapproving of the frequency of their references to the Board.—

To Captain Kearsay commanding a Detachment of Bengal Sepoys landed from the Hawke.—

To Captain Kearsay commanding a Detachment of Native troops landed from the Hawke directing him to report to Government the treatment which the Sepoys experienced from the Commander of the Hawke during their passage from Bengal.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To Major Peter Bonneaux
commanding
at Combapelly

Sir,

To Major Bonneaux directing him to proceed to the Presidency to answer complaint preferred against him by the Sheriff.—

The Sheriff of Madras having laid before Government the affidavit of two Warrant Officers belonging to the Mayor's Court, who had been sent to Combapelly to execute a writ of that Court stating that they were refused admittance into the Fort by you, and threatened with Punishment if they did not immediately depart, I am directed by the Board to inform you, that as it is their duty upon all occasions to support the authority of the Mayor's Court, whenever

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9th whenever called upon for that Purpose, they desire you will deliver over the Command of Condepilly to the next Senior Officer and proceed yourself to the Presidency, to answer the Complaint preferred against you by the Sheriff—

I am &c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

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To George Andrew Ram Esquire
at Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr Ram—stating that the Board are by no means satisfied with the Reply he has made to the letter addressed him in the 20th ultimo respecting the attainment of the Office of Resident at Tanjore

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 2d Instant, and to inform you that they are not by any means satisfied with the Answer you have given to the Question put to you in my Letter of the 20th Ultimo— It appears Evident from your Reply that the Office of Resident at Tanjore was obtained by the Payment of a Sum of Money and whether it were paid by you or by your Agent and whether it were previous or subsequent to your appointment you stand in Judgement of the Board equally implicated, since it was within your own Knowledge that your Nomination had led

to

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9th to the Payment of a Sum of Money to Paupiah, the Dubash of Mr. Holland.-

The Board desire me to remark to you that the Law forbids under an heavy Penalty the Employment of any corrupt means to obtain offices, and the Proceeding itself is so big with mischief to the Service, that the Displeasure of Government cannot mark it with too severe a Punishment.-

Under these Considerations, the Board would have deemed it their Duty to have removed you instantly from your office of Resident at Tanjore, if that appointment had not already been discontinued, as communicated to you in my Letter of the 4th Instant.-

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I am &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
Secy

To Messrs. Ram and Talbot Field,
Collectors
at
Tanjore

To the Collectors at Tanjore - Dubarow to be directed to proceed to the Presidency in case of non-compliance his person to be arrested.-

Gentlemen

Upon the Receipt of this Letter, it is the Desire of the Board, that Dubarow, the Dubash may be directed to proceed to the Presidency - If he refuse compliance with

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9th with this Order, you will be pleased to arrest his Person, and send him hither under a Guard. —

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I am &c &c
Signed/ W. C. Jackson
Secy

To the Honorable Major General Anker
Governor &c. of Tranquebar.

Honble Sir,

To the Governor of Tranquebar - all Villages &c which may have been mortgaged by the Rajah of Tanjore to the Danish Company excepting those on account of the Loan of 60000 Pagodas in the year 1788 will placed under the Management of the Company's Collectors -

The Tanjore Country being now under the Management of the Company's Government, it is of essential consequence at this Juncture, that the Revenues should not fall short of their estimated Value — We have therefore the Honor to inform you, that we have given Orders to Messrs. Ram and Fallofield, our Collectors at Tanjore to assume the Management of all the Villages mortgaged upon Loans of Money or other Consideration by his Excellency the Rajah with the Exception only of such as were mortgaged to your Government on account of the Loan of Sixty thousand /60,000/ Pagodas in the year 1788 and sanctioned by Sir Archibald Campbell and his Council — With these Villages, it is not our Intention to have any Interference — but

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9th with regard to all others in the Tanjore Country, as the Rajah was expressly bound not to mortgage or alienate more in any shape We have resolved that they shall be put upon a Footing with those of the Nabob of Arcot, respecting which we had the Honor of giving you our Sentiments in a Letter dated the 29th Ultimo.—

We have the Honor to be with great Esteem.—

Fort St. George
9th January 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

10th Received the following Letters.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council
of Fort St. George

From Lieutenant Colonel Tolson — with an enclosure from the officer Commanding the 12th Revenue Battalion stating the conveniences what will arise from not cloathing the six new raised revenue Corps.—

Sir,

I have the honor to Transmit you the Accompanied Letter received from Lieutenant Mapathen Commanding the 12th Revenue Battalion, respecting the Cloathing of that Corps.—

I had information last Night of there being from Twenty to thirty of the

Enemies

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10th Enemies Loatees Near Coveripauck also a Small Body adgasent to arnee.—

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

Garrison of Vellore
8th January 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Richd. Tolson
Lieut. Colonel

To Lieutenant Colonel Tolson
Commanding Vellore

Sir,

The Orders of Government Issued on the 24th November last for levying Six ff additional Corps for the collection of the revenue, having expressed "That they shall be raised in "the same manner, and on the same principles as "the 8th Revenue Battalions already in the Service" —I conceived myself Authorized, when employed by Colonel Bruce to enlist men for the 12th Battalion to assure them that they would be paid and cloathed as Sebbendies in the Company's Service have hitherto been, and on these Conditions above 200 Entertained, But on my Indenting upon Mr. Balfour the agent for cloathing, I was much disapointed on receiving an Intemation from him—"That it is not

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"the intention of Government to furnish Cloathing "for those Corps"

This Circumstanced I beg leave to represent to you in order that it may be Submitted to the Consideration of Government.—

1st — The Great Discontent that must arise among the men already enlisted when they find they have been Deceived.—

2d — The Obstacle it will prove to the further obtaining of recruits, to whom Cloathing is a great object,— and lastly the Injury, that the peculiar service for which they are intended is literally to sustain from their ineffective appearance, in the opinion of the Natives, whose prejudices attach a Degree of awe and respectability to a Company's Coat.—

That renders a Sibbendy Sepoy in Rigimentals more formidable, and consequently more Usefull than a much Superior number uncloathed.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) P. Mapother Lt.

Command. 12th R. Battn.

Vellore

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - Gram Doll and Peas shipped on the Nancy Grabs horses - Seces lascars and servants on do. & private & articles belonging to the Governor General and his Staff.—

I am directed to acquaint you, that the Private Ship Nancy Grab has been dispatched from hence for Madras, laden as follows Vizt.

60 Horses, twenty five whereof are spare Horses belonging to the Company. The rest belong to the Officers of his Majesty's 73d. Regiment the Artillery, and Sepoy Drafts.

3000 Bags of Gram
300 Ditto of Dall
700 Ditto of Peas
4000 Bags.
73. Seces
22. Lascars
7 Servants
20 Sheep for Lord Cornwallis, and some Trunks belonging to his Lordship, Colonel Ross and Major Scott.—

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Fombelle
Sub Secy.

Fort William
the 27th. of Decr. 1790.

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. No. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly enclosing the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at Trichinopoly to enquire into the Death of a Private of His Majesty's 74 Regement requesting instructions respecting the Prisoner concerned in his Death.—

From the Commandant at Condapelle.—

From Major Bonnevaux requesting the Board will direct the Comptroller General to countersign his Bill for the Monthly Pay of a Serjeant.—

From Lieutenant Roole at Carjaveram.—

From Lieutenant Roole requesting that the Board will repeat their orders to the Military Paymaster General to send money immediately for the Payment of the troops under his command.—

From the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division.—

From the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division—requesting to know if it is the intention that Major Montgomery should join his Corps—stating the orders he has given for accelerating the March of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry—complaining of the disrespectfull Conduct of Mr. Young

Paymaster

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Paymaster at Ongole.—

From the Commandant at Chengleput.—

From the Commandant at Chengleput with Intelligence of a Body of the Enemy's Cavalry having appeared near Madranteium who wounded several of the Inhabitants and carried off a Number of Cattle.—

From Captain Oram commanding 22d Battalion of Native Infantry

From Captain Oram complaining of a want of accomodation on the part of Mr. Vaughan Paymaster at Madura in his treatment towards the families of the Sepoys of his Battalion left in that Garrison.—

From the Commandant at Madura.—

From the Commandant at Madura complaining of the irregular and improper Conduct of the Paymaster Mr. Vaughan, in confining the Garrison Baker without first applying to him as Commandant—enclosing Copies of his correspondence with Mr. Vaughan on the Subject.—

From the Paymaster at Ongole.—

From the Paymaster at Ongole Major T. Gowdie offers to stand his collateral security for the Bond required of him by Government.—

From the Subsecretary at Bengal.—

From the Subsecretary at Bengal with a Bill of Lading for one thousand Bags of Rice shipped on board Countess of Erroll.—

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From Do. From the Sub. Secretary forwarding of the Gram shipped on board the Henry - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Murray to the Honble Mr. Cochrane on the Subject. -

From Do. From Do. with a Bill of Lading for 1661 Bags of Wheat shipped on board the Ann and Elza. -

From Do. From Do. advising that Lieutenant Turner, commanding the Governor Generals Body Guard, with one hundred horses, and above one hundred attendants are embarked on board the Passenger. -

From Do. From Do. Fifteen hundred & Barrels of Gun powder and one hundred and fifty Bolts of Canvas have been laden on the Ann and Elza - about twenty horses will be sent round by the same Conveyance. -

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

Tuesday 11th January 1791.

John Hudleston Esqr. General

The Honorable Major William Medows absent upon Service. -

Minutes of last Consultation read

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read and approved.-

Read the following Letter from the Governor General, with the Papers referred to therein.-

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Senior Member and Council
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

From the Governor General with Copies of his instructions to Major Generals Medows and Abercromby in which his present intended Plan of operations is fully detailed.-

As I am perfectly convinced of the earnest desire of your Government to give every assistance in your power in the execution of such arrangements as I may think it necessary to make for the general conduct of the War, I feel it incumbent upon me to explain to you the outlines of the plan of operations which I mean to adopt for the ensuing Campaign.-

I have for this purpose transmitted to you Copies of the Instructions which I have sent to Generals Medows and Abercromby in which my present intentions are fully detailed, and I shall communicate to you from time to time any alterations that new circumstances may render expedient, or

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any occurrences that may be material for your information.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis.

Fort St. George
the 10th Jany 1791.

Minute thereon.

The Board feel such satisfaction at the Communication made to them by the Governor General respecting the Plan of operations to be adopted for the ensuing Campaign, and they have every Hope of Success from the judicious Arrangements proposed by his Lordship.—

Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Instructions to Generals Medows & Abercromby to be sent to England by the Rodney.—

Resolved that Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Instructions to Generals Medows & Abercromby be sent to England by the Rodney for the Information of the Honble Court of Directors—and as it is of essential consequence that the intended Plan of operations be kept Secret, that the Instructions be not for the present entered upon the Records.—

The instructions as they require secrecy not to be entered upon the Records for the present.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bengal.—

John

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John Chamier Esq.
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal 350 Sepoys with their officers embarked on the Warren Hastings.—

I am directed to acquaint you that the Honble Company's Ship Warren Hastings now under Dispatch, takes to your Presidency, a Part of the Reinforcement under Orders for the Coast. The Division embarked in the Warren Hastings consists of about 350 Sepoys, with their Officers. an exact Return will be sent as soon as it arrives from the Ship.—

Fort William
24th December 1790

I have the Honor to be
(Signed) E Hay
Secy to the Govt.

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Native Troops on Board the Warren Hastings be immediately landed.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Edward John Holland.—

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The Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

From Mr. E. J. Hollond requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee for investigating the Charges against Passpiah.—

Hon'ble Sir,

I request to be furnished with a Copy of the Committees Proceedings.—

Fort St. George
8th Jany 1791.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Edwd. Jno. Hollond

To lie on the table

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel DeWangenheim.—

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel DeWangenheim with a Returns of his Majesty's 14th Hano: Regiment completed agreeably to Lord Cornwallis's arrangement and of the 15th Hanoverian Regiment and a Detachment of invalids of the former ordered to Europe.—

The compleating His Majesty's 14th Hano: Regiment out of the 15th being finished, conformably to the Arrangements and Directions I received from the Right Hon'ble Earl Cornwallis, respecting that business, I have the honor to lay before you, a Return of that Regiment, as also a Return of the 15th Han: Regiment, ordered to proceed to Europe.—

I have the honor to remain with Respect.—

&c. &c.
(Signed) Wangenheim
Colonel

Madras
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Of the Officers Corresponding

Rank	Names	Rate of Rank	Remarks
Colonel Major	Wangenheim	30th July 1786	
	Spangenberg	1st July 1786	
Captains	Lixfeld	28th Do. 1781	
	Du Plat	26th Novemr. 1784	
	Elsenbart	27th Do. Do.	
	Honstedt	28th Do. Do.	
	Wense	16th Septr. 1785	
	Arnschildt	17th Do. Do.	
	Weyhe	5th June 1786	
	Reden	1st July Do.	
	Scheidemann	2d Do. Do.	
	Hinueber	6th April 1788	
Capt. Lieutenants	Reinbold	7th Do. Do.	
	Cluver	9th Do. Do.	Pay and Quarter Mai
Lieutenants	Klingsohr	14th March 1782	
	Leonhard	11th Janry 1784	
	Mueller	12th Do. Do.	
	Isenbart	14th Do. Do.	
	Gerber	15 Do. Do.	
	Best	18th Do. Do.	
	Breymann	20th Do. Do.	1st Adjutant
	Offeney	8th Augt. Do.	
	Wenzleben	28th Novemr. Do.	
	Behm	29th Do. Do.	
	Bruel	15th Septr. 1785	
	Reh	25th May 1786	
	Piccard	26th Do. Do.	
	Dupenbrouck	27th Do. Do.	
	Hartwig	1st July Do.	
	Haerlem	3d Do. Do.	
	DeVaux	5th Do. Do.	
	De Tessiar	8th Do. Do.	
	Bernhardy	15th Septemr. Do.	
	Windheim	7th April 1788	
	Buttner	9th Do. Do.	
	Mueller	28th May Do.	
	Vierke	15th April 1788	
	Kotzebue	10th Do. 1789	
Ensign	Falke	1st June 1786	
	Ulmenstein	3d Do. Do.	
	Cheiden	4th Do. Do.	
	Bosewiel	5th April 1788	
	Baring	6th Do. Do.	
	Baring	8th Do. Do.	
	Heldrit	11th Do. Do.	
	Breymann	13th Do. Do.	
	Dupenbrouck	27th May Do.	2d adjutant
	Breymann	28th Do. Do.	
	Hamme	29th Do. Do.	
	Struba	10th April 1789	
	Weisener	11th Do. Do.	
Chaplain	Holscher		
Judge	Steve		
Surgeon	Boyer		
Cadets	Scharnhorst		
	Ahrens		

Return

of His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment of Foot Madras 10th of January 1791

Companies

Officers Present

Companies	Commissioned Staff: Colonel	Major	Captain	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Chaplain	Surgeon	Surgeon's Mates	Master	Armourer	Drum Major	Drummer	Sergeants	Drummers & Fifers	Effective Rank & File: Present and Fit for Duty	Sick in Barrack	Do in Hospital	On Command	Recruiting	On Furlough	Total	Wanting to complete the allowance: Sergeants	Do Corporals	Do Drummers	Do Fifers
Staff and artillery	"	"	"	"	"	2	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	4	14	"	"	"	"	"	14	"	"	"	"
Colonels	1	"	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	50	3	4	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Majors	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	52	2	3	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Capt. Stoutet Grenadier	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	52	2	6	"	"	"	60	"	"	"	32
Wense Light Infantry	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	55	1	4	"	"	"	60	"	"	"	32
Capt. Leutelat	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	52	3	2	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Du Plat	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	46	4	7	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Isenbart	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	48	"	9	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Arn. pielot	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	49	1	7	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Weyhe	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	47	2	7	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Ahlers	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	47	"	9	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Scheidemann	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	51	"	6	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	32
Henecker	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	2	53	"	3	"	"	"	57	"	"	"	"
Total	1	1	11	23	12	2	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	61	28	616	18	67	"	"	3	704	"	"	"	378

Officers on Duty & on what Duty Vacant Officers & by [illegible] Returns

Absent Officers

Rank and Names	since what time	by whose Leave	where and for what time
Lieut: Brunel on Command			
-ind at Arnee.			

Signed Wangenheim
Colonel

The adjutants and Quarter Master are exclusive the Establishment of officers attached to Companies.—

Muster Roll of the Regiment of Foot Commanded by Colonel Wangenheim for the Month of January 1791

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Re

of His Majesty's 15th Hanoverian Regiment
Regiment, ordered to return to Europe

Regiments

15 Hanoverian Regiment
Detachment of Invalides from the 14 Hanoverian

Total

List of the

Rank and Names		Date of Rank	Remarks	Rank and Names
Major	Offeney	10th January 84		Lieut: Casten
Captn.	Bosewiel	26th July 1781		" — Schulte
" — "	Zelle	21st Do — Do		" — Quernheim
" — "	Drechsel	2d Augt. Do		" — Wernicke
	Notte	10th Jany 1784		" — Lensingen
	Hupeden	27 Do 1785		" — Marten
	Schlutter	28th Do — Do		" — Riesenberg
	Kaufmans	5th April 1788		" — Dachenhausen
	Kunkard	10th Do — Do		" — Westphal
	Thimann	8th Do — Do	Pay & Quarts Mr.	" — Engel
				" — Brandis
				" — Baring
				" — Pape
				" — Henning
				" — Barkhausen

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and the Detachment of Invalides from the 14th Hanoverian
Madras 10th January 1791.—

	Officers											Non Commissioned Officers Rank and File						
	Commanding				Staff													
	Major	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Quart. Mast.	Chaplain	Judge	Surgeon	Cadets	Mates	Serjeants	Corporal	Drum Major	Drummers and Fifers	Privates	Invalides	Total
.....	1	8	14	7	2	1	1	"	1	2	2	47	35	1	1	152	82	318
Regiment	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	96	96
.....	1	8	14	7	2	1	1	"	1	2	2	47	35	1	1	152	178	414
											453							

NB amongst the Invalides are those included who are at Present at Arnee & Chingleput — Ensign Dissen being under arrest, and under Sentence of a Court Martial is to be sent to Europe also and not included in the above.—

Officers

Date of Rank	Remarks
15th August 1781.	
30th April 1782	
18th January 1783	
10th do 1784	
19th do do	
7th August do	
15 September 1785	
17th do do	1st Adjutant
18th do do	
24th May 1786	
4th July do	
7th do do	
11th April 1788	
10th do do	
11th do 1789	

Rank and Names	Date of Rank	Remarks
Ensign Meister	15th September 1785	
" Hoeft	26th may 1786	
" Henricks	27th do do	
" Friese	2d July do	
" Hahn	8th April 1788	
" Plate	12th do do	
" Weidau	10th do do	
" Brauns	14th do do	2d Adjutant

Staff

Surgeon Weber
Chaplain Eichhorn

Cadets { Gerber, Stessel

(signed) Wangenheim
Colonel

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Agreed that the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Fort William be informed of the Arrangement made by the Governor General respecting his Majesty's Electoral Troops, and that they be desired to order the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships homeward bound to touch at Madras for the Purpose of conveying each a certain Proportion of the Officers and Men of the Regiment to embark for Europe.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to Major General Medows

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary Military Department

Sir

From the multiplicity of Business Major General Medows has directed me to acknowledge the Honble Councils Letter to him on the Subject of Allowances to the Garrisons of Carroor &c. &c. and he desires you will inform the Council that he does not see any Objection to the Garrisons of Carroor Dindegul and Coimbatore being put on Garrison Allowances from the 1st of this Month but in respect of the two Brigades left at Trichinopoly and the two Native Battalions at Palgautchery - as Lord Cornwallis has directed that they

From the Secretary to Major Genl Medows - the General recommends that the Garrisons of Carroor Dindegal and Coimbatore be put on Garrison Allowances from the 1st Instant -

should

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should be held in readiness for Field Service the General conceives they should remain on Field — Allowances till his Lordship's further Pleasure is signified to them —

The General requests the Council will be pleased to circulate their Resolutions to the different Garrisons concerned, and directs me again to report that he thinks the Alteration should not take place before the 1st of this Month, as until the Junction of the two Armies he thought it absolutely necessary to have them in readiness to march at an Hours Notice —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo: Harries
Secty

Camp
2d January 1791.

Minute thereon
Field allowances to the Garrisons of Caroor — Dindigul & Coimbatore to be struck off —

Agreed that it be notified in General Orders that Field Allowances to the Garrisons of Caroor, Dindigal, and Coimbatore are to cease from the 1st Instant.

Read the following Letter from the — Tanjore Creditors —

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

From the Tanjore Creditors requesting that a Dividend may be made to them upon the same terms as are granted to the Private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob

Honble Sir,

Having been informed that Government have

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have thought proper to resolve that a Dividend shall be made to the Nabobs Private Creditors from the Monies received into the Treasury from His Highness prior to the Receipt of the Order from Bengal prohibiting any Payments of that Nature during the Continuance of the War, we the Creditors and Representatives of Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore feel it a Duty we owe to ourselves and to our Constituents to prefer to your Hon'ble Board our Claim to a Dividend from the Tanjore Khists paid antecedent to the same Period, and we do this in the Confidence that you will readily admit the Justice of placing us on the same footing with the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c

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(Signed) Porcher Redhead & Co
Attorys to Edward Stracey, James Sibbald & Ed. Russell Howe } Esqrs
" Josdu Pre Porcher Atty to John Balfour
" T. Burrowes
" James Brodie Atty to Alex Brodie
" Chase Parry & Co
" J. Tulloh
" Balfour Spalding & Co
Attys for the Administrator of the Estate of D. A. Bayne

Resolved

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Resolved that the Accountant General be directed to lay before the Board a Statement shewing the precise Amount of the Sums received from the Rajah of Tanjore on Account of and now due to his Excellency's Creditors, from the 8th Day of January last – also the Periods at which they were received. –

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam. –

To The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

From Masulipatam – have done every thing in their power to expedite the March of the 2d European Battn recommending that a Medical Gentleman be appointed to do duty at Ellore – Copy of a letter from Major – Banks on his quitting that station on account of ill health. –

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your orders communicated to us in your – Secretary's letters of the 10th 21st and 24th ultimo. –

The despatch of the Money for the Paymasters of Bugdle and Ellore has depended in some degree on the receipt of their Indents, which have – seldom reached us until the beginning of the month, and the Money of course cannot arrive with them before the month is some what advanced, a circumstance which shall now be mentioned to them, in order that we may in future so far as we may be able attend to your directions in this respect. –

Every

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Every thing that depends upon us shall be done to provide for the European Battalion at Ellore — proceeding to the Southward as speedily as possible. Colonel Brathwaite has applied for one Months subsistence to be advanced to the Paymaster and also for the repair of 35 Private Tents, as being necessary to cover the Corps during the present March, and has also pointed out the necessity of entertaining additional Lascars to equip it with the regulated number. The repair of the Tents and — enlisting Lascars, he has himself given directions for; and the advance applied for shall likewise be sent to the Paymaster —

As both the Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon now at Ellore, will proceed with their Corps to the Southward, by which means that Cantonment will be left without any Medical Assistance, Colonel — Brathwaite has applied for an Assistant Surgeon to be sent from hence, for the charge of the Sick, who must of necessity be left behind, and cannot even be removed to the General Hospital at this place; which altho it will be attended with inconvenience, must of — course be complied with, until your Honor &c may appoint a Medical Gentleman to the Ellore station —

Major Banks the Engineer stationed at the

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this place, having long been in a declining state of health, and repeatedly assured by the Head Surgeon to leave this — situation, has now received a Certificate, pointing out the absolute necessity of his proceeding to the Presidency without delay, which he means to avail himself of. We herewith enclose Copy of a letter which he has written to us signifying his above intention, and as there is at present no other Officer of the Engineer Corps in this District, we think it proper to mention the circumstance, apprehending from the nature of the Certificate, that the state of Major Banks's health may not admit of his returning to his Duty here and conceiving that the Fortifications and Public — Buildings ought not to be left without an Engineer for their Inspection —

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

Masulipatam
2 January 1791

&c &c &c

Signed Anth Sadleir
" W. Dobbyn
" Saml Statham

To Anthony Sadleir
Chief & the Council
of Masulipatam

Sir and Sirs

It gives me concern that I am at last obliged to address you thus Publickly on Account of my
Health

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Health which has reduced me to the sad necessity of quitting my Station, on the head Surgeons Certificate, & proceed without loss of time to Madras — Maladies alarming for me even to think of; much more to experience and which must oblige me in the end to leave this Country for Europe —

I have taken a list of the Stores Plans &c belonging to the Department to be delivered over to the Committee of works conceiving it my Duty to do so — and as I conceive, to be agreeable to your wishes —

Masulipatam
29th December 1790

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) George Banks
Major Engineer

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex Scott Secy

Agreed that the Hospital Board be directed to recommend a proper Person to do Duty at the Cantonment of Ellore —

Monthly Division

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C. C. No 14 Complaining loudly of the great allowances given to the Family of the late Rajah, and declaring that they are now six fold larger than they were during the Life time of Sulja Maharaz —

Agreed

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Agreed that a copy of the Rajah's Letter be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue and that they be desired to state the Grounds upon which their Recommendation was formed respecting the allowances. —

Read the following Letter from the Commissary of Grain and Provisions in Camp —

To the Honble Charles Oakeley
&c Members of
Fort St George

from the Commissary of Grain and Provision in Camp — stating the orders he has received from the Secretary to Major General Abercrombie respecting the mode of transmitting to the Presidency the Bullock Contractor's Bills. —

Honble Sirs,

I last night had the honor to receive your commands of the 5th of November thro' Mr Secretary Chamier, desiring that the Bullock Contractors Bills should be certified by the proper Officers in Camp, and a Certificate granted for the balance due upon them —

My reason for transmitting their Bills in the manner I have done, was in consequence of the Commander in Chiefs orders to me in June last, Copy of which is enclosed. —

The Contractors have regular monthly Certificates signed by Heads of Departments and Commanding Officers of Corps as Vouchers for their Charges which should have regularly been forwarded with their Bills had the communication with the Presidency been secure, but as that was not the case

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I have retained them 'till an opportunity offers of forwarding them with safety, as advis'd in my letter to Government of the 1st of July —

As the Commander in Chiefs orders are done away in one instance, I should presume they are also in another in regard to my bringing the Contractors Accounts on my Books —

Camp Terimungulum
2d January 1791

I have the Honor to be
(signed) Thos Kingscote
Comt of Grain & Provs

Thomas Kingscote Esqre
Commissary of Grain and Provisions

Sir

The Commander in Chief has directed me to to signify to you, that you are to receive from the Contractors for Bullocks to Serve the Army, their Bills and Vouchers in order to lay them before him — that you are to draw and pay the Contractors Agent in Camp what ever sums the Commander in Chief may order him and to Obtain for, and give the Agent the Commander in Chief Directions Respecting the payment of the Balance at the Presidency, you will bring these accounts on your Books & regularly transmit the Bills and Vouchers to Government.

Camp Caroore
19th June 1790

I have the Honor to be
(signed) Geo. Harris Secy

A true Copy
(signed) Thos Kingscote

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Resolved that Major General Meadows be requested to direct Mr Kingscote to deliver in future to the Contractors in Camp a Certificate of the Balance due upon the Bullock Contractors Monthly Bill and not to transmit the Bill itself which is liable to be lost and which is not by any means necessary, since the Certificate will answer every Purpose for ascertaining the Balance to be paid at the Presidency

The Board take into consideration a letter from the Accountant General entered in the Consultation of the 16th March last respecting the Remissions granted to the Rajah of Tanjore during the Government of Mr Holland

The Board on referring to the Proceedings of Consultation of the 16th March last find a Letter from the Accountant General on the Subject of the Remissions granted to the Rajah of Tanjore in his Visits during the Government of Mr Holland upon which after mature Consideration of the Company's Orders they resolve as follows

and resolve that as the remissions then granted were premature and in direct contradiction to the Company's orders to be proposed to Major Brown & Means that the Amount thereof be immediately brought to Credit to the Company's

That as the Arrangement proposed in the Letter from the Honble Court of Directors of the 20 August 1782 for the Relief of the Rajah, was in the first Instance to depend upon the Acquiescence of the Nabob, and as his Highness did not signify such Acquiescence until the 29th of March 1790, the Fact is

conclusive

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conclusive, that any Remissions granted to the Rajah previous to that Period, were premature, and indirect Contradictions to the Letter and Spirit of the Company's Orders—

Viewing the Matter in this Light, and apprehending that the Rajah may have been induced to withhold his Information against Mr John Holland by a consideration of the favor he has experienced, it is resolved to propose to General Medows that the Sum of two Lacks and Sixty Thousand Pagodas / the Amount of the temporary Remissions in the Rajahs Kists / be brought back to the Credit of the Company without waiting the Courts Orders upon the Reference by the General Govdard.—

Resolved that the above be communicated to the Honble Court of Directors by the present Dispatch.—

the above to be communicated to the Honble Court of Directors by the present Dispatch—

Read a Letter from the Agent for Cloathing / as entered in Min. Con. No 71 / stating that the Officers Commanding the new raised Revenue Battalions have applied to him for Cloathing.

substance of a Letter from the Agent for Cloathing

As the new raised Revenue Battalions are

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are only to be employed on a temporary Service, and to be disbanded probably before, but certainly at the Conclusion of the war, It is agreed to submit to General Medows whether the Company should bear the heavy Expence of cloathing them, and whether it would not be eligible as their Pay is but small to allow them a few Fanams extraordinary, by which means there would be a saving to the Public and a very considerable One if the Situation of Affairs were speedily to admit of a Reduction in the Establishment of Revenue Corps.

The Acting President informs the Board that he has consulted with the Governor General on the Subject of Mr Hudleston's Minute entered on the Proceedings of the last Consultation, and that his Lordship was of the following Opinion.

The Acting President reports to the Board the Sentiments expressed by the Governor General on Mr Hudleston's Minute entered on the Proceedings of the last Consultation.

"That the proposed Plan of bringing
"down the Bengal Supernumerary Officers to serve on the
"Coast during the war was inexpedient, in as much as
"it would occasion Discontents and Heart Burnings
"among the Officers of this Establishment, who could
"not see with Satisfaction double Batta paid to men
"doing the same Duty serving in the same Battalion
"and fighting in the same Cause, and themselves
"with equal Rank upon a less Allowance. That

it

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"It was therefore in his Lordship's Judgment more eligible
"to make temporary Appointments in India during the
"war, to be continued hereafter at the Pleasure of the
"Company, than to run the Risk of creating Murmurs
"and Dissatisfaction in the Army at this important
Juncture

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Lewis Smale — 4 Adjutant of the 13th Battalion Native Infantry. —

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieut. Lewis Smale —

Ex. George Balmain.

Chas. Oakeley.

J. Hudleston

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos 72. 73. 74. 75.—

From the Secretary to other Military Board.—

From the Secretary to the Military Board requesting to be furnished with an order to the Commander of the Hawke to receive on board his Ship the remainder of the unserviceable Brass Ordnance to be sent to Bengal to be recast.—

From the agents for Mr. W.a Dobbyn.

From the agents for Mr. W.a Dobbyn enclosing a Bill of Sale of his House in the Fort as a part of the Security required from their Constituent as Paymaster of Masulipatam requesting to be furnished with Receipt.—

NB. a Receipt was sent and the Bill of Sale lodged in the Office.—

From the Paymaster at Ellore.—

From the Paymaster at Ellore stating that he is ready to make the affidavit required by the Board respecting the attainment of the office he now holds.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provesions.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provesions with Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Tanjore wherein he advises of his having sold all the old Grain of 1788 recommends

that

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12th That some openings be made in the Walls of the Granaries at that Place for the purpose of airing the Grain and complains of the Want of a Stock of Gunny Pieces the Commissary recommendations in consequence.—

13th Sent the following Letters—

To the Honorable Major General Medows Governor &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

To Major General Medows respecting the Remission made to the Rajah of Tanjore during Mr Hollond's Government his sentiments & required as to the Expediency of abolishing the new raised Revenue Corps or making them an allowance in lieu thereof a Certificate of the Balance due to the Bullock Contractor to be given Monthly to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Army.—

During the Government of Mr John Hollond, we find that a temporary Remission took place in the Rents of the Rajah of Tanjore, amounting to the Sum of two Lacks and Sixty thousand (2,60,000) Pagodas— but, as we are well persuaded that the Indulgence granted to his Excellency was not only unauthorized by the Court of Directors, but in express Contradiction to their Orders— we propose, if it meet your approbation that the abovementioned Sum shall be brought back to the Company's Cash without waiting for the Result of the Reference to England— We are inclined to believe, from the Circumstances that have

come

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come to our Knowledge of the corrupt Conduct of the late Administration, that Mr. Hollond's Concurrence in the Measure might have been obtained by the Payment of a Sum of Money or other valuable Consideration from the Rajah and that when his Excellency knows that the Remission will not be allowed, he may be induced to come forward with Information tending to explain the Original Cause of the Transaction.—

In consequence of a Letter from the adjutant General, dated the 5th November last, we have agreeably to your Proposal issued Orders for raising six additional Revenue Battalions.— But as these Troops are only to be employed on a temporary service, and to be disbanded probably before, but certainly at the Conclusion of the War, we beg leave to submit to you whether the Company should be at the heavy Expence of cloathing them as the Pay, however is only forty Fanams pr month to each Man it would be eligible perhaps to allow them a few Fanams extraordinary in lieu of cloathing— this Measure would at all

Events

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Events be a Saving to the Public, and a very Considerable One, if the Situation of affairs will speedily admit of your reducing the Establishment of the Revenue Corps.—

We request you will be pleased to direct the Commissary of Grain and Provisions to grant to the Contractors in Camp, giving us due Notice, a Certificate of the Balance due upon the Bullock Contractors Monthly Bill, instead of transmitting the Bill itself, which is liable to be lost, and which is not at all necessary since the Certificate will answer every Purpose for enabling us to discharge the Balance at the Presidency.—

We have the Honor to be with great Esteem.—

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Ca. Council

To the Honorable Charles Stuart
and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council
at
Fort William

Gentlemen

We have the Honor to inform you

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to Bengal advising of the Governor & Genl's Resolution of sending home the 15th Hanoverian Regiment Copies of Papers on the subject enclosed the Ships homward bound to touch at Madras —

you that Lord Cornwallis has come to the Resolution of sending to Europe by the Ships of the present Season the 15th Regiment of his Majesty's Electeral Troops now serving under this Presidency — We enclose Copy of a Letter to us from the Governor General on the subject with a return of the Troops for Imberkation and we have to request you will be pleased to order the Commanders of the Honble Company Ships to touch at Madras in their way to England for the Purpose of conveying each a certain Proportion of the Officers and Men of the above Regiment — the Rodney and Prince William Henry we imagine will take nearly one third of the Number. —

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. No. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. —

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General. directing him to draw out a Statement shewing the

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the precise amount of the Sums received from the Rajah of Tanjore on account of and now due to his Excellencys Creditors to the 8th of January last.—

to the Paymaster at Ellore.—

To the Paymaster at Ellore directing him, on his arrival at the Presidency to make oath to the truth of the Declaration contained in his Letter of the 30th ultimo & enclosing a Form of the affidavit to be sworn to.—

to Lieutenant Burnet.—

To Lieutenant Burnet commanding a Detachment of Native troops landed from the Warren Hastings to inform the Board of the treatment which the troops experienced from the Commander of the Warren Hastings during their Passage from Bengal.—

to the Chief at Pulicat.—

To the Chief at Pulicat an escort has been furnished to convey to Pulicat seven of the Malay Deserters mentioned in his Letter of the 5th Instant.—

to the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke.—

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke—directing him to receive on board his Ship and convey to

Bengal

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Bengal the unserviceable Guns which will be delivered to him by the acting Commissary General of Stores - and to obey the Instructions he may receive from the Secretary at Bengal. -

To the Hospital Board -

To the Hospital Board directing them to recommend a person to do Duty at Ellore, as the Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon now there will proceed with their Corps to the Southward. -

To the Paymaster at Madura -

To the Paymaster at Madura expressing the Boards disapprobation of his Conduct in seizing the Person of the Garrison Baker without the Knowledge of the Commandant - the Baker to be immediately released directing him to pay particular attention to the Families of the Sepoys at Madura and to discharge punctually such allowances as may be due to them - the troops stationed at Dendegul to be upon Garrison allowances from the 1st. Instant. -

To the Commandant at Madura -

To the Commandant at Madura informing him the Board have notified to Mr. Vaughan their Disapprobation

of

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of this Conduct in conferring the Garrison Baker and directed that the man be immediately released.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Account.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts with copy of the General Order relative to the Discontinuance of Field allowances to the Garrisons of Carnoor Dendgul and Coimbetoor.—

To the Paymaster at Angole.—

To the Paymaster at Angole with Extract of a Letter from Colonel Brathwaite wherein he complains of his orders having been treated with disrespect which the Board are willing to hope proceeded from Inadvertance on his Part—stating that he is not to consider himself as having charge the victualling the two Companies of Europeans lately sent into the Guntoor Circar until the Provisions with which they were furnished by the Paymaster at Ellore are entirely expended directing him to name some other Person as his collateral Security not in the Field in the room of Major T Gowdie.—

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To the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division

To the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division — Major Montgomery is to be ordered to join his Corps the European Regement to proceed to the Presidency without the two Companies now in the Guntoor Circar the Board have notefied to Mr young their Disapprobation of his Conduct as reported to them in his Letter of the 31st Ultimo —

To the Commandant at Trichenopoly

To the Commandant at Trichenopoly — the Prisoner mentioned in his Letter of the 4th Instant must be kept in confinement at Trichenopoly until a safe opportunity shall offer for sending him with the necessary Evidences to the Presidency to be tried at the Quarter Sessions —

To the Commandant at Condapellee —

To the Commandant at Condapellee informing him that his Charge for a Senguest cannot be allowed —

To Captain Cram.

To the Officer Commanding the 22d Battalion of Native Infantry stating that the Board cannot disapprove of any Representation that relates to the comfort of the Families of the Sepoys the necessary orders have been given to Mr Vaughan in consequence of his Letter of the 6th Instant —

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To the Military Board with a Extract of a Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal advising of Gun Powder and Canvas shipped for this Presidency.—

To the Military Board.—

To Do. directing them to take the necessary Measures for conveying to the Long Tank the heavy train of Artillery prepared for the field.—

To Do.

To the Board of assumed Revenue with a Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore directing to report upon what grounds they formed their recommendation respecting the allowances to be granted to his Excellency's family forwarding a Copy of a Letter from the Pushwas Vackeel.—

To the Board of assumed Revenue.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB No. 94. 95. 96. 97.—

From the Resident at Cuddalore stating that from the Gentlemen there and the Inhabitants he has collected nearly a sufficient Sum of Money to put the Place in a state of Defence against Surprize requesting to know if it is the Intention of Government that the Detachment there should proceed to the Southward.—

From the Resident at Cuddalore.—

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From the Nizams agent.—

From the Nizams agent requesting to be furnished with an order to the acting Commissary General of Stores to deliver him from the repaerable Arms the Number he may require for the use of the Nizams.—

From the Commandant at Chengleput.—

From the Commandant at Chengleput advising of his having Lieutenant Urquart of His Majesty's 71st. Regiment with a party to dislodge a Body of the Enemy's Cavalry which he not only did effectually but also recovered about three thousand Cattle which they had drawn off.—

From Mr. E. W. Tallofield at Tanjore.—

From Mr. E. W. Tallofield advising that Suberow is on his way to the Presidency and expressing his Satisfaction that his Conduct in the Enquiry into the Charges exhibited against Mr. Ram has met with the approbation of the Board.—

From the Commander of the Companys Ship Hawke.—

From the Commander of the Companys Ship Hawke enclosing a Bill for victualling the Officers and Troops from Bengal to Madras.—

At

Fort St. George 14th January 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service.-

Friday
14th Jany 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.-

Read the following Letter

from the Military Board.-

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board reporting on the Claims of Mr. Cuthberts agents for the amount of ordnance said to have been delivered by that Gentleman to the Military & Storekeeper at this Presidency.-

Having given a very attentive consideration to the several Documents which appeared to us necessary towards enabling us to give you satisfactory Information respecting the Ordnance and Stores taken in the Ships of Lauriston and Vryheid, We now beg leave to state to you the result of our Enquiries.-

From the Information of the Military Storekeeper upon the Subject it appears that a Receipt was passed to Mr. Cuthbert

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Cuthbert, on the 25th. of June 1784, for all the Ordnance and Stores, which were landed from the Ships Louriston and Weyhead. But it having been afterwards found that part of the Ordnance and Stores belonged to his Majesty's Squadron, they were scratched out of the Receipt of the 25th. of June, and a Separate Receipt was granted for them - Vizt -

Brass Ordnance . . . 12 Pounder 4

Copper Hoops - which barrels . . 978.

Do. . . half - Do . . . 103.

This Separate Receipt was dated the 30th. September 1784, at which time the several Articles therein mentioned were carried to account, in the Military Storekeepers Books, with his Majesty's Squadron, at the valuation of Pagodas 2346. 10. 16. -

We find, on reference to the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores, dated 30th. September 1784, that all the Ordnance and Stores were delivered into the Military Storekeepers charge, by Mr. Cuthbert, as general Agent for the Captures in India; And also it appears that such Ordnance and Stores were

received

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received into the Arsenal, by Order of Government yet it is not specified either in the Order, or in the Receipt which was passed for the Stores whether they were received on Account of the Company, or not. We are led however, to conclude that they were intended to have received on account of the Company, as Mr. Cuthbert, on his embarkation for Europe proposed to settle with the Court of Directors, for the Stores which remained in the Arsenal unentered in the Military Storekeeper's Books, which met with the approbation of Government, and in expectation of the Company's orders respecting those Stores, they were still kept in the Arsenal, without being entered on the Storekeeper's Books.-

It further appears by the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores dated 30th September 1784, that Mr. Cuthbert on delivering the Ordnance and Stores in question into the Arsenal, gave in a Valuation of them upon which the Committee remarked in their Proceedings above refered to, that the prices of Small Stores appeared to agree with the

General

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general Valuation of Similar Stores in the Arsenal as entered on the Storekeeper's Books, But the Committee observed that 30 ℔ Cent was put on the origenial price of Ordnance, Shot and Shells, which made the charge equal to the price of new English Ordnance and Stores delivered from the Company's Arsenal to the Fleet. The Committee at the same time remarked that by long usage, English Ordnance, Shot and Shells received from the Admirals had been always charged at Prime Cost, But as foreign Ordnance could not be so generally useful as English the Committee were of Opinion that a deduction might to be made from the estimated prices of the captured Stores. The Committee of Stores also observed that an expence of Pagodas 873.17.12. had been incurred in proving the Ordnance received from Mr. Cuthbert, which they were of opinion ought likewise to be deducted from the Agents charge.

We also find, by the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores, dated 3d October 1786 that the Committee, in consequence of orders from Government, reported that the Ordnance

and

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and Stores taken at Pondicherry in 1761, were received at the following rates which they conceived ought to be considered as standard prices Vizt.

		Pr.	Fs.	Ch.
Iron Ordnance	p Cwt.	1.	31.	40.
Brass Do.	p Do.	21.	"	"
Do. Mortars	p Do.	57.	18	"
Iron round Shot	p Do.	1	18	"
Shells	pr. Do.	1	27	"
Double headed Shot	pr. Do.	2	22	40

Mr. Cuthbert was accordingly offered the above Prices for his Prize Stores, and was informed at the same time that the charge of proving the Ordnance would be deducted from the general Amount of the Stores. But as We have not been able to ascertain whether Mr. Cuthbert accepted those terms, We are led to presume that the matter was agreed to be left open for Adjustment between him and the Court of Directors.—

It does not appear to us that any Orders have ever been received from the Court of Director's respecting the valuation of the Stores in question, But We learn from the Military Storekeeper and by the

proceedings

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Proceedings of the Committee dated that
in November 1786, a General Account Remains
of Stores in the Arsenal was taken, when the
Committee of Stores directed that the Stores, &
which are the subject of our present enquiry,
should be placed to the credit of Mr. Cuthbert,
Naval Storekeper in the Military Storeke-
-per's Books, by allowing such prices as &
should appear equitable, and according to the
State in which the Stores were found. We
observe that Mr. Cuthbert was accordingly
credited in the Sum of Pagodas 20,806. 13. 20. on
the 30th. of April 1788.

We further observe, on a &
comparison of the prices of Stores taken &
at Pondicherry in 1761 which the Committee
considered as Standard Prices, with the &
Entries in Military Storekeper's Journal,
that the Stores were not carried to account
agreeably to the Committees Estimation of
the French Stores. It is therefore to be &
concluded that the Valuation at which the
Stores were actually carried to account, was
the result of the Committee's Judgment,

on

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on a more accurate subsequent Inspection of the Stores.—

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5th January 1791.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed J Capper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

Copy to be sent to England in the Rodney's Packet.—

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to England as a Number in the Rodney's Packet.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Brunton, Commanding at Permacoil.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary
Sir,

From the Commandant at Permacoil with the Letter from the Commander of the enemy's army to the Nabob states that the Ill treatment which the Bearer met with was owing to his own obstinacy.—

Agreably to your directions, I have now the honor to inclose you the Commander of the enemies Armies letter to His Highness the Nabob, the note accompanying it was given to the Serdarrah as a passport in the event of his falling in with the enemies plundering horse, it is written in the Canary Language, you will further be pleased to acquaint the Honorable

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Honorable Board, that having fully investigated the matter, it would appear the ill treatment which the hercarrah experienced was owing to his obstinacy, he persisted in asserting he had no letter now paper of any kind about him, and until he was punished, he would not give up the letter in question, as the circumstance may alter the opinion of the Board relative to the mode of sending him away, I will detain him until honored with your reply to this. —

Permacoil the 9th January 1791.

I remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Brunton

Lieut. Commanding

Translation of a Letter enclosed by Lieutenant Brunton commanding at Permacoil to Mr. Secretary Jackson at Fort St. George

From

addressed to the Nawaub Wallajah

dated 22d Rubbie ul Saany

or about the 27 Decr. 1790.

Recd. for Transn. 12 Jany. 1791

From the Commander of Enemy's Army to the Nabob stating that Tippoo's troops entered the Carnatic in consequence of His Highness's troops having first entered and plundered his Country. —

your Highness's Troops without any Cause or Provocation have entered into the

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the Country of the *ahmuay Sirkar and have plundered and ruined the Country and the Ryots In consequence the *assud Illahee Troops have also entered this Country It is well known to your Highness who are wise in every respect and in every Business great and small that if any Breach happens to our mutual Friendship, it can be rectified by correspondence and by the Deputation of Ambassadors I therefore write to you that if the Breach has aresen from good Grounds, your Highness will be pleased to make those Grounds known, in order that the affair may be adjusted, so that Mankind may be at Peace and live in Quiet.—

* ahmudy a name by which Tippoos country is called.

* assud Illahee a name by which Tippoos Troops are called.—

Remark

The Seal bears these Words.

Ee, mejun, bur Deen Kheeshum

deh Sebaah—

O, God grant me Perseverance in my Religion

There is no name upon the Seal but it is probable that the Writer's name may be Mejun ul Deen

a true Translation

Signed/ G. F. Cherry

P.Tr. to the Gov. General

agreed

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Minute on the two foregoing Letters.—

Agreed to direct Lieutenant Brunton to send away the Nercarrah to the Enemy's Camp, without any Reward, as it appears that the Ill Treatment he experienced proceeded from his Refusal to deliver the Letter with which he was charged for the Nabob.—

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General.—

To Williams C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

From the Accountant General with an account shewing the Sums due to the Public and Private Creditors of the Nabob to the 11th Instant.—

Sir,

I have the pleasure of sending you the Account required by the Board in your Letter of the 5th Instant with the Interest on the Sums due from the Company to the Public and private Creditors made up to this day at the rate of 12 per Cent per Annum.—

I am &c &c

(Signed) Geo. Mowbray
Acct General

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals Office
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Account

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Account of Monies Received prior to the 8th January 1790 from His Highness the Nabob on account of, and now due to His Public and Private Creditors with Interest calculated thereon at the rate of 12 per Cent from the time the last payment was made on account of the Rists of March and July 1789.

The amount ordered by Government to be directed between the Public and private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob on account of his March 1789 Rists . .	Pag. 130,000.–	
Interest on the above at 12 per Cent per Annum from the 25th November 1789 (the day on which the above payment was Compleated) to the 11th January 1791 . .	41030.–4.7½	341030. 4.7½
Ditto of Cag. 198233. 19. 45. being the amount received on the 8th January 1790 on account of his July Rist of £60,000 of Cag. 198,233. 19. 45		
Interest on the above at 12 per Cent per Annum from the 8th January 1790 (the day on which the above payment was compleated) to the 11th January 1791 . .	23983. 19. 43.	222217 3 8
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Errors Excepted
(Signed) Geo. Moubray
Act. Gent.

Resolve

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Resolved that the following advertisement be published in the next Madras Courier.—

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advertisement to be published in the Madras Courier respecting the Dividend to be made to the Nabob's Creditors.—

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Pagodas 498,233. 19. 45. will be made on the 1st. February next to the Public and Private Creditors of his Highness the Nabob agreably to the Established Proportions.—

The Dividends to be Issued in Bonds bearing an Interest of 12 P Cent Per annum and payable in Two years from the 1st. Instant or in Six Months after the Conclusion of the War.—

An Interest of 12 P Cent to be allowed on the proportion to the Private Creditors from the date on which the payment of the Sum of 300,000 of the above was Completed at the Company's Treasury by his Highness the Nabob to the 1st. Instant.—

Ditto ... Ditto upon 198233. 19. 45. from Ditto to Ditto.—

By Order of Government

Signed W. C. Jackson

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Read the following Letter from
Mr. Ram at Tanjore
To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

From Mr. Ram states that the March of the army has prevented his making the affidavits required by the Board instructions required relative to the allowances to be given to the Revd. Mr. Swartz.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of 29th Ultimo enclosing the Form of the Revenue Oath and of an Oath to be taken on the subject of a charge which has been brought against Mr. J. Holland and directing me to take the above Oaths before General Medows on Receipt of which Letter I immediately wrote to Lieut Colonel Harris desiring him to acquaint the General and to inform me by what Route I could best join the army which marched from Trichenopoly early on the 30th Ultimo.

Having as yet received no answer from Lieutenant Colonel Harris I conceive it is on account of the uncertainty of my being able to reach the army on their present March.

This serves likewise to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 5th acquainting me

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me that the Honble Board had thought proper to discontinue the office of Resident of Tanjore and that all allowances granted to me as Resident at Tanjour are to cease from the first of January 1791.-

On which Subject I request to know whether it be the Intention of the Board that the following allowances paid by me as Resident are likewise to be discontinued.-

Salary to the Reverend Mr. Swartz of

£100 P annum P month	20. 30.
Do Lately Granted	20. 30.
Do Pallanquen allowance	20. -.-.-
Do formerly paid him under the Denomination of Half Batta	24. 33. 48.
allowance to Mr. Rolhoff	10. -.-.-
Do to Mr. Blackburne	20. -.-.-
Do to Iremalroo	20. -.-.-
Do to the Persian Translater	5. -.-.-
Pagodas	141. 9. 48.

allowance of £100 paid half yearly to the Reverend Mr. Swartz by the Honble Company for Provencial Schools £100 P annum

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed G A Ram
agreed

Tanjour
9th January 1791.

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Minute thereon.

Agreed to inform Messrs. Ram and Tallofield that the allowances mentioned in the foregoing Letter are to be paid by them to the Reverend Mr. Swartz, and brought to account under the Head of "Charges extraordinary".—

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.—

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major Genl. Medows—intends Discharging the Poligars of the Rajah's of Calastry and Vencatagherry and Bomrauze.—

I had the honour of your's this day upon the subject of the Calistra, Venckitagerry and Baumrauze Poligars—the last appears to have either never joined, or so soon to have left Colonel Maxwell as to be entitled to nothing.—the former two to be perfectly useless and shall therefore be immediately settled with and struck off.—

I have the honor to be Gentlemen with the highest respect esteem and truth.—

&c. &c.

Camp at Veravoor
6th of January 1791.

(Signed) Wm. Medows
Governor

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council
Sir.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 28th 29th and 31st Ultimo.—

On the application from the Captains of Guides for the Subsistence of their Army Rank, We shall remark that in the Month of June 1787 subsequent to the Order quoted, an application was made to Sir Archibald Campbell by Major Pringle respecting the Situation and Pay of this Corps, but Tho' the Answer thereto does not immediately appear yet it is to be informed from the Pay of Lieutenants not having been hitherto drawn, that it was then decided that they should only receive the Pay of Captains, with the allowances of Surveyors when employed on Service, which has been continued ever since

Possessing therefore no Information which

should

From the Military Board reporting on the applications from the Captains of Guides the officers of the Center Army and the Captain of Pioneers repairs to the works and Gun Carriages at Chingleput are not absolutely necessary recommending that some Repairs be executed to the Sepoys Barracks at Chendahapetta and to the Hospital at Ponamalee that the Military Storekeeper be directed to continue in his employ this Month and that Gunners be in future issued for all Tents 1768 Pages written off the Company's Books.—

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should induce us to propose any alteration in allowances which we conceive to be already fixed, We beg leave to submit the Matter to your Consideration and Decision.—

In answer to the Memorial from the Officers of the Center Army We can only refer to the 5th. Article of the Orders respecting Batta and General allowances which entitle them to 4 Day's Batta—any allowance therefore, exceeding this We imagine can only be granted as an indulgence.—

As none of the Officers commanding the Native Corps are allowed Horse allowance, We see no reason for making an exception in favor of Lieutenant Dowes.—

With respect to the Grain on the Glacis of Chingleput, We do not conceive that any Steps are immediately necessary to be taken, as we apprehend it is not your Intention to let it remain there any length of time, and with regard to

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to the Gun Carriages, a proper person shall be sent by the earliest opportunity to examine and report the State of those wanting Repair.—

Works.

It appearing on Examination that the Repair of the Barracks of Chindatrapettah are absolutely necessary to the Preservation of the Building We beg leave to recommend them accordingly, as well as the Repair of the Roof of the Hospital at Poonamallee, which likewise appears to be equally requisite.—

Stores

With respect to your Commands respecting the new System of providing Military Stores, We take the liberty to remark that notwithstanding the most active Exertions on our part, We find it impracticable to prepare the Contracts and carry them into Execution by the 31st of the present Month, and as the Service may consequently suffer very Materially from the Delay, in case the acting Military Storekeeper ceases to furnish Stores at the above period,

We

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We presume to recommend that he be authorized to remain in his present Office until further Orders, directing him at the same time to continue to make advances, so as to obtain the Necessary Supplies until the End of the Ensuing Month of February.

Adverting to the Enormous and Constant Expense, to which the Company are subjected on Every movement of the Army, which renders temporary Repairs to Tents absolutely Necessary from want of Gunny bags to protect them from Jungles on the March, We propose that such Gunnies as well effectually secure them from damage, be in future issued with the private and Sepoy Tents from this Arsenal and that they be of the same muster with those at present in use for the Fly of an Officer's Marquee, - but as the Camp Colourmen and Bullock people are too apt to throw them aside, in order to lighten the load of their Bullocks, We beg leave to recommend that the Quarter Masters of the European

Corps

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Corps and Quarter Master Serjeants of Sepoy Corps be considered as responsible for them and directed to insert them in their returns of Camp Equipage to the Quarter Master General -

Finding on Examination that 5768 Live Suges are totally unserviceable from age, We have directed them to be written off the Company's Books -

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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(Signed) J Capper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

Minute thereon. Resolved that the opinions and Recommendations contained in the foregoing Letter be approved and confirmed -

Do. agreed that a Letter be written to Major General Medows respecting the applications of the Captains of Guides - the Officer Commanding the Corps of Pioneers - and the Officers of the Centre Army -

Do. agreed that Mr Lind be directed to remain in charge of providing Stores until the

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the End of February and that the Military Board be desired to hasten the Business & entrusted to them and send in the Form of an advertisement for each Contract as soon as it is proposed without waiting to transmit & them altogether.—

Read the following Letter & from his Highness the Nabob (entered also & in C.C. No 15.)

Translation

From the Nabob Waulaujaw to Sir C. Oakeley Bart.

Dated 4th Jemaudelowell 1205 Hegery
or
10th January 1791.

Received 11th January 1791.

From the Nabob requesting that & some Deductions may be made in the estimated value of his Family Jaghires enclosing Lists of the Lands he wishes to be appropriated to his Management and of the Persons appointed to & examine the Company's Accounts of Revenue Collections

I have received your Letter of the 4th Instant I and my family feel a particular Satisfaction in the assurance you give me of your firm and sincere Intentions of & meeting my wishes, agreeable to the existing Treaty that subsists between me and the English Nation, on the Subject of the & Jaghires. Relying therefore upon those assurances and in full confidence of the

Sincerity

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Sincerity of your Intentions, I have to request you will deduct from the Amount of the Jaghire of my family the produce of the Jaghire of Aresore Venumbaukem estimated at the Sum of 300 Pagodas and the Jaghire of Shunkrapoor &c. estimated at the Sum of 20,000 Pagodas (they being the Jaghires of my Servants, as does other Jagheredar at present enjoy their respective Jaghire) and then the difficulty you allude to relative to the revenues of the Jaghires of my family as far as they have connections with the Sum Stipulated by the Treaty will be obviated — I am fully sensible that the amount setforth in the Treaty does not exceed the Sum of 2,13,421. and the request I now make is strictly conformable to that Treaty for the Sum of 300 Pagodas and the Sum of 20000 Pagodas is the Amount of Jaghires belonging to my Servants and I believe you will not find they are mentioned in any part of the Treaty, — surely then it would be in opposition both to the Sperit of the Treaty that the Amount of their Jaghires should be

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be deducted from the Sum of 213,421 stipulated & expressly and solely as a provesion for my Wives and Children From this explanation I am led to hope you will see the propriety and Justice of the deductions I have suggested and be pleased to regulate the list you have furnished me with accordingly, and which will then stand thus.-

Aleabad Temmappa Gud	} Seyful Mulk	6000
Calva Walapandul	} Calva Mahl	8500
Kylausguddy	Vellore Mahl	5000
Chettore &c.		41,000 Pulleput Pag.
		60,500

And here I must observe that although the Jaghire of Chettore &c. is estimated at 41000 Pag. yet the actual produce does not exceed the Sum of 28,750 as the 41,000 Pagodas is not Star but Pulleput Pagodas which are 30 ℘ Cent under Star Pagodas according to the course of exchange so that the Jaghires of Chettore as above stated are charged with the

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the Sum of 10300 Pagodas beyond their real revenue, give me leave therefore and upon a principal of common Justice to request you will be pleased to order that sum to be deducted from the Gross Amount of 60,500 Pagodas and there will then remain the Sum of 48200 Pagodas which again deducted from the Sum of 213421 leaves the Sum of 165221 Pagodas to be provided for by the appropriation of such a Number of Districts as may Amount to that Sum agreable to the plan you have communicated to me, and in conformity to which I have the pleasure to enclose you a Schedule of the Districts I most wish should be appropriated for the purpose, and am persuaded it will meet your approbation and consequently request that you will be pleased to send me such Orders for the delivery thereof, dating from 1200 Fusley being the present year. —

I have only to add an illustration of the Account of the Jaghires which accompanied a former letter of mine and in which you conceive there must have been some mistake that although the districts

composing

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composing them might not immediately appear to be Jaghires yet they undoubtedly were so and them having been farmed whilst under my direction to people of my own appointment cannot amount to the shadow of proof to the Contrary when it is considered that all Lands of every description must be farmed in order that the Revenues may be collected and the mode of collecting the Revenues of Jaghires is exactly the same as that observed in the Collection of what is called the Kalsa Lands.

Although my Intentions of respecting the Jaghires of my Servants being such as I have above stated, yet if you include the amount of these my Servants Jaghire with those of my Families, I must then leave it to your pleasure, but in case you do include, I will be then obligated to divide it amongst my Wives and Children.

You write me that you shall give Orders that the revenue Accounts may be opened to such persons as I may be pleased to appoint, to inspect into them

also

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also you shall give me every other Satisfaction I may require, accordingly I send you accompanying these a List of the Names of such persons as I have appointed to examine the Accounts of the County and you will be pleased to issue Orders to your Managers to cause the Inhabitants and Conceopolies to furnish my people agreable to the custom of the Countries with the Accounts, also to admit my people into the Cutcherry there to examine the Accounts of the Collection and disbursement. These orders you will please to send to me that the Persons as appointed may be sent off. —

In respect to the mode of the payment of the one fifth of the revenue you will be pleased to act as you have signified in your letter. —

What can I say more.

A true translation

Signed Joseph Garrow

Dr. Fr.

List

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List of the Jaghires of the Nabob's Family

Ally abad and Temmappa Gud	6000.	
Calva and Walla pundal	8500.	
Kyeloss Gud	5000.	
Chettoor including the Peishcush Chendry Ghery and Talumbed 41000 Palliput Pagodas @ 70 Star Pagodas pr Cent making Star Pagodas	28700.	48,200
Jaghire of Tea Gud and Moonnoor	5014.	
Ditto of Wandewash & Veeranum	3300.	
Ditto of Mahemanda Gud & Mercanum	3000.	
Ditto of Saut Gud	16000.	
Pergana of Polour	8500.	
Taleas of Covery pauck & Condapoor	3000	
Do. of Chukra Malloor Damerpauck Vellapauck Mecherry Mandalum Veepoor &c.	10,407.	
Pergana of Cauder abad otherwise called Moosrawauck	6000.	
The City of Mahoelled Poor otherwise called Arcot and Waulaujah Nagar	700	
Jaghire of Temery	2800.	
Pergana of Choalangawaram	6000.	
Talca of Gajula mandiem	1700.	
Do. of Salleaved &c. including Pullicat the Village Soonambul & the Cavaley &c.	9800.	
Do. of Sarvapally	30000.	
Jhire of Rampoor	4000.	

Carried Over Pag. 110221. 48200

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Brought Over Pag.s	110221.	48203
Talcas of Anda Nellore Elpoor &c.a including Waulaujah abad Condampet Coss Curchy Calla Enangoor Verahaloor &c.a	15,000.	
Ditto of Torioor	40000.	165221
Star Pag.s		213421.

List of Persons appointed by his Highness to inspect into the Accounts of the Country as follows.

Hussaum ul Mulk Bahauder	for Trichinopoly
Nasseer ul Mulk Bahauder	for Madura
Mahomed Jaffer Cawn	for Tennevelly
Thaky ally Cawn	for Ramnaud poorom
Aumenudeen Cawn	for Shevagunga & Mellore Naud
Hamed ally Cawn	for Alianoor
Keysevee Sing	for Odearpallom
Mahomed Asslum Cawn	for Chelumbrum Manargoody and Yelvanasore &c.a
Sooraju Mul	for Irenamul &c.a
Nezamudeen Amed Cawn	for Vellore &c.a
Meerfasell Cawn	for Nellore
Nooradeen Mahomed Cawn	for Ongole
Meer Baker	for Paulnaud

Resolved

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Resolved that the Board of assessed Revenue be informed that the Subject of Jaghires has been reconsidered, and that it has been determined to appropriate such a Number of Districts contiguous to each other, as with the acknowledged Jaghires shall amount to the Sum specified in the Treaty, allowing his Highness to manage and receive the Revenue in such manner as he may think proper.—

Minute thereon.

Resolved also, that a Copy of the acting Presidents Letter to the Nabob on this Subject, and of his Highness's Reply be sent to the Board of assessed Revenue, and that they be desired to examine and report upon the List transmitted by the Nabob, stating whether there be any and what cause of objection either in respect to the Situation of the Lands applied for, or to their estimated Value.—

do.

The Board are apprehensive that many Difficulties will occur before the above measure can be adjusted. His Highness's Claims both with respect to the Situation and Value of the Lands required, being such as they fear cannot

do.

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cannot be admitted. They have also reason to think that his professing any Lands, while the Company's management continue will occasion a pernicious Interference in the Business of their Collections.—

Read the following Letters from Captain Hearsay and Lieutenant Barrett.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From Capt. Hearsay reporting the great attention which was paid by the Commander of the Manike to the native troops during the Passage from Bengal.—

I am favored with the Commands of the Board, and have the pleasure to inform them, that Captain Pennells kind attention to the Troops in every sense was so conspicuous that the Native officers, and Sepoys, requested of me to inform the Right Honorable Governor General of their warmest acknowledgments for the same, and in justice to Captain Pennells Merits I must add that no man could possible have the interest of the Honorable East India Company more at heart then he evinced.—

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) A. W. Hearsey Captain
Commanding the Second
Devision Bengal Volunteers

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

From Lieutenant Burnett stating that every possible attention was paid by the Commander and officers of the Warren Hastings to the native troops during their Passage from Bengal

In answer to your Letter of yesterday I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of the Board that the Detachment under my Command on Board the Warren Hastings, was rather Crouded, and in consequence the Men upon the Quarter Deck and the Poop were at times unavoidably obliged to move to give room for working the Ship, but the greatest attention was shewn to the People by Captain Lackens and the Gentlemen under his Command, which I believe they are perfectly Sensible of.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir.

your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed J. Burnett Lt.

Comg the 4th Division

of Lepoy Volunteers

Camp at Long Tank
January 13th 1791.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters.

Resolved that the above be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors in

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in the Letter from the Military Department by the Rodney.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.—

To the Honble Major General William Medows President Governor &c. in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you of my arrival on the Yarmouth Captain Bruce from Macao, having been obliged to proceed to that Place, after sailing in the object of recovering my Health at Prince of Wales's Island, and it gives me real Concern to add that I am still unable to return to the Duties of my Station owing to the same cause which compelled me to quit it.—

I have the honor to remain with great respect.—

&c. &c.

Signed/ W Sydenham

Lt Col. Arty

From Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham advising of his return from China his ill State of Health will not yet admit of his returning to the Duties of his Station.—

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Minute thereon

The Board are much concerned to find that the Service is likely to be deprived for some time longer of so valuable an officer as Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.—

Lt. George Balmain

" Chas. Oakeley

" J. Huddleston

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB Nos 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106.

From Major John Short

From Major John Short offers to give up his Half Batta Chitts in Lequidation of the Amount due to Sirjeant Brockee.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with invoice of Rum Shipped on the Henry Captain Wheatley for the Supply of this Presidency.—

From Do

From Do with Bill of Lading of the Rum abovementioned.—

From Do

From Do with bill of Lading of Six Hundred Bags of Rice shipped on board the Henry Captain Wheatley.—

From the Secretary at Bombay

From the Secretary at Bombay with a Letter for the Governor General.—

From Lieut. McKerras at Tiagar—

From Lieut McKerras stating that Kistnamah Rauze has voluntarely undertaken the defence of Trenomallie on which place it is reported that the Enemy have made an attack — requesting to Know who is to draw the Pay for his Party enclosing a Bill for Intelligence amounting to twenty six Pagodas.—

From

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From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam - enclosing his Bond executed agreeably to the orders of Government - will loose no time in nominating a responsible person as his collateral Security -

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam

From Colonel Brathwaite - the six companies of the 2d Batn of European Infantry marched from Ellore on the 7th Instant - reports them to be in very high order in every Respect - enclosing the Proceedings of an invaliding Committee held in the Northern Division and requesting Instructions respecting the Sick remaining at Ellore -

From the Officer commanding in the Northern Division

From Lieut Colonel Collins - advising of his having marched from Ellore on the 7th Instant with the 2d Battalion of European Infantry -

From Lieut Colonel Collins

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB Nos 107. 108. 109. 110. 111

To the Adjutant General -

To the Adjutant General enclosing the Proceedings of the invaliding Committee held in the Northern Division - and an Extract of Colonel Brathwaite's Letter of the subject -

To the Commandant at Pennacoil

To the Commandant at Pennacoil advising of the Receipt of his Letter of the 9th Instant directing him to permit the Hircarrah from the Enemy Camp to returne, without bestowing any Reward upon

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upon him.

To the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions - acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter of the 11th Instant approving the disposal of the old Grain at Tanjore as recommended by the Storekeeper - an Estimate required of the Expence that will attend the proposed alterations to the Granaries at that place - directing him always to furnish Estimates of the Repairs he may recommend - the Storekeeper at Tanjore to be instructed to sell off by retail the Rice kept out for the Army.-

To the Nizams Agent

To the Nizams Agent informing him that the necessary Instructions have been given to the Military Board for furnishing the arms he has applied for -

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - approving the Opinions and Recommendations contained in their Letter of the 28th ultimo - the Expence for the repairing the Barracks at Chundatrapettah and the Roof of the Hospital at Poonamalee not to exceed the Estimates transmitted by them.-

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Sent the following Letters.

To Mr Francis Lind

To Mr F. Lind - to advance cash for the purchase of Military Stores until the end of the Month of February -

Sir

You have been already informed that your

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16th you are to furnish Military Stores until further orders

The Board now desire you will continue to make advances of Cash so as to obtain the necessary Supply until the End of the Month of February,

I am
&c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secry

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor &c &c

Honble Sir,

Our Secretary have laid before us the Letter addressed to him by Lieut Colonel Harris under date the 17th and 22d ultimo and 2d Instant and we shall now have the Honor of giving our opinion upon the Subjects referred to us. —

Upon the Application from the Captains of Guides we have to observe that as they receive the Pay of Captains with the allowances of Surveyors when employed on Service, we do not think they are intitled to the Subsistance of their Army Rank —

In answer to the Memorial from the Officers of the Center Army, we can only refer to the 5 Article of the Orders respecting Batta and General Allowances which intitle them to four days Batta

To Major General Medows stating the Boards opinion on the applications from the Captains of Guides the Officers of the Center Army — Lieut Dowses of the Corps of Pioneers — those from Major General Musgrave & Lieut Mazebet have been referred to the Commander in chief — field Allowances to the Garrisons of Carroor & Dindygull struck off.

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Batta — Any Allowance therefore exceeding this, we think cannot be admitted — As none of the Officers Commanding the Native Corps are allowed Horse Allowance, we cannot, unless it be your wish, make an Exception in favor of Lieut Dowse.

We have referred to the Decision of Earl Cornwallis, the Applications of Major General Musgrave and Lieut Colonel Maxwell, and as soon as we are furnished with his Lordship's Opinion, we shall do ourselves the Honor of addressing you on the Subject. —

Agreeably to the Recommendation contained in your Secretary's Letter of the 2d Instant, we have issued Orders for the Discontinuance of Field Allowances from the 1st Instant to the Garrisons of Carvor Dindigul and Coimbatore —

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We have the Honor to be,
with great Esteem — —
&c &c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council —

To George Andrew Ram
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqres
Collectors at Tanjore

To the Collectors at Tanjore allowances to be paid Monthly to the Revd Mr Swartz —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to inform you that the following Monthly Allowances are to be paid by

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by you to the Reverend Mr Swartz, and brought to account under the Head of "Charges Extraordinary"

	P	F	C
Salary of 100 £ p Annum to the Reverend Mr Swartz p Month	20	30	"
Lately granted to do	20	30	"
Palanquin Allowance	20	"	"
Half Batta	24	33	48
Allowance to Mr Kolhoff	10	"	"
Allowance to Mr Blackburne	20	"	"
Do to Tremeelrow	20	"	"
Do to the Persian Translator	5	"	"
Pagodas p Month	141	9	48

Besides the above one hundred (100) Pounds p Annum for provincial Schools allowed by the Hon'ble Company and to be paid half Yearly to the Reverend Mr Swartz —

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I am
&c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secry

To John Hudleston Esqre

President &c Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue advising of the Resolution of Government to deliver over to the Nabob's Management such a number of districts as shall amount to the sum specified in the Treaty — the Nabobs servants to be permitted to inspect the Revenue accounts of the Company's Management —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that, at the Requision of his Highness the Nabob they

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they have reconsidered the Subject of Jaghires which by the Treaty were to have been allowed for the Maintenance and Support of his Highness's Family and in order to remove any Source of Trouble and Uneasiness from his Mind, they have resolved to appropriate such a Number of Districts contiguous to each other, as (with the acknowledged Jaghires) shall amount to the Sum specified in the Treaty and that his Highness shall be allowed to manage and receive the Revenue in such Manner as he may think proper —

I inclose for your Information Copy of a Letter to the Nabob on the above Subject and of his Highness's Reply — with these Documents before you, the Board desire you will examine and report upon the Accompanying List stating whether there be any and what Cause of Objection either in respect to the situation of the Lands applied for, or to their estimated Value —

I am further directed to desire that the persons appointed by the Nabob for the Inspection of all Revenue Accounts of the Companys Management in the Carnatic, may have free Access to the Cutcherry and permission to examine such Accounts as they may call for —

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I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) W. C. Jackson Secry

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To the Right Hon'ble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis expressing the satisfaction of the Board at the communication made to them of his intended Plan of operations.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Letter under date the 10th Instant, with the Papers to which it refers.

We feel ourselves sensibly obliged by the Communication which your Lordship has been pleased to make regarding the Plan of operations for the ensuing Campaign. And We beg leave to assure your Lordship that you will find us most heartily disposed to give every Assistance in our power in the Execution of such Measures as you may think it necessary to adopt for the General Conduct of the War, in the Issue of which we entertain strong Hopes of Success from the Arrangements proposed by your Lordship.

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We have the Honor to be with great Respect
&c &c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council
Recd.

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Received the following Letters

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council

From the Comptroller General of Army — Accounts reports the Balance due to Mr Lind Military Storekeeper

Honble Sir,

Comformably to your Command, I am to acquaint your Hon'ble Board, that after a minute Examination of the Account Current delivered in by Mr Lind Military Storekeeper, I find the different Sums stated in it extremely correct and the Balance due to him to the 31st of May last is Pag.s 29,373. 24. 11.

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I am with great Respect
&c &c
(signed) J. Capper
C.G. &c

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Fort St. George

Petition of the Bullock Maestries with Col. Baillie's Detachment requesting that the amount due to them for the hire of Bullocks with that Detachment may be discharged

The humble Petition of Ragapah, Ramalingam and Veerabadra the principal Guntoor Bullock Owners on behalf of themselves, & the other Owners who had contracted with the late Hon'ble George Cadagan Paymaster of the army under Col. Baillie till the Defeat of that Detachment near Canjeveram upon the 10 Sept. 1780.

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That your Petitioners supplied Colonel Baillies Detachment with Bullocks that at the time it was defeated near Parumpauk the Paymaster was in Arrears to them two Months and ten days for the hire of their Bullocks that the Balance due to all other People employed by Government with the same Detachment was paid after the defeat of the Detachment but by reason of the severe wounds which some of your Petitioners received on that day / of which they still bear the marks / and most of them were taken Prisoners, and detained in Hyders Country until they were released when Peace was concluded thro' the Deputation of Mr Sadlier &c. and all the Prisoners set at Liberty. — Your Pets were prevented from an earlier application for payment of their Claims, or participating with the other People employed with that Detachment. —

Your Pets on their return in the year 1785 presented Petitions at different time to Government who gave them assurance that the amount of their Claim should be paid when the publick Treasury was in a Situation to admit of it, with which promise your Pets remained silent for a long time and did address one on the 4th and another on the 14 of May 1790

accomp.

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accompanied by Copies of their Vouchers and Certificates which they produced in support of their Claims to which they beg leave again to refer, Copies thereof being annexed hereto and to express their hope that upon reference being had of the Books of the agent for Victualling the Army and that of the Military Paymaster it will appear they were not paid and that your Honor in Council would think it reasonable that your Petrs demand should be paid off whenever the State of the Company's Treasury will admit of it and that in the meantime your Honor in Council will be pleased to grant Bonds bearing Date the 10th day of Septr 1780. (being the day on which the said Detachment was defeated) for the amount of their Claims whereby they will be relieved from the Embarassment under which they have labored for series of Years.—

As all your Petrs Bullocks employed in the Company's Service at the same time of the said Defeat were taken away by the Enemy, they humbly conceive that they are entitled to receive amount Price thereof, or some equivalent given to them, but however they submit the same to the superior Judgment of this Honble Board and shall chearfully abide by their Decision.—

It is with the strongest confidence in the Equity

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Equity, and Justice of the Hon'ble Company your Pet'rs have served them in the Field by exposing their Lives and their Bullocks to dangers &c and after they are reduced to such a Situation which is may even beyond description, or conception, if the Payment of their hire was to be withheld from them, with whom they could expostulate —

Lastly your Pet'rs most humbly beg and hope that this Hon'ble Board will be pleased to render the relief herein prayed, and thereby prevent them and their Family's perished away for want of common Necessaries of life — Your Pet'rs as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

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To whom it may Concern

Having serv'd to the Northward in Bazrall Jungs Army for a Considerable time as Captain Commanding the Artillery and having a company'd the said Army in that Rank when it marched under the Command of Col. Bailie in 1780 until it was defeated by Hyderally the tenth day of September I do declare that to the best of my knowledge and recollection no pay was issued for any Draft or Carriage — Bullocks belonging to the said Army for the month of

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of July, August, and September in consequence of a Scarcity of Cash in the money Chest.—

(Signed) Arthur Jones late Captain and Commanding Officer of Artillery in Colonel Baillies Detachment

To Whom it may Concern

This is to certify that Ragopah was employed as Head Bullock Owner to the Draft and Carriage Bullocks for Government under the Orders and charge of the Honble Mr Sadagan Paymaster, who lost his Head by our own Cannon (in the Engagement) at Perambocam on the 6th of September 1780) between Lieut Colonel Baillies and Tippoo Sultaun, and I further certify that the Hospital Charges, as well as Subsistance Money for August and to the 10th of September was not paid to me, or my Colleague Mr Campbell, until my Return to Madras, for want of Cash, which will (in a great Degree) prove the Claim to be just which the Bullock owner Ragopah has presented.—

(Signed) A Baine Surgeon to Lt Colo Baillies Detachment

February 10th 1788.

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Return of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks as Employed by Colle Bailies Detachment with Buzalzing Army for the Month of July August and to the 10th of September 1790.

	Draught Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks	Bullocks for Carts	Bullocks Buckaly
Commissary of Stores	278.	522.	72.	1
Artillery Quarter Master	"	32.	"	7
European Infantry	"	35.	"	7
1 Battalion of Sepoys Native Infantry	"	68	"	"
2 Circar Battalion of Sepoys do	"	68	"	"
7 ditto ditto do	"	46.	"	"
11 do do do	"	68.	"	"
Colonel Bailies Tent and Baggage	"	20.	"	1
Brigade Major do	"	4.	"	"
Quarter Master do	"	20.	"	1
Paymaster do	"	20	"	1
Surgeon do &c	"	20.	"	2
Mr Forster	"	3.	"	"
Carrying Provisions for Troops	"	145	"	"
Spare Bullocks		25.	"	"
Total	278	1096.	72.	20.

The above return to the best of my recollection is true and just

(Signed) Arther Jones
Late Capt. Artillery

To

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To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Mr James Taylor requesting to be furnished with an Extract of the General Letter to England on the Subject of his last address

Should you in consequence of my request have come to the resolution of transmitting my address of the 17th Ultimo to the Hon'ble Court of Directors I take the liberty of requesting you will indulge me with a Copy of such part of your General Letter as relates thereto. —

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I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

&c &c

(signed) James Taylor

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB Nos 112. 113. 114. 115. —

From the Paymaster at Chingleput

From the Paymaster at Chingleput requesting to know if he is to pay Batta to 38 Men who were detached from that Garrison from 11 o'clock in the Morning till Six in the wening of the 11th Instant

From the Collectors at Tanjore

From the Collectors at Tanjore acknowledging the Receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of 31st Ultimo with its Enclosures — the Rajah intends sending his Serkeel Shevarow to the Presidency — without Delay. —

From

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From the Commander of the Swallow Packet stating that he has received orders from the Governor General to take in water on board his Ship for the Relief of Vessels on their Passage from Bengal and to cruize eight days to the Northward in quest of them

From the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue with Translate of a Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee on the subject of storing Grain at Arnee.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

John Hudleston Esqr

The Honble Major General Medows

Absent upon Service

Tuesday 18th January 1791

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The Acting President informs the Board that the Governor General does not think it advisable for the six Companies of the 2d Battalion European Infantry to march further than Angole at present.—

Agreed

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the Six Companies of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry to be ordered to halt at Ongole

Agreed in consequence that Colonel Collins be directed by Express to halt at Ongole and remain there till further Orders

Read the following Letter & Enclosure from Captain Kennaway

W. C. Jackson Esqre.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

[illegible] Capt. Kennaway [illegible] on the Military [illegible] Estimate of the [illegible] of the Ellore [illegible] for one Month [illegible] a Letter from Major [illegible] Montgomery respecting the [illegible] of Momaty & [illegible] men & of half the [illegible] Bullocks the [illegible] in the Fort of [illegible] seem [illegible] distressed for Provisions. —

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Ultimo forwarding with other enclosures an estimate from the Military Board of the Expences of the Ellore Detachment for one Month in the perusal of which two remarks have occurred to me, 1st that in the Article of four hundred and seven Draft and Carriage Bullocks one Pagoda is charged for each Bullock above the rate of Mr Pay-Master Malcolms Estimates which Major Montgomery informed me had been made to correspond, agreeably to the rules of the Madras Service with the Contract price, 2d that the sum of a hundred and nineteen Pagodas which is stated as sufficient to defray the Carriage of Rice and Salt for the Detachment for thirty days estimating the fighting men

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men and followers at 2532 is considerably inadequate to that expence, as a short calculation will prove. I have mentioned these observations that the same may be taken notice of, if such they are, may be inserted in the Copy of the estimate proposed to be sent to Captain Read. altho in respect to Carriage of Grain I trust there will be no occasion for ever restoring again to that expensive way of subsisting the Troops in preference to the simple & cheaper mode of paying the Sepoys the difference between the Company's and the Camp rates, which by the latest accounts are at per. in money. I have the honor to enclose for the Boards information Copy of a letter I received yesterday from Major Montgomery which Request may be also submitted to the Governor General.—

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Signed John Kennaway

Paangul
4th January 1791.

John Kennaway Esqre
Resident at the Nizam's Court

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 22d and 23d Instant / the former covering

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covering an Order on Roy Anrop Ram for 34,000 Rupees and have directed the Paymaster to procure and transmit the papers you request—

It is with infinite surprize I observe your Letter of the 22d Instant to state in direct Terms "that at the time of Striking off the half "the Grain Bullocks I was in possession of the "Boards Resolution that the Sepoys should purchase "their own Grain" On this I must be allowed to say, not only that my Letter of the 16th (to which yours is an Answer) does not appear to me to bear such a construction, but that mine of the 2d Instant (15 days before I received the Detachment of the Board) must have entirely escaped your Memory as in that Letter I apprized you of my having ordered such a Reduction, and of my wish to concur in any measure of Oeconomy consistent with the good of the Service

On receiving the Resolutions of the Board I issued another order Copy of which I enclose— My Reasons for not immediately discharging the remaining Bullocks were that there then remained ten day's Rice in Store which in the Event of Moving Ground must have been carried and that as the Bullocks were hired by and must be paid for the Month, no additional Expence would

accrue

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accrue from keeping them until the end of it —

I must request that if your Correspondence with the Board of Revenue has been influenced by the same mistake, you will do me the justice to rectify it as soon as possible as it would be very unpleasant to me to have my Conduct in this matter misconceived by them —

The mode you propose as to the Grain shall have every support from me, and I shall always be ready with my Endeavours to give effect to any plan of Oeconomy you may suggest, were did it not perfectly coincide with my own Sentiments —

I have sent Orders to discharge the Persons employed in different Places in procuring me Secret Intelligence, but as they will expect pay until the end of the Month I shall continue drawing the Allowances as at present until that time, and no longer — I beg leave to add that / although I shall be equally assiduous in regard to the Oeconomy of the Detachment whether the Board on reconsideration allow of the Charge of Table Money, or not / I am anxious to have my Allowances settled at a fixed Sum either such as may enable me to support the Expence and appearances necessary in the Ideas of the People I am with or may be my Guide in reducing them

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them within such Bounds as may no longer injure my private Circumstances It is not so much the Quantity of the Allowance which is my object as the having it (however small) fixed so as to free me from any further correspondence on the Subject & from the anxiety of mind occasioned by it.

As to my recommendation of a Pioneer Corps I am free to confess that it originated not in motives of Economy, but in the great Expedeency of the measure itself always adopted on these Services allowed to Captain Littles Detachment and more particularly necessary here where we are required and expected to perform very duty of this nature. You must be sensible, Sir, how much better it would be to have a Party of experienced men ready on such Emergences (called for as they are daily) than either to take people at a Venture from the details of Corps or to lose in the Selection of proper persons nearly as much time as would have sufficed for the Execution of the Work for which they were required. I must report that such a party are allowed in Captain Littles Detachment and an Officer attached to them - this last however I should never have mentioned had my own Health still admitted of active Exertion. In that case

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I should myself have continued to superintend all these Services without requiring or expecting any allowance - but as I am now circumstanced in that point, and as the taking Officers by Roster for Duties of this — nature is inexpedient for Reasons obvious to every Military man, I judged it expedient to recommend the appointing an Officer Specially to this duty who would there make it more particularly his study and be prompted to exert himself in the discharge of it. - this however is submitted only as my own Idea to the Decision of my Superiors. —

The Force here by the junction of Row Rumbah Joravar Jung Khader Khan and — other Chiefs is now considerably augmented, and the Troops lately arrived appear to be of a very superior Quality to those before under Mohabut Jungs Command —

The People in the Fort appear to be distressed for provisions as their Families have been coming out for these two or three days and not being suffered to pass Mohaubut Jungs advanced Posts remain in a very distressed state under the wall of the place - -

I have not yet heard of the heavy Guns having crossed the River which I anxiously

expect

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expect and shall then immediately apply to Mohaubut Jung to facilitate their Arrival here as soon as possible.—

The Hope of the Guns arriving here soon, has induced me to remain here until now, altho' my Health is still in so bad a state, that I have not been able to rise from my Back this four or five days as I now find however that fifteen or twenty days must elapse before their arrival I shall proceed to Paangul as soon as my Strength will permit.—

As an additional Proof that the Garrison must have nearly exhausted their Stock of Provisions they are now observed to have daily Recourse to their magazine in the upper Fort which is their last Resource.—

Camp befor Kopul
30th December 1790

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

A true Copy (signed) H. Montgomery
(signed) Wm Stewart Assist.

Extract from Detachment Orders by Major Hugh Montgomery Commanding

Dated Camp near Copoole 18th Decr 1790

In consequence of the orders of Government the Momaty and Comaty men of the Detachment

expecting Twelve to be immediately discharged.—

The ten days Rice now in the Company's Stores to be issued to the fighting men, Public and private Followers of the Detachment and after the Expiration of the present Month no more Rice is to be issued from the Company's Stores.—

The Bullocks hired for the Carriage of Rice to be then discharged also—

The Above is a true Extract from the Detachment Orderly Book—

(signed) David Blair
Brigade Major

a true Copy of the Extract
(signed) Wm. Stewart assist.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Board be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing Letter and directed to reply to the remarks of Captain Kennaway upon their Estimate of the Expences of the Ellore Detachment for one Month.—

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.—

To the Hon'ble Major General Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From the Board of Assumed Revenue with Copy of a Letter from the Rector at Tinnevelly [illegible] the [illegible] thorized [illegible]

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

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Claim made by the Dutch to the exclusive appropriation of the Pearl Fisheries of that Coast the Paymaster at Trichinopoly declines receiving Gold Fanams from the Collector —

of your several Orders under date 9th Instant and to inform you that they shall strictly be complied with. We have received from Mr Torin a Letter, which, as it involves a political question, we take the liberty of submitting to your consideration We are led to believe from farther information on this subject that the Dutch have a right to the monopoly which they claim. we therefore inclose a Statement of the Pearl fisheries and recommend that measures may be taken for bringing the matter to a decided and final issue.

We have been informed by a Letter from the Collector at Trichinopoly that he had made a tender of money in Gold fanams at the Exchange of the day to the Paymaster, who had thought proper to return them signifying that he could receive no money but in Pagodas This Objection is attended with much inconvenience because the general Payments of the Renters are in Trichinopoly fanams We therefore recommend that Mr Garrow should be directed to receive the gold fanams at the Current Exchange It may be remarked that Mr Falk during the late Assignment made no Objection to the receipt of fanams —

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14th January 1791

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
signed J. Hudleston
" Edwd Saunders
" Mr Tuder
" David Haliburton
" Hugh Maxwell
" Geo. Moubray

To John Hudleston Esqre
President & Members of the Committee
of Assumed Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 27th Ultimo enclosing a Minute from Mr Maxwell relative to the Trade of the Tinnevally Province, and the power exercised by the Dutch upon the boast.

I have taken much pains to inform myself upon this Subject, and wish I could speak with more certainty to appoint, that concerns the Interest of the Company in a Material degree tho' of no less importance to the Dutch - the total neglect of the Nabobs administration to all Commercial Advantages and for such a length of time has greatly perplexed my inquiries and equally

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equally assisted the Dutch in throwing a Veil over their privileges, which custom has almost confirmed into right - however contradictory it may appear to their relative situation with the Nabob of the Carnatic -

I must first subscribe to every line of Mr Maxwells minute, as the information is I believe every way Correct, and when added to Mr Irvins Letter of the 28th April - leaves me little new matter to communicate -

As no opportunities have occurred to question the claim of the Dutch to the sovereignty of Seas I cannot learn that they have ever been interrupted in the exercise of this power, but it is usual to disallow their pretension to the exclusive privilege of the Manufacture, and for them to be treated with so little respect by the Nabobs Servants as to be actually reduced to the Walls of their fort, and dependent for fresh water & Provisions -

Frequent mention has however been made, and they place much reliance upon a grant they pretend to hold from the King of Madura during the Gentoo Government -

This document has never been produced to our knowledge, and there is little doubt but if it contained any Terms in which

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the smallest Privileges could be grounded without exposing other Conditions equally if not more against their Interest, that the hardships they have experienced would have brought it forward in forming the late Treaty with his Highness — and it is yet in the memory of the Oldest — Inhabitants, that the Dutch were accustomed to pay an Annual Tribute to the Circar, in money, Elephants, horses Spices & various productions of their possessions in Ceylon This Tribute — originally paid by their predecessors the — Portuguese, implies a suffrage or Grant on the part of the Circar, but if to the extent of their present assumption or barely to admit the Port of Tuticorim on the Coast, is a question that can only be ascertained by the instrument — itself —

With respect to their Treaty with the Nabob I have heard, it never has been finally — concluded, and from good Authority I learn it is not supposed to exist — most certainly it has not been observed by either party, and consequently can be little or no restraint to Government in any shape, more particularly as the Sanction given by Sir Archibald Campbell. I have heard only

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only extended to the Pearl and Chank fisheries and the other Articles concerning the Manufactures were altogether a work of Supererogation a sacrifice of the real interest of the Nabob, for which there appears no excuse but a total want of knowledge of the Subject.—

The Board will be led to suspect that the dutch only make a shew of these fisheries to secure more important objects, the Commerce, the Customs and the usurped Government of the Paravars who are Tributary to this hour to the Nabob, and that they lately had art enough to make a merit of yielding to the Nabob a part of the fisheries upon his own Coast, to appropriate to themselves a Monopoly of his Manufactures. The papers I have lately had the honor to transmit relative to the Pearl Fishery will strengthen this Opinion and the result — whenever the fishery shall be made I believe I may venture to say will be found to confirm it—

— Besides the Collection of the Customs along the Coast upon all boats, and the property of others, the Dutch derive great benefit on the Coast of Tinnevelly by importing and exporting their Goods free of all Tax whatever — This remark would not be material but, that it challenges their

their Privileges when contrasted with the terms of their settlement at Kilkerry on the Coast of the Ramnad Rajah, who more attentive to his own affairs than the Nabob, compells them to this time to pay their Annual Tribute, and exacts a Custom for all their Exports and Imports.—

This is a strong presumption that many of their Privileges originate in the neglect of the Nabob or the Venality of his managers, and that they will not be found in the grant before mentioned.—

Should the Dutch fail to establish these priviledges and be reduced to a participation at least of the Commerce of the Southern Districts leaving to the Nabob the undisturbed Sovereignty of his Subjects upon the Coast it is to be feared their advantages would no longer answer the expence and maintenance of their factories, and that to destroy the Monopoly they in a great degree at present possess would be little short of driving them from their possessions on the Coast— The most essential of their benefits however would still be open to them their ships and Agents might frequent the Markets for Cloth in common with other Merchants of every denomination and the

Country

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Country derive all the advantages of a free and —
unlarged intercourse —

At present, what with the —
confined plans the Rajah of Travancore has found
means to establish on one side and the Dutch on
the other together with the high Rate of Taxes, the
Nabobs Servants had fixed for the internal Traffick
of the Province the fluctuation of Trade is indeed in
a very languishing state. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) Benj" Torin
Collector of Tinnevelly

Tinnevelly
31st December 1790

A true extract

(Signed) J. Webbe Secry

The Settlement made with Gentoo Government
by the Portuguese for permission to build a Fort at
Tuticorin, and Batteries at Rennaod Jonagapatam
Alendaly, Manapaur, Cunniah, Comarin, and
a House at Alvar Tinnevelly for their Trade in the
Tinnevelly Country, and to be excused from paying
Customs for Importing and Exporting their Goods at
these places.

A Tribute of 12000 Colly Chuckrums
6 Elephants
6 Horses from Jafanapatam 120 Scolams

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120 Toolams of Eliphants Ivory
90 Candies of Betle Nut
120 Toolams of Cinnamon
120 Do of Cardimum
120 Pounds of Nutmeg
120 Do of Mace
120 Do of Cloves
24 Do of Cinnamon Oil
24 Pairs of Jares of Rose water
24 Do of different Colours of Silk
6 Bundles of Cloths of different Colours

These terms were maintained both by the Portuguese and their successors the Dutch untill the Year of 1704 previous to the time the Gentoo Government entirely Enjoyed the Fishery of Chank and Pearl and only allowed the Dutch to receive 6 Chuckrums from every divers Employed in the Pearl Fishery (in Amania) as an allowance to the Dutch for their protection by Sea

In the Year 1734 during the Government of one of the Gentoo Queen (called Mungamah) the Renter of Tinnavilly Called Alagapah Moodeliar went down to the Village of (Mellore) near Tutaorim Fort with all his Troops and demanded of the Dutch payment of the Balance of their Yearly Tribute &

invested

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invested their Fort, and cut off their supplies from the Country till they give him satisfaction — at this time the Dutch got the Rent of Chank Fishery for 20,000 Chuckrums Annually from Alagapah Moodeliar, these engagements were kept untel 1734 when the Gentoo Government was suppressed and the Dutch made themselves enterely Masters of the Sea &c. in the Coasts —

Tutecorin Pearl Fishery in Amania for 300 Boats ad 8 divers pr Boat for one Month

year 1735	Large Pearls from the bigness of a pepper valued Pagodas —	34,560	
	Small Do Colwoo, Tool Peasel	1088 7/16	
	Tribute upon large Pearl & Righthand Chank and fine &c.	1000	36,648 7/16
1736	Large Pearls	41,472	
	Small Do Colwoo &c.	1306 1/2	
	Tribute upon large Pearls &c.	700	43,478 1/2
1737	Large Pearl	34,560	
	Small Do Colwoo &c.	1088 7/16	
	Tribute upon large Pearls &c.	700	36348 7/16

In the Year of 1748 and 1749 the Parovers and the Merchants of Tutecorin has got the rent for Pearls Fishery from the Dutch, because the Circar has not taken any notice — there are 54 Pearl Banks at Tutecorin from Manapaur to good water Island — The

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The Settlement made with Gentoo Government by Portuguese or Dutch for Satisfying their Factory at Kula Cary to Trade in the Maravurs Country Custom Free

A Tribute of 45 Candies of Beetle Nut

1 Young Eliphant

1 Horse

And some other Articles which are not remembered now but some time ago when the Dutch fail in this engagement the Maravurs threatened to drive away the Dutch from the Factory of Kula Cary, and thus made them keep their engagement, and now we hear (instead of the Tribute) the Dutch pay custom in all of Import and Export — Eversince the Gentoo Government subsided the Dutch are receiving themselves the Chay roots, and produce of all the Islands opposite Tuticorin, but not in those opposite to the Coast of Maravur. —

Mannar Pearl Fishery in Amania for 800 Boats ad 8 divers pr Boat for one Month

Year 1728	Large Pearls from the bigness of a peper valued Pagodas —	84,338	Estimate
	Small Do Calevoo, Tool Peasel	2,635 7/8	
	Tribute upon large Pearls and right hand Chank and fine	6000	
			92,973 7/8

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1729	Large Pearls	Pag.s 66,240	
	Small Do and &c.a	2084 7/16	
	Tribute upon large Pearls &c.a	6000	74,324 7/16
1730	Large Pearls	57600	
	Small Do and &c.a	1811 1/4	
	Tribute upon large Pearl	5000	64,411 1/4
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	Small Do and &c.a	1451 1/4	
	Tribute upon large Pearls &c.a	3000	50531 1/4

Mannar Pearl Fishery given for rent

1745	To Calpity Moolue Chitty and Coracoil Maracoin Maracaun	Pagod as 12,000
1746	Yashpanom Sooeyamoorthy Pelly	100,000
1747	Do Do	125,000
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1749	the Dutch people of the Colombo	120,000
1750	Ditto Ditto	110,000
1764	Nulla Aboobucker Maracoin	100,000
1765	the Dutch people of the Colombo	90,000
1766	Do Do	90,000
1767	Moolu Chadiapah Moodr Dubash of Colombo	100,000

But since 1765 to 1767 only allowed to Nabob 5 Boats at 5 divers pr Boat for 30 days in the yearly Fishery — there are more than 100 Banks at Mannar

Annual advantage for the Dutch at Tutucorin

Exporting Custom Pags	9000
Importing Do	2000
Bundle Custom received from the Merchants	580
Fees given by the Boat Merchants for clearance or an order to sail, and that they may be not seized as far as Pamben	250
Different kind of Tribute collected from the Parovers both in private and public	2000
Difference or loss to the Circar (upon the Amount of Custom &c received from the Dutch annually between Coin and the Standard Coin of the Province	300
Pagodas	14130

A true Copy

(signed) J. Webbe Secry

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Extract of a letter from Mr Foren

Dated 3d January 1791

I had the honor to inform you on the 29th ultimo that the Dutch consented to fish the Pearl Banks for this season if it should be your pleasure so to do - tho' against their opinion from the expectations of a better fishery the following Year - I wrote you this in consequence of a Private letter from the Chief at Tuticorin not doubting but his publick letter would be to the same effect - But it is closd with this condition that the Tinnivelly Merchants shall pledge themselves to rent the fishery for 50,000 Chuckrums should no higher sum be bid for it -

I have in reply informed the Dutch Chief that these are restrictions - the Madras Government cannot submit to and that there appears an inconsistency in their stipulating for 50,000 Chuckrums for this Year, as they say to procure the Credit of the Fishery, when we know the only time it has been publicly fished within these 50 Years past it went for half the Money -

I cannot but remark that there seems to be an unwillingness on the part of the Dutch, to afford us any knowledge or experience

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of this subject, but we are not to regret the circumstance if the trifling profit of the Fishery is to secure to them any under previledge in the Trade of Tinnevelly. —

A true Extract

(Signed) J Webbe Secy

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Receipt of the Governor Generals Letter of the 21st Ultimo upon the Subject of the Nabob's Treaty with the Dutch be acknowledged and that his Lordship be informed that this Treaty includes an Object of far greater Importance than the Fisheries — Vizt the Staple Trade of Tinnevelly of which the Dutch claim the exclusive Appropriation, to the sacrifice of the real Interests of his Highness the Nabob in that Province. —

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Resolved that it be stated to his Lordship that the Nabob was bound by Sir Archibald Campbell's Treaty not to enter into any Political Negotiations with any state or Power without the Consent or Approbation of the President in Council of Fort St. George — That the Treaty with the Dutch was concluded since his Highness because so bound, and without the knowledge of this Government — and that the Nabob himself asserts "he refused to give Orders for the continuance "of the Dutch Trade in the Tinnevelly &c Provinces

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"in consequence of their having violated the ancient "Customs." — Resolved also that his Lordship be requested to favor the Board with his Opinion whether under these Considerations, the Treaty ought to be binding upon the Company's Governments.

Agreed that Lord Cornwallis be furnished with a Copy of the Minute delivered in by Mr Maxwell at the Board of Assumed Revenue and of the letter from Mr Torin on the foregoing Subject. —

Resolved, that the Paymaster at Trichinopoly be directed to recieve whatever Sums are tendered to him in the Coin of the District, and to issue the same to the Troops at the Current Exchange of the day by which, as he will generally have Occasion to issue the Money immediately, or very soon after he recieves it the Board suppose neither the Company nor the Troops can be Subjected to any Loss. —

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

Hospital Board
14th January 1791.

Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson inclosing one from the Commissary General

From the Hospital Board — remarks on the opinion of the Comptroller General respecting the granting a fixed allowance to assistant Surgeons on leave of the Charge for Bazar Medicine — Messrs Hodson Bond, Wynne & Payton — W. C. Lettsom. and

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and W. Le Mesurier arrived with the appointments of assistant surgeons - stationed at the General Hospital - Mr Morton now at Guntoor recommended to proceed to Ellore and to duty there till the Return of Mr Bowie - recommending that Mr Harris be promoted to the Rank of surgeon & appointed to the charge of the Sick &c Affairs in the Black Town, - that Mr Ramsay be appointed to succeed him as Medical Storekeeper at the General Hospital - that Mr Conolly continue to do the dispensary & Garrison duties - Mr Gahagan request permission to visit the Presidency

General to Government disapproving the proposition of giving a fixt Allowance to the Assistant Surgeons of Native Corps in lieu of a Contingent bill for Bazar Medicins - And pointing out other modes of supplying the Sick.

The Commissary General Apprehends that by adopting the plan in question a dangerous opposition of interest will arise between the Surgeon, and his patient, and says he considers Bazar Medicines in General to be a clear Gain in the pocket of the Surgeon. These are bold assertions and if established ought to carry great Weight but the Hospital Board hope there are no such Characters in the Service, who for the paltry consideration of five Pagodas would suffer their patients - perhaps to perish Every professional man (who alone can

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be the judge) must allow that the Articles classed under the head of Bazar Medicins cannot be dispensed with — We know of no remedy in a raging fever equal to Neutral Draughts repeatedly administered to assuage the intense thirst and carry off the disease. these cannot be made without fresh fruit and Sugar, and the expence for a Single patient will often amount to Rupee ⅌ day — Firewood for Tomentations and the preparation of Medicines — Rice for Congee water and poultices Bandage Cloth, and Lint, are Articles so immediately wanted and so obvious, that if they are deemed unnecessary the Services of the Surgeon must be equally so.

The intention of the Hospital Board in recommending a specific Allowance for the purchase of Bazar Medicines was

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was to do away Contingent Charges to obviate the invidious task of checking Accounts, and the mortifying reflection of the Surgeon of having his Bill scrutinised and curtailed - And they are still of opinion that if carried into execution an advantage would thereby accrue to Government - and all difficulties be remedied -

The Commissary General proposes that a Committee be appointed to examine into and direct the purchases of Bazar Medicines for each Native Corps - This mode will be very agreeable to the Surgeon, but instead of obviating the pretended evil it will evidently tend to encrease it - The Committee it is supposed will consist of the Commanding and two Subalterns, or the Committee of Stores in the Garrison to meet on the important business of the expediency of the

Surgeon

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Surgeon being furnished with Medicines to the Amount Monthly of 5 Pagodas or more if necessary. a field is here opened for the Surgeon to increase his indent perhaps to 15th or 20 Pagodas Monthly, and while sanctioned by a Committee there can be no objection to the Amount the Articles to be furnished by the paymaster on the Surgeons indent.

The Hospital Board have thought it incumbent on them to enter minutely into this Subject. Notwithstanding their desire of preserving the Surgeons as checks upon every expence in the Department. Yet as the Apothecary General has not agents at remote Stations, and no provision being made in the present regulations for supplying

Supplying those Articles to Native Corps no better mode has appeared practicable than that they have recommended to be adopted.

That the Purveyor of General Hospital should furnish those Articles under the head of Bazar Medicines out of the 5 fanams a day for Victualling each patient at 36 fanams ℔ Pagoda, which makes it exactly 6 fanams a day Calculating them at 42 fanams for a ℔ Pagoda, is a very proper and pertinent remark of the Commissary General, and has been on a former occasion pointed out by the Hospital Board, but the Purveyor General instead of furnishing them from the profits of the Victualling got a seperate allowance from Government for Congee water and Country Beer as difficulties may

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may arise by the Surgeon having a latitude in ordering those Articles when furnished by the Purveyor his indent should) unless upon very particular occasion when an epidemic rages) never exceed the rate of 25 Pagodas for every 100 Men in the Hospital the indents to be given in daily by the Storekeeper countersigned by the prescribing Surgeon.

A copy of these Observations will be transmitted to the Commissary and Comptroller General of army Accounts.

The Hospital Board have the Honor to acquaint Government with the Arrival of Messrs Hodson Bond, Wynne Peyton, William Coakley Lettsom, and William De Meurier, with the Appointments of Assistant Surgeons from the Honble Court of Directors and Recommend that they be stationed at the General Hospital at the Presidency for the present.

Approved

Read a letter from Mr Secretary Jackson, desiring that

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that a Surgeon be sent to the Garrison of Ellore to take charge of the Sick of the 2d Regiment left there without Medical Assistance.

Read a Letter from Mr Bunny Head Surgeon on the same subject and stating that in consequence of an application from Colonel Brathwaite he had directed Mr Bowie to proceed there until some other Arrangement would take place.

The Hospital Board Recommend that Mr Morton Assistant Surgeon who is at present in the Garrison be directed to proceed to Ellore immediately and attend the Sick of that Garrison 'till further Orders when that Mr Bowie may return to his Station.

Approved

From the great increase of Sick in the Black Town it becomes absolutely necessary that a Surgeon should be constantly stationed there and as Mr Kincaid who stands next

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Approved

appointed for that duty is employed at Ponamallee where his services cannot be dispensed with. The Hospital Board recommend that Mr Harris Senior Assistant Surgeon be promoted to the rank of Surgeon and Appoint to the charge of the Sick and wounded Officers in Black Town. That Mr Baillie Assistant Surgeon be appointed to succeed him as Medecal Storekeeper at the General Hospital — and that Mr Grindly Assistant Surgeon continue to do the duty of the Dispensary and Garrison.

Approved
Vide Letter to the Hospital Board the 19th January 1791

Mr Gahagan Head Assistant Surgeon Vellore having occasion to visit the Presidency for a few days on his private Business And having obtained the consent of his Commanding Officer, the Hospital Board hope Government will be pleased to grant him their permission.

Approved

the Service will not at present admit of any Surgeon leaving his Station — Mr Gahagan cannot therefore have Leave —

(Signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General
" H Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon
" William Dunlop
Head Surgeon

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The Secretary begs leave to inform the Board that the foregoing Proceedings of the Hospital Board were received by him on the 14th Instant and sent in circulation on the same day - That on the 16th in the Morning Mr Conolly the Secretary of the Hospital Board, requested in the Name of the Physician General that the Proceeding might be returned for a short time - That they were in consequence delivered to Mr Conolly under a Promise that no Alteration should take place - But upon their being redelivered to the Secretary he found that the Name of Mr Baillie (who had been recommended for the Appointment of Medical Storekeeper at the General Hospital) had been struck out and Mr Ramsay's substituted instead -

The Secretary reports to the Board that when he first received the foregoing Proceeding Mr Baillie stood recommended to succeed Mr Harris as Medical Storekeeper that upon the request of Mr Conolly returned the report for a few Minutes and on the Receipt of them again the Name of Mr Ramsay was substituted in the room of Mr Baillie.

Agreed to inform the Hospital Board that the Manner in which they have recommended Mr Ramsay to fill the Post of Medical Storekeeper is disapproved - that as Mr Baillie stood originally recommended for the Appointment it was improper to set him aside without assigning some Reason - and still more improper to alter their Report - after it had been submitted to the consideration of the Superior Board - For these Reasons it is resolved that their first Nomination of Mr Baillie

The Board in consequence of the above representation resolve that the Hospital Board first nomination of Mr Baillie to succeed Mr Harris as Medical Storekeeper be confirmed -

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to succeed Mr Harris as Musters Storekeeper be approved and confirmed.—

Read the following Letter from Mr Thomas Cockburn - Agent for the Bullock Contractors.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President &c Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir,

The very pressing demands upon me from all quarters oblige me to apply to you for pecuniary aid. I therefore request payment of the following Sums.

The Balance of the August Grand Army Bill Pags	11696. 11.48
The Balance of the September Center Army Bill	1309. 25.56
The Balance of the October Center Army Bill	3656. 37.48
and a Payment in part of the Grand and Center Armies joined for Nov and Decm last	50000. —
Star Pagodas	68,662. 32.72

The Exigency of the present Service requires the most strenuous exertions and I therefore hope you will be pleased to order two Thirds of the above Sums to be paid to me in Cash.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Thos Cockburn
for the Collectors.—

Madras
18th January 1791

from the Agent for the Bullock Contractors requesting payment of certain sums due to the Bullock Contractors for Bullocks employed with the Grand and Center Armies.—

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The acting President is requested to take such Measures as he may think necessary for the Liquidation of the Balance due to the Bullock Contractors —

Read the following Letter from Colonel De Fresne, Commandant of Pondicherry —

To Sir Oakeley Bart
Governor of Fort St. George
and Mr. Huddleston Councellor

Gentlemen,

I have received the Letter with which you honored me dated Fort St George 17th Instant I immediately made every necessary inquiry to discover the things which had been sold in the Territory dependent on Pondicherry by Tippoo Sultaun Troops It is true that the Inhabitants of our Villages have purchased from them some Jewels, and some copper Vessels but it appears to me that the quantity has been considerably exaggerated —

From Colonel De Fresne — will use his utmost endeavours to comply with the Board's request relative to the plundered goods which have been sold by Tippoo Sorties within the Districts dependant on Pondicherry. —

Three Detachments only of these Troops came within the bounds of Pondicherry consisting altogether of 168 Men, neither of which came into the City they were all three sent by Tippoo Sultaun to escort Persons who were intrusted with Letters from him the — Principal

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Principal Object of which was to strongly remonstrate — against a french Captain who freighted his Vessel at Culcutta to bring English Troops to this Coast It was therefore only when employed on duty that the Troops of these Detachment have sold in our Villages some effects collected in those of Nabob Mahomed Ale Kaun if in future there should be any Reclaims on this Account, be persuaded that they shall meet with every attention, Justice and humanity can dictate —

So far from having suffered any — encouragement here to the ravage and the other — excesses committed by Teppoo Sultaunes Lootiers, I have done every thing in my power to alwiate the hard=ships of the Inhabitants of those Territories which Surround ours —

I opened the entrances to Pondicherry and to our Villages for them and their Herds and have asked and have obtained for the Villages & District of Valdour surrounded in those of Villenore and Bahour the same Security as for those which belong to us I have established an Hospital in the Town of Pondicherry when at the Kings expence I have protected and taken Care since the Month of August last of all the wounded Inhabitants who presented themselves. —

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It is thus Gentlemen that my Conduct has been dictated (as it always will be) by humanity without ever being influenced by other Considerations such as the Prodigious increase in our Consumption of Grain occasioned by the Multitude of unfortunates to whom I have given an Asylum I have also been influenced by the exactness with which I have observed in the strictest Since the Neutrality during the present War, and by the desire of perpetuating as much as is in my power the good understanding which Subsists between our respective Nations.

Pondicherry
11th January 1791.

I have the Honor
&c &c
(signed) De Fresne

a true translation
(signed) T Chase French Transl.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President
Fort St George

From the Military Paymaster General with an indent of Cash required for the use of the Troops at Trichinopoly and the Southern Garrisons.

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter I have this day received from Mr Edward Garrow Paymaster of Trichinopoly with

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with an Abstract of Cash wanted to pay the Troops.—

Pay Office
Fort St. George
18th January 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Benjn. Roebuck
M: P: G:

Abstract of Cash Wanted to Pay the Troops at the Different Stations to 1st Instant.—

At the Garrison of Trichinopoly as per Ident transmitted to the Paymaster General	24000	"	"
At the Garrison of Carooze	13000	"	"
At Do of Tiagar	4500	"	"
At Do of Trenamully	3200	"	"
For the 5th Brigade near Trichinopoly	15300	"	"
Pagodas	60000	"	"

Trichinopoly
12th January 1791

(Signed) Edwd. Garrow
Paymr.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre.
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you the Above Abstract of Cash wanted to Clear the Arrears to the Troops to 1st Instant.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Edward Garrow Paymr.

Trichinopoly
12th January 1791

A true Copy
(signed) B. R.
M: P: G:

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Collectors at Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly be directed occasionally to Supply Money for the use of the Troops at Trichinopoly or any of the Southern Garrisons

Substance of two Letters from the Nabob

Read two Letters from His Highness the Nabob (as entered in CC No. 16th 17th) stating that Citaber Cawn has been appointed to receive from the Collector of Trichinopoly the Account of Receipts and Disbursements - and enclosing Letter to his Highness from Colonel De Fresne, in which he requests 2000 Parrahs of Chunam for the for the Purpose of building a New Church at Pondicherry.-

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Chunam be furnished upon Colonel De Fresne's paying for the same

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be informed that Citaber Cawn has been appointed

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appointed to inspect not to receive the Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements in the — District of Trichinopoly.

The Acting President informs the Board that he Governor General has — recommended the following Gentlemen to act during the War or until the Pleasure of the Company be known —

Mr Donald Mac Gregor
William Murray — } Acting Ensigns
Joseph Batch ——

James Hall Acting Lieut Fireworker

As the foregoing Appointments are particularly recommended by Lord Cornwallis the Board cannot object to their being made — Resolved in Consequence that they be published in General Orders —

Mr Donald Mac Gregor
William Murray
Joseph Batch
appointed Acting Ensigns
& Mr James Hall an
Acting Lieutenant Fire-
worker during the
War or until the Pleasure
of the Court of Directors
be known —

The foregoing Appointments to be published in General Orders

Resolved that Mr Edward Garrow Paymaster at Trichinopoly be directed to pay the Troops stationed at Carroor and to take charge of the Public Stores at that Place —

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Claim made by the Dutch to the exclusive appropriation of the Pearl Fisheries of that Coast the Paymaster at Trichinopoly declines receiving Gold Fanams from the Collector —

of your several Orders under date 9th Instant and to inform you that they shall strictly be complied with. We have received from Mr Torin a Letter, which, as it involves a political question, we take the liberty of submitting to your consideration We are led to believe from farther information on this subject that the Dutch have a right to the monopoly which they claim. we therefore inclose a Statement of the Pearl fisheries and recommend that measures may be taken for bringing the matter to a decided and final issue.

We have been informed by a Letter from the Collector at Trichinopoly that he had made a tender of money in Gold fanams at the Exchange of the day to the Paymaster, who had thought proper to return them signifying that he could receive no money but in Pagodas This Objection is attended with much inconvenience because the general Payments of the Renters are in Trichinopoly fanams We therefore recommend that Mr Garrow should be directed to receive the gold fanams at the Current Exchange It may be remarked that Mr Falk during the late Assignment made no Objection to the receipt of fanams —

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Ensign Whillie appointed to act as Barrack Master in the Center Division of the Carnatic during the Absence of Lieut Capper. —

The Acting President recommends that Ensign Whillie be Appointed to act as Barrack Master in the Center Division of the Carnatic during the Absence of Lieutenant Francis Capper, who has been permitted by Lord Cornwallis to join the Army. —

Ordered accordingly. —

Ex.d George Balmain

" Chas. Oakeley.

" Huntestone