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Fort S.t George 20.th January 1791.

At a Consultation

Present.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President.

John Hudleston Esq.r

The Honorable Major General William Medows Absent upon Service.

Thursday 20.th January 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

The Board, in Consultation the 4.th Instant minuted the Receipt of the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Charges of the Nabob. They now proceed to pass their Opinions on the Subject, premising, that as the enquiry is confined to the Nabobs evidence only, nothing more is necessary for them than to determine whether the matter of those charges be substantiated so far as to warrant a regular and legal Investigation of the acts complained of, before a Court of Judicature competent to try them.

On perusal of the several Depositions with this view, the Board are clearly and decidedly of Opinion that the Nabob has supported his Charges by circumstantial evidence to each point; that the Sum of Star Pagodas 1,18,792 declared by him to have been paid to Paupiah, the Dubash of Mr Holland, on account

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any extent for his surrendering himself in England, and I do not think it proper if it can be avoided, to put him under so close a confinement on shore in this climate as would effectually prevent him from making his escape.—

My opinion, therefore, is conformable to the latter suggestion in your Letter; that He should be compelled to embark in the first Company's Ship that may be dispatched from hence for Europe; and as the Rodney may be now hourly expected from Bengal, I recommend that measures may be taken by the Board for securing Mr. Hollond's person, and for embarking him, as soon as that ship comes to an anchor in these roads, in order that He may employ the period between the day of his embarkation and that of the dispatch of the ship, in the Arrangement of his private affairs; and that you should also render the Commander of the Rodney responsible for keeping Mr Hollond in safe Custody, until the Court of Directors shall give further orders respecting him after his Arrival in England.— I have the honor to be.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most

Humble Servant

(Signed) Cornwallis

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of coming to a determination which may possibly subject you to Inconvenience, yet as they understand it to have been your wish for some time past to embark for England, and that you waited only the issue of the present Enquiry, the Inconvenience will not be material; and to lessen it as much as they can, with propriety, it is their Intention to detain the Ship eight Days, for the purpose of enabling you to prepare your necessaries for the voyage.-

Under all the Circumstances of your case, however, they deem it expedient that your Embarkation should take place immediately, and they have directed the Town Major, who will deliver this letter, to accompany you on Board. Wishing to avoid every appearance of further Constraint than is absolutely necessary, no Compulsion will be used unless your Conduct shall require it.-

The Board think it proper to take this occasion of replying to the request you have preferred for a Copy of the Proceedings on the Malabar Charges.-

As they resolved to call

Letter from ... and when ... Dispatches in the ... Department, ... 15th July ... read in Council ... July 1791.

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The Board think it proper to take this occasion of replying to the request you have preferred for a Copy of the Proceedings on the Nabobs Charges.-

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House of Edward John Holland Esq.re and having delivered, and given him time to peruse it, you are to require him to accompany you on Board of the Honble Company's Ship Rodney.— It is not the intention of the Board to use any kind of compulsion that can possibly be avoided— you are therefore to take no guard with you, but if Mr. Holland should refuse to proceed, agreeably to your requisition, you will remain with him, and apprize me of such refusal, for the Information of the Board.—

Enclosed, is an order to Captain Chatfield, or the Commanding Officer on Board, to receive Mr. Holland, and convey him to England.

Fort St. George the 20th January 1791.

Signed by order of Government

Signed/ W. C. Jackson

Secretary

To Captain Chatfield

or the Commanding Officer on Board

the Honble Company's Ship

Rodney

Sir,

You are hereby directed

to

To the Commander of the Rodney. to receive on board his Ship and Convey to Mr. E. J. Holland.

To Evans

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Fort St. George 20th January 1791

House of Edward John Holland Esqre and having delivered, and given him time to peruse it, you are to require him to accompany you on Board of the Honble Company's Ship Radney.- It is not the intention of the Board to use any kind of compulsion that can possibly be avoided- you are therefore to take no guard with you, but if Mr. Holland should refuse to proceed, agreeably to your requisition, you will remain with him, and apprize me of such refusal, for the information of the Board.-

Enclosed, is an order to Captain Chatfield, or the Commanding Officer on Board, to receive Mr. Holland, and convey him to England.

Fort St. George the 20th January 1791.

Signed by order of Government

Signed J. H. Jackson

Secretary

To Captain Chatfield

or the Commanding Officer on Board

the Honble Company's Ship

Radney

Sir,

You are hereby directed

to

To the Commander of the Radney, to receive on Board the Ship and Convey Edw. J. Holland Esq.

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Fort St. George 26th January 1791

At Four P. M. the following Letter
was received from the Town Major and
from Mr Edward John Holland —

W. C. Jackson Esqre
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In obedience to the orders
of the Board, I have delivered their Letter
to Mr Edward John Holland, and after
perusal, required him to attend me on
board the Rodney — he told me, that he
could not submit to be compelled to go, as
he was not conscious his Conduct merited
such Severity, and he looked upon my
requisition as a Compulsion — I therefore
wait your further orders —

I am, Sir,
&c.
R. Gomond
Town Major

W. Holland's Gardens
26th January 1791.

He has desired me to
forward the accompanying
Letter. —

To

Fort St. Geo.e 21 January 1791.

Confinement. My Mind at present is wholly unfit for thought, and I can only Protest against the Measure.—

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir,
&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Edw.d Jn.o Holland

Madras
20th January 1791

The Board having taken into Consideration the above Letters. It is Resolved, that the following Answers be returned by the Secretary.—

To Edward John Holland Esqr

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this date, and to inform you, that, as it is absolutely necessary you should embark immediately, they have resolved

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Mr. Holland
guard. been
ordered (in
consequence of
his Refusal) to
compel him to
proceed on board
the Rodney
without further
Delay.—

Fort St. George 22d January 1791

At Nine P.M. the following Letter was received from the Commander of the Rodney.-

William C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Government &c. &c.
Sir.

I beg leave to inform you, that I have received on board the Ship Rodney, under my Command, According to an order of Government, Edward John Holland Esqr and shall endeavour to make his Situation as Comfortable as possibly can during the Passage.-

I am, Sir
Your &c.
(signed) A. Chatfield

Ship Rodney-
Madras Road
20th January 1791

Ordered

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Diary

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C.C. 878 promising to send his Sirkel Shevarow to the Presidency as soon as the Enemy's Horse quit the Country. —

Received the following Letters

John Chanier Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have pleasure in transmitting to Government the Information just received here of the Arrival of Colonel Fredericks Detachment in the Mahratta Camp before Dawar, by which I hope the fall of that Place will be accelerated. —

I have lost no time in forwarding this Intelligence to the Resident at the Nizam's Court, that he may avail himself of it in stimulating (if possible) the Nizam to a more hearty and effectual Cooperation in the common Cause. —

It gives me Concern to add that the Siege of this Place is no further advanced than when I had last the honor of addressing you, as the heavy Guns so long promised and expected are not yet come up — The Cause assigned for their not arriving is the unfordable State of the Cistna — but I am led to think

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To

mentioned in the Indent transmitted with your Letter of the 14th Ultimo.

I had the Honor of informing you, in my Letter of the 3d Ultimo, of some of the Articles which the Military Board at this Presidency had been directed to supply; Those Articles will be sent round immediately, and the following additions will be made thereto, Viz.

200 more Shovels
200 more Spades
450 Reams of Musquet Cartridge Paper

Flints being only known in this Service by two Denominations Viz.t Serviceable or unserviceable, the latter of which are always condemned, and the Board observing that a Distinction is observed in the Return received from Madras of Garrison Flints, you are requested to furnish this Government with an explanation of this Term. I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

William,
of December 1790

[Signed] J. Tombelle
Secry.

To William C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary — at Fort St George

Sir,

From Mr Secretary Hay- ting the Proportions in the Manufacture mpowder at Madras ing the Sulphur and Salt Petre

You are requested to acquaint the Governor in Council at Fort St George that Orders were given for providing the Sulphur, applied for in his Letter of the 14th of November, and for supplying the articles mentioned in the Indent, dated the 10th of that Month. —

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18 Original or manner, the Proposal which your Lordship has suggested, should be made to the Government of Columbo, must necessarily be deferred till the following year. —

We beg leave to inform your Lordship that the abovementioned Treaty includes an Object of far greater Importance than the Fisheries - we mean 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. —

For your Lordship's more particular Information we take the Liberty of laying before you, Copy of a Minute delivered in by Mr. Hugh Maxwell at the Board of assumed Revenue, and of a Letter from Mr. Torin Collector at Tinnevelly on the foregoing Subject. —

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 - The Treaty with the Dutch was concluded since his Highness became so bound, and without the Knowledge of this Government - and the Nabob himself asserts that "he refused to give Orders for the Continuance "of the Dutch Trade in the Tinnevelly &c. Provinces, in consequence "of their having violated the ancient Customs" - we submit to your Lordship whether under these Considerations, the Treaty ought to be binding upon the Company's Governments. —

We have the Honor to be &c &c
Signed Chas. Oakeley
J. Huddleston
Lieut.

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18th Books enclosing an Indent for grain wanted for the use of the Bengal Detachment and desiring to know if it is to be complied with.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with a Report received from Mr young of the Grain and Provisions in the Guntoor Circar – recommending that the damaged Grain in Store at Innacondah and Bellumcondah be disposed of – and that some Repairs be executed to the Granaries at those Places previous to laying in any fresh store of Provisions

19th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135.—

To the Chief at Pulicat with the description of a Man named William Kohles who has deserted from his Regiment – requesting that he may be secured if found at Pulicat—

To Lieutenant Colonel Collins directing him to proceed no further than Ongole – and if he has passed that Place to return thither immediately and wait for further Orders.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts – with an Extract of a Report from the Hospital Board.—

To the Hospital Board – disapproving the Manner in which they recommended Mr Ramsay to fill the Post of Medical Storekeeper at the General Hospital – and confirming their first recommendation of Mr Baillie

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To Lieut.t Colonel Collins Commanding a Detachment on the Coast

To Lieutenant Colonel Collins - directing him to proceed to Nellore, and remain there till further Orders. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - to report upon a Petition from the owners of the Bullocks employed with the late Colonel Baillie's Detachment - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Hennaway with his Remarks upon their Estimate of the Expences of the Ellore Detachment for one Month. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - the sentiments of the Governor General have been requested upon their Letter of the 14th Instant - instructions have been issued to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to receive such sums as may be tendered to him by the Collector in the Coin of the District, and to issue the same to the Troops at the Current Exchange of the Day - enclosing Copies of Letters from the Nabob — the Chunam applied for by Colonel De Fresne to be — furnished upon his paying for the same - directing them to inform Mr. Andrews that Eitabar Cawn has been appointed to inspect not to receive the accounts of Receipts and Disbursements in the Trichinopoly District. —

To Lieutenant Mc Cerras at Tiagur

To Lieutenant Mc Cerras - advising of the Receipt of his Letter of the 9th Instant - and forwarding a Copy of the Form in which in his Bills for Intelligence must be drawn out. —

To Mr. James Taylor

To Mr. James Taylor - with an Extract of the General Letter to the Court of Directors on the Subject of his last address. —

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From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - with Invoice and Bills of Lading of Peas and Dhall shipped on the Pesouton

From D^o^

From D^o^ requesting that Orders may be issued for receiving into Store at Fort St George three Tents shipped on board the Pesouton to be delivered to Captain A Boyd or his Order. —

From D^o^ - with Papers relating to the Bullocks Drivers Wc embarked on the Pesouton —

From the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Bengal Troops landed from the Earl Fitzwilliam stating that every possible attention was paid by the Commander of the Earl Fitzwilliam, to the Sepoys durings their Passage. —

Received the following Letter from the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar^t^

Acting Governor in Council &c

Commissary Comptroller General

application Lieutenant Innes that the him in Reckonings charged Embarkation for Europe. —

Honble Sir

Enclosed I have the Honor to lay before You, an application from Lieutenant Innes Commanding the 8^th^ Revenue Battalion; who informs me that he cannot without very great distress and inconvenience embark for Europe, unless the amount of his Bill is paid as a — Compliance with his request will not subject Government to similar applications, and he is an Officer of distinguished Merit, I beg leave to recommend him to the favor of

Your

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Minute Thereon

Ordered that a Bill on Vizagapatam be granted in favor of Lieutenant James Innes Senior, for the amount of the allowance due to him in lieu of Off Reckonings. —

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

To day the 21 January 1791

John Hudleston Esqr

The Honble Major General William Medows

Absent upon Service. —

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in Country Correspondence N° 20

Translation

From the Nabob Waulaujah to Sir Cha.s Oakeley &c.

Dated 12th Jemaudelowel 1205 Hegry

or 18th January 1791

Received 18th January 1791

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant on the subject of the unfortunate accident which happened in the late Mutiny and your reflection advice and injunctions in consequence. —

During a space of fifty years Sir I have lived in the strictest friendship with the English and have enjoyed their affectionate Esteem and regard - Their Enemies have

Nabob stating his own sentiments the great Mortification he feels at the Expressions used by the Acting President in his Letter on treating the late Mutiny & His Highness's Patience — mentioning the Exertions he has made to assist in the Operations of the War — advising of his having discharged the whole of the Arrears due to his Troops and requesting that his People who have entered into the Company's Service may not be left at the Presidency but sent to their Stations

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conduct of those seditious men appears if my conceptions do not deceive me an excuse for their outrages, as you say that they were under provocations of want and distress, observing that I should reflect on the Dangers of keeping Armed men in my service under Circumstances which render it impossible for them to exist and at the same time to preserve Obedience and respect to my Government - which surprises me much and also it is inconsistent to the System of Justice and if I had received my whole one fifth of the Revenues of my Country agreable to the Collections their arrears would have been cleared off long ago - The King of Great Britain, The Honorable Company and the English nation have ever given support to my Dignity and have enforced at all times the Obediences due to my Government, and I am confident they will not at this time permit their old Friend and ally to suffer disgrace and insult - I know their Generosity I know their Honor and whilst I acknowledge the friendship they have shewn me my Heart swells with the liveliest Sentiments of Gratitude and Esteem - I am very sensible that the most injurious representation may have been made to you relative to the situation of the Mutineers who they were in my Service but I assure you that their wants have ever been attended to by me and that few Troops have been so well treated or better paid and I will venture to assert that their outrage on the 3d Instant, was as unprovoked and wanton as it was Base and treacherous which was owing

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When the most dangerous and violent amongst the mutineers deserted from my service they were entertained in that of my Friends the Company and promoted from Havaldars to Subadars and have arose all the Evils on which you have written, for those men imagining they were no longer within my power persuaded the people whom I had sent to his Lordship to demand from me the whole of their pay and directed them to mutiny so they returned from the Fort clamouring for their arrears which they said had been unjustly withheld from them and then rushing towards the Store House broke open the Doors and armed themselves with firelocks and in the Commission of their depredation wounded my Son - I have now cleared off all their arrears and my Mutsuddies are in possession of their receipts but the most heartfelt and inexpressible mortification still remains - I have not been able to send to my Honorable and highly esteemed Friend Lord Cornwallis Bahauder that assistance which I promised I have only to add Sir, that I do not mean to retain in my Service more Troops than are absolutely necessary to keep up the Shadow of what I once was and prevent immediate insult to my person and family and when I do this I trust and hope you will not suffer those people who have deserted from me and been entertained in the Service of the Company previous to the Mutiny to remain at Madras but Order them to be sent to do duty at Vellore, Arnboor or some other Remote Garrison and those who were in the Mutiny who were the

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well intended, seems to have been imprudent The Board mean not to approve or apologise for violence but taking the particular incidents which occasioned it out of the question, they cannot divest themselves of feeling for the situation of men who had been driven by accumulated Injustice to a state of Despair.—

The Nabob, in his Letter, wishes to convey the Belief that the Sepoys had no cause of Discontent- "Few Troops" he says "have been so well treated or better paid," yet it appears by the acting Presidents' Report of a Conversation he had with Ondut ul Omrah before the first mutiny happened, that there was what his Excellency called an old Arrear of 15 Months, and a new Arrear of four or five months.—

Rec. 13th Dec. 1790

By Letters from the Board of Revenue entered in Consult: the it appears likewise that of the Nabob's Sepoys had forcibly quartered themselves upon the Districts under the Company's management and taking advantage of their unprotected state, were collecting their own arrears.—

With respect to the account His Highness has given of such of his people as have entertained with the Company the Board are sorry to remark that every circumstance if it is mistaked- His Highness says that the most dangerous and violent among st the mutineers deserted his Service and were received into that of his Friends, But it appears at the time of the first mutiny that His Highness gave free permission to every man who chose it, to entertain with the Company- That those who offered were in consequence enlisted not with superior Ranks, as His Highness asserts, but with the same Rank that they held while in his Service.—

Do Cons. 16th Nov 1790

Having

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acknowledgment — but they trust their Employers will judge more candidly of their measures. —

Agreed that the following answer be returned by the President to the Nabob's Letter, as entered above C. C. N.o 21.

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick.
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness's Letter of the 12.th Instant, and am much concerned that my Expressions contained in my Letter to you of the 5.th should have occasioned the smallest uneasiness in your mind. I thought the whole of my conduct with regard to the late mutinies among your Troops had been, what it was really intended to be, pleasing and acceptable to you. My Expressions I will not defend in this place further, than to observe that they have been misconceived by your Highness. I meant to speak in terms of general caution and with no reference whatever to the particular accident that happened at your Highness's gate. I was not sufficiently acquainted with the subject to pronounce any opinion upon it, and it would have been highly inconsistent as well as disrespectful to your Highness if I had attempted to excuse or palliate any act of Insult or outrage on the person of your Son. —

with

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Ordered that the Troops on Board the Earl
Fitzwilliam be immediately landed.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary and
Comptroller General of Army accounts.—

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

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with an Extract of a
Report from the Hospital Board, dated the 14th Instant, respecting
Bazar Medecines, In which I perceive nothing, that induces
me to alter my former Sentiments on this subject, I very much
hope with the Hospital Board, that there are no Characters in the
Service, who for the paltry consideration of Five Pagodas, would
suffer their patients perhaps to perish, Still however I
cannot but consider an opposition of Interest between the
Surgeon and his patient, as a measure of a very dangerous
tendency; for if it be necessary to give a fixed allowance for
Bazar Medecines, in order to prevent unauthorised Charges,
this Regulation itself implies, that the Surgeons are not in
all cases inattentive to their own Interest, and how far that
may carry them it is not in my power to judge, But
Regulations like Laws, are made to prevent if possible
the introduction of abuses, without being intended to
reflect upon Individuals That the expence of a single
patient, may accidentally amount to a Rupee a
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assertion - If there be any reflection upon the Gentlemen of the Medical line, it originates with the Officers of their own Department, who have found it expedient to propose to Government, to Contract for Bazar Medicines, in order to prevent Extravagant Charges for them; a Measure which implies as I have before observed, no very great confidence in any of the parties concerned, and at the Same time betrays a very great diffidence in themselves, whose Duty it is to Check the Hospital accounts, and render any fixed allowance for Bazar Medicines unnecessary.

I am, with great respect, &c. &c.

(Signed) Happer

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Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Hospital Board.

Read the following Letter from Paupiah

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart.

Governor and President &c. &c. in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I being publickly reported that some of the Persons who have been examined before the Committee have positively Sworn, that the different Sums mentioned in the Nabob's account were paid to and received by me on account of the Honorable Company; request to have Copies of these Affidavits and that the Originals may be forthcoming when required - as I have the most positive proof both written as well as oral of every Transaction, I ever had with his Highness by which I

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The Store Keeper at Madura has forwarded to us an Indent of Timber for repairing the Gun Carriages in that Garrison — but as the expense of Cart Hire, or Conveyance by Sea from hence will greatly encrease the Original Price of the Timber, we beg leave to recommend that the Store Keeper at Negapatam be ordered to — purchase the quantity Specified in the accompanying List, and dispatch it from thence to Madura. —

As a Considerable Battering Train is now preparing at this Presidency for the Expedition against Mysore, to which it will be necessary to attach some Conductors of Stores, We beg leave to recommend the appointment of Mr Stevens, who has been represented to us by the Commissary General of Stores as a person in every respect well qualified for that Service. —

Under the late Rumour of the Enemy being in force in the neighbourhood, we judged it prudent to direct that such parts of the Gunpowder at this Presidency as remained in the Magazines on the Island and at the Bound Hedge, should be removed into those in the Fort, which we trust you will approve. —

We have received an Application from Mr. Brietzcke that his Contract for the Delivery of Tin foild Powder Barrels, may be continued to him, and as it will be necessary, unless you shall please to comply therewith, to include this Article in one of the Contracts under consideration, and on which we hope to report in our next Address, we beg leave to submit to you, in the mean time, a Copy of his Letter, remarking only that, as his present Contract was granted in consideration of the Zeal and Success, with which

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Knowing that lining Gunpowder Barrels with Tin foils the same as practised in Bengal, had been an Object much desired on the Coast and that the attempts of several Gentlemen in the Arsenal to accomplish it had failed, I with a considerable expence and difficulty, at last effected it, and laid some of the Barrels Tin foiled before the Committee of Stores with proposals for furnishing the Company with them, which were recommended to Government and approved of— The present War I was aware would occasion a great demand for Barrels, I therefore provided a large Stock of Materials at an advanced Price and the principal Articles for Tin foiling not being procurable on this Coast I was obliged to send for a large Supply from Bengal and should now be deprived of the Contract I shall be a considerable loser— I beg further to observe that the Price for which I furnish Powder Barrels to contain 60 ℔ each is Star Pagodas 32. 38.— less in proportion ℔ hundred than the Company pay in Bengal for Barrels to contain 100 ℔ each as will appear by the following Statement which I beg leave to lay before the Military Board

Price of a Bengal 100 ℔ Barrel with four Copper Hoops lined with Tin Foil is Rupees 13. 8. as charged in the Invoices sent from thence which makes	Pag. F. 6. 3. 27. 40.	
Deduct the Price of 4 Copper Hoops		1. 11. 40.
		2. 16.—
Deduct difference between a 60 & a 100 ℔ Barrel		40.—
Price of a 60 ℔ Barrels Tin foiled would be in proportion to that of a 100 ℔ Barrel paid in Bengal		1. 22.—
At the above Rate of Pag. 1. 22. for each 60 ℔ Barrel the Price of 100 Barrels will amount to		147. 36.—
Deduct price allowed here for One hundred 60 ℔ Barrels Tin foiled		115.—
The difference in favor of the Company on 100 — 60 ℔ Barrels Tin foiled at the rate of 115 Pag. & 100 in proportion to the prices of 100 ℔ Barrels allowed in Bengal is		32. 38.—

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several Depositions which had been sent to you from the Committee of Inquiry, upon the subjects of Charge against Messrs. Hollonds and the Dubash Paupidh. —

It has been our wish to leave it to the Governor General to give you such Authorities as his Lordship may judge proper on the Reference you have made to us, and we have accordingly to request that his Lordship's Opinion upon it may be received as our own. —

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
[Signed] Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

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agreed to inform the Supreme Council that the Governor General has entirely adopted the Sentiments of the Board with respect to the Propriety of referring the Complaints against the Messrs. Hollonds to be tried in England; and that it is with his Lordship's full acquiescence that the Board have compelled Mr. Edward John Holland to embark on the Rodney, in order that he may be forthcoming when required, to answer the Charges against him. —

The acting President lays before the Board an address to the Honorable Court of Directors, relative

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an energy and decision that belong not to the province of the person who might casually have had the charge of the Government in the absence of the Governor but are expected from him who is known to have been selected by the Company for that important trust it will be obvious to our Employers that Sir Charles Oakeley under a consciousness of that distinction has assumed the responsibility and sustained all the laborious duties annexed to the office, and I have no doubt of their liberal consideration of the expences inseperable from the due support of its weight and dignity.—

Signed J Hudleston

Resolved, that Sir Charles Oakeley's Letter, with the foregoing observations upon it, be submitted to the Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors by the present Dispatch.—

The acting President proposes that four Officers and Seventy Privates of the 15th Hanoverian Regiment be embarked on the Rodney—and that Captain Chatfield be furnished with Instructions conformably to

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Diary

Received the following Letters

William C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have been honord with the Orders of Government under Date the 17th Ultimo, in Obedience to which I shall deliver over the Command of the Detachment, with Copies of the Public Papers Relative thereto, to Captain Read the Officer next in Seniority.—

Much as I feel myself hurt at being obliged to quit the Field at this particular Crisis, I must acknowledge that the manner of my Removal affects me still more deeply, especially as I am not conscious of having by any voluntary Act of mine forfeited that Character, which a Service of more than twenty Years (distinguished by marks of their Approbation on Several Occasions) had, I flattered myself, impressed on the Minds of Government.—

The Board are pleased

to

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I trust to the Justice and Candor of the Board for recollecting the peculiar Circumstances under which I was detached with a Body of People of a particular Description, whose Dislike to quitting their Native Provinces and rooted Aversion to crossing the Kistna are equally notorious, into a Country to which they were totally Strangers; and where a powerful Party was inimical to, and the generality of the Inhabitants very jealous of, the Introduction of Company's Troops— In the hard Task which followed, of conciliating the Minds of the Inhabitants, and overcoming the Prejudices of our own People, I had not so much as a Single Line of Instructions for my Guidance— Left thus to my own

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22d That on the first Prospect of a more regular and plentiful Supply, and without Waiting for Orders, I had made a considerable Reform in the Charge of that Department, and had it in Contemplation to effect a still greater When I received the Board's Letter of the 26th November, which I have pleasure in saying that an Increase of Supply has enabled me to comply with, without any immediate Prospect of Detriment to the Service.-

The Purchase of Grain being the particular Duty of the Commissary, I have only to say on that head that I endeavoured as far as possible on every Occasion to inform myself of the Accuracy of his Charges, both by enquiring into the general Rate of Grain, and by examining the several Merchants with whom he contracted as to the Terms of the Contract with each.-

I must further observe that as my Authority as to the Paymaster's Accounts went only to inforce their regular Transmission to Madras, and not to inspect and reject them

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Proceedings of a Committee held by Order of Major Montgomery Commanding a Detachment of the Honble Company's Troops Serving with his Highness the Nizam to investigate into such Points as the Commanding Officer has to lay before them —

Camp at Gangawotte
October 5th 1790.

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22d. to observe that in consequence of the Scarcity and Dearness of Rice, the Commanding Officers of Corps applied to the Commanding Officer to allow a Magazine of Rice to be provided by the Grain Keeper to be served out to the Men of their Corps at the Company's Price, which he thought proper to comply with on the 17th of July 1790; and on an Application made to him, signed by all the Officers in the Detachments he thought proper to allow Rice to be issued by the Grain Keeper to the Private Followers on the 9th September 1790.- the Necessity of which Measures had appeared to them in the fullest and clearest Points of View on Account of the great Scarcity of Rice in the Nabob's Bazar and the excessive high Price the little there was to be had here there - These Circumstances since the Necessity there was for the Measures adopted, and they are of Opinion that it was absolutely Necessary for the good of the Service, as they are fully Convinced the Service could not have been Carried on with such evident Advantage

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W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose for the information of the Board Copies of Letters I have received from Major Montgomery under date the 3d and 7th Instant, of my Letter to Captain Read of the 8th and of one which I have just received from him under Date the 9th Instant which I have to request may be also Submitted to the Governor General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, &c &c

Paangul 18th January 1791 } (signed) John Kennaway.

John Kennaway Esqr

Resident at the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I have pleasure in transmitting you the information just received here of the Arrival of Colonel Frederick's Detachment in the Mahratta Camp before Darwar, which

22 of marching, a competent supply should be carried by him (when necessary) without expence to the Company, a thing to which the people now with our Bazar are totally incompetent, some having one, some two, and those of most consideration perhaps three or four Bullocks. In making such an arrangement I had hopes that the Dustuck you had procured me would have been materially serviceable, but found not only that almost every Sirdar here had similar indulgencies (add to an advantage in local knowledge and connections which I cannot have) but that the Dustuck itself was of little use under the present circumstances and to give it the full effect I wished, should have inserted in it the name of the person engaging for supplies, and should empower him to bring such supplies into our Bazar, free of all Duties. Until a Dustuck of this kind is procured, our supplies will in a great measure be influenced by the intrigues of the principal Merchants in

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22d of the heavy Guns.-

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c &c
(Signed) H. Montgomery

Camp before
Roydul
3d January 1791

(A true Copy)
Wm Stewart Asst Sec.

To
John Kennaway Esqre
Resident at the Nizams Court-

Sir,

I inclose the Paymasters receipt to
for 34000 Rupees each for the Months of November
and December- I have also the honor to
transmit herewith an answer to the Nizams
Letter, which you will be pleased to forward
to his Highness.-

In obedience to the orders
of Government under date the 17th ultimo, with
which I presume you are acquainted, I shall
deliver over to Captain Read, the Officer
next in Seniority, the charge of the Detachment,
and shall furnish him with Copies of the
necessary Papers for his Guidance.-

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2d. The 3d Instant Copy of the former has been transmitted to the Military Secretary which will be sufficient to explain the points mentioned in it which he is desirous should be cleared up.—

I shall be very happy to apply for the Dustick mentioned by him in his favor of the 3d as necessary to the plentiful supply of the Bazar with Rice; or for any other assistance you may think necessary to facilitate the adjustment of this business and it's being put on a proper footing: but I apprehend the expence of a Cutwal and any other Servants that may be necessary for regulating the Bazar should be defrayed by a small Tax laid on the Bazar people for keeping up such establishment; as I believe is done in the Grand Army.—

I am extremely anxious to hear of the Arrival of the heavy Guns in Camp which I hope will bring the tedious continuance of this Siege to

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22d Herewith Copy of a letter from the Honble Board at Fort St George directing me on the recal of Major Montgomery to take charge of this Detachment for the present. The desire it contains of paying particular attention to your requisitions and of constantly corresponding with you, as also the orders of the Board for my scrupulously inspecting all charges. I have infinite pleasure in assuring you that those injunctions most perfectly accord with my own inclinations.-

Copy of the Papers mentioned in the Honble Board's letter shall, as soon as time will permit be transmitted to you; however I must here beg leave to remark that the Estimates will not in my humble opinion answer the intentions of the Board, I shall therefore take the liberty of preparing one, and do myself the honor of transmitting it to you along with the Copy of that which I have received and of requesting your instructions on that head.-

I have received from Major Montgomery Extracts of letters and orders from

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22d the Nabob will render every assistance in his power. He informed me that the three Guns from Paungal were expected to arrive in Camp in two days.—

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.
(signed) And.w Read Capt.n Comm.g

Camp at Kopaul
9th January 1791

A true Copy
(signed) Wm Stewart Aguste

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President &c.l Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

In my Letter of the 17th Ult.o I had the honor to acquaint you, that I had advertised for Sale by Public Auction, certain Articles of Unserviceable Military Stores of the Proceeds of which, I have now the honor to Enclose an Account.—

On the 19th Ultimo a Party of thirteen Elephants in Charge of a Serjeant and a Jemedar's Guard of Sepoys

Encamped

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To the Honble Major General Medows —

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Appeal have issued the necessary orders to the Collector respecting the allowances to be made to the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore. —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter under date 12th Instant — By the institution of this Board, we did not conceive ourselves authorized to order the Disbursements of Money; we therefore applied in our letter of the 14th December for your instructions respecting the intended allowances to the mother, Widows, and adopted Son of the late Rajah. In reply to our request Mr Secretary Jackson in his letter of the 17th December detailed the particular proportions, upon which the Honorable Board had determined. In Consequence of these your Orders, we issued the necessary Orders to Messrs Ram and Fallofield; but we take the liberty of observing that we never offered any Recommendation upon the Subject. —

As we had no Materials,

which

From the Military Board - with estimates of Repairs proposed to be executed to the Fortifications and Granaries at Madras - & poly- Recommend that an advance of Cash be made to the Contractor for Repairs

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the accompanying Estimates of Repairs and Improvements to the Fortifications and Granaries of that Place, but as the Chief Engineer has informed us that he some time since submitted them for your Approval with Major Maules Report on their Expediency, we can only request your Orders upon the present Occasion. -

The Contractor for Repairs having Solicited a part payment of the Bills now due to him representing at the same time that he is already in Advance near 6000 Pagodas on Account of his Contract, and his Inability to procure Artificers and Materials for erecting the Shed for a Silver Mint, without an early advance of Cash, We are induced to recommend, in case it is convenient that /1000/ One Thousand Pagodas be paid him accordingly, by which means he will be able to prosecute the Work now in hand. -

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c

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/signed/ J. Casper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

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To Colonel Capper
Messrs George Hoar
Benjamin Roebuck
George Moubray
and Joseph Farrow

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to transmit for your Information, the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Pauperah, together with an Extract of their Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.

I am,
Gentlemen,
&c.
(signed) W. C. Jackson
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Benjamin Sullivan Esqr
Attorney General

Sir,

The Board having resolved to transmit to England the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to examine into the Nabob's Charges, in order that the Parties criminated by them may be brought to trial before the Court of

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22d with respect to the Depositions - whether the Originals should be sent and Notorial Copies kept here, or vice versa: I have therefore humbly to submit it to you as my Opinion that Copies not being received as evidence when the Originals may be produced without public inconvenience, it will be proper to send the Originals home and to keep the Copies here -

I have the Honor to be with great respect -

Hble Sir,

&c &c

Fort St George,
22d January 1791

(Signed) Benjn Sullivan

To the Bd of Trade

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 145. 146. 147. 148 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. -

To the Commander of the Hble Company's Ship Warren Hastings - to receive on board his Ship as Passenger for Bengal Lieutenant Forsyth of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment together with his Servant Patrick Foley, the Company being at no Expence thereby. -

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Warren Hastings

To the officer Commanding the

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To Do approving the several Recommendations contained in their Letter of the 18th Instant - excepting the Paragraph recommending that the Contractor for making Tin-foiled Powder Barrels be permitted to hold the Employ upon the present Terms -

To Do

To the Hospital Board - with Copy of a Letter from the Comptroller General in reply to that part of their Letter of the 14th Instant which relates to Bazar Medicines - Directing them to correct some Bills in which a Charge is made for Bazar Medicines. —

To the Hospital Board -

To the Commandant at Pondamalle - to furnish a proper Guard for the Protection of the Rice lately sent to Pondamallee by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

To the Commandant at Pondamallee

To Masulipatam Directing them to send to the Presidency by the first Sea Conveyance a Barrel of each Sort of the Gunpowder lately found to be in a dubious State at Masulipatam. —

To Masulipatam

To

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of the Prince William Henry during their Passage from Bengal.—

24th. Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171.—

From Colonel Bruce requesting Permission to proceed to Bombay for the Recovery of his Health.—

From Colonel Bruce.—

From Lieutenant Stewart requesting Permission to proceed to Europe on board the Radney for the Re-establishment of his Health. and that it may be recommended to the Court of Directors to allow him to return to his Duty without Prejudice to his Rank.—

From Lieut. Stewart.—

From the Paymaster at Angola offering Mr. I. Lennox as his Collateral Security instead of Major Gowdie, who has been objected to, on Account of his being in the Field.—

From the Paymaster at Angola.—

From Do requesting to know if he is to comply with the application made to him by Lieutenant Col. Collins to advance a Months Pay to the

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From Lieutenant Buchan at Bengal enclosing Vouchers of the Men Bullocks &c. embarked on board the Kiedder Boy Grab requesting that they may be disembarked without Delay as there is on that Vessel a Cargo of Rice on the Company's Account for the Malabar Coast.—

From Lieutt Buchan at Bengal.—

From Bengal advising that the William Pitt will leave that Place the latter end of January and call at this Presidency to convey to England the Dispatches of Government—

From Bengal.

From Mr. Alexander Davidson enclosing the Declaration required by the Board executed according to the Form transmitted to him.—

From Mr Alexr Davids.

From the Purser of the Rodney enclosing the Accounts of the Detachment of Artillery brought round on that Ship from Bengal.—

From the Purser of the Rodney.

From the Collector in the Trichinopoly District stating that the Paymaster has refused to receive any money from him except in Star Pagodas—

From the Collector in the Trichinopoly District.

From

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24. and Jones to lay up at Innacondah and Bellumcondah a Six Months Store of new Paddy for the use of the troops stationed at those Places.—

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions— the Damaged Rice and Paddy in Store in the Guntoor Circar agreeably to the Recommendation contained in his Letter of the 19th Instant

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

to procure from Mr Young an Estimate of the repairs wanting to the Storehouses at Innacondah and Bellumcondah and to instruct him to indent to Messrs Cochrane and Jones for the Quantity of Paddy to be laid up for the use of the troops stationed at the abovementioned Places.—

The Acting President sends in Circulation the following Card from the Amdit Ul Omrah.—

The Nabob Amdet Ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Governor Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet, and he is desired by Nabob Walaujah to inform him

From the Amdit Ul Omrah— requesting on the part of the Nabob to be furnished with a Receipt for the Amount paid to Messrs Hollondson Acct this Kists— and that

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to Mrs. Hollonds on the Company's Account, and the Jewels belonging to His Highness detained by Mr. E. I. Holland

24th a Receipt for the Sum of Four Lacks forty eight thousand Seven hundred and twenty one (448720) Pagodas paid to Mrs. Holland on account of the Company, and which His Excellency says has been properly established in the Committee of Investigation.—

His Excellency also observes that Mr. Edward Holland is in possession of Jewels belonging to your Highness to a large Amount which he retains for a certain Sum of Money due to him and he requests in your Highness's Name that I will give orders to the Committee to settle this Business and in the Mean time put a stop to the Jewels being carried away from the Place.—

With regard to the first of the above two Requests, altho your Highness has brought very strong evidence of the Payment of the Money to Purpea Mr. Hollond's Dubash, on account of the Company, yet as Mr. Holland has

not

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any of the Jaghires during the present revenue year, and from permitting the persons Harmed by the Highness to inspect the Accounts in the different Districts. Remarks on their Characters.—

25th acknowledge the Receipt of your Commands under Date 15th Instant; and we cannot but express our concern, that the Honorable Board should have found it expedient to pass the Resolutions which have been communicated in the letter of 4th Instant to His Highness the Nabob. For from altering the Opinion, which we expressed in our letter of the 7th and which you were pleased to approve in your Secretary's letter of 20th October, we beg leave to repeat it, and we must at the same time observe, that the inconveniences, which we then anticipated, have been Confirmed by the subsequent Conduct of the Nabobs Servants. If there was no Valid Objection to that interference in the authority of our Collectors, which would result from the grant of districts in manner mentioned by his Highness, yet the advanced period of this year, when half of it is already elapsed, would at any time render this measure extremely inconvenient; but when to the general difficulty

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25th. With respect to the proposed Plan of inspection - when we reflect upon the resistance, which the Nabob commanded his Servants to exert at the commencement of the assumption, upon the unfounded Complaints which he has since preferred, and upon the appointment of such inspectors, as are mentioned in his list, - we do not hesitate to declare our opinion, that the Nabob appears to be instigated by the wish of distracting the Company's administration, and of throwing obloquy on their Servants. If the Nabob had proposed to himself a simple inspection of the Accounts Collection, he would not have selected for this purpose Officers of high rank, and most of them his near Relations, for we observe in the list transmitted by him, that he mentions his two Sons, to whose influence we attribute the impediments, which have hitherto obstructed a complete settlement of the Trichinopolly districts. Upon the determined obstinacy

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The bad consequences of a divided authority are so obvious, that it would be unnecessary to expatiate upon them. The last assignments under Lord Macartney was not found sufficient until the Company's authority was fully established to the exclusion of all other, and it was the opinion of the Members of the Committee, who had the Charge of that Revenue, that under any other Circumstance, the management would have been very difficult, and perhaps impracticable.—

However plausible the Inspection now proposed may at first appear, yet it cannot fail to have the effect of a divided authority, to obviate, which, we recommend that as the Collectors send us Monthly the Accounts of Summa, Wasel-baky, or Demand, Receipts, and Balance, and also the Charges incident to their Collection, the Nabob may send some person to our office to inspect them, or have Copies sent to him.—

We

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the 26th Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honorable
Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c. &c.

My Lord

We have the Honor to inform you that we received a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated the 30th Ultimo requesting that agreeable to your Lordship's Determination his people might be admitted to examine the Receipts of the Revenues and that the Jaghires of his Family might be delivered up.

In consequence of this application We wrote a Letter to His Highness the 4th Instant of which we enclose a Copy, together with a Copy of the Nabob's Answer containing a List of Jaghires and the Names of the persons whom he had appointed to inspect the Accounts of the Revenue.

These Papers having been referred to the Board of Revenue and their sentiments

To Lord Cornwallis with Copy of the foregoing Letter from the Board of Aprmid Revenue - stating the Sentiments of the Board relative to delivering up to the Nabob his Family Jaghires and to the admission of his Servants to inspect the Receipts of the Revenues.

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26. We are convinced it will prevent much Embarrassment and Loss in the Collection of the Revenues.—

We have the Honor to be with Respect—

My Lord

Yr. &c.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

Yr. Counl.—

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Received three Letters from the Nabob (as intend in C.C. Nos. 24. 25. 26) the first inclosing Copy of a Letter written to Mr. C. J. Holland respecting some Errors in the Account of three Bonds mortgaged to the Messrs. Hollands—requesting that the Business may be laid before the Committee for investigating His Highness's Debts—The Second explaining the intention of his Last letter respecting the conduct of his Sepoys.—the last offering to depute Mr. Benny and Venkatachellum to meet any two Persons whom Mr. Holland may appoint to investigate and settle the Business regarding the Jewels obtained by him.—

Substance of three Letters from the Nabob

Ordered

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26th seemed intended to State your Reasons for this extraordinary and unprecedented Proceeding- Your Secretary begins with Saying that he is directed by the Board to acquaint me that they had received the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Charges of the Nabob with Sundry depositions Sworn to before a Magistrate.

Having Never had any official Notice from Your Secretary of the Establishment of a Committee I am not a little Surprized how any Report from them Can affect me- I must also observe that the Majority of the Gentlemen, who I understand Compose the Committee, openly profess themselves determined Enemies of the late Governor and Myself, and from their Deep Concerns with the Nabob, there is sufficient Reason to apprehend, they may have acted under that Influence, much to my prejudice of which Men in such a Situation Can by no Means divest themselves.-

In Regard to the Depositions which

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26th I have perused the several depositions laid before You and am decidedly of opinion that the Nabob has supported his Accusation by Circumstantial Evidence upon each Point that the Sum of £48792. Pagodas Declared by him to have been paid to Paupiah the Dubash on Account of the Company and not Credited for appears by the Evidence to have been so paid with the Consent and Approbation of the late Governor John Holland Esq.r and of myself that Paupiah was Regularly introduced as the Agent of Government at the Durbar and Considered by the Nabob and his Son Omdut ul Omrah as the Person with whom they were to transact the Pecuniary Concerns of the Company. -

The Board I perceive are little disposed to pay any Attention to Observations on my Parts, but I deny that upon Any such Principles either the late Governor or myself can be supposed Answerable for Payments pretended to have

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to 26, Record to be frequently necessary, and to which however strongly urged generally fails in its Effects, can be called Agency.— It is well known to your Gentlemen, that the Regular and established mode of paying Money at Madras to the Honble Company, is thro' the Civil Secretary, whose Receipts are known to be the only Voucher on which Such Payments Can be admitted, and that the Company Cannot be Responsible for any Payments that are not Supported in this Regular Form.— This is equally well known to your Selves and to his Highness the Nabob, as it will appear that payments have been Regularly Made in this established Form on the Receipts of Mr White your Civil Secretary, which he can attest, and which Could not have Subsisted with the adoption of any new Mode; It is really unaccountable that his Highness the Nabob or any other Person, Could under the influence of Evil persuasion, bring forward Such a Charge,

which

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26, situation of Disgrace and Ignominy, I deny that either the late Governor or I am Answerable for any Act performed by Paupiah, who with some degree of Ambiguity, is called the Dubash, and this being followed by the Words on Account of the Company, Seems to imply that he was placed in some public trust. Which you well know was not the Case — If there was time I could point out on the Records the Letters Sent to his Highness the Nabob and Received Reciprocally Stating the payments that had Actually been made as well as the Accounts Reciprocally Sent to the same purpose: —

His Highness the Nabob it appears has informed your Honorable Board of a Present pretended to have been paid to Mr John Holland, and of the heinous Offence of having it in Contemplation to make me also a present for which he pretends he gave a Sowcar Bill of which he prevented the payment but I assure

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26, inconvenienced - and His Highness has now thought proper to inflict unmerited disgrace. How far he can reconcile his Conduct to a Sense of Honor I leave it to him to determine. How I am become so great a Criminal as to be sent at a Minutes warning under a Guard of Sepoys on Board a Ship without a Moment allowed me to Regulate my Affairs and exposed to every ignominy and disgrace that such a Situation must occasion is still matter of the utmost astonishment and I declare that when I reflect upon the Letter I am now Answering instead of lessening my Astonishment it only serves to encrease it. -

"Your Secretary proceeds
"With these Sentiments of the Nabob's Evidence
"the Board have resolved under the Sanction
"of the Government General that the Presi-
"dency of the Committee with the several
"depositions Accompanying them shall be
"transmitted to the Hon^ble the Court
"of Directors by the Rodney now under

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26. can be necessary to prosecute a regular enquiry by knowing the object of it to such an immense distance from the Place where his Supposed his Guilt has been incurred and where of Course all the Evidence on either Side is to be Collected. I will add that my Character has not been impeached and that you have no Right to order me to England in the manner you have done.—

Your Secretary mentions your Concern to put me to inconvenience and that the Ship will be detained for eight Days which it is well known Could not be on my Account and Can be of little Service having directed my embarkation instantly at a distance at least 4 Miles from the Fort.—

Your Secretary Acquaints me also that the Board take this Occasion to inform me that the Board have not thought proper to Comply with my Applic-ation for the Proceedings at a time when I could not make any use of your Refusal or Compliance.—Your determination of Refusing me a Copy of the Proceedings appears

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No 26 a great Number of People on a Variety of Subjects without my being informed what Letters have been written and Received and who have been examined - Gentlemen will perceive the evil of Giving so much latitude to the Suggestions of Spleen and Malice -

The whole of the Proceedings appear to me so dark and Mysterious, so irregular and unprecedented, that I am totally at a Loss to account for the very severe and extraordinary Measures that have been adopted - My Situation has indeed been rendered dreadfully uneasy and vexatious under which I have only been able to support myself from a Consciousness of having always Conducted myself with Honor -

I have the honor to be
Hon^ble Sir
&c &c
(Signed) Edwd Jno Hollond

Ship Radney
25th Janry 1791

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Present Dispatch communicating the Nabobs proposal of Submitting the Subject of the Jewels to Arbitration.

inform You that a Copy of it will be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Ship now under Dispatch

His Highness the Nabob has represented to the Board that You are in Possession of Jewels belonging to him, to a very Considerable Value, which you retain as Security for a certain Sum of Money due to you. And his Highness objecting to the Account of your Demand has desired the Interference of Government to prevent the Jewels from being carried to Europe.

The Board have deemed it right to mention the above Circumstances, with his Highness's Offer of submitting the Matter to Arbitration, for which Purpose he has proposed that Mr Binny and Venkatachellum shall meet any two Persons whom you may nominate.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Wm. C. Jackson

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27th Jewells that if the Honble Board will please to pass Company's Bonds to me for fifty thousand Pagodas a Receipt shall be pass'd to that Amount in Account and the Jewels relinquished either to his Highness or the Board as may be thought proper.—

I am Sir,

Your &c.

Ship Rodney
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(signed) Edwd Fr. Holland

Minute on the two foregoing Letters.—

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be sent Numbers in the Packet and that it be observed to the Court of Directors that the Board have deemed it right for the Satisfaction of the Nabob to mention the Circumstances to Mr Holland, with his Highness's Offer of submitting the Matter to Arbitration.—

Received the following Letter and Enclosures.—

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27th in Council at Fort St George of the 19th ultimo
the Reports of the Committee of enquiry transmitted
therewith, and the draft of a Letter proposed to be
written from this Presidency in Answer thereto,
having been laid before me by the Commands
of your Lordship in Council, for my Opinion
on the Measure proposed in the above Letter
to be taken with respect to Mr Edward Holland,
I have the honor to Submit the same to your
Lordship Accordingly.-

Upon Considering the
reasons offered in the Letter for Compelling
Mr Holland to take his trial in England, in
preference to prosecuting him at Madras,
and upon Adverting to the nature of the
Charges Against him, and to the transactions
disclosed by the reports of the Committee of
Enquiry, in which Mr Edward Holland
and his Brother Mr John Holland are
jointly and equally involved, and after
weighing every inconvenience and
objection that has Appeared to me to
Militate against the Step proposed,
I am of opinion that it may be safely
and

27th Legislature that it would be more effectual, than the Modes or Course established by Common Law.

As Mr John Holland, now in Europe is equally involved with his Brother in the Charges preferred by his Highness the Nabob, and no less affected than him by the evidence disclosed before the Committee of enquiry there can be no doubt but that it will be Considered by the Court of Directors (if not taken up by a still higher power) an Object of the first Moment and Necessity, to bring him to his trial in England. But besides the inconvenience there would be in prosecuting them Separately, the one at Madras, and the other in England, the injustice too might happen to result from it, that of two Men equally implicated in the Same Offences One might be found guilty and the other escape punishment; or even should both be convicted that the punishment of the One might be different from and disproportionate to that of the other.

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27th influence or bias, and so perfectly indifferent between the Prosecutor and the Defendant, as to ensure to the latter or to the public, an impartial trial.—

If it appears to be a hardship on Mr. Holland to send him to take his trial in England, at a distance from the place where most of his Witnesses are Resident, and at the great expence of time which must elapse before his Sentence can be decided, it should be considered, on the other hand, that the inconvenience and disadvantage of examining Witnesses at such a distance and by Commission will be as great to the prosecutor, as to himself and that if the prosecution was to be Carried on at Madras the evidence of Mr Anderson and other Witness who may be resident in England could not be obtained by any Means whatever; and as to what Mr Holland might suffer by the Delay of his trial, it is better that an individual should Sustain an inconvenience, than that the purposes of public justice should be defeated, or endangered.— With

27. unable at present to refer to the Statutes which relate to the Company's possessions and Governments in the East Indies - But although no express Authority may be given by any of those Statutes to the Company's Presidencies, to send home persons situated as Mr Holland is, yet I much doubt, whether they would not be legally and strictly justifiable in doing it - If Mr C. Holland had been Charged with a Crime triable in England, and for which he could not be Amenable to the Court at Madras, and the Madras Government had the same Official Knowledge of it, as they have received of the present Charges Against him I conceive that they would be absolutely bound to send him home a prisoner, or to require a sufficient Security for his going to and Surrendering himself in England, to take his Trial there; and that they would be guilty of a very culpable Neglect of their duty, if they Omitted to do so -

When in a case like the present a trial might be had at Madras but liable to such Objections as exists Against

trying

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To Edward Hay Esqr

Secretary to the Government at

Fort William

Sir,

In obedience to the Commands of Government communicated to me by you I have perused the Letter of the 19th of November last addressed to the Governor General in Council by Sir Charles Oakely and Mr Hudleston on the Subject of the Proceedings against Paupiah and the Messrs Holland the report of the Committee of Enquiry transmitted with that Letter and the Draft of a Letter proposed to be written from this Presidency in Answer; and I have attentively considered the proposition suggested in Council at Fort St George of Compelling Mr Edward Holland to embark for Europe by the first Ship in order that he may be there brought to Trial upon the Charges which may be founded on the Evidence already Collected at Madras, and

That

will be solicitous to avoid a Trial in England that therefore he will decline giving such Security, I think it my Duty to point out as clearly and fully as I can the Consequences of Compelling him to embark for Europe in order to be brought to Trial, and the Difficulties which will occur in rendering such a Measure effectual against him.—

Mr Edward Holland is I understand still in the Civil Service of the Honorable Company and I take it for granted that on his Appointment as a Writer the usual Articles by Indenture containing the usual Covenants were duly executed by him and by the Honorable Company. Neither Part of those Articles being at this Presidency, I cannot speak with certainty of their Contents, but in Consequence of my Desire to See in what Terms and in what Form the Articles executed on the Appointment of Writers for this Establishment are formed, the Indenture made between the Honorable Company and

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27th executed on the Appointment of Mr Edward Holland and all other Persons in the Civil Service of the Honorable Company; and According to the fair and true Construction of them the Right of Compelling a Civil Servant who has entered into them to embark for Europe does not I think accrue under the Covenants until after the expiration of one Year at least from the Resignation or Dismission of such Servant.-

But in addition to this Right of Compelling Persons who resign or are regularly dismissed from the Civil Service to embark for Europe so given by their Covenants, there are several Provisions in different Statutes giving to the different British Governments in India the Rights of Sending home different Descriptions of Persons, I have attentively considered those Statutes and the case of Mr Edward Holland as it is now Circumstanced and taking it for granted that he is still in the Service of the Honorable Company, I am of Opinion that his particular

27th him effectually to trial in England could with certainly be obtained, it would rest with Government here to determine on the expediency of adopting the Measure and leaving him to seek his remedy by Action.-

But in my opinion it may be the means of enabling him to avoid any Trial if he shall be disposed to do so unless immediately on his arrival in England, he can be taken into Custody and duly Committed or held to Bail for the Purpose of Abiding his Trial, no Authority in India can lawfully enable any person to detain him in Custody after his Arrival in England, he Can obtain his Liberty by Habeas Corpus Should He be kept a Prisoner under any orders given here, and when at large it is needless to add that he may if he shall think proper withdraw himself to a Foreign Country and evade all Trial.-

Unless therefore a

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27th in England desirable as a Trial there evidently appears to be, But if he will voluntarily give Sufficient Security to go and abide his trial there, I should think the Acceptance of Such Security highly proper, and in case he shall agree to give it I beg leave to recommend particular Attention to it's terms and Form and that he may be bound by it to go to England within a Certain time, and should a Prosecution be instituted against him, after his Arrival to Surrender himself within a Certain time after such Prosecution shall be so instituted and to abide his Trial.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
&c. &c.
signed W. Burroughs
Stan Council to the
Bte Compy

A true Copy
signed E Hay Secy to the Govt

Calcutta
December 17th 1790.

Ordered

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27th Rodney Thumbly hope that Your Honble Board will give Permission to some Attorney of the Honorable the Mayor's Court to attend me in my present Imprisonment to draw up a Humble Representation of my unhappy Case to be forwarded by the same Despatch.—

With the deepest Concern that Your Honble Board should think me unworthy of the Smallest Communication — on a Matter that so nearly concerns me.—

I Remain

Honble Sir Sirs,

Yr &c &c

(signed) T. Pauper Branny

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Willm C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary Milily Depart.

Sir,

I have the commands of Earl Cornwallis to transmit to you for the information of the Board the accompanying Copies of a Letter from Colonel Wangenheim and of his Lordship's Answer thereto.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(signed) A. Apsley

A. D. C.

From the Aid de Camp to Lord Cornwallis. with Copy of an application made to His Lordship to order an advance of Six Months Pay to the Hanoverian Soldiers and the discharge of Subsistence to the Invalids returning to Europe — also Copy of His Lordship's Reply.—

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Colonel Wangenheim

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has instructed me to inform you in Answer to your letter of the 25th Instant that the heavy demands upon Government at present on account of the War rendering it of consequence to limit as much as possible all advances of Money, yet consulting as far as is in his power the Convenience of the Hannovrian Officers, his Lordship will recommend to the Government of Fort St. George that all such Officers as are returning to Europe may be allowed an Advance of three Months Pay, and that their Accounts may be finally adjusted on their Arrival there.—

I have the honor to be

Sir, &c &c

Signed A. Shirley

Aid de Camp

Colonel Wangenheim

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the Allowances to the Captains of Guides the Officers of the Center Army and the Officer Commanding the Pioneers - also of their having referred to Lord Cornwallis the Application of Major General Musgrave -

27th with your about the Captains of Guides, and the complying with the orders respecting Batta, tho' it appears rather hard and unlucky to the officers of the Center Army -

I see no reason for the exception in favor of Lieutenant Downe - And very glad you have referred General Musgrave's and Coll Maxwell's applications to Earl Cornwallis -

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, with the Highest respect, Esteem, and truth, Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Wm Medows Gov.t

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183 -

To the Military Board directing them to apprize the Agents for Cloathing of the approaching Change of System -

To the Military Board -

To the Chief at Pulicat inclosing the Discriptions of two Men who deserted from their Regiments at this Place on the 24th Instant - requesting that they may be secured if found at Pulicat -

To the Chief at Pulicat -

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27th Courts Orders as to their further proceeding—
the accommodation and Passage of the Officers
and Men to be defrayed by the Company
according to Agreement.—

To the Paymaster General
to the Kings Troops serving in India—
directing him to advance the Amount of
three Months Pay to each of the Hanovrian
Officers returning to Europe.—

To the Paymaster General to the Kings troops.

Sent the following Letter
to the Commander of the Company's Ship
Rodney.—

To Captain Chatfield
Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship
Rodney

Sir, In addition to the Orders
with which you were furnished on the 20th
Instant, it is the Desire of Government
that, on your Arrival at any Port in Great
Britain, you take particular Care Mr.
Edward John Holland has no Communi-
cation whatever with the Shore, either
by Letter or Message, until you are
furnished

To the Commander of the Rodney— to take particular Care on his Arrival at any Port in Great Britain that Mr. E. J. Holland have no communication whatever with the Shore.—

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From the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Native Troops landed from the Prince William Henry - is perfectly satisfied with the Attention paid to the Sepoys during their Passage by the Officer Commanding the Ship. -

From the officer Commanding the Detachment of Native Troops landed from the Prince William Henry. -

From the Chief Engineer recommending that Ensign Forrest be permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his Health - And that he may be granted the usual Allowance of Six Months Pay in Advance. -

From the Chief Engineer

From the President at Cuddalore inclosing Copies of his late Letter to Government - also Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper respecting the Articles wanting for drying and sifting Gunpowder in the Magazine - Intelligence of the Enemy's Horse - applies for a re-inforcement of troops. -

From the President at Cuddalore.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - with an Invoice of Rum laden on board the Lovely Hannah for the Supply of this presidency. -

From the Sub-secretary at Bengal. -

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

From Do.

From

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At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President

John Huddleston Esqre

The Honble Major General Medows
Absent upon Service

Friday the 28th January 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

Read the following Letters from the Governor General.-

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

From the Governor General recommendations respecting the establishment of Supernumeraries of the Hanoverian Regiments.-

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Colonel Wangenheim concerning the Supernumeraries in the 14th Hanoverian Regiments of that description of Soldiers which are allowed in the Hanoverian Regiments in this Country under the name of Freemen.-

Altho' pay for Supernumeraries

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the Supernumeraries may be Diminished either by Casualties amongst themselves, or by vacancies that may fall in the present establishment of Freemen of the 14th Regiments—

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen,
&c. &c.

Fort St George
29th Janry 1794

(Signed) Cornwallis

To
The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis
Knight of the Garter, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's, and the Honble Company's Forces,
Governor General &c. &c. &c.—

My Lord

Agreeable to the conventions, Concluded between His Majesty and the Honble Company, respecting the two Hanoverian Regiments Serving in India, each Regiment has been allowed 144 Freemen, of whom every one receives, Monthly 14 Fanams 6 Duddy more pay, than a private Soldier; but as by the lately ordered Arrangement,

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Resolved that the Pay of

Minute thereon. Freemen be issued to one hundred and thirty two Supernumerary Freemen now attached to the 14th Regiment, agreeably to the Recommendation of Lord Cornwallis.—

Agreed that Colonel

Dr. De Wangenheim be informed that the 15th Hanoverian Regiment can only draw in future for twelve Freemen being the Difference between it's Establishment and the Number of those Men who have reenlisted in the other Regiment— And that a List of Casualties must always accompany the Pay Roll of the above Description of Men for the Purpose of ascertaining the different Periods at which the Supernumeraries may be diminished either by Casualties amongst themselves, or by Vacancies that may fall in the present Establishment of Freemen of the 14th Regiment.—

TO

Fort St. George 23d January 1791.

Monopoly of the Trade in the Tinnevelly Province are unjustifiable usurpations.-

It will in every respect be proper to convey these Sentiments with Delicacy to the Nabob, and with great Caution and Civility to the Dutch, and whilst to you will suggest to the Nabob that the Articles of the Treaty which He Concluded with Sir Archibald Campbell must have escaped his attention when he entered into a Treaty with the Dutch without the Consent and participation of this Government, and that you are ground to apprehend that in negotiating that agreement He has not been sufficiently aware of the extent of his own just rights as Nabob of the Carnatic, You commend that you notify to the Government of Columbo in the most friendly terms, your desire to interpose your good offices in compromising the differences between his Highness and the Dutch East India Company in an equitable manner for both parties, and at the same time request that they will be pleased

to

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Minute thereon. Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue, and that they be desired to instruct Mr Torin to propose to the Chief of Tutacoryn an amicable Discussion of the Points in Dispute and to call for such Summuds as the Chief may possess in support of the Rights of the Dutch to the Pearl and Chank Fisheries and to certain Exemptions and Privileges of Trade in the Tinnevelly Provinces -

To
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Junior Member and Councild of Fort St George

Gentlemen,

From Lord Cornwallis with a List of the Horses lately purchased by Major Burrowes for the use of the Cavalry recommending that the Several Owners be paid the Amount due to them -

I have lately brought Horses to this place for Sale, I thought it expedient for the public Service to desire Major Burrowes to examine them, and to Select and purchase Such of them as were in his Opinion fit for the use of the Regiments of Cavalry -

I have now the Honor to inclose a discription Roll of the Horses that have been purchased by Major

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In the accompanying List to be appointed Acting Ensigns on this Establishment—

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

&c. &c.

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27th January 1791.

(signed) Cornwallis

List of Gentlemen who have been Recommended as proper persons for the Situation of Acting Ensigns

27th Janry 1791.

Mr James M.c Donald
Mr Andrew Coghlan
Mr Thomas Coghlan
Mr Samuel Jackson
Mr William Henry Vaughan.

Resolved, at the Recommendation of Earl Cornwallis, that the above-mentioned Persons be appointed Acting Ensigns during the War, or until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors shall be known,

Mess.rs James Mc Donald
Andrew Coghlan
Thomas Coghlan
Samuel Jackson
and Wm Hy Vaughan
appointed Acting
Ensigns during the
War or until the
Pleasure of the
Honble Court of
Directors shall be
known.—

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Agreed that the above be mentioned in the Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

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To

The Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

Sir,

I have been honored with a letter from your Board dated the 26th instant with it's different inclosures.—

From Lord Cornwallis recommending that the Nabob Dies whom the Nabob has lately nominated be allowed to inspect all the Revenue Accounts in the Several Districts of the Carnatic.—

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Nabob has acquiesced in my proposition to appoint Mutsaddies to inspect the Accounts of the Collectors, instead of the persons of rank whom He had first nominated, and whose influence it was apprehended might have interfered with the Authority of the Collectors, and have impeded the Settlements as well as the Collection of the Revenues in the different districts of the Carnatic.—

I conceive it possible that the mode proposed by the Board of Revenue for his Highness to appoint proper people to examine the Revenue Accounts at the Presidency might be no less effectual than the

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Translation

From the Nabob Wauluajaw to Sir Chas Oakeley Bart.

Dated 21st Jemaud ul awell 1205 Hig.a
or
27th January 1791

Received 28th January 1791

From the Nabob enclosing a List of the Accountants he has appointed to examine the Revenue Accounts instead of the Persons of Rank he lately nominated.

Since I addressed my Letter to you under date the 10th of January 1791 I have agreably to the desire of Earl Cornwallis withdrawn the Names of the Inspectors of the accounts and appointed Accomptants in their Stead. The List of them is enclosed and I request you will be pleased to send me the Orders accordingly.

What can I say more.

a true translation

(signed) Joseph Garrow
Pr. Tr.

List of the Accomptants appointed to Inspect the Accounts of the Country

Names	Countries
Shiam Row	Nellore
Sinardina Row	Ongole
Vencata Row	Palmaud
Nersinga Row	Elwanasur & Cholumbrum &c.a
Keppary Sing	Tinnevally &c.a
Govinda Row	Vellore &c.a
Nersinga Row	Vayar Pollam
Nagagee Row	Mearoor
Narranda Row	Trichinopoly
Vencata Row Govind	Madura
Shamanaw Row	Tinnevelly
Sooba Row	Ramnaud
Vencata Row	Shiva Ganga and [illegible]

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Allowance to the Revenue Battalions in lieu of Cloathing.

of Mr. John Holland being brought back to the Company's Credit without waiting for the result from England.— For the Revenue Battalions,— if a few Fanams extraordinary will do, it will certainly be, advisable instead of Cloathing.—

I have issued your orders to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions—

And have the honour to be,

with the highest respect, esteem and truth &c. &c.

(signed) Wm Medows
Governor

Minute thereon.

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore stating that as the temporary Remissions allowed in his Excellency's Visits during the Government of Mr. Holland were not only unauthorized by the Court of Directors but in express Contradiction to their Orders, the Board have directed the Accountant General to bring back to the Company's Credit the Sum of two Lacks and fifty thousand

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the Sum of 4,487 ℔ already in Evidence before you nor appear in the Course of the Proceedings of the Committee of Investigation I have to hope you will be pleased to give the Necessary directions to the Committee in order that examination may take place and the fact be established by proof and I have then to request you will carry the Amount to my Credit with the Company - It is very probable that other discoveries may be made of the Nefarious Conduct of Messrs Hollands and their Agent Pauperiah, as they occur I shall Submit them to your Consideration.

What can I say more? -

A true translation

Signed/ Joseph L Garreau
Bn Trans.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the above Letter be Sent to the Committee of Enquiry, with Instructions to make the Charge preferred therein an Object of their Investigation. -

Read

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viz^t. The Answer I received was: "The Rajah of Tanjore is his own Master as long as he continues to fulfil his Engagements to the English Company." In the year 1788 the Rajah had not fail'd in his Engagement, and as such, stood represented to me as independant, and at liberty to negociate on the Subject of a Loan, and to grant a Mortgage to His Majesty on the Districts, which are now under the Management of this Government. His Majesty has an older Mortgage from the Rajah, which was granted some years before my Arrival in India. This together with the Loan of 1788 makes a pretty considerable Sum, which I do most sincerely wish lay'd now in the Treasury for the Advantages these Transactions are attended with do not at all answer to the Trouble and Expence. If any Attention is pay'd to my Representations, which I hope, there will never be a Pagoda more issued out of this Treasury upon Mortgage of Land from any Prince in India. I have the honor to be with much Esteem &c. &c.

Fort Dansborg
14th January 1791.

(Signed) F. Swartz

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nevertheless hope, you will be pleased to
permit me to take the requisite Oath
for my obtaining it before I Embark and
favor me with an Order to be Received
on Board and such Testimonies as
you may think proper for the Satisfac-
tion of the Court of Directors, untile the
Regular Certificate can be obtained.-

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
&a &a

Fort St. Geo.e
28th January 1791.

/signed/ Geo. Banks
Major Engrs

Major Banks, attending
the Board, the following Oath of Qualification
for Lord Clive's Bounty is administered
to him by the Acting President.-

Major Banks being called before the Board takes the usual Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty.-

"I George Banks, Major
"of Engineers in the Service of the English
"East India Company do Swear that
"I am not Seized or possessed of, or entitled
"unto any real and personal Estate to
"the Amount in Value together of 2500
"Pounds" "so help me God"

/signed/ George Banks

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and arrangements to be published in General Orders—opinion on Lieutenant Sheridan's Memorial.

after the Major had been informed of the representations contained in my letter of the 3d of the same Month Relative to the 2d. Regiment— The General requests that the Board will determine on the Suggestion in Lt. Col. Floyds letter of the 17th December concerning a Refund, on the part of Major Burrowes, of the part of the Contract Money allowed on Account of Repairs as he does not conceive the repairs should on any Account be the cause of additional expence to the Company as solicited by Major Patten's letter of the same date in the event of his predecessor in the command of the 2d. Regiment not making the refund to which Major Pater thinks himself entitled—

I am also commanded, by Major General Medows, to Acquaint you, and to request you will lay it before the Board, that Major Forsyth commanding the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry has applied for permission to resign the Honble Company's Service, Assigning, as the cause, for this request, his Health being so much

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to with much advantage to the Service in the matters depending not only on the full receipts, but punnamency in receiving the Contract Money; the General therefore desires me to express that he assures himself the inconveniencies to be expected from allowing Major Sanyon to remain as Commandant of the 1st Regiment will be evident to the Board on adverting to the Copy of Charges in support of which many Returns, other documents and Several Evidences would have been required that could not be readily obtained exclusive of the long investigation which must Necessarily have taken place, before a General Court Martial, on points so numerous and intricate. For these reasons Major Sanyon was permitted to go into Trichinopoly when the Army Marched from Munsurpett on the 20th of last Month and was Acquainted at the same time that his Application for leave to resign could be transmitted to the Board with the General's Concurrence to: which the

General's

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I am also Commanded to acquaint you that Captn Lieutenant Briddell of Cavalry serving with the 1st Regiment having applied to be placed on the Invalid list under a Surgeon's Certificate of his being unfit for field Service the General has signified his acquiescence.

On the Subject of Lieutt Sheridan's Memorial the General requests you will express to the Board his opinion, that it ought not to be complied with otherways than under the regulations authorising a Pension payable in Europe, and in that Manner only provided Lt Sheridan shall be found entitled to the benefit of that pension.

The General desires me likewise to transmit the correspondence Marked No 3 with Colonel Nixon (whose letter of the 3th November was received only a day or Two before the Army marched from Munsurpett) in order that the nomination of Colonels

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I am further commanded to request of you to inform the Board that he will communicate his sentiments in the course of a few days on the Subject which concerns the new raised Battalions expressed in the Board's letter of the 25th November received at Tritchinopoly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

&c &c &c

Head Quarters Camp at Sheparmadoure — 26th January 1791

(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the army

Camp of the Van Clives Pagoda. December 17. 1790.

Lt Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General

Sir,

I have the Honor of inclosing you a letter and other Papers from Major Pater, regarding the state of his Horse Accoutrements as received from Major Burrowes by him.

It appears they are extremely deficient, and it is consistent with my own Knowledge that they have been entirely neglected ever since Major

Burrowes

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Lieut.t Col.o Floyd

Sir,

The Defective State of the Horse Accoutrements of the 2d. Regiment of Cavalry Induced me to inspect them by a Committee of Officers, a Copy of their Proceedings I have do myself the honor to inclose you, by which you will observe, not one Saddle with it's full appendages is at this time Perfect 388 wanting repairs/ some of which Equal nearly to making new/ and 82 totally deficient. As I would wish Sir to Avail myself of this opportunity to forward Compleating the Regiment as expeditiously as Possible. To Enable me the better to do it, Permit me to Solicit that an Allowance Either by Major Burrowes, or the Company may be made to render the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements/ such as the inclosed express repairable/ fit for Field Service, and that Permission may

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Major Burrowes during his holding the Command of the 2d Regt of Cavalry drew for Saddles as follows.

In August 1788	To the Sum ordered by Mr Charnier to be advanced for Saddles 139 as Per Indent which makes Pagodas	607	21 Pr
In November 1788	67 Saddles	301	21
In February 1789	to Compliat the Regiment to it's Establishment 12 Saddles	54	- -
	Total	963	- -

(signed) J Pater
Major Commanding
the 2d Regt of Cavalry

To Lieutenant Colo Floyd Commanding the Advance

Sir,

I have had the honor to lay before the Commander in Chief your letter of the 17th with it's inclosures relative to the 2d Regt of Cavalry and am directed to acquaint you that the Subject will be referred to the decision of Government, but that in the mean time, considering the very handsome allowance made for the repair of Saddles &c. the Commander in Chief is of opinion that it is the Duty of Major Pater to enter upon the

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last, in compliance with the request of Major Burrowes, to Direct the contract business of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry and to draw from the Paymaster for the Monthly Accounts, and if you did consent the Sums you have received from the paymaster for each Month— distinguishing the part you received in Cash, and the part in Bills—

Whether or not you was authorized by Major Burrowes to draw on him for Money on account of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry if so authorised to what intent your Bills were granted— at what time they were Granted— to what amount. and Whether or not they were paid by Major Burrowes.[2] and in General the Commander in Chief desires to be informed of any particular instances in which your representations or Applications to Major Burrowes regarding the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry have been made without Success.—

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

Head Quarters Camp
at Munsurpet
24th December 1790—

signed Henry Malcolm
adj. to Gen.l of the
army.

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him, and adding that his dorogas would obey any Orders I might give him, This last, as I had undertaken the management of nothing relative to the Contract, I considered a mere matter of form; and when the Exigencies of the Service obliged me to give him directions, I was fully convinced it really was so.—

Far from authorising me to apply to Mr Call, or to draw on himself or any other Person for Money; Major Barrows never Mentioned the Subject; nor has he wrote me a Word respecting it— His last Letter is dated the 18th of September in reply to one I wrote him from Dindigul, describing amid other things the then state of the Regiment in answer to which he Expresses his apprehensions that as we Proceed we shall find things worse; but not at this, or any other time pointed out any Means by which the deficience might be supplied, or requested my Interference in the Management of his Concerns, Either by giving one Powers of drawing Money if requisite, or Soliciting my Superintendence

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constant Marching Occasioned any Delay or
failure in his arrangements - after the above
Action had totally deprived the Regiment
of Every Necessary Article, and when all
Exertions on my Part had been employed
in vain to induce Major Burrowes's
Deroga to replace them, I found myself
under the Necessity by the ties of Duty
and Justice, to represent the Situation of
the Regiment and the inefficacy of my
endeavours to re-establish it. The Exigencies
of the Service and my Anxiety for the
good of the Corps, Entrusted to my Charge,
Particularly as it was Expected to perform
its Duties in the Field, forced me to an
interference which I was averse to, by the
Exertions of my Authority in Major Bur-
rowes's concerns; a Circumstance - nothing
but the most pressing Necessity could have
Urged me to - Having before Supplied
his Deroga with what Small Sums I
could myself Spare or borrow from the
Officers of the Regiment, I took upon me
to give a Bill on Major Burrowes, for
400 Pagodas which money his Deroga

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duty and my Orders, he often attempted to deceive me by false loads - other Articles such as Head and Heel Ropes - Gram bags, Malsaw Medicine &c &c &c which I deem'd necessary at different times I promised by the Regiments People abovementioned, and oblig'd the Deroga to take them for the use of the Corps or the Service as well as itself must have greatly Suffered, Every possible Procrastination and Evasion was practised, but by unremitting Perseverance I conquered these obstacles and was made happy by finding the Regiment once more on a Respectable footing -

The terms in which I represented to Major Burrowes the Conduct of this Deroga, I do not particularly recollect but am Convinced if I mentioned, my resentment at his opposition to my orders was then such, that it could not be favourably, And with respect to his Master when I found my representations unattended to, and my Letters not answered, I considered Any further Communication unnecessary

and

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Saddlery, but all to no purpose - had Major Burrowes, considered me Empowered to Conduct his Contract Business, he would certainly have wrote me on Such occasions, and had any Authority from him, or Command over his Deroga, I would not have allowed so Necessary a Workman to leave the Regiment, at a Moment when his Assistance was so Particularly Necessary -

The only interference which Major Burrowes ever requested of me was that of signing his Chitts, which as Commanding Officer It was necessary I should do; he left with me at the same time a Book in which he ordered the Serjt. Major to mark down any Sums he might receive for him, which has been done; and in Compliance with his desire, that I would forward to him the Bills I paid in half Payment of his Contract, I have transmitted to him, three furnished by Mr. Colt. for the Months of July, August, and September which altogether make the Sum of 4135. 21 P. Pagoda an Equal Sum paid in ready Money at

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Charges preferd against Major J.C. Tompson Commandant of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, by one, on the following Heads, Viz.t

1st ..... For injuring the Service by lending the Regimental Horses to his own private Servants whereby the Troopers were Obliged to walk on foot; and for employing them on Services forbid by General Orders.-

2d ..... For drawing Contract Money for Horses of His Regt. Several Months after they were Dead.-

3d ..... For making illegal Stoppages from Troopers of His Regiment defrauding them of their just Rights-

4th ..... For sending to the Adjutant General a false Monthly Return of his Regiment - knowing it to be such.-

5th For detaining altering and destroying the Muster Rolls of the 6th Troop of this Regiment knowing them to be true and just, and for threatening and endeavouring to intimidate me the Officer Commanding the Troops, if

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your intention of proceeding to Sea by the first opportunity for the benefit of your health and if possible directly to Europe.-

In Answer I am directed to acquaint you that your application to which the Commander in Chief signified his concurrence in a letter to the Board and to yourself was for leave to proceed to Europe and therefore that he shall consider you in that situation and not as an officer having permission to go to Sea on account of health and to Europe eventually.-

I am further directed to add the Commander in Chief's opinion that in the present situation of the Service you should either return to your Duty or that the permission granted you to be absent from your station and to proceed to Europe; should be considered as a vacancy.-

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjutant Genl of the Army-

Head Quarters
Camp at
Perriapallicon 13th Octr 1790.-

(Duplicate)

To Lieut. Coll. Malcolm
Adjutant Genl of the Army

Sir,

I had not the honor to receive

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belonging to my Regiment and I never meant to resign my Commission if however it is resolved to promote in my Head, I request that may not happen until I have Embarked for England when due report shall be made to the Commander in Chief by

Sir

&c. &c.

Signed C. Nixon.

Tranquebar
Nov.r 3d 1790.

The above are true Copies
Signed Henry Malcolm
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army.

Resolved in consequence of the above, that the following be published in General Orders.—

Colonel Fraser to command the 4th Battalion European Infantry—vice Kelly Deceased.—

Colonel Cecles Nixon permitted to return to Europe for the recovery of his Health.—

Lieutenant Colonel Bridges to be Colonel and to Command the 1st Battalion European Infantry vice Nixon returning to Europe.—

Major

The following promotions and arrangements to be published in General Orders agreeably to the recommendation of Major General Medows—

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Colonel Cecles Nixon permitted to return to Europe for the Recovery of his Health.—

Lieutenant Colonel Bridges to be Colonel and to command the 1st Battalion of European Infantry—vice Nixon returning to Europe.—

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him (Major Burrowes) responsible for the sum disbursed by the Company on Account of Repairs, Since it appears, that altho the Contract Money was regularly paid, the Repairs to the Horse Accoutrements of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry were entirely Neglected from the Time he left the Army, until Major Pater succeeded to the Command of that Regiment.

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

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

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue with a Detail of their Proceedings since the Assumption of the Management of the Revenues of the Carnatic and Tanjore Countries.—

1st . . . . . In consequence of your Orders under Date 23d July and 7th August last, We directed the Several Collectors, whom you had appointed to take charge of the Several Districts in his Highness the Nabob's Country, to Repair without loss of time to their Respective Stations. We instructed them to publish the Proclamation of Government, and to secure for the Company all

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Districts the opposition was attended with
serious inconvenience at Ongole and
Trichinopoly in particular the assumption
was much impeded to the former place
Cons.n 8.h September. an Amildar was sent for the express purpose
of resisting the authority of our Collector;
in so much that we found ourselves under
the necessity of Directing that the Amildar
should be sent under a guard to the
Presidency; At Trichinopolly the Nabobs
Sons, to whom the Management of affairs
had been entrusted by his Highness, had been
industrious in procuring Penalty Bonds
from the principal inhabitants, not to enter
Consel.n 30.h Aug.t into the Company's service. Things were carried
to so great length by the Nabob's Officers at
Warriorpollam, that he threatened to fire
upon a guard of Sepoys, whom the Collector
had detached to take possession of the Fort-
3.rd . . . . The removal of the Amildar
from Ongole freed the Collector there from
all embarrassment, and may have been
useful in facilitating the assumption
in other places by impressing the
inhabitants

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subject Mr. Turing and Mr. Haliburton recorded their Sentiments at large in Minutes, to which we take the liberty of referring you -

5th. . . . . If time and circumstances had admitted our adopting that System, which we think most Conducive to the Management of the Revenues, and to the welfare of the inhabitants, we could have wished to Unit the Villages to the principal Villages, and by this means to establish an immediate intercourse between the Agents and the Representations of Governments But as the situation of Affairs did not permit us to obtain a particular knowledge of the actual State of the different districts, and as the season was so far advanced as to render all Delay impolitic, we determined that the Country should be portioned out into the most convenient allotments, and that Advertizements for receiving Proposals for one year should be published -

6th. . . . . After the most mature Deliberation upon this important point,

we

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from the other branches of Revenue, and have retained the collection of the Customs in the hands of the Company's Servants. But we found ourselves embarrassed by a Temporary Management, and the necessity of raising an immediate Revenue. Hence we were induced to publish advertisements for Proposals "Clear of all Charges".-

9th . . . . . In consequence of this resolution we transmitted forms of advertisement to the several Collectors, and directed them to make such a Division of the Districts, as would render the Collection of the Revenue more easy. By this measure we intended to secure the inhabitants against the Tyranny of overgrown Renters, and at the same time to provide against the risk, to which the Company might be exposed by trusting individuals with farms of too great extent.-

Diary Cons.ns 9th Augt

10th . . . . . When we took into consideration the very great extent of the Arcot District, it was our opinion, that the

Diary Cons.ns 16th Augt

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of this System; because we were aware that many Adventurers were ready to offer proposals, which in appearance might be Deemed advantageous: We were willing not only to obviate this inconvenience, but to encourage as far as might be practicable, the offers of inhabitants residing in the Districts, as from the great distance of the provinces from Madras, we must naturally find ourselves embarrassed by want of information respecting the Character and Circumstances of these proposers, we wished to avail ourselves of the information of our Collectors: the more so; because, as they might feel their consequence infringed by our immediate decision, so they would judge themselves called upon by every principle of Duty, and of pride, to exert themselves for the Success of Plans, which would be adopted upon their own recommendation.—

13th. . . . . The contiguous situation

of

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for Charges of Collection, when tho. we advert to the difficulty of procuring Renters for the frontier districts of Polvor, Ambaor, and Saulgar, we have sanguine hopes, that this settlement will meet your approbation. We think it necessary to remark that none of the Farms in this Division exceed 50,000 Pagodas, and that care has been taken to arrange the periods of payment in such manner, that no very heavy Kists will fall due at the end of the year: by this means we shall in case of failure have the power of securing the Company from any Considerable loss by a timely Sequestration.—

14th. Mr Floyer Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot, transmitted in his Letters entered on our proceedings 2d. 11th and 14th October the several offers, which he had received: the Kistbundy of the Renters, who were in consequence of this Recommendation, Confirmed by us, Amounts to Pag. 1,68,200.

Consult. 27th Sept.

We

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December observes "that as the whole force of the Enemy is still in his Division, and as parties of Horse detached in every direction have committed incessant depredations ever since the 27th October, it is to be feared that his Collections will fall short of the estimate."

Consult. 7th Oct.

13th . . . Mr Landon, Collector the Centre Division of the Arcot district, transmitted to us in his letters entered on our proceedings of the 7th and 8th October the proposals for Renting the Farms under his charge. We were happy to observe by a Comparative Statement of actual produce for Fusly 1199 that the offers which were tendered for this division, fall very little short of what the Nabob Collected during times of the most profound peace. The rents of this province amount to P. 169,700. clear of all Charges. The apprehension however, which the enemy's approach had created, operated to the prejudice of these Revenues: The Danger has so effectually deterred people from offering for the frontier districts, that it has been found impossible to procure Renters for Chaingamah, Trinomaly,

Consult. 18 Oct.

and

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of so large a territory, was contrary to the System which we had adopted, yet from this man's extraordinary good Character, to which Mr Sullivan and Colonel Martin bear honorable testimony, and from the particular situation of the Madura and Mallore Countries, we determined to Confirm the Collector's Recommendation of Maotal alias Pelly.- His Sistbundy amounts to Pagodas 67,459.- We have yet Received no Settlement of Poligar Peish-kush for Shwagunga and Ramnad; but Mr Macleod in his letter of 6.th November States that "it was fixed at three lacks "of Rupees P Annum for Ramnad, and "the same for Shwagunga. Neither the "Ramnad Rajah nor Chinna Moodoo "Objick to the above mentioned Amount "of Peishcush."

18.th . . . . . We have already mentioned the impediments, which were thrown in the way of our Collector at Trichinopoly. To the many inconveniencies which we attribute to the influence of

Consult.n 8.th December.

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Army advanced towards the latter end of Novem-
ber. and as the Enemy were in possession
of Seringham and encamped in this district
for a considerable time, they had an oppor-
tunity of plundering and destroying vast
quantities of Grain.-

19th . . . . In Nellore where the Enemy
have not penetrated, and where the inhabi-
tants have not been so much exposed
to internal oppression, Mr Deighton, the
Collector, has been able to Conclude a
Settlement which we could wish to have
seen Carried into execution throughout the
Carnatic, as the Villagers have not been
so effectually impoverished, as in other
parts of the Nabobs Territory. they have
become the Cultivators of their own lands
throughout this extensive province; Mr
Deighton has Completed Separate arrange-
ments with the head Villagers, we
can only except a few Districts where
the produce too much depended upon
the periodical Fall of Rain.- The Summa-
bundy with Peishcush &c. amounts to

Consult. 1st Nov.

M. P.

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to the Head Inhabitants upon the same principle as in Ongole and Nellore. The remaining thirty five are so far impoverished, that the inhabitants are unwilling to receive them upon Rent; they are therefore detained in Aumanie. The Rists of the United Villages including Customs &c. amount to M.Ps 32,509. - the produce of the Aumanie Villages last year was 9,442. M.Pags. A further source of Revenue may be expected in this District from the Diamond mines, which the Collector has been directed in compliance with the Orders of Government to open. - The Robbers, who infest this Province, are too well known to need any explanation, but we take the liberty of Remarking that more tranquility may now be expected in as much, as we have appeased the Chief Marauder by a Monthly gratification.

22d. - - - As the small Districts of Setwadoo is so far removed from the Residence of Mr Sunderstey, and so immediately

Consultn 1st Sept.

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immediately with the Sircar, we accordingly called before us their respective Vackeels, and informed them that the established Tribute must in future be paid to the Company. The Settlement of the Vinca-
Cons.n 4th Oct.r tagherry Peishcush is 19703.-9.- That of Calastry 10775. P.s and that of Bomrauze 32586. Star Pag.s all of which are to be paid in three Kists.-

25th . . . . . The result of our enquiries into the actual situation of the Calastry
Consult.n 27th Nov.r Rajah, has already been reported to the Honorable Board under date 4th December, and as you have approved our Recommendation upon that Subject, we beg leave to refer to our proceedings. The Cowle of guaranty and protection sealed with the Company's Seal, and Signed by the President has been delivered to the Rajahs' Vackeels, he has since laid before us the Account of Grain which plundered in his Country. As soon as the

investigation

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a full consideration of the Subject you will deem these difficulties successfully combatted by the exertions of our Collectors.—

Consult.n 10th Oct.r

27th - - - - - - As we were aware that frequent applications would be made for the restoration of Jagueers, we resolved to lay down some determinate Rule, by which to guide our Decision in Cases of this nature. As there Could be no Doubt of the Nabob's right to grant or Resume such Jagueers, as he might think proper, we determined to allow all the Jagueers, which where enjoyed at the end of the preceding Fasly year or 12th July. at the same time however to guard against imposition, we Resolved to allow no claim, unless the claimant could produce satisfactory proof of his having actually and Bona fide possessed the Jagueer at that time.—

Consult.n 27th Oct.r

Consult.n 6th Oct.r

28th - - - - - By the Treaty concluded between Sir Archibald Campbell and the Nabob, it was provided that Jagueers to the

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the Summons, which have been presented to us bearing date since the assumption was effected.-

30th . . . . . In our Letters of 13th 19th and 27th October, we had the honor of reporting upon the several Complaints, which his Highness the Nabab had thought proper to adduce against the Company's Servants employed in the Collection of his Revenues. In the instances of Cruelty and Oppression we have received satisfactory proofs that his accusations have been totally groundless: in the instances of Force, we have had recourse to his Highness's Proclamation; and as he there Commands all his Servants, to oppose the Company's authority "as long as they exist." We repeat that these Complaints are Sounded upon the inevitable consequence of his own Orders. We think it however proper to Declare that we shall always be ready and happy to shew the Nabab every attention, whenever his Highness

shall

from any interference in the established free Gift, and Charitable institutions of the Country. But as we had reason to suppose from Mr Swartz's letters, that there was much Collusion and abuse in the Grants of Sagurs and Servamanians, we ordered the Collectors to ascertain whether the Lands were actually and Bona fide held by the Descendants of the Original grantees: in this case we instructed them to allow all acknowledged Sagurs upon the same Conditions, as the proprietors held of the Rajah at the time of Assumption: In this arrangement we were actuated by the principle - That no person should be in a worse Condition under the Company's Government, than they were under that of the Rajah.-

33d . . . . . Upon this Subject we further extended our Consideration to the baneful Consequences, which have resulted from the interference of Dubashes in the affairs of Tanjore. We resolved expressly to exclude all that description of persons from any profession in the Country.

34th . . . . . We have carried your Orders into execution respecting the Villages Mortgaged to the Danes, and have directed that such Villages as were mortgaged for the payment of interest on 60,000 Pr the loan

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from any interference in the established free Gift, and Charitable institutions of the Country. But as we had reason to suppose from Mr Swartz's letters, that there was much Collusion and abuse in the Grants of Jagueers and Sarvamaniams, we ordered the Collectors to ascertain whether the Lands were actually and Bona fide held by the Descendants of the Original grantees: in this case we instructed them to allow all acknowledged Jagueers upon the same Conditions, as the professors held of the Rajah at the time of Assumption: In this arrangement we were actuated by the principle - That no person should be in a worse Condition under the Company's Government, than they were under that of the Rajah.-

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account of the Company and not credited for; appears to have been so paid with the Consent and approbation of the late Governor — Mr Holland, and his Brother Mr Edward John Holland — that Paupiah was regularly introduced as the agent of those Gentlemen at the Durbar, and considered by the nabob as the Person with whom he was to transact all pecuniary concerns; in which they were interested as well for the public, as for their own account; and that they are clearly responsible for every sum received, and every act performed, by him, while employed in that Capacity.

The Board are further of Opinion that the — nabob has substantiated by his Evidence the Payment of the sum of fifty thousand Pagodas to John Holland Esq. as a Present, and the delivery of a note to Paupiah, which was — afterwards exchanged for a sowcar Bill for the sum of fifty thousand Pagodas, to be paid to Edward John Holland Esq. as a Present.

Resolved that in the whole of these Transactions there is matter of crimination amply sufficient to justify a legal Prosecution under the Act of the 24th of His Majesty; and as the late Governor is now in England it is expedient that the Charges be tried in that Country, where they may be prosecuted with due — solemnity and effect.

The Board having in their Letter to the — Governor General in Council of Bengal of the 19th. November, suggested the Propriety of such a reference to England, they received an answer

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The Court of Directors will take such measures as they may think expedient respecting Mr. John Holland who is now in England, and it will be proper in you to consult the Company's Law Officers on the most regular and effectual mode of proceeding for bringing Paupiah to Justice in this Country. But Mr. Edward John Holland can be tried no where but in Britain, for the crimes of which He has been accused, and his presence at home becomes indispensibly necessary for that purpose.

My inclination would lead me to avoid making use of personal harshness towards Mr. Edward Holland as far as might be compatible with a due discharge of my public duty; and if it had appeared that He had engaged to England in any of the Honorable Company's Ships of I should have only proposed that your Board should have given an order in the secret department to the Commander of that Ship after Mr. Holland's embarkation hold himself responsible for retaining him in safe Custody, and for not allowing him to land again, until He should receive instructions concerning him from the Court of Directors; But I cannot learn that Mr. Holland has taken measures for returning to Europe in any of the Company's Ships, and under charges of such enormity, I doubt whether it would be justifiable in you to accept Bail of

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The Board are much pleased to find the
Sentiments of the Governor General coinciding so perfectly
with their own opinions and under the sanction of his
authority and approbation, they have no difficulty in executing
the measure he has recommended —

Minute thereon.

The Rodney being now arrived from Ben
in her way to England, it is agreed that the following Lette
be written to Mr. Edward John Holland and sent by the
Town Major.

Letter to be written to Mr. E. J. Holland and sent by the Town Major in consequence of the arrival of the Rodney

To Edward John Holland Esqr.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acquaint you
that they have received the Report of the Committee appointed to
enquire into the Charges of the Nabob - with sundry depositions
the subject sworn to before a magistrate. -

As this Enquiry is confined to the evidence o
produced by the Nabob, the object of the Board goes no further h
to ascertain whether the Charges be so far supported as to warran
a regular and legal Investigation before a Court of Justice compelle
to try them. —

With this view they have perused the
depositions laid before them, and are decid
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To Mr. E. J. Holland informing him, that in consequence of the Report of the Committee, the Board, under the Sanction of the Government General, have resolved to send him to Europe to answer the Charges brought against him + directing him to accompany the Town Major on board the Rodney + reasons assigned for not furnishing him with a Copy of the Proceedings. -

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appointment, and the Rabobi's order in
consequence to the Soucar; the Board cons
the Transaction, as far as it went, to be
equally a violation of the act of Parliam
aid of your Duty to the Company, as a
Member of their Administration —

With these Sentiments
the Rabobi's Evidence, the Board have soo
under the Sanction of the Government Gen
that the Proceedings of the Committee with
Several Depositions accompanying them,
be transmitted to the Honble Court of Dir
by the Rodney, now under dispatch, a
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taken by them to prosecute a regular en
into these charges before the new Tribun
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to England by the same Ship.

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they find themselves under the neces

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call for your defence in this Country, such
copy would undoubtedly be granted to you
but as they have refused the whole matt
to be tried in England as the Proceedings
will afford you all the opportunities y
can desire for making your defence - a
as the Board see no one purpose that c
be answered by furnishing you with a
Copy of those Proceedings, which may not
be as well answered by your knowing gen
-rally the substance of them, it has b
determined not to comply with your ap
-tion. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Ob.
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St George
20th January 1791.

Agreed that the following
orders to the Town Major and to the Commd
of the Rodney be dispatched on this occasion

To Captain Richard Gomond
Town Major

Sir,

You are hereby directed
to repair, with the enclosed Letter, to the
Fleet

To the Town Major -
directing him to deliver
the foregoing Letter
to Mr E. J. Holland -
and to require him
to proceed immediately
on board the Rodney. -

Fort St. Geo. 20th January 1791.

receive on Board your Ship Edward John Holland Esq.
and convey him to England, in order that he
may be forth-coming to answer certain charges
preferred against him as a Member of this Ad-
ministration, during the late Government
of John Holland Esq.

The Board, considering
the Station he has held in the Service, and
wishing to carry their measures no further
than shall be absolutely necessary to ensure
his appearance in England, desire that
due attention be paid to him while on
Board, and that upon his Arrival, he be
detained only, 'till you receive Instructions
from the Court of Directors respecting him.

In order to remove every
idea of Inconvenience to yourself, from a
Compliance with these orders, the Board
hereby agree on Behalf of the Company
to indemnify you in the fullest Manner
all the Consequences.

Dated in Fort St. George 20th
By order of Government
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

Fort St George 20th January 1791

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley
Acting Governor in Council

Honble Sirs,

From Mr. B. J. Holland - protesting against the Measure adopted by the Board &c

Having this morning Received a Letter from Mr Secretary Sa[illegible] delivered me by your Town Major Mr Gamond who is directed immediately to accompany me on Board the Ship Rodn[illegible] to be conveyed to England - I can only prot[illegible] against a Measure so Unusual, can[illegible] into such Sudden execution - I have [illegible] an extraordinary Advertisement in [illegible] News Paper - I have applied for [illegible] Proceedings in consequence - and [illegible] of any Regular information of [illegible] Charges against me, I am Seized, [illegible] from my Property, and deprived of all [illegible] Means of making any defence - I am [illegible] at the same time is kept under Confine[illegible]ment

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resolved in consequence of your Requisal, to [illegible] a guard to compel you to proceed on Board without further delay.-

I am Sir
&c.

Fort St George -
20th January 1791 (signed) W. C. Sacks

To Captain Pomondo
Town Major

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, and to inform you that the Board have directed a Naigue to be put under your orders, You are to inform Mr Holland in consequence, to accompany immediately on Board, using compulsion, if necessary, but not more than be absolutely required.-

To the Town Major and Naigue Guard put under his orders, to oblige Mr Holland to accompany him, on board the Rodney-

Fort St George 20th January

(signed by order of Lord [illegible]

(signed) W. C. Sacks

Secy

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Ordered that a Copy of this Day's Proceedings be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, a separate Number in the Rodney's Packet.—

Copy of this Day's Proceedings to be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors a separate Number in the Rodney's Packet.—

Ordered also, that a Copy be transmitted to the Supreme Council at Calcutta.—

Copy to be transmitted to the Supreme Council at Calcutta.—

Ord. George Balmain

Chas. Oakeley.

J. Hodgkinson

Fort S.t George January 17[illegible]

it rather originates in that Spirit of Indecision and Delay which appears uniformly to have influenced the Conduct of this Court in the present Disturbances. —

I have the Honor to enclose, for the Information of the Board, Copy of a Letter received from the Paymaster of the Detachment. —

I have the Honor to be,
W. W.
[Signed] H. Montgomery

Camp before Hospet
3 January 1791

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary
Fort S.t George

From the Resident at Poona. the Mahratta Army before the Fort of Roydroog. Hurry Punt has commenced his march towards the Kistna.

Sir,

Permit me to recommend to [illegible] hart
Can for safe Conveyance the accompan[illegible]
Lord Cornwallis and General Medow[illegible] / Ba
that you will acquaint your Government that
Roydroog Capital of a considerable District has
added to the Marratta Conquests. —

I have the Honor to be W. W.
[Signed] C. Malet

Poona 7.th January 1791

P.S. Hurry Punt has commenced his March toward the Kistna

To John Chaunier Esq.r
Secretary at Fort S.t George

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal. Articles sent Round in part of the Indent from this Presidency requiring the different denominations and Sizes mentioned by the Military Board at this Presidency

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that Orders have been given for sending Round the [illegible]tars & Beds mentioned

Fort St George 11th January 1793

18th The Board are not without hopes that, altho' the Quantity of Sulphur in the Market [illegible] is small, the whole, or a great Part, of what is wanted for your Presidency will be procured, but, judging from the applications made by your Government, for Supplies of this Store, that the Proportions used at Madras of the Ingredients for the Composition of Gunpowder are very different from those used in the Bengal Mills they have directed me to request that they may be furnished with an account of the Proportions that are taken in the manufacture at Madras, in mixing Sulphur, Charcoal, and Salt peter.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signd) E Hay
Secy to the Govt

Fort William
31st December 1792.

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis.—
respecting the Claims
made by the Dutch of
the exclusive appropriation
of the Sapan Trade of
Tenasserim—and the
impropriety of the
Madras concluding
the Treaty with the Dutch
without the consent of
this Government.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Letter under date the 25th Ultimo.

We concur entirely in the Sentiments which your Lordship has expressed upon the Treaty that the Nabob of the Carnatic has concluded with the Dutch East India Company—but as the Fisheries are already begun in the Bay

Fort St George 19th January 1795

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
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To Lord Cornwallis—
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made by the Dutch of
the exclusive appropriation
of the sleight Trade of
Tinnevelly—and the
impropriety of the
Madras concluding
the Treaty with the Dutch
without the consent of
this Government.—

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Recip
of your Lordship's Letter under date the 2d ultimo.

We concur entirely in the Sentiments wh
your Lordship has expressed upon the Treaty that the
of the Carnatic has concluded with the Dutch East Ind
Company—but as the Fisheries are already begun in
Orgi

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18 Sent a Letter to the Nabob as entered in C. C. No

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob — informing His Highness that the necessary Orders ha been given for furnishing the Quantity of Chunam as for by Colonel De Fresne, upon his Paying for the same agreeably to the established Price. —

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 116-117-118-119. —

From the Officer Commanding in the North Division — From the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division, enclosing Returns of the 2d Battalion of Cus Infantry and of the Camp Equipage and Stores with a C Copy of the Instructions given to Lieutenant Colonel Collin stating that he omitted in his last Letter to mention a cha of 15 Extra Bullocks for carrying the Cloathing — also he was obliged to send one Jemadar, two Havildars a thirty seven Sepoys of the 17th Battalion to escort the Ba Provisions &c — Captain Malcott, who was sick at Ma : tam at the time the Regiment marched, will come immediately and join them by Sea. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Collins — From Lieutenant Colonel Collins — advising his arrival at Guntoor and of his intention of proceed his march without Delay. — Recip

From the acting Garrison Storekeeper — From the acting Garrison Storekeeper — the Articles received into the Company's Stores which have arrived on the different Ships from Bengal — requesting instructions as to the Mode of accounting for the same in his Books

19 to succeed Mr. Harris in that employ - enclosing a Copy of their proceedings of the 14th Instant, with the Observations of Government thereon. —

To the Collector in the Trichinopoly & Districts - the

To the Collector in the Trichinopoly District

Money he has received from the Collector at Tinnevelly for the use of the Army to be advanced the Paymaster at Trichinopoly for the Payment of the Troops - Mr. Garrows Indents for Cash to be complied with in future as far as his Resources will admit

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly District directing

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly District

him to supply Money occasionally for the use of the Troops at Trichinopoly or any other of the Southern Garrisons, availing himself however of every opportunity of remitting to the Presidency as much of the Revenue as he can by good Bills. —

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly informing

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

him of the Orders issued to the Collectors in the Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly Districts to comply with his Indents for Cash directing him to receive the Money which may be remitted to him in the Course of the different Districts and to issue the same to the Troops at the Current Exchange of the Day

To Do — informing him of the Balance

To Do

due to Sergeant Brockie by Major John Shortt - and directing him to apply Monthly to that Officer for his temporary Batta allowance Chitts till they amount to the principal and Interest of the Sum due to Sergeant Brockie. —

To the Paymaster at Chingleput, approving of

To the Paymaster at Chingleput

his having rejected the Claim of Batta to the Men ordered out of Chingleput on the 11th Instant. —

20th To the Board of Assumed Revenue with Copies of
To the Board of Assumed Revenue — the Letters to the Collectors at Trichinopaly & Tanjore dy.

To the acting Garrison Storekeeper — To the acting Garrison Storekeeper directing him to comply with Captain Robinson's Indents for any Articles of the Bengal Stores —

21st Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144.

From Lieut.t & Fireworker Buchanan at Bengal — From Lieutenant Fireworker Buchanan the Vouchers of the Men, Cattle, and Provisions for them embarked on the Ships Speke for Madras, —

From Lieutenant Colonel Collins — From Lieutenant Colonel Collins advising of arrival at Ongole stating that many of the young are very sickly and that he has been obliged to send a Serjeant and ten Privates to the Hospital at Guntoor intending halting two or three Days at Ongole. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal — From the Sub Secretary at Bengal — three intended to have been sent round on the Casamajor have been left behind — One hundred and eighty Bullocks round on the Henry — an Officer of Artillery — one Tindal and Twenty Lascars have embarked on the same vessel — enclosing Invoice of Peas and Dhall shipped on the Nancy Grab

From D.o — From D.o — enclosing Letters addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency from the Military Board at this Presidency from the Military Board at Bengal. —

From D.o — From D.o — with a Copy of the Memorandum received from the Commander of the Nancy Grab. —

From

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From Do.
From Do. — with a Copy of two Memorandums received from the Commander of the Nancy Brig.—

From

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your Honorable Board,

I am, with great Respect,

Yr. Hs.

Fort St George
21st January 1791

[signed] Jas Capper Cy.

To Colonel James Capper

Comptroller General of Army accounts

Sir,

Being necessitated to return to Europe
Certificate, for the re-establishment of my Constitut
which is greatly impaired by severe wounds rece
the Service, and having obtained leave from Gove
[under date the 6th November last] for that purpose,
a Note for an allowance due me, and granted by Gov
to the Officers Commanding Revenue Battalions in
Offreckonings, there being no Stoppages from those
for Cloathing them, and have to request you will be so
get it passed soon as possible, that I may receive the ar
time to enable me to take my passage on one of the fleet
that sail for England, and to defray the necessary exp
such a Voyage, which I am unfortunately obliged
undertake, under many inconveniencies.

I have the Honor to be,

Yr. Hs.

Fort St George
14th January 1791

[signed] Jas. Innes Lieut.
Commg. 8th Revenue Battalion

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21st your Honorable Board.

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Yr. Hble
Servt
Jas Innes Lt.

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have been always my Enemies and I have ever shared
in the difficulties that have attended them in this Country
my utmost endeavours have been constantly exerted to
give every assistance when occasion might have required it.
and I have ever zealously united in the pursuit of those
measures which were Judged essential to the prosperity
of their affairs - I am now anxious to do every thing that
lie in my power and I can only lament that my abilities
may not be equal to my wishes. —

The repeated invasion of a cruel Enemy and
Calamities of long and destructive Wars have often ren
my Country and ruined my Revenues and I have
all the misery that is attendant on accumulated di
in the midst of such dreadful scenes my friendship
my sincerity have remained unshaken - my
exertions have known no abatement and I can
real Truth that in all those trying and melancholy
situations I never suffered more poignant sorrow
in the present moment - I have now no Country
authority is spurned at by my own subjects - my
have insulted me and my family and have
my Son in the very Gates of my Palace; but that
renders me the most unhappy and adds to the ar
my Breast is the expressions you have been pleased
upon the occasion of the writing in the Letter now be
which so far from conveying your disapprobation of

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to the persuation of turbulent men - at a time when the
Revenues of my Country were under the administration of
Lord Macartney my Troops fell into arears which was partic-
ularly owing to the 1/6th of my Revenues not being paid to me
therefore it was not to be avoided and since those Revenues have
a second time been taken under the management and cont
of my Friends those arrears as unavoidably encreased bu
to convince my Friends of the warmth of my Heart an
sincerity of my attachment to the Common Cause agai
Common Enemy I was determined that my Troops
employed on actual service and to that end I stra
nerve and seized on every expedient to clear off their a
I affected my purpose so that there remained due to th
ballance of two Months and no more and which was
agreable to the usages of the Princes of Hind and Deccan
as a security for their behaviour - and I had delivered
to my accountants to clear off their arrears of two Mont
immediately on their having waited upon Lord Corn
Bahauder and their names been taken down agreabl
Lordship's orders in the Company's List and I sent
Cornwallis four Hundred Troopers whose appearan
discipline were such as to meet his Lordship's notice
same time I sent to his Lordship such Elephants, Ca
Horses, and Bullocks as I could then Command prop
to send others as they should from time to time come in
be procured. —

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cause of the wounds my Son had received and have been entertained since that period may be discharged, for if those people are retained in the service of my Friends how far can I depend upon my friends people when amongst them may lurk a men who seek the opportunity to take away my and the lives of my Family. —

What can I say more?

A true Translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Minute of the Board upon the foregoing Letter from his Highness the Nabob

The Board are much concerned to per
the Nabob has misunderstood the Expressions c
in the acting President's Letter of the 5th Instant - T
sions which had their sanction were certainly not
to convey the idea His Highness has annexed to them
apply generally to the situation of the Troops in his
and were calculated to impress on his mind a wa
which might be useful in preventing a return o
danger that had already threatened him twice in
space of six weeks. —

The Board felt a sincere sorrow fo
which happened to Amdut ul Amrah during
tumults. The Cause of it may perhaps be explained by
Circumstances that passed with a view to quell the
of the Sepoys - a Sword drawn at such a time,

Vide Presidents' Minute in Council the

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Having first laid it down that these men so entertain
were deserted, he proceeds to observe that, "they persuaded the
"People whom he had sent to Lord Cornwallis to demand from
"him their whole Pay, and directed them to a mutiny." The Board
will not remark upon this passage further, than that it gives
them pain to see the respectable name of the Nabob used
support assertions that have no proof or probability -
Highness's correspondence with Government some care
taken to maintain consistency and some regard paid
Dignity of the Nabob, and to the situation of the Com
Representatives it will be a very unpleasant as well
troublesome duty to reply to his Letters, The Board ha
to engage in such discussions, and it would answer
but to promote the views of opposition and intrigue

With regard to the style of the Nabob's Let
Board remark that it is materially different from tha
other Letters which he has lately addressed to Government
whatever Language His Highness may think proper
his correspondence, it cannot influence the Board eit
or speak in any manner inconsistent with the respect
feel for his Character - Their Conduct on the occasion of
mutinies was sincerely intended to protect and relie
the dangers which threatened - Their Expressions however
were general and cautionary, and they hoped in all their
Proceedings they had been performing an acceptable ser
to His Highness and were in some degree entitled to his

acknowledgment

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day I readily admit, but that every patient should cost more than half that sum, I shall never be brought to believe. I am convinced besides Diet furnished by the Purveyor, and Medecines issued from the Stores, few men can require anything, and for those few a trifling deduction from the allowance for Provisions, would purchase Sugar, and Lime Jelley to make neutral Drafts for those patients on the sick and Bread Rice and Eggs for those who and this may easily be done without prejudice to the Purveyor or distressing the sick, for it must occur to every person of common sense, that a man in a Fever cannot be allowed to eat animal food.

Nevertheless the Bills for this Majesty's [illegible] I have now the honor to lay before you, prove that every man in the General Hospital of Madras belonging to the Fleet, is charged for at the rate of Twelve Fanams [illegible] I am sorry to add that on Examining the Bills for Medecines at the Out Stations, I am generally obliged to make a reduction in them, at least of Fifty and even some times a hundred per cent, although they are supposed to have been previously Examined by the Hospital Board. If those Gentlemen will take the trouble of again referring to my former Letter, they will find that I have not improperly said, that Bazar Medecines are almost a clear gain into the pocket of the Surgeon; neither in offering a candid opinion, have I made a bold [illegible] I suppose a grand

a fine

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I can readily make it appear that I never did receive a single Pagoda from His Highness the Nabob on account of the Honorable Company who ever has been rash enough to make such an Oath must be grossly perjured and I therefore think it my Duty to make this application to Honorable Board that I may be enabled to proceed them in a regular Course of Law by lodging Inform before one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace that take their Tryal at the ensuing Sessions- In the full that you will not deny me this request so agreeable and to reason. — I remain, with all due deference

&c &c

Signed A Baupia Braming

January 20th 1791

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be the Committee of Enquiry. —

Minute thereon. —

Read the following Letter from the Military

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir, — We take the liberty to inform you that from those of each sort of the Gunpowder lately found to be in a De at Masulipatam has not yet been received from thence, for the purpose of being proved under our Inspection, and therefore requ Your attention to our former recommendation on this subject o the 8th of October last. —

From the Military Board - reporting their recommendation that a Barrel of each sort of the Gunpowder in a dubious state at Masulipatam be sent immediately to the Presidency - recommending that the Timber wanting for Repairs to the Gun Carriages at Madura be purchased at Negapatam - and that Mr — Stevens be appointed a Conductor of Stores - has ordered the Gunpowder on the Island &c to be removed into the Magazines in the Fort - recommending that the Person who has of late made up the foiled Gun Powder Barrels be permitted to hold his present Contract. —

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which he had conducted the Business, and of the Expense he had incurred in instructing people therein, we are induced to hope he will not now be deprived of it.

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c
[Signed] Hopper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

Fort St George
21st January 1791

To Colonel James Capper
President &c Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

Understanding that the Barrels for Pow... ammunition with which I have supplied the Hond... for some Time past are to be put up for Contract, I reques... attention of the Board to the following Circumstances,

When Mr Lascelles resigned the Office of Cooper ... Honble Company, I was appointed by Government to succ... him, and agreed with the Committee of Stores to furnish ... Barrels at a lower Rate than had formerly been allowed to ... Lascelles, which I beg leave to state to the Military Board.

	Price allowed to Mr Lascelles late Cooper			Price Settled by the Committee of Stores with the present Cooper			
Barrels for Containing Powder ₰ hundred	Pags. 75.	F.	6	62.	F.	6.	
Barrels thin for ammunition ₰ hundred	60.			62.			in Consequence of their being so thick board & strong as greatly assists produced by the Comp... General of Stores & 20 Pags ₰ ... Bundles
30 Bundles of Battans for 200 Barrels @ 75 Pags ₰ hundred Bundles	22. 22. 40.			9.			
				133.			
Difference in favor of the Company				24. 22. 40			
	157. 22. 40.			157. 22. 40.			

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I humbly request the Military Board will be pleased to take this matter into Consideration, and if it meets their approbation that they will recommend to Government to permit me to hold the Contract on it's present Footing.—

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect &c &c

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(Signed) C Breithaupt

A true Copy

(Signed) Danl Ince

Sec. to Mil. Bd.

Minute thereon.

The Board approve the several Recommendations contained in the foregoing Letter, with the Exception of the last Paragraph, upon which they have to observe, that as the new System for the future Provision of Stores, is to be established on a general Principle, there must be a new Contract for the Delivery of Tin foiled Powder Barrels.— Mr. Breithaupt however, will have the same opportunity as other Persons making Proposals, in the Consideration of which, due attention will be paid to such as may come recommended from the Military Board.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honble the Governor in Council at Fort St George

From Bengal— the Opinion of the Governor General referred to respecting the Propositions of the Committee of Enquiry transmitted to them under date the 19th November

Honble Sir

We have to acknowledge our Receipt of your Letter dated the 19th of November, inclosing Copies of Letters

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The acting President lays before the Board an address to the Court of Directors respecting his present situation. —

relation to the Situation in which he finds himself — under the Circumstances that have postponed the — Execution of the Arrangements they were pleased to make, in consequence of Lord Cornwallis's declar Intention of quitting India, the Beginning of t Year. —

Mr. Huddleston delivers in the fo Minute, —

Mr. Huddleston's Minute upon the foregoing address from the acting President to the Honorable Court of Directors. —

It is not possible for me to be sea very regard to the paper now delivered in by the President altho' I am fully sensible it will c before the Honorable Court supported by c tions of a nature too important to require the of my individual Suffrage. Then the Record of the short period of three Months will suppl a serious of measures and arrangements already brought forward exhibiting irrefragable proofs vigilant attention to every object connected with public welfare, and more especially to that wh become of all others the most essential. the correct of abuses, and the establishing Reform and order in Service. These measures have been marked

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the Orders of the Company.—

Minute thereon

Ordered Accordingly.—

The Genl Letters to go by the Rodney being read and approved—Ordered that they be copied fair—

The General Letters in the Military and Political Departments togo by the Rodney having been read and approved—Ordered that they be copied fair.—

Capt George Balmain

Chas Oakeley.

J Huddleston

22d. to observe "That the blameable Inattention to Publick Oeconomy of the Persons intrusted with the Expenditure of Publick Money with the Detachments serving with the Army calls for the strongest Mark of Disapprobation" and they proceed to [illegible] their Censure" to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, who instead of restraining gave a Sanction to these Charges. I may be allowed here, without [illegible] the respect so justly due to the [illegible] to state that the Charges in the [illegible] Abstract on which I am censured which has not my Signature differ from those actually disbursed with my Sanction - and that I had hoped rather to have been judged by what I really Sanctioned by an Account with which I was acquainted, and which, as it was presented to me regularly as an Account of Charges to be Sanctioned by me, I [illegible] no regular Ground of Objection to. Yet, as several of them were regularly pre[illegible]

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22d. own Discretion, I was steady in pursuing those
means which appeared to me most conducive
to the good of the Service, and now Submit with
Pleasure in the Recollection that my Endeavours
have not been unsuccessful, that the utmost
Harmony and Confidence subsists between
the Company's Troops and the Inhabitants,
that the former have been brought for
with fewer Casualties than were those
Troops of their Description in so long
Having already in the most respectful
manner stated my Reasons for carrying
Grain for the Detachment - and having
the Pleasure of receiving the Board's
bation of my Conduct in that Instance
I may be thought tedious in again
upon them with the mention of that
cular tho' only to refer them to the
Report of a Committee of Officers Commanding
Corps, which, I flatter myself, will fully
corroborate what I had before the honour
to advance on that Subject - I much

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22 them at my Pleasure, it is possible that Changes may have been inserted therein, to which my Signature does not appear - I therefore may be allowed to hope that no Responsibility will be imputed to me for Charges which I have not signed, but that they may be unauthorized by me -

Not wishing to swell this Letter to an unreasonable Length to state the many disagreeable Circumstances in which I was placed by the Orders from different Quarters, often Mat[erial] and not unfrequently Military Cha[rges] each other - but shall conclude with my fervent hope that on a Revision of Correspondence, and a Reference to the Documents actually Sanctioned by me, they will be induced to withdraw the Charges on me, and to acquit me of any unmilitary Act of Negligence or Disobedience of Orders -

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.
(Signed) H. Montgomery

Camp before Kapsul
8th January 1791

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27 advisable for the good of the Service to suffer the Troops &c to supply themselves at the Nabob's Bazar, and likewise to examine into and report the Probability or Improbability of drawing a competent and regular Supply from thence and the consequent Propriety or Impropriety of that Mode of Victualling the Troops.—

3d . . . . To State whether in the present Situation and the Nature of the Troops we are co-operating with considered, with both which Points perfectly acquainted you consider it advisable to direct the Troops &c &c to furnish themselves with Provisions for a given Time and whether, on your Ideas, the Troops would in consequence of such Directions be able to procure the Subsistence required.—

The Committee having very maturely Considered the first Point laid before them on the Necessity of the Measure of carrying Rice for the Fighting Men, Public & Private Followers, they beg

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22 Shd not the above Measures been adopted

The Committee, from every Information they have been able to obtain, to effect which they have taken every precaution, are of Opinion, in respect to the 2d Point, that it would be highly detrimental to the Service, encamped as we are at a Distance in front of the Army, to our Sepoys to go to so great a Dis from our Lines in search of a pr Supply of Provisions in the Naboo and they are of Opinion that a compet and Regular Supply could never upon from those Bazars -

In Reply to the last Question Committee are of Opinion that the Supply in the Naboli's Bazar of Rice are so precarious and scarce that the Troops not be able to procure the requisite Supp were they Directed to do so.

(Signed) Robt. Tucker Capt.
And.w Read Capt.
Jas. Dalrymple Capt.

A true Copy
Alex.r Orr
Acting Aid de Camp.

92 which shape will accelerate the fall of that place.

In regard to the mode of procuring Grain for the Detachments, I thought it incumbent on me to state the obstacles which have occurred to me, and to av[ail] myself of your assistance in the d[ecision] of them. I must observe that tho' [Grain] now become so plentiful as to be [purchased] at a very small advance, and [various] Sorts even at the Company's Price[s] as this supply is occasioned by the [arrival] large quantities lately brought in fr[om] distant places by Lombardies and [others] not immediately connected with or [attached] to any of the Encampments, the permanency of it may yet be matter of doubt. To [guard] every precaution in my power, it appears to me Necessary to arrange with some of the principal Grain Factors (or Bunge[rs] as they are called) a regular mode of supplying the Bazar and to settle it in such a Manner that in the event

22d. Mohabut Jung's Bazar, who hope to make
their advantage of it, I must therefore request
your good offices in procuring a Dustuck of
such a tenor, either addressed generally to all Bu
or Rice Factors, or with a blank left for
persons name to be inserted as soon as
find an eligible one, which I am giv
understand will not be difficult when
Dustuck is once procured.- I must
any agreement or arrangement of this
produce no additional expence to the
except it may be thought advisable to
the charge of Cutwal as established in
Little's Detachment.-

It was with pleasure I rece
information of the arrival of the Right
the Governor General at Madras, conse
to your request I immediately communica
to Mohaubut Jung, and announced with
Royal Salute.-

Nothing of Moment
occurred here since the Date of my last
but we are still in expectation of the

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22.

The concern which I fel
at being demand, is much heightened by the
particular Crises at which it happened, when
the heavy Guns were expected in a few Days
and the Fall of Kopul looked to as the
of their Arrival - An Event which
much at heart, that I had fixed a
to remain here until it was effe
contrary to the Reiterated Advice of
here -

I shall leave Camp the
and have the honor to be -

Sir,

&c &c -

Camp before Kopul
y.e 9 January 1791

Signed H. Mon

A true Copy

Wm Stewart

Captain Read

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

Apprehending Major Montgom
may have left Camp ere the arrival of this
letter I take this mode of acknowledging
the receipt of his Favors of the 30.th Ult.

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22. a conclusion. I inclose for your information an account of a very brilliant Success obtained by Colonel Hartley over the Enemy as it was forwarded to me by General Medows, which you will no doubt communicate to Prot[?] Jung.— I have the Honor to be

Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Kennaway

Paamgul
to
8. January 1791

P.S. Having received no Account from Montgomery of his receipt of the Annexed the orders on Anoop Ram transmitted in my letters of the 24th. November and I request you will let me know the Sums Dates on which the payments were m[ade]

(Signed) J. Kennaway

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm. Stewart[?]

To Captain John Kennaway

Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

I have the honor to

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22. From the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis, from the Government of Madras and of letters from you respecting the Detachment, all of which shall be paid particular attention to.

Major Montgo[illegible] over charge of the Detachment to m[illegible] and left Camp for Ellore.

This aft[illegible] of being introduced to his [illegible] who received me in the politest Manner Sent one of his Sirdars to conduct me presence, and on my taking leave pr. [illegible] with a Khelaut, of which if you think necessary Beg you will acquaint Gavern[illegible] He with a seeming wish that the Tr[illegible] might go expeditiously and prosperously gave orders that the Guns shall be sent the hills in such way as I direct. [illegible] morning I shall therefore begin and with all possible expedition get one Battery finish which will commence firing a day or two the principal Battery is begun.

I have no doubt but

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22d passed this Place in their progress from Bengal to the Carnatic; and on the 10th Instant Sixty Five Elephants in Charge of Lieutenant John Mac Donald also passed this Place and the same Destination.-

I have the Hon[ou]r to be
with the greatest respect.-
Hon[ble] Sir
&c &c &c
H. J. Cra[dock]

Ganjam
12th & 13th Janry 1791

(signed)

To the Hon[ble] Sir Charles Oakeley &
Senior Member at the Presidency, and
Gentlemen in Council at Fort
Madras

Camp at Conjeveram
the 19th January 17

Hon[ble] Sir and Gentlemen

I had the honour of
of the fourth this Morning, upon the
of the Field Officers Gratuity; and have
them with the particulars in public
I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen.
with the highest
&c &c.
Wm Medows

From Major General Medows has communicated the Board's Resolutions respecting Gratuity to the officers of the Army.-

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22. which could enable us to judge of the Rajah's
Statements, We have called upon the Collector
at Tanjore, to furnish us with their Opinion
Relative to an adequate allowance for the
late Rajah's family. To assist the Govern-
=ment, we have transmitted Copy of your
letter inclosed by Mr Secretary Cowper to Us
under date 12th instant, as also Copy
of two letters from the Reverend Schwartz
which were Resident laid before us at
our last Meeting.—

We have the Honble Sir, Your Honble Sirs
&c &c &c
(Signed) J. Hudleston
Edw.d Saun
Wm Tudor
David Hali
Hugh Mone
Geo Moubray

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To Sir Charles Oakeley
Acting President in Council

Sir,

The Committee of Works at
Tanjore lately has recommended to our Consid

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22.

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William.

Gentlemen,

We have the [illegible] of your

To Bengal with a Copy of the Board's Proceedings on the Subject of sending Mr E. I Holland to Europe.

acknowledge the Receipt of your [illegible]

9th Instant, and to inform you that

Governor General has entirely adopted

Sentiments with Respect to the Prosp

referring the Complaints against Mr

Hollond to be tried in England. - w

been with his Lordship's full Concur

that we have compelled Mr Edward

Holland to embark on the Codney, i

that he may be forthcoming when

to answer the Charges against him

Your Minutes on this Subject are

for your Information. -

We have the Hon

Gentlemen,

Fort St. George,
21st January 1791

&c &c -

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

&c Council

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of them should be transmitted to England.-

22d of Judicature established by the Act of the 24th of His Majesty, I am Directed to request you will communicate your opinion with respect to the Depositions - that is to say, whether the originals should be sent or notorial Copies Kept here - or rece

I am,
Sir,
&c.

Fort St George,
21st January 1791. (signed) W. C. Jac

To the Honble Major General Wm. M
President and Governor in Co

Honble Sir,

I am to acknow

From the Honble Company's Attorney General in reply to the foregoing Letter.-

the receipt of a letter from Mr Sec
Jackson under date the 21st Instan
-ing me that the Board had resolved to
to England the proceedings of the Committee
-pointed to examine into the Nabob's
in order that the parties criminated by the
may be brought to trial before the Cou
of Judicature established by the Act of
24th of his Majesty; and desired my opi

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To the officer Commanding the Detachment of Native Troops landed from the Earl Fitzwilliam

22. The Detachment of Native Troops landed from the Earl Fitzwilliam directing him to report to Government the treatment which the Troops experienced from the Commander of the Earl Fitzwilliam during their Passage from Bengal.—

To the Board of Revenue.

To the Board [illegible] to direct the Collector in the Nor[illegible] of the Jaghire to take immediate for [illegible]ating into Rice the Paddy in Charge at Pondamallee.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Milit[illegible] with Papers received from the [illegible] Commanding in the Northern to report their Opinion on the Pa[illegible] Dispute between him and the C[illegible] Council—also with regard to the [illegible] of a General Hospital at Masulip[illegible] to furnish without loss of Time [illegible] Report required by the Supreme [illegible]=ment, relative to the Proportions of the different Ingredients used in m[illegible] Gunpowder on the Coast.

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22d.

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts - with a Letter from the late Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment -

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts -

To the Resident at Nagore - with an Indent of Tinnivelly for repairing the Gun Carriages at Madura. Directing him to purchase at [illegible] and dispatch to Madura the guantity [illegible] Specified -

To the Resident at Nagore -

To the officer Commanding in the Northern Division - acknowledging the receipt of his Letters of the 7th 8th and 12th Inst. the cautionary Instructions with which Coll Collins was furnished upon his leaving Ellore - the Proceedings of the Committee has been transmitted to the Board of General - a reply will shortly be given to his Letter of the 12th -

To the officer Commanding in the Northern Division -

23d.

To the officer Commanding the Detachment of Native Troops landed at Prince William Henry - Directing him to report to Government the treatment which the Sepoys experienced from the Commo[illegible]

To the officer Commanding the Detachment of Native Troops landed from the Prince William Henry -

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2d. the troops under his Command Marching to the Presidency — and if he is to draw the amount from the Collector —

From the Commandant at Pennacoil stating that the Enemy still remain in Sight of his Post — and that he has retaken upwards of two hundred head of Cattle from their Plundering Hordes —

From the Commandant at Pennacoil —

From Captain O'Brien again complaining of Mr Vaughan in refusing to accept Family Bills drawn by him — Loosing others in this — declining Payment on the Plea that has not public Money in his Poss[ession]

From Capt[n] O'Brien —

From Lieutenant Colonel Collins — intends halting at Angole to the orders of Government —

From Lieut[t] Col[o] Collins —

From Do will proceed immediately to Nellore agreeable to the orders of Government communicated to him under Date the 19th Inst. —

From Do

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24th.

From the Resident at Nagore has received information that the Enemy's Army all at Namcul, seventeen Miles from Seringham.-

From the Resident at Nagore.-

From the Chief at Tulicat the deserter named W. Kahler [illegible] and sent to Madras under an Escort of a Corporal and four Sepoys.-

From the Chief at Tulicat.-

Dispatched the [illegible] mentioned Letters as entered in No. B. 173. 174 175. 176.-

To Colonel Bruce [illegible] ting him to proceed to Bombay for the Recovery of his Health.-

To Col.o Bruce.-

To Lieutenant H. Stewart [illegible] permitting him to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health.-

To Lieutenant H. Stewart.-

To the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ships Rodney [illegible] of the Hon.ble Company's Ships Rodney to receive on board his Ships as Passengers for Europe. Lieutenant Hope Stewart of the Company being at no Expence thereby.-

To the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ship Rodney.-

To the Board of Revenue [illegible] to give the necessary orders for Mess.rs Cochrane

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24th

That Government will secure some Jewels which Mr P. I. Holland retains as Security for Money due to him.—

That his Highness requests a Receipt might be granted for the Sum of ₰49721 Pagodas paid to Messrs Hollands on Account of the Nabob which have been properly established in the Committee of investigation—and also His Highness has to inform that Mr Edward Holland is in possession Jewels belong to Nabob Walaujah, to a very considera Value, which he retains for a certain of Money due to him, and Nabob W wishes that Sir Charles will be the to give orders to the Committee to set business, and in the Mean time req put a stop of the Jewels being from the place.—

23d January 1791—

Ordered that the follo Letter be written to the Nabob—(as ent also in C.C. No 23.)—

To the Nabob.

To the Nabob—in reply to the request made through his Son requesting the Money paid to

I have had the Honor receive a Card from His Excellency Ma Ul Amra Bahadder in your name

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24th not been heard in his Defence the Board cannot take upon themselves to decide whether the Amount should be carried to your Highness's Credit, but they will write to the Honble Court of Directors and request their Orders upon the Subject.—

In respect to the Mutiny Act

tion the Board have not conceive

to be warranted in touching Mr. Dowa

Property or meddling with him in

further than to send him to Eng

he will be brought to a regular

his Brother for those transactions

your Highness has complained

ment.—

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25th

Received the following

from the Board of Assumed Revenue.—

To The Honble Major Genl. Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. Geo

From the Board of Asst. Revenue stating the inconveniences which will arise from delivering up to the Nabob (any

Honble Sir,

We have the honor

acknow

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25th difficulty of collecting and ascertaining the Country accounts, we add the present situation of the Carnatic, now overrun by the Enemy's Cavalry, we are decidedly of opinion, that the impediments falls little short of impossibility, because the Collections, which have been made during these times of universal Confusion must be ascertained, because the sums of the transfer remain to be discussed, and because several districts included in the Nabob's list are valued under the actual rents, at which they have been let by our Collectors.- These objections will not so forcibly apply at the end of the present fusly year, against Collecting up a number of districts contiguous to each other, as mentioned in Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 15th Instant. Tho' it is a measure that whenever adopted, will be productive of inconvenience and embarrassment.-

25. Obstinacy of Meer Fazil at Nellore, we were under the necessity of addressing the Honble Board, and the pertinacious insolence of Noor Odin Mahomed at Ongole, was so evidently calculated to impede the Collections that we felt ourselves Compelled to order him under a guard to the Presidency. Bulatar Khan two, Mr Torin found at Tranquebar in Confinement, for notorious peculation, and upon a subsequent examination of Accounts, the embezzlement of this Defaulter was so apparent, as not to be denied by himself— These are the [illegible] the Nabob has nominated for the sole purpose of "inspecting the Accounts" and if after their selection any doubt could remain as to His Highness's real Royal intentions in this matter, it would be entirely removed by his subsequent Request that Orders should be issued to our Renters to cause the inhabitants and Conicopolies to furnish his people with the Accounts

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25 A

We beg leave to apologize for the freedom with which we have discussed this subject; but when we reflect on the expectations, which are entertained of our successful management & on the responsibility, with which we are consequently vested - We feel ourselves called upon by the duty, which we owe no less to ourselves than to the Company, to declare these sentiments - We therefore take the liberty of requesting your serious attention to them, before the Orders of Government shall be carried into final execution; because under the complicated scene of impediments and interference, which we have detailed, we must abandon all hope of realizing those settlements, which our Collectors had happily concluded with the different Chiefs -

We have the honor to be

Fort St George
24th January 1791 -

Honble Sir,

&c &c &c

(signed) J. Huddleston
Edwd Saunders
Mc Tudor
David Haliburton
Hugh Mapletoft
Geo Moubray

26th Sentiments requested on the specification abovementioned, they have addressed us a Letter stating the Inconveniences they apprehend from a Compliance with the Nabobs desires. A copy of this Letter is ~~sent~~ also herewith.

We confess my Lord the views of His Highness are so far opened by his last communication with respect to Revenue Accounts, that what appeared a just and reasonable Proposition in it's first Form, is now become liable to objection from the manner in which His Highness evidently means to avail himself of the Privilege.

It appears to us that very examination necessary to enable His Highness to judge of our Receipts may be had at the Presidency and in the mode pointed out by the Board of Revenue, and if your Lordship can, consistently with your ideas of the Nabobs Claim, persuade his Highness to acquiesce in that mode

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26th Ordered that Copies of the

Minute thereon — abovementioned Letters be sent to England as

Numbers in the Rodney's Packet —

Received the following Letter

from Mr Edward John Holland —

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

A Letter from the Secretary

From Mr E. J. Holland containing some Remarks on Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter to him of the 20th Instant ordering him to embark immediately for Europe on board the Rodney —

of your Board was delivered to me on the 20th Instant by Captain Sayrand Town Major of Fort St George ordering me to proceed to England on Board the Rodney and on my Representing in a Letter to your Honorable Board the informality of such a Proceeding a Guard of Sepoys was sent to Compel me on Board and receiving at the same time a Peremptory order to that purport no alternative being left me I necessarily Complied —

You will now allow me to make some Remarks on your Letter

Secretary

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26th which are said to have accompanied the Report.
I need not remind your Honble Board who have
been so long Resident in India and who
Cannot but be well acquainted with the
Intrigues of the Durbar of the danger of
placing Confidence in the Evidence of the
Servants of his Highness the Nabob particularly
as I understand a Charge of Forgery is now lying
before the Board and when their Object is to
obtain a Credit for 15 lacks of Pagodas of
itself of very great Magnitude rendered more
so by their Hopes of obtaining by that
Means the Restoration of the Carnatic which
his Highness has so much at Heart

In the Second Paragraph
your Secretary observes "That as the Enquiry is
confined to the Evidence produced by the Nabob
the Object of the Board goes no further than to
ascertain Whether the Charges be so far Substan-
as to Warrant a Regular and legal Investi-
-gation before a Court of Justice Competent
to try them" and in the 3d Paragraph your
Secretary States "That with this view you
have

No 26, have been made to Paupiah, even if the Fact could be supported that such payments had Actually been Made. - The 4 part of Evidence that has been taken by the Committee, there is every Reason to believe has been Sufficiently irregular upon what grounds it can be Supposed that such payments were made with the Consent and approbation of the late Governor M.r John Holland or myself or that Paupiah was Regularly introduced at the Durbar as an Agent to transact the Pecuniary Concerns of the Company. I am unconformed, but I Solemnly declare it to be a false and wicked Assertion and if any One shall have presumed to have Sworn to it, he must have forgot himself. It is unknown to me what Agency can be Requisite to transact the Company's Pecuniary Concerns at the Durbar unless a Message to remind them of their Promises of payments, which is well known to you Gentlemen, even upon

Rec.

26, which every body who is the least Acquainted with the Nature of Publick Cusinss, must be Convinced is Wholly untrue, and by which Gentlemen are thus so materially injured in their Character and Reputation - If Paupiah was Considered the Channel of payments, why were they made on the Secretary's Receipts - It is well known that the Dubashes or Private Servants of half the Gentlemen of the Settlement attend at the Durbar, and why are the late Governor and myself to be implicated by the attendance of Paupiah. I most Solemnly Declare and I can Answer for the late Governor that his Highness never was Authorised to Consider him An Agent for transacting the Company's Pecuniary Concerns, and so really Much Concern'd that his Highness Should so far forget the Attention due to the Honor and Character of Gentlemen and of Gentlemen who have Served on so high a Station as to Advance an Assertion Wholly Groundless, and bring them in question

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To
26, assure you the present Communication is the
only information I have ever received of it, and
in Regard to the Soucar Bill you allude
to, I believe if you will take the trouble
of enquiring, you will find it a very different
transaction and that you have been grossly
imposed upon if any one has presumed
to Swear to the transaction as you have
Stated it; tho even that acknowledges that
no money was ever paid upon it.—

It would be more Consis-
-tent more Princely more Generous more
Honorable if instead of preferring ill
founded Complaints, of pretended Liberality,
invented apparently with a view of betraying
its object, it would I say be more Consistent
if his Highness would think of paying
his just debts to the late Governor and
myself, which Cannot Amount to a
less Sum than four Lacks of Pagodas
while others have had their Concerns
Settled on Generous Terms of Cavalry
Bonds, we have been greatly neg-
-lected

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26th departure in order that the necessary Steps may be taken by them to prosecute a regular enquiry into these Charges before the new Tribunal established by the Act 24th of his Majesty and with a View to place You in a Situation to Answer them as far as your Conduct is impeached they Enjoine You to proceed to England by the same Ship.—

It is to be noticed that there is a Charge of Forgery lying before You and unless you permit that enquiry to be prosecuted I know not how you can with Propriety send home these Depositions as any Proofs of what they Contain or at least if you do transmit them I hope You will at the same time inform them of the Stigma they lay under. You must be Acquainted what the Sentiments of the Publick at large are of the Nature Evidence and that the Oaths of this Kind where they themselves or their masters interested will not find an easy Credit with the Inhabitants of this Settlement It is impossible the Steps you have

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26. appears to me unaccountable as there is no other method by which it's irregularities and Falsehoods can be detected, which can be better done in this Country than in Europe, where they will be supported by Every Advantage and I shall be disserved of all.—

In this Place I think it proper to remind you of the unprecedented illegal and unheard of way you took in the Prosecution of this Enquiry by Vilifying my Character by public advertisement in the News Paper and by inviting the whole World to bear witness against me under Your Promises of favor and Protection It is publickly reported that Letters have been Wrote by Government to all parts of the Country inviting Denunciations and requiring of Individuals Oaths detrimental to themselves the Committee has also as it is said sent for and exam-

26th Ordered that a Copy of
Minute thereon— the foregoing Letter be sent a Number
in the Rodney's Packet and that the
Honorable Court of Directors be informed
that the Board do not observe any
Circumstance in Mr Hollond's Letter
that calls for particular Remark that the
Grounds upon which their Opinions were
formed, appear fully in the Proceedings
and Depositions transmitted by the Com-
-mittee of Investigation, and the points
controverted by Mr Holland are thro fully
established.—

Agreed that the Receipt
do of the above Letter be acknowledged, and
that the Nabab's Proposal of Submitting
the Subject of the Jewels to Arbitration
27th be communicated to Mr Hollond.—

To Edward John Hollond Esqr

To Mr E. J. Hollond— Sir
Copy of this last I am directed by the
letter will be Board to acknowledge the Receipt of
transmitted to the your Letter Dated the 25th Instant, and to
Hon'ble Court of
Directors by the
present

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27th

To which the following Answers were received-

William C. Jackson Esqre

Sir,

From Mr. E. J. Holland respecting Bonds mortgaged to him by the Nabob.-

On the Arrival of the Orders from England my Concerns were adjusted at the Durbar and having received Certain accepted Orders by Robt. Rooney and Charles Binny together with a Bond from His Highness the Nabob, I shall expect they be Accomplished Conformable to existing written engagements, and Cannot but express my Surprise at the present proposition at this Moment.-

I am, Sir,

Your

Ship Rodney
27th January 1791

Signed/ Edwd. Jno. Holland

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Sir,

From Mr. E. J. Holland- offering to deliver up the Jewels belonging to the Nabob upon receiving Company's Bonds for fifty thousand Pagodas.-

I beg to inform you in further Reply to your Letter of this date from which I understand that his Highness the Nabob expresses an anxiety for a Bond

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Sir 27th

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member and Council of

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

From Lord Cornwallis enclosing Copies of the Opinions of the Advocate General and Senior Council in Bengal on the Expediency of sending Mr E. J. Holland to Europe.

Since I had the honor of delivering my Sentiments to you on the expediency of sending Mr Edward John Holland to Europe I have received Copies of the Opinions of Mr Davies the Advocate General and of Mr Burroughs Senior Council in Bengal which were called for by the Supreme Council on that Subject and as I think it may be satisfactory to you to be acquainted with them I have transmitted the Copies for your information.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

&c. &c.

Fort St George,
January 27th 1791

(signed) Cornwallis

To Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. in Council

My Lord

A Letter from the

27th and properly adopted —

For the Conduct of Mr. Edward Holland and his brother, as detailed in the evidence reported by the Committee of enquiry, is of such high Criminality, betrays in them so entire a Contempt of the Laws of their Country and the Principles of Morality, so great treachery to their employers, and wounds so deeply the national Character and honor, that it Seems to be an Object of National Concern to bring them, if guilty to a punishment as public and exemplary, as the Offences imputed to them are Scandalous and pernicious — This Object I conceive, could not be attained so well by a prosecution at Madras, as by a parliamentary impeachment, or by a proceeding before the Special Court of Judicature which was instituted for the trial of persons guilty of extortion and other Misdemeanours in the East Indies from a persuasion in the Legislature

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27th Another Objection, and perhaps in the Considerations of Justice the Most weighty of all, Arises from the Constitution of the Court; before which Mr. Holland must be arraigned if brought to trial at Madras. For it is Solely Composed of the Members of that Government, who as they must Order the prosecution and direct the Conduct of it would in fact have to perform the double and incompatible Offices of Prosecutors and Judges Neither could it will be expected in a Settlement so Confined as that of Madras, where many persons must unavoidably be affected either with a favorable partiality towards the Accused, or with a personal dislike or prejudice Against him, where some perhaps having been involved in transactions at the Durbar, may feel too Near an interest in the question of his guilt and in a business which must more or less agitate the passions of all, that any Jury could be impannelled, or it would be Composed of Men so free from influence

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With respect to the legality of the Measure proposed, I think that after the evidence which has already appeared against Mr. C. Holland if Government is convinced that the ends of Justice can only be fully attained by his being compelled to take his trial in England, they ought not to be staggered by a doubt whether the Step will admit of a strict justification in a Court of Law, or to hesitate to take upon themselves the Responsibility of an Act so necessary to the Attainment of an Object, in which not the East India Company only but the whole nation is concerned, and in which they would be bound to bear them out.-

When the indifferent State of my health lately obliged me to leave Calcutta, not having foreseen that my Opinion would be required upon a Matter of this importance, during the short time I proposed to stay at this place I did not bring my books with me, and as

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27th trying Mr. C. Holland there when in addition to those Objections, it should appear that one of the principal Witnesses, Necessary to prove the Criminal Matter charged is Resident in England, from whence his evidence cannot be had by any mode Whatever, on a Criminal trial at Madras, and if by going to a trial without his evidence there might be a Danger of the Offenders escaping I suppose the Government would be well justified in apprehending the delinquent, and sending him a prisoner to take his trial before a Competent tribunal in England, where not only the evidence of the Witnesses there Resident might be had, but that also of every person Necessary to be examined at Madras might be procured by means of a Commission.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.

&c &c

Midnapore
25th Dec. 1790.

(signed) T. H. Davis
a.d.c. Gen.

a true Copy
(Signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt.

27th. that which it appears can be given against him in England.—

From the Facts disclosed by the Report it is certain that a Prosecution against Mr. Edward Holland in England is much to be preferred to one in India, and therefore if he will Voluntarily give such Security as shall be satisfactory to Government for his returning to England, and there submitting himself to Trial, it will I think be very advisable to accept of such Such Security and to transmit to the Honorable the Court of Directors, Copies of all the Informations already taken of those which shall be taken concerning him, his Brother and Panjiah in order that the Persons to be employed for the purpose may be enabled to bring forward the Evidence in Support of the Prosecution.

But thinking it probable that Mr. Edward Holland for the very reasons which induce his Prosecutors to prefer

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27th and Mr Colin Shakespeare has been laid before me, and in that Indenture there is a Covenant by Mr Shakespeare binding him in Case he shall Resign or be regularly dismissed from the Service to transport himself within one Year from the Time of such Resignation or Dismission or by the first Passage which can be obtained after the expiration of that one Year to Great Britain; and there is another Covenant that in Case of his making Default in the Covenants, thair first mentioned it shall be lawful for the Honble Company their Court of Directors or their President and Council at such Settlement as Mr Shakespeare shall reside or be at from and immediately after such Default to cause him to be apprehended and detained and put him on Board any Ship employed by the Company for the purpose of being transported to Great Britain, Similar Covenants I conclude contained in the Articles executed

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27th particular case does not fall within the Description of any of the Cases mentioned in the Statutes as those which Subject Persons to be sent home.-

For the Reasons above stated I do not think that Mr Edward Holland is strictly speaking now liable to be compelled to embark for Europe, and Consequently, I am of Opinion that should he be so compelled he could support an Action and would be entitled to recover Damages for being so Compelled. What the Amount of those Damages would be it is impossible for me to foretell; they would depend on all the Circumstances proved, and probably considering the Motives for sending him home, and the Charges against him they would be but trifling, and it even might be expected that he would not think it advisable to bring any such Action. If therefore by now compelling him to embark for Europe, the desired object of bringing him

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27th Prosecution were actually Commenced against him in England before his Arrival and Process were issued to Apprehend him, and not only issued, but ready to be executed on him at the Place and time of his Arrival, and unless it were Actually executed on him before he should obtain his Liberty by Habeas Corpus or otherwise, the measure of Sending him home might be the Means of enabling him to avoid any Trial whatever, and I much fear that Proceedings Cannot be had so Critically fortunate and Successful as to insure the Execution of Process Attaching his person so very soon after his Arrival in England, as to prevent his Enlargement and Departure from Great Britain if he be desirous of declining a Trial.

On the whole therefore I cannot advise the Measure of Compelling him to embark for Europe for the purpose of procuring him to be tried

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27th

Ordered that Copies of the Minute thereon — Opinions &c sent to England as Numbers in the present Dispatch —

Received the following Letters —

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor &c &c &c in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Paupiah Moorany requesting that some Attorney in the Mayor's Court be allowed to attend him for the purpose of drawing up a Representation to the Honble Court of Directors of his unhappy Case. —

Having Received no reply to the Letter which I took the Liberty of addressing to Your Honble Board on the 20th Instant or to the many humbly Petitions and Letters I have before presented I fear I have reason to apprehend that Your Honble Board have determined to pay no sort of Attention to any of my humble Representations and as I understand that the proceedings of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Charge brought against me by His Highness Nabob are to be sent to the Court of Directors by the Rodney

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27th

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis
Knight of the Garter, Commander in Chief
of His Majestys and the Honble Company's
Forces,
Governor General &c. &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

I most humbly request you will be pleased of giving Orders to the Pay Office, that for the Officers and Men of the 15th Hanoverian Regiment who are ordered to return to Europe, their Pay may be advanced for Six Months as also the Subsistence for the Invalids:-

I have the honor to remain with great respect.-

Your Lordships
&c. &c.

Madras
25th January 1791

signed Wangenheim

&c

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Ordered that three Months Pay be advanced to each of the Hanoverian Officers returning to Europe agreeably to the Recommendation of Lord Cornwallis.—

Minute thereon.

Received Letter from Tondeman / as entered in C.C. No 27 / congratulating the Acting President on his Arrival.

Substance of a Letter from Tondeman.

Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Calasty and Vencatagherry / as entered in C.C. No 28 / requesting them to send to the Presidency, without Delay, as many Carriage Bullocks as can be Collected in their Countries.—

Substance of Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry.

Received the following Letter from Major General Medows—

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

&c.a &c.a

Camp near Conjeveram the 26th of January 1791.

Hble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major Genl Medows approving the opinions of the Board respecting the

I had the honour of yours of the Sixteenth Yesterday, and agree perfectly with

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27th

Ordered that three

Minute thereon — Months Pay be advanced to each of the Hanoverian Officers returning to Europe agreeably to the Recommendation of Lord Cornwallis —

Received Letter from

Substance of a Letter from Tondeman — Tondeman (as entered in C.C. No. 27) congratulating the Acting President on his Arrival.

Sent Letters to the

Substance of Letters to the Rajahs of Calasty and Vencatagherry — Rajahs of Calasty and Vencatagherry (as entered in C.C. No. 28) requesting them to send to the Presidency, without Delay, as many Carriage Bullocks as can be Collected in their Countries —

Received the following Letter from Major General Medows —

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

Camp near Conjeveram the 24th of January 1791.

Hon.ble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major Genl. Medows approving the opinions of the Board respecting the

I had the honour of your's of the Sixteenth Yesterday, and agree perfectly with

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To the Paymaster at Ongole

To the Paymaster at Ongole -

authorizing him to advance a Months Pays to the Troops under the Command of Lieut.t Colonel Collins - and to apply to the Collector in the Nellore District for the Sum required -

To the Collector in the Nellore District -

To the Collector in the Nellore Distrct. directing him to Comply with Mr. Young's Indent for Cash for the Amount of one Months Pay to the Troops marching to the Presidency under the Command of Lieutenant Coll. Collins -

To Lieut.t Colonel Collins -

To Lieut.t Col.o Collins - acknowledging the Receipt of his Letters of the 26th and 27th Instant directing him to continue his March to the Presidency with the Troops under his Command -

To the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ship Rodney -

To the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ship Rodney - directing him to receive on board his Ship as Passengers for Europe four Officers and Twenty Privates of His Majesty's 12th Electoral Regiment - and not to land them on his Arrival in England but apply to the Company's Agents for the Hon.ble

Courts

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27th Furnished with Instructions from the Honorable Court of Directors respecting him.

James Sir
&c.

Fort St. George,
27th January 1791

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. No. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196.

From Colonel De Wangenheim - enclosing the Account of Bounty Money issued to the Men of his Majesty's 13th Hanoverian Regiment who have reenlisted.

From Col. De Wangenheim.

From the Commandant at Ongole - stating that he has received a private Letter from the Presidency which reports that a Division of Tippoo's Army has moved North - and that he has communicated the Same to Lieutenant Col. Collins - noting the Route by which he supposes that the Ellore Regiment will march from Ongole to Nellore.

From the Commandant at Ongole.

From

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From Do with Copies of
Papers received from Colonel Murray—

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal.—
From Do

From Do with Bill of
Lading of 5,456 Bags of Grain shipped on
the Henry.—

From the Sub Secretary
at Bengal. Papers relative to the Embarka-
tion of Sundry Supplies for this Presidency.

From Do

From Do the Commander
of Company's Ship Queen has been instructed
to hoist a Dutch Flag at her Main top-
gallant Mast-head as soon as he shall
arrive within Sight of Fort St. George.

From Do

From Do the Commander
of the Company's Ship Foulis has been instruc-
-ted to make the same Signal as abovemen-
-tioned.—

From the Commander of the
Company's Ship Rodney acknowledging the
Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter
respecting the Detachment of the 15th Electoral
Regiment— and the Board's further
instructions regarding Mr. Edward
John Holland.—

From the Com-
-mander of the
Company's Ship
Rodney.—

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Supernumeraries of that Class cannot be claimed on the Ground of right, yet as the difference between the pay of private Soldiers and that of Freemen for the number Mentioned by Colonel Wangenheim does not amount to a Considerable Sum, and as it is of Consequence that those Men who are in general looked upon as something superior to the other private Soldiers should have no cause for discontent during the Year for which they have renewed their engagements. I recommend that Colonel Wangenheim's Request may be Complied with; But it ought at the same time to be adverted to that when 132 Supernumerary Freemen are allowed to the 14th Regiment the 15th Regiment can only have a right to draw in future for 12 Freemen being the difference between its establishment and the number of those Men who have re-inlisted in the other Regiments. And Measures should also be taken to ascertain in a Regular Manner the different Periods at which the

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Arrangement, of Compleating the 14th Regt as much as possible, out of the 15th 132 Freemn have also been turned over to the 14th Regiment and Consequently the Number of them in the 14th Regiment Amounts at present to 276, of which Number for 144 only the Pay as Freemen Can be drawn; I humbly Request your Lordship will be pleased of giving directions to the Pay Office, that the pay of those Freemen who have been received from the 15th Regiment, may be Continued until they Can be again Appointed into those Vacancies, which from time to time may happen in the Regiment, as perhaps otherwise it might make those Men discontent, if they should be again Reduced to the pay of private Soldiers.-

I have the honor to remain with great respect.-

&c &c

Signed Wangenheim Colonel

Madras
19th January
1791-

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No 9

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

The Senior Member and Council

of Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter dated the 19th Instant inclosing Copies of Mr Maxwell's Minute, and of Mr Farin's letter addressed to the Board of Revenue, respecting the differences that have arisen between the Nabob of Arcot and the Dutch East India Company about their proportion of the Pearl and Chank Fisheries; And upon a full Consideration of the Subject, it is clear to me that the Treaty alluded to, on which their present Claims seem to be founded, is in no degree binding on the Company's Government as being inconsistent with engagements previously Contracted by the Nabob. And there also appears to be very good Reason to believe that the privileges which have been exercised for a long period past by the Dutch in that quarter, both with regard to those Fisheries and to the Monopoly

From the Governor General recommending that a Letter be written to the Nabob respecting the privileges exercised by the Dutch in the Tinnivelly Province and also that the Dutch Government be addressed on the Subject of their Rights to the Pearl and Chank Fisheries and their Claims to certain exemptions and Privileges of Trade in the Tinnivelly District.

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to transmit to you Copies of the titles on which their rights to the Pearl and Chank Fisheries and their Claims to certain exemptions and privileges of trade in the Tinnevelly Country are founded, in order to enable you to form a just judgement on the Question in dispute.

The future steps which it may be advisable to take in this Business must be regulated by the Answers and apparent disposition of the Dutch Governor, and if contrary to his character and former conduct, He should not be inclined to other reason, it may be more prudent to refer the matter to a decision in Europe, than to engage in a warm and angry Correspondence in this Country.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen, &c. &c.
[signed] Cornwallis.

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24th January 1791.

Agreed that Letters be written to the Governor of Columbo and to his Highness the Rajah as recommended by the Governor General.

Minute thereon.

Agreed

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Burrowes in Consequence of those directions, with a list of the prices and of the Names of the Owners and I request that you will be pleased to give the Necessary orders for the prices being paid to the owners of the Horses to whom they are respectively due.-

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
&c. &c.
signed Cornwallis

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25th January
1791.—

Minute thereon.- Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to discharge the Sums due to the Owners of the Horses for the Number purchased on Account of the Company.-

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

From Lord Cornwallis - recommending that five Gentlemen be appointed Acting Ensigns on this Establishment.-

Gentlemen,

As the Army still remains very incomplete in Officers I beg leave to recommend the Gentlemen mentioned in

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member and Council

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

From Lord Cornwallis has ordered the whole of the Army to proceed to Velhaut for the Protection of the Convoys of Money &c. to be sent from the Presidency.

Upon finding that a considerable Body of the Enemy's Troops still remained in the Carnatic, after the arrival of General Medows with a part of the Army at Conjeveram, I thought it prudent for the Security of the very great Convoy of Money, Artillery, Stores and Provisions that it was necessary to take from this place, to desire the General to order General Musgrave to join him, and to proceed afterwards with his whole Force to Velhaut near Poonamalee.

I shall give orders to the different departments to make every preparation of Stores, Provisions &c. for the future movement of the Army, and hope to be able to begin my March very early in the next Month. - I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

&c. &c.

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(signed) Cornwallis

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the other for the security of his interests; But as it was originally promised to him that his Officers should be permitted to inspect the Collectors Accounts in the Country, and as He seems to prefer that manner of investigation to any other, I can by no means recommend that He should be further urged to desist from requiring it, But on the Contrary it is in my opinion proper that Orders shall be immediately issued and strictly enforced that all the Collectors of the Assumed districts should be ordered to expose their Accounts to the free and open examination of such persons as the Nabob shall now nominate to inspect them.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp at Vellout
January 28th 1791 -

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 29)

Translation

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Minute thereon.

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing Letters be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue, and that it be stated to them that the Points respecting Peishcush and Inspection were determined by Lord Cornwallis, who thought it right to gratify the Nabob, tho' it might be attended with some Inconvenience. That the Board hope however all Embarrassment will be avoided by the Care of the Collectors, and by the Nabobs having now named more Accountants, who are simply to inspect.

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.

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

Camp at Conjeveram the 18th of January 1792.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I had the honour of your's of the twelfth this morning; and perfectly acquiesce in the same spirit to have suffered a remission from the Rajah of Tanjore by the Government of

From Major General Medows - approving the Board's Proposal of bringing back to the Company's Acct the temporary remissions made to the Rajah of Tanjore during the Administration of Mr John Holland - and of granting an additional

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Thousand Pagodas, being the Amount of the abovementioned Remissions.-

Agreed that the requisite Orders be issued to the Accountant General.

Minute thereon-

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob (as entered also in C. C. No 30).

Translation

From the Nabob Wallajah to Sir C. Oakeley &c

Dated 22d Jemaudelawul 1205 H.
28th January 1791.

Received 28th January 1791.

My Accomptants who on upon the examination of Monies paid to my Friends the Company have discovered in the Account of my transaction with Mr De Souza that Pauptiah has embezzled a further Sum 21,025 : 9 : 75 and which he had received as the Agent of Messrs Hollonds during Mr John Hollonds Administration for the purpose of paying the same into your Treasury in part payment of my Kistbundy as this sum does not form any part of the

From the Nabob charging Pauptiah with the embezzlement of a further sum of Pag. 21025.9.75 exclusive of the 4,48,792- already in evidence before the Board.-

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Read the following Letter from Major General Abercrombie.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor & Council
of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I am honored with your Letter of the 9th Instant, wherein you are pleased to inform me of the Arrangement your Government has thought necessary to put in Execution for the Collection of the Revenues of the Tanjore Country.

From Major General Abercrombie in further explanation of the Mortgage made by the Rajah of Tanjore to the Danish Government in the year 1768.

For this Communication I feel myself particularly obliged.

Since the year 1788 I have rejected many advances made me by the Rajah of Tanjore respecting any farther Loan. I was even unwilling to comply with his Request at that time on account of the large Sums I knew he was under an Engagement to pay your Company, and therefore addressed Sir Archibald Campbell on the Subject to know if it could be done without any risk.

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Agreed to repeat to General Abercrombie the Observation contained in the Letter to him of the 9th Instant, and to inform him that it is not in the Power of the Board to Sanction or acquiesce in any Mortgage of Land in the Tanjore Country except that which has the Sanction of Sir Archibald Campbell's Administration.

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Major Banks.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

Finding my Health much worse since my arrival at Madras I have been under the necessity of taking my Passage for Europe on the Rodney.

General Meadows not being arrived, has prevented the Surgeons Certificate of my indisposition and the Necessary Papers for obtaining Lord Clives Pension from being laid before you. I

From Major Banks requesting Permission to proceed to Europe on the Rodney and that he may be allowed to take the Necessary Oath of Qualification for Lord Clives Bounty before the Acting President.

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Agreed that Major Bark be permitted to embark on the Rodney, and that he be mentioned in favorable Terms to the Honorable Court of Directors.-

Minute thereon-

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Adjutant General.-

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary of the Political & Military Department of Fort St George

Sir,

I am commanded by Major General Medows to transmit to You, and to request you will lay it before the Board in his Name, copy of a correspondence, marked No 1, which has taken place concerning the 2d Regiment of N. Cavalry. the letter addressed to Major Dalrymple from my office of date the 24th December with the Majors Answer having been Adopted in Consequence of the Communication given to the General of Major Burrowes letter under date the 19th November to Mr Secretary Chamier

after

From the Adjutant General with Copies of Correspondence concerning the 2. Regiment of N. Cavalry- General Medows recommends in consequence that Major Burrowes be held responsible for the sum disbursed by the Company on Account of Repairs- Major Dalrymple permitted to resign the Service his conduct to be mentioned to the Court of Directors on such terms as may preclude his re admission- Copy of the Charges as preferred against him by Lieut Stretch- the General recommends several military Promotions

and

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much on the Decline as to render him unable any longer to endure the Fatigues of the Field and that he has little probability of recovery.

Major General Medows has signified to Major Tonyn his concurrence to the application being complied with; but, as it was not given in untill after Major Tonyn had been put in Arrest for several heavy charges preferred against him by Lieut. Strolch of the same Regiment, a copy of which is inclosed N.o 2. the General thinks it necessary to explain to the Board that he was induced to grant his concurrence, to the resignation being accepted, on Account of the Delay which he foresaw would occur in Appointing another Officer to the command of the Regiment, agreeably to the usage of the Service, had the result of a General Court Martial been waited for: while at the same time the full authority over the Contract Money not being in the temporary Commander there was very reason to apprehend, from that cause that there would not be a favorable Opportunity of having the Corps attended

to

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General makes no doubt the Board will readily accede for the causes that have been assigned – Major General Medows therefore recommends that Capt.n Lieut.t John Murray the senior officer in succession to a Majority in the Cavalry shall be appointed a Major and to command the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry vice Tonyn resigned; and he requests the Board will notice the subject to the Court of directors by the first dispatch in such manner as may effectually prevent Major Tonyn from being again admitted into the Service. –

The General desires me also to request that you will express in his name for the Board's consideration and decision that it may be necessary not to pay off the Arrears due from the Service to Major Tonyn untill an opportunity offers of attending to the Claims that may appear from the 1st Regiment –

To

Fort St. Philip 28th January 1794

Colonels to the 1st and 4th Battns of
European Infantry may Commade on
the principle which the General thinks
advisable as expressed in my letter
of the 13th October last to Mr Secretary
Shannon by order of the General
As Colonel Fraser
Nomination to the Command of an Europ
Corps has thus been delayed after the
death of Coll. Kelly the General is of
opinion that Colonel Fraser is entitled
to the benefit of Offreckonings, as Colonel
from the day he succeeded to the rank
which may be declared in Orders, agreeable
to Circumstances, at the time Colonels
are appointed to Command the 1st and
4th Battalions of European Infantry
The General desires
to signify his recommendation of
Lieutenant Robert N. Wynne to be
Adjutant to the 12th Battn of Native
Infantry vice Smale deceased.

111 .. T. R. L. Sevge 28. January 1/1

Burrowes by him..

I appears they are extremely
deficient, and it is consistent with my
knowledge that they have been entirely neg-
ect since Major Burrowes left the Arm

I humbly conceive
would be but just, either that Major
Burrowes should deliver over his Accou-
ments to his Successor in a fair state
fit for Service, or that a certain number
of Months allowances be refunded by
Major Burrowes for that purpose, not
less than from the date of his quitt.
the Regiment, when it appears all
repairs ceased.

Do me the favour to
lay these Circumstances before the Com-
-mander in Chief, and obtain his Orders
I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
(signed) J. Floyd Lt Col.
Comm. the Cavalry

Lieut

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Burrowes by him.

It appears they are extremely deficient, and it is consistent with my own knowledge that they have been entirely neglected ever since Major Burrowes left the army.

I humbly conceive it would be but just, either that Major Burrowes should deliver over his Accounts to his Successor in a fair state fit for Service, or that a certain number of Months allowances be refunded by Major Burrowes for that purpose, not less than from the Date of his quitting the Regiment, when it appears all repairs ceased.

Do me the favour to lay these Circumstances before the Commander in Chief, and obtain his Orders.

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

(signed) J. Floyd Lt Col
Comm. the Cavalry

Lieut.

may be granted me in a similar Manner to draw the usual Full sum to Compleat those Deficients.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
&c. &c.
J. Pater
Major Commanding
the 2d Regt of Cavalry

Camp Samiabram
December 17th 1790

Proceedings of a Committee held to Inspect the Saddlery of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry by order of Major John Pater Commanding Camp Samiabram 15th December 1790.—

Captain Sullivan President
Lieut. John Grant. Members. Lieut. Thomas Hill

Saddles and Horse Accoutrements Repairable in the Lines	362		
Do . . . Do . . . Do in the Store	3		
New in the Stores without Bitts and Sherap Irons	23	388	
All Trees with the Mouldy in the Unopoly	32		
Condemned Saddles and Horse accoutrements in the Regt	9		major [illegible]
Do . . . Do . . . in the Store	10		
Saddles and Accoutrements Lost at Sally Mongolum	19		
Do Do Do at Daraporam	8		
Do Do Do on the March	4		
Totals		471	

(signed) J. Pater
Major Commanding
the 2d Regt of Cavalry

(signed) P. Sullivan
Capt. & President

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the necessary repairs without any Delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir

&c &c

Henry Malcolm

Adjt Genl of the Army

Head Quarters Camp
at Munsurpett
22d December 1790

(signed)

To Major Pater commanding the 2d Regt of
Native Cavalry -

Sir,

The Commander in
Chief desires that you will inform me,
in order to be laid before him, whether
or not Major Burrowes when he left
the Army in July last, requested you to
take the trouble of directing the contract
business of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry
and to draw from the Paymaster for the
Monthly Accounts -

Whether or not Major Burrowes
put his Deroga under your immediate
orders in July last -

Whether or not you represented to
Major Burrowes that the Deroga had behaved
with impropriety or neglect -

Whether or not you consented in July
last

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To Lieut. Col. Malcolmy
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Sir,

In Compliance with the Order Contain'd in your Letter of Yesterday I have the Honor to Assure you that Major Burrowes when Leaving the Army Neither requested of me to take the trouble of directing the Contract business of this Regiment, or Expressed the Smallest wish that I should interfere in anything Respecting it— Indeed I believe, the last Person in the Regiment to whom he communicated his intentions of retiring and the reasons with which he then Express'd himself made me notice more Particularly what he Said. The whole of which respecting the Contract Concern'd Consign'd to arrangements he had made with his Dirogah for the Month then Current requesting that I would Sign his Chitts and forward the Bills granted as half payment whenever they were Issued to him

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on his Deroga's Conduct-

My Letters to Major Burrows respecting the Situation of the Regiment after the loss we Sustain'd at Showoore have never been replied to; And his Deroga has Declared to me that his Several representations on the like Subject were also unanswered- I Stated to Major Burrows, at that time the losses we had Sustained, and Detailed the Particular Articles which was necessary the Regiment Should be immediately Supplied with, but to no Effect; Since the Letter of the 18th September already mentioned I have not received a Line from him-

Although the Regiment was in General Pretty regularly Supplied before the action at Showoore, yet the nature of the Service we were on made Expeditions frequently necessary, and as Major Burrows, was absent the Exigencies of the Regiment called on me to use my authority as Commanding Officer with his Deroga This I endeavoured to do by affording him every Assistance in my Power towards procuring Monuntary Supplies, who

constant

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Received, but to little purpose - Bullocks, Gunny
& Shoes Gram bags, Head and heel ropes, Mapp
Medicine, Gram Kettles, &c &c in short every
thing still were to be provided; and as my
injunctions had not sufficient Weight to
prevail on the Durga to doit, I employed
People of the Regiment (Native Commissioned
and Non Commissioned Officers) for that purpose
who brought him Bullocks, and Gunnies
which he would neither purchase or hire,
although till then he daily complained to me
that the Regiment was in the utmost distress
for want of them, which I knew to be the
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found no difficulty in Procuring Shoes &
Nails, which were also indispensibly Neces
=sary to the then Present, as well as future
Operations of the Corps, and which were
frequently much wanted - Notwithstanding
the Head Shoe Smith whose Province it was
to get them (attending not to my repeated
Directions) never would doit - on the
Contrary with a View of Evading his
duty

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and such Measures as Delicacy would have induced me to adopt unobserved.-

When appointed to the Command of the Regiment the bad Condition of the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements, for want of the constant necessary Repairs which they require in the Field, obliged me to order a Board of Officers to inspect them.- From the time Major Burrowes retired from the Army neither Materials nor Workmen were procured for the above purpose, and my Endeavours to Procure them from his Doroga were Ever ineffectual.- At Trinchinopoly, the only Person capable of Performing the work was by an order from Major Burrowes (soon after he left the Regiment) to his Doroga allowed to return to Trinchinopoly; I mentioned to the Doroga the loss the Regiment would Sustain and requested that he might be detained at least untill we moved from Dendigul, as our Stay there (the only Probable opportunity we should have) would afford time for Something to be done respecting the Saddlery.

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25th of December 1790

/signed/ J. Baker
Major 2d Batt.

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(Signed) W. Stretch
Lt. 1st Reg.t of Cavalry

Camp Chittoor Choultry
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receive the Duplicate of your Letter of the 13th October till this Morning the original never came to hand and I like imagined I should have had the honor of receiving any Letter from you upon the Coast, expecting as was agreed that the Houghton would have put in here about the Day of my arrival the 21st September to take me on Board, but finding I had been deceived in that Expectation I endeavoured to procure a passage by a French Ship, then about to Sail from Pondicherry in which I was also disappointed these accidents will account for my detention here, but still resolved to avail myself of the Commander in Chiefs and the Board's permission to proceed to Europe for the benefit and restoration of a valetudinary habit for I shall go no where else, and have taken measures to procure a passage in all December when I shall Embark, as to my leave of absence on making a Vacancy, it is what I could wish, but rests with the General to Decide, there are two Field Officers belonging

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Major Hugh Montgomery to be Lieutenant Colonel vice Bridges promoted.

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Resolved that Major Tonyn's Conduct be mentioned in such Letter to the Court of Directors, as will effectually preclude him from an admission into the Company's Service at any future Period. -

Minute on that part of the Letter from the adjutant General respecting Major Tonyn's Conduct.

Resolved that Major Burrowes be informed that under the Circumstances stated in the Letter from Major Tate the Board cannot allow

Minute on that Part of the Letter from the adjutant General which relates to the Money disbursed by the Company on account of the accoutrements of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry. -

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all Grain belonging to the Circar; to take effectual means for possessing themselves of the balance of Cash, and to call upon the respective Revenue officers to furnish the Accounts, which were lodged in the several Cutcheries. We particularly recommended that these points should be accomplished as speedily as possible, but if not practicable in the first, we authorized them to have recourse at their discretion to Coercive measures

2d . . . . The Reasons, which rendered necessary the delegation of this power are obvious; for the Nabob had not thought proper to furnish the requisite orders directing his Aumils to comply with the orders of Government; but on the contrary had by a formal proclamation commanded his Servants as long as they should exist, not to submit to the Orders of Government. The appearance of obedience to these directions was observed throughout the Carnatic, but in many

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Districts

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inhabitants with a sence of the Company's power, and of their Resolution to exercise it. We could wish to have been as successful in the Trichinopoly districts; but the delicacy, which was due to the Sons of his Highness the Nabob, for bad the adoption of any harsh measure, and the influence, which they have consequently maintained, has operated to the prejudice of the Revenues, by preventing the inhabitants from making such advantageous offers for the farms, as might have been expected. These two instances excepted, We have great pleasure in informing you, that the People have generally embraced the Company's Government with chearfulness and satisfaction.—

4th . . . . . As soon, as we had received certain information of the Company's authority being established in the different districts, it became necessary to form some general system for the future Regulation of the Revenues. Upon this subject

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Consult.n 16th Aug.t

we are of Opinion that an undivided authority should be placed in the hands of the Collectors; and that the Board of Revenue at Madras should act as a Board of Controul over them; but to carry interference into the interior management of the Country, could not but weaken that immediate influence, without which the most acknowledged abilities must fail in executing the inspected Duties.

7th ..... For these Reasons, which we have more particularly detailed in our Proceedings, we determined that the Proposals for renting the different Farms, should be delivered to the Collectors on the Spot.

Consult.n 16th Aug.t

8th ..... We could have wished to extend our attention to the future advantages of the Country, and to have charged ourselves immediately with the Repair of Tanks, and every other useful work of improvement: we could also willingly have separated the Duties from

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the abilities of an individual must prove unequal to the execution of so arduous a Task: we therefore submitted our Objections to your consideration; and Recommended that three more Collectors should be appointed to the Charge of this extensive Province. In consequence of this Opinion, and of the Collectors Request to be relieved from part of the burthen, the Honorable Board were pleased to order that the Districts of Arcot should be divided into three Collectorships.—

Consult.n 26th Aug.t

11th . . . . We shall now proceed to state the consequences of our advertisements, and the arrangements, which have made in the different Districts

12th . . . . . In pursuance of our determination not to interfere in the general Detail, we resolved to direct our choice of Renters, except in extraordinary Cases, by such Recommendations, as should be transmitted by the Collectors. We were encouraged to the adoption of

Consult.n 20th Sept.r

Consult.n 13.th Sept.r

of the District, and the presence of the Centre Army enabled Mr. Lindersley, Collector in the northern Division of Arcot, to take possession with less difficulty and delay, than was experienced in other places. Accordingly in his letter of 9.th September, he transmitted a body of information with which we had reason to be well satisfied; and in his several letters of 12.th 14.th 15.th 16.th and 17.th of the same Month, he submitted to our Decision the several Proposals which had been tendered for renting the different districts under his charge. The Settlement, which we have in consequence concluded for the Northern Division of Arcot (exclusive of the Puttoor Jagier) amount to Pr. 289,519. Clear of all Charges. We have great pleasure in remarking that by an estimated account of actual Receipts for the Fusly year 1199, the Revenue Collected from the same Districts exceeds our Settlement only in the Sum of Pagodas 42,485. When however we consider that about 15 p.r Cent must be deducted from the Nabobs Receipts for

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We must here observe that the depradations of the Enemy previous to the arrival of Mr Floyer, had occasioned a general consternation and alarm, and that the people were flying from every part of the Country to the principal Factories on the Sea Coast. Our Collector found great difficully in Combating this general panic, and in restoring the Confidence of the inhabitants under these Circumstances we were willing to accept the proposals, which were tendered though some what short of the estimated produce. and notwithstanding the encouragements which has been held out, it was so impracticable to procure responsible Renters, that we have been under the necessity of Retaining lands to the Amount of 52,000 Ps in Aumany management.

Consult. 8th Decemr

We are sorry to add that by Accounts transmitted to us since the above arrangement took place, the whole of this district appears to have been overrun by the enemy's Cavalry; Mr Floyer in a letter of the 24 December

and Andoormungalums, which are now in Annany.-

Consult.n 4th October

16th . . . . . We have great pleasure in relating the eagerness and Confidence with which the inhabitants of Tinnevelly embraced the Company's Government because the attention which was paid to the Advertizement for Proposals in this district, where our influence was most immediately felt during the late Assignment is abundant proof of former successful Administration, and promises equal prosperity for the future. The Shisted Vists of this District including Polegar Peishcush and other incidentary of Revenue, amount to Pagodas 5,01,095.-

Consult.n 7th Oct.r

17th . . . . . In the advertizement for renting the Madura and Nellore Countries, the same attention was paid in dividing the districts into small farms: the proposals were numerous; but the most eligible in every respect was that of Mootaliah Pully the Ramnad Minister. Though the acceptance of any single offer for the Management of

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Consult. 15th Decemr

his Highness the Nabob's Sons, we must add the very serious Consideration of delay in Renting out the different farms, we are happy however in informing you that these difficulties have at length been surmounted by the Diligence of Mr Andrews. In his Letters of 27th November 7th and 9th December he transmitted together with a Statement of Poligar Peishcush, proposals for Renting the Districts under his Charge, which we deemed very eligible. The Sum Clear of all Charges Amounts to Rupees 1020505. This Settlement is exclusive of Warriampolle and Arrialore, in which Mr Andrews has not been yet able to complete an arrangement, and we are happy in remarking that it exceeds what Vencata Soubiah was to have paid for the third year of this Rent during the late Assignments.—

With infinite Concern however we inform you that some Remissions from these Rents must be demanded, for the Country was in great measure Deserted by the inhabitants, when Tippoo Army

M. Pag-. 3,63,831. which exceeds the gross Jumma of Vencatraw, Renter of Nellore under the Assignments in the Sum of M. Pr 26,831.-

20th . . . . . The same Observations may be applied to the districts of Ongole; and we are happy to inform you that Mr Erskine, the Collector, has been able to conclude separate agreements with the Head inhabitants of the Villages. The Kistbundy including Customs Salt &c. Amounts to M. Pr 99,693 and exceeds the Nabob's estimated Receipts in the Sum of M. Pr 14,693.-

Consult. 2d Pct.

21st . . . . . Mr Erskine, under whose Superintendance the Palwaud is also placed, has transmitted us a Melancholy account of the rigorous System, by which the Nabob's Foujdars have been wont to Collect the Revenues of that District. some parts however have so far escaped the oppressive hand of power, that ninety one Villages have been rented

Consult. 24th Ditto

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immediately adjoins to that part of the
Jagir under Mr Clerk's Care Recommended
and the Honorable Board were pleased
to Direct, that it should be placed under
charge of the latter Pantheon. The
Pistboundy which he has in consequence
concluded with the Renter amounts to
Star Pagodas 11,650.-

23d . . . . . For the more formality
Diary Cons.s 2. Oct.r of the Deed, and greater Security of the
different Renters, whom we had directed
to be invested, we ordered that all the
Aumil Namahs should be transmitted
to the Presidency, for the purpose of
affixing the Company's Seal; and we
inserted a Clause by which it was stipulated
that the Renters should adjust their accounts
with people on the part of the Company
and with no others whatever.-

Consult.s 30. Aug.t 24th . . . . . As it has been Customary
for the Zemindars of Vencatagherry, Calastry
and Bommauze Pallam, to settle for
the payment of their Peishcush immedi-
-ately

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investigations shall be finished we shall carry your Final orders into execution.

26th . . . . . Having thus concluded our Reports of the different Settlements which have been concluded, we venture to express our hope that they will meet your approbation. We are the more sanguine in this expectation, when we recall to your mind the disadvantages under which we laboured in carrying the assumption into effect. There was an open Declaration of War, and a recent invasion had taught the people to apprehend a repetition of those horrors, which had been so lately and so deeply rooted in their remembrance. The expected Change in Government, induced the inhabitants to leave the tillage of their lands, and to neglect the Cultivation of the Cold Crop. Finally the Renters uncertain of their situation, totally relaxed in the necessary Repair of Tanks and Water Courses. We trust that upon

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the amount of 213,000 Pagodas should be allowed for the Maintenance of his Highness's Family; but no particular description or Statement of their Value was ever made. It appears however that the Sagers belonging to his Highness's own Family, his Brother or his immediate Servants and Dependants, fall considerably short of the Sum Stipulated in the Treaty. Apprehensive therefore that the granting any Sagers beyond those, which were known and established at the time of taking possession of the Nabob's Country, would be attended with great inconvenience and Detriment, arising from interference with the Collectors, We recommended, and your Honorable Board approved that the Deficiency of the Sagers so granted, should be made good in ready Money, rather than allot Lands to complete the full Sum of 213,000 Pagodas.-

29th ..... The necessity of this precaution is sufficiently manifested by the

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shall be possessed of Materials to substantiate a Charge.—

31st ..... In consequence of your Orders & Order Date 24th November. We proceeded to take into consideration the Report of Mssrs Ram and Falloseed upon the Tanjore Country. By the Collectors Letter it would appear that the Rajah had previous to the Expulsion rented out the different Districts; but they have not yet furnished us with the particular settlements concluded with the different Pattuckdars. An Estimate has been transmitted by which it appears that the gross Collections Amounts to 2,68,9842 Chuckrums. The Servamanums and Jagueers to individuals, amount to 2,48,280 Chuckrums and the Charges of Collection to 1,06,371 Chuckrums which being deducted, leave a clear Revenue of 22,36,191 Chuckrums or about Star Pagodas 8,57,570.—

32d ..... The Subject of Jagueers is the most material, on which we have had Occasion to animadvert: and upon this point we have in compliance with the Orders of Government, directed that all Jagueers, which have fallen into the Rajahs hands, should be considered as part of the Circar Lands. We have however been particularly careful in refraining from

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which was sanctioned by Government, and recognized by the Court of Directors, should be relinquished to the Danes; but if any Villages should appear to have been Mortgaged upon subsequent Loans, we Ordered them to be resumed on the Company's account.-

We have the Honor to be,
Honble Sirs
&c &c

Fort St. George,
24th January 1791

(Signed)
J. Huddleston
Edwd Saunders
Mr Tudor
David Haliburton
George Moubray
Hugh Maxwell

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Rodney.-

Packet p. Rodney to be closed.-

The General Letters p. Rodney dated the 21st and 28th Instant having been signed- Ordered that the Packet be Closed.-

Chas Oakeley.-

Ed. G. Balmain

J Huddleston -