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Received the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department.—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated 4th March 1791.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department the office of Deputy Comptroller General discontinued.—

Resolved that Mr. Greenhills appointment of Deputy Comptroller General be discontinued.—

/ A True Extract. /

/ Signed / Robert Clerk
Depty Secy.

Received the following Letter from Mr. Lichtenstein Member of the Danish Council at Tranquebar—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c. &c.
of
Fort St. George.

From Mr. Lichtenstein declaring that the Mortgage made to the Danish by the Rajah of Tanjore on account of the loan of 20000 Pagodas was continued by the Permission of Sir Archibald Campbell &c. Council in the year 1788

Hble Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit you a Letter to the Government in which I according to your Advice have stated circumstantially the matter in question—I hope that after the perusal of it you will consider this Affair in a more favorable Light than it before has appeared—I am extremely sorry that after a most carefull search among my Papers I did not find the whole Letter from Sir Archd Campbell. which I yesterday in the Idea of possessing it promised to accompany copy of with my Address to the Board. I am so much

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more distressed for this accident as it might give a disadvan=
=tageous Impression on your Sentiments of me but I pledge
hese my Word of honor that I immediately on my Arrival
at Tranquebar shall dispatch an express Catteniaran
with the Copy or further Extract of this Letter for your
perusal, as well as Copys or Extracts of the two Letters from
Governor Anker to Sir Archibald Campbell — I am sensible
that from the want of the Letters alluded to Objections
may be formed against a final Determination of the Affair
in question though these Letters will only confirm all what I stated
in this Case I solicit most earnestly this particular favor of
you, that if on the perusal of my Address to the Board you
should conceive a favorable Opinion of the Affair & only be —
Wanted the promised Copy's to determine yourself ultimately that
I so now might receive either a verbal or written provisional
Asurance should the promised Copy's of the at
be conformable to what I stated them in my Address your
Honble Board would in such Case acquiesce or refer the
matter at home whereas the Danish Government mean —
while remains in the possession of the Mortgage in question —
A provisional Asurance of that kind would enable me to
Return with the Danish Ship in the Roads which is to sail
on Monday and a most singular Obligation would thereby
be conferred on me who has the honor to be most —
Respectfully, —

Honble.

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Honorable Sir,

Your Most Obedient

Most humble Servant

/Signed/ Frans Lichtenstein

Fort St. George

The 5th March 1791

To

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir

& Sirs

I have had the Honor to Receive your Letter of
3d Instant in which I am sorry to find your Honble Board
does not think proper to acquiesce with the Mortgage of Land
for 20,000 Pagodas from the Rajah of Tanjore, all though this Sum
has been paid & been given a Bond for on the very same day
that the Sixty Thousand Pagd Loan was made & therefore
in every respect hath the same Validity as this last which it
seems the Employers of your Honble Board have given their
Approbation to. — In Consequence of your Honble Board
Mentioning that only the Mortgage of 44 Villages has
been publickly avowed & that your Honble Board is
quite ignorant of that which I have had the Honor to
state in my Letter of the 26th Ultimo being to the Amount
of 20,000 Pagodas for which Nine Villages are mortgaged

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the Revenues of which are estimated equal to the Interest at 12 pct. of the above Sum I am very much surprized that this Transaction has not come to the Knowledge of the Employers of your Hon'ble Board as well as the Loan of 60,000 Pag.s done at one and the same time & With the Knowledge of Sir Archibald Campbell then Governor of Fort St. George.—

In order to remove every doubt that Might be entertained by your Hon'ble Board about the Legality of the Mortgage in question you will permitt me here shortly to state upon what Authority this as well as the larger Loan has been granted by the Royal Danish Government & Likewise the Cause of two Bonds being made out on one day for the Respective Loans of 60,000 Pagodas & 20,000 Pag.s when it appears only one would have been Sufficient.—

Advances being made in the year 1788 by the Rajah of Tanjore to Governor Anker for Loan of Money upon Mortgage of Land Governor Anker thought proper on account of the Large Sums he knew the Rajah to be under Engagements to pay the English Company to address himself on this Subject to Sir Archibald Campbell than Governor to know of him if the Loans could be given without risk Sir Archibald Campbell returned in answer to this as his Letter of 3d October 1788 expresses these very Words: The Rajah of Tanjore is his Own Master so long

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as he continues to fulfil his Engagements to the English Company. - Your Hon'ble Board will please here to Observe that at the time this Letter by Sir Archibald Campbell was wrote the Rajah had not failed in his Engagements as such stood represented to Governor Anker as independant & at Liberty to Negociate on the Subject of a Loan and to grant Mortgage of Land for the Same. which was Accordingly performed immediately subsequent to this Declaration from Sir Archibald Campbell and with his particular knowledge & assistance How could Governor Anker at that time imagine even that this general Declaration should be construed into a Limited permission only for a certain stipulated Sum & no more. I leave to judge your Hon'ble Board how astonished the Danish Government must be when now Objections are formed against a Mortgage legally & publickly contracted by the express Permission of your Government in 1788. for it can be no matter how Many Bonds for the Sum lent to the Rajah of Tanjore are made out. if only at the final Conclusion of this authorised Negociation of Loan. the Sums lent were communicated to Sir Archibald Campbell who as Governor had been privy to the Whole Transaction which I shall have the honor to prove by the Letters which Governor Anker had wrote to him on the Subject. there are especially two in Number. the one was wrote when the Rajahs Minister Shevaron had arrived at Tranquebar & treated about the

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Loan it was then settled, after a great deal of Correspon-
-dence being passed between the Shevaron & the Rajah at
whose Residence Mr Petrie then was the Danish Govern-
-ment should give a Loan of 60,000 Pag. on Mortgage of
44 Villages when this was so far settled that only the
Signature to the Bond was wanted Governor Anker then
immediately informed Sir Archibald Campbell of the
Loan & of the Terms, few days after the swarron who still
resided at Tranquebar brought for ward the particular Request
of the Rajah, that the Danish Government might give
him in addition to the first Sum another 20,000 Pagodas
for which he would mortgage Nine Villages all on the
same Terms as the Mortgage of 44 Villages Governor Anker
to oblige the Rajah granted the desired Sum & was to
receive a Bond for it made out exactly as that for
60/m Pag. this non sooner was settled when Governor
Anker wrote to Sir Archibald Campbell whom he
informed of this Last Transaction also and your Honble.
Board will now please to observe that from that time
above a Month elapsed before the Money of these Loans was
paid to the Rajah at Tanjore whither the Danish Government
had sent the Royal Interpreter Daniel Poolley who received
the Bonds signed by the Rajah when all the Money had
been paid, — If Sir Archibald Campbell as Governor have
had any Objection against the Loan & Mortgage of 20,000 Pag.
surely he would and ought to have intimated it to Governor
Anker.

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Anker who could at that period still have redrown. but consi-
-dering most Naturally the Rajah of Tanjore at Liberty
to Negociate on the Subject of Loan of Money as he himself
had declared he looked upon this transaction as in Course.
Having not those papers here above alluded to with me
I only can offer your Hon'ble Board the authentical Copys
or Extracts as far as regards the Matter in question to be
transmitted to your Hon'ble Board on my Arrival at
Tranquebar, though they can not more fully illustrate the
Legality of the Mortgage of 20,000 Pag.s as I have had the
honor here to demonstrate & will they only serve as Vouchers
of the truth of what I have here advanced, — I am not
quite certain but dont doubt that Governor Anker has
retained Copy of his two Letters to Sir Archibald Campbell
of which he told me the Contents when I last left Tranquebar
but the Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell dated 3d. Octr.
1788. I do for certain pledge me to produce. —

By the above Statement I trust that your
Hon'ble Board in Justice will recognise the Legality of the
Mortgage in question and the undoubted Right the Danish
Government has to the same equal with the Mortgage of
60,000 Pag.s and I expect from the Rectitude of your Principles
& in Consideration of the unequivocal Friendship & Harmony
which of time immemorial hath subsisted between Our
respective Nations as also between our Respective
Governments in India that your Hon'ble Board will be

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Pleased to acquiesce with the Mortgage in Question in the Same Manner as you already so obligingly have done with those of 60,000 & 32500 Pagodas in the Tanjore Country the more as of the Smallness of the Revenue of the disputed Mortgage can be of so little material Consequence to your Government and very inconsiderable Benefit from its Acquisition can be derived.—

I beg leave to offer in behalf of Governor Archer my most grateful acknowledgements of the ready Compliance your Honble Board has shewn to my Request and respect to the Assistance of your Collector in the Portonovo Districts for the Recovery of the out standing Debt from several Individuals there.—

I have the Honor to be with great Regard—

Honorable Sir

& Sirs

Your most obedient

& Most humble Servant.

/Signed/ Fromt Lechtenstein—

Fort St. George
the 5th March 1791

Sent the following Letter to Mr Lechtenstein

To Francis Lechtenstein Esqr.
Member of the Danish Council
at
Tranquebar.

To Mr Lechtenstein in
Reply to the foregoing letter.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 5th Instant informing us that the Mortgage on account of the Loan of 20,000 Pagodas was legally and publickly contracted by the

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"express Permission of this Government in the year 1788" — and quoting a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell to Major General Anker under date the 3d of October 1788 in Proof thereof. —

We have referred to our Records and perused with great attention the Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell to which you allude and in which we find these words. — "The whole Tanjore Country is eventually mortgaged "to the English Company — such being the case your Excellency "must be sensible that it is not in my Power, from the "Public Station I hold to sanction any Mortgages upon the "Tanjore Country as it might to a certain Extent deprive "this Government of the advantages to be derived by their "Constituents from the articles of the Treaty —"

With regard to that part of the Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell to which you particularly refer in support of your Claim — Vizt "that the Rajah of "Tanjore is his own Master so long as he continues to fulfill "his Engagements to the English Company" we most perfectly accord — and if his Excellency had not failed in those Engagements he would have been still his own Master & this Government would not have interfered in the Affairs of His Country. —

We must confess that your Quotation from Sir Archibald Campbells Letter does not Appear to us applicable since it is well known that at the very

time —

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Time the Subject of Loans was under Negotiation between your Government and the Rajah Mr Petrie was publickly deputed to Tanjore for the Purpose of Remonstrating with the Rajah in consequence of his Failure, and of enforcing the Penalty of the Treaty provided that Remonstrance were ineffectual — We do not therefore discover the Grounds upon which your Observations are founded, either in respect to the Sanction of this Government having been given by Sir Archibald Campbell in his Letter to General Anker of the 3d of October 1788. or to the Rajahs performance of his Engagements since it is obvious from the circumstances we have stated that Sir Archibald Campbell declared he could not Sanction any Mortgage and that the Rajah had not fulfilled his Engagements with the Company —

under these considerations however disposed we may be to acquiesce in any reasonable proportion for the benefit of your affairs we cannot consistently with the duty we owe to the trust reposed in us, countermand the instructions we have given for the Assumption of all the Lands in the Tanjore country except the Mortgages for 60,000 Pagodas and 32500 Pagodas. —

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

Dispatched

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6th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Sagheire directing him to deliver to Mr Cockburn on the Company's account the Cart and Bullocks Mentioned in his Letter of the 24th Ultimo. and to lodge the other Articles with the Town Major until further Orders. —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Sagheire

To the Military Paymaster General with Permission to open a Head for His Majestys Squadron in the Books of his office. —

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Madeira expressing the Concern the Board feel at the frequent complaints made to them lately in which his Name has been introduced Stating the Points on which they consider his Conduct towards Captain Bowser improper - and directing him to be particularly cautious in future — Captain Bowser will be informed that it is his / Mr Vaughans / Province to make all Payments to the Garrison of Dendegul and to have Charge of the Public Stores — the General order for the Discontinuance of field allowances to the Garrison of Dendegul from the 1st January is not to operate till the 1st February. —

To the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Madeira —

To the Commandant at Dendegul - With Extract of a Letter from Mr Vaughan directing him to explain some circumstances therein reported - informing him that Mr Vaughan is to make all Payments to the Garrison of Dendegul and to have charge of all the Public Stores. —

To the Commandant at Dendegul -

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To Lieutenant Hudleston of the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry - stating that in consequence of his Report of most of the Horses now in the market being too young for immediate Service the Board do not think proper to purchase them and directing him in consequence to advise the Horse dealers that they are at Liberty to dispose of their Horses as may best suit themselves. —

To Lieutenant Hudleston of the 5th Regt of Native Cavalry -

To Lieutenant Mc Kenas returning his Bill for Secret Service. signed for Payment and directing him in future to make out his Bills on that account according to the form transmitted to him under date the 19th January last —

To Lieutenant Mc Kenas at Tinjore -

To the paymaster at Vellore directing him to furnish Cornet Kippen with such Assistance as he may apply for in making up Saddles for the use of the Cavalry. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore.

To the Master Attendant directing him to proceed on board the Foules and Allot sufficient accomodation for the Hanoverean Officers and Men embarked on that Ship. —

To the Master Attendant

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Foules - advising him of the Abovementioned orders to the Master Attendant directing him to Appropriate such accomodation for the officers and men as may be deemed by him Sufficient. —

To the Commanders of the Company's Ship Foules.

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Received the undermentioned Letters as

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7th entered in M.B. No. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. —

To the Commandant at Madura.

From the Commandant at Madura complaining that the Paymaster Mr. Vaughan has issued Pay to the Troops in that Garrison without giving him any previous Notice thereof —

From the Town Major —

From the Town Major enclosing an Application from Lieutenant Boisdaune for Permission to proceed to the Presidency to Settle some private Affairs. —

From the Commandant at Palamcotah

From the Commandant at Palamcotah

With a Return of ordnance in that Garrison enclosing Recommendation Chitt of a Subidar in the Nabobs Service to be a Supernumerary in the 2nd Battalian of Tinnevelly Provincials. —

From the Collector at Trichinopoly

From the Collector at Trichinopoly enclosing the Bill drawn by the Rajah of Trevancore which he received some time ago from Mr. Powney. —

From Do.

From Do. acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 3d March has in consequence forwarded to the Acting President the Bill was drawn by the Rajah of Travancore due attention Will be paid to the other parts of its Contents. —

From the Master Attendant —

From the Master Attendant Reports that the Hanoverian officers and Men embarked for Europe on the Fowlis are accomodated in a very sufficient Manner and entirely to their own Satisfaction. —

From Do.

From Do. Acknowledging the Receipt of Ten Boxes of Glass ware which will be shipped immediately

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immediately on the Ketch Alert for Masulipatam, —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 42, 43,

To Masulipatam — with Bill of Lading of Ten Boxes of Glass Ware shipped on the Alert Ketch and Consigned to that Factory directing them on receipt of the Glass Ware to give information thereof to the Resident at Hydrabad and to forward them in the manner and at the Time he may recommend, —

To Masulipatam —

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Fowlis — permitting him to receive on board his Ship as Passenger for Europe Thomas Lacon, the Company being at no Expence thereby, —

The Commander of the Company's Ship Fowlis

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as entered in C. C. No. 47 / Requesting His Highness to give a final Answer to the several unconsolidated Claims that have been referred to his Agents, —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob —

Received the following Proceedings from the Hospital Board, —

Proceedings of the Hospital Board recommending that the General order appointing Mr. Steele to the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry be republished and that Mr. Martin assistant Surgeon at Trichinoply be ordered to Dindigul to relieve Mr. Steele —

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Read a Letter from Mr. Mein Head Surgeon Trichinopoly recommending that

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Mr Boiswell assistant Surgeon on account of his active, and Meritories conduct at Satti-mungulum should be removed from the 25th to the 6th Battalian of Native Infantry non ordered on actual Service. Altho' the Hospital Board wish to pay every respect to Mr Meins recommendation they think it would be an injustice to Mr Steele to deprive him of that Battalion, to which he was appointed in June last but from some accident the General Order never reached him and he was ordered into the Garrison of Dindigul by the Commanding Officer where he still continues - They therefore recommend that the General Order Appointing Mr Steele to the 6th Battalion be republished, and that Mr Martin, Assistant Surgeon at-

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at the General Hospital Strict-
-nopoly be ordered to proceed to
Dindigul to relieve Mr. Steele
in order that he may be enabled
to Join his Corps immediately—

W. Anderson
Physician General.

[Signed] J. W. Raine
acting Chief Surgeon

Willm Duffin
Head Surgeon.

At a Consultation

Present.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President.

John Hudleston Esqre
The Honorable Major Genl. William Medows
Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

Read the following Letters from the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor &c.
Honourable Sir.

From the Reverend Mr Swartz
partticulars Letter respecting the
different Mortgages made by
the Rajah of Tanjore to the
Danish Company.

Yesterday I received a Letter of the 23d of this month
where with the Honourable Board has honoured me All what I knew

Concerning

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concerning some Sums which the late and present Rajah has borrowed from the Danish Government at Tranquebar consists in the following Particulars, —

The late Rajah borrowed first 30000. Star Pags from the Danes and Mortgaged the District of Tereeclatchery as a Sufficient Security. —

These 30,000 Star Pagodas were paid by the late Rajah to the Danes, who restored Tiruvalatchery to the Rajah the late Rajah borrowed the second time from the Danish Government Viz.t 32500 Star Pagodas and Mortgaged Tiruvadi Kally This Sum of 32500 star Pagodas was not paid off but remains unpaid to this day. —

When Mr. Petrie was sent to Tanjore during the Administration of Sir Archibald Campbell the present Rajah borrowed first 60,000 Star Pagodas from the Danes in order to pay his Kists — and immediately he borrowed 20,000 Star Pagodas more for his own use — By way of Security he mortgaged many Villages which the Danish Government was allowed to keep for 12. Years. —

I am Respectfully

28th February

Yr. Hble Servt
C. F. Swartz.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor &c.

Honorable Sir.

I have been honored with a Letter dated January 29th wherein was enclosed a Letter written by General Medows to

From the Reverend Mr Swartz the Rajah has consented to Grant certain Indulgences to Europeans. Recommending that his excellency be requested to pay every attention to the domestick comfort of the Widows of the late Rajah —

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to his Excellency the Rajah. which I have duly delivered. —

The Honorable Board hath ordered me to —

Signify their pleasure concerning some indulgences. which to Serfojee the adopted Son of the late Rajah should be allowed Viz.t.

Liberty to go out on Horse back to take the air —

Liberty to Learn English.

Liberty to pay his respects to the mother & Widows of the late Rajah.

Liberty to be visited by me in order to observe his Improvement in learning. —

The last point the Rajah granted to me accordingly I went and observed With great delight his Improvement in reading & Writing and Arithmetic —

Now said the young man let me learn the English Language — which I promised him as soon as some points were settled —

I conversed with his Excellency about the other points Representing the Kindness of the Honble Board to him directing me to perswade his Excellency in a mild conciliating manner — His mind was not pleased With the points, particularly With Serfojees having a seperate Allowance — I replied that all this would never have taken place if he had condescended to grant me my Request. which I had made above two years — At last he consented that Serfojee might go out after some days — and that he would let me know the day — and that he

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he would let him have one Atchin Horse — and that Serfojee might then send a proper message requesting Permission to pay his Respects to the Mother and Widows of the late Rajah and after these previous things had been done four or five — times he should at last be allowed to come to me to learn English. —

I thanked his Excellency for his kind promises — promising that Serfojee should do all this in a plain manner Without any Parade - just according to his Excellency pleasure —

Knowing that his Excellency has been deprived of a proper Education I make all possible Allowances for any Pettish Angers &c. The Bickerings between His Excellency and the Widows of the late Rajah are very frequent their Servants and many other things are sometimes stopped or detained from doing their duty, of which I am afraid those Ladies have complained to the Honble Board —

May I venture to Request that the Honble Board would write a few lines to his Excellency to desire Serfojee uneasy —

I am respectfully

&c &c

/Signed/ C.F. Swartz.

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Resolved that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore, as recommended by the Reverend Mr. Swartz. —

Minute thereon —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lichtenstein Member of the Danish Council at Tranquebar. —

To.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir—

From Mr. Lichtenstein requesting that the Board would suspend the execution their orders for assuming the Management of the Countries mortgaged to the Danes by the Rajah of Tanjore on account of the Loan of 20,000 Pags. in the year 1788. till Genl. Anker shall have explained the Transaction—

As I cannot have the honor as I proposed personally to wait on you this morning I must begleave to acquaint you of the purpose of my intended Visit.—

Since the want of those papers which should enable me to represent further the Legality of the Mortgage of 20,000. Pagodas which the Danish Government holds from the Rajah of Tanjore by the Negociation of in 1788. prevents me from returning an Answer to the Letter which I had the honor to receive under yesterday's date from your Honble Board. I have resolved to return in the Danish Ship Tranquebar from whence immediately after my arrival Governor Anker will have the honor of replying to the abovesaid Letter — under these Circumstances I take the Liberty to prefer a request which I flatter myself from the favorable Disposition you have been pleased to profess towards His Excellency Governor Anker and the Danish Affairs in general you will be so obliging to grant it consisted in directing your Collectors in the Tanjore Country to suspend the Execution of the orders you have intimated to me to have been given for the Assumption of the Villages which are mortgaged

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to the Danish Government for 20,000 Pagodas untill your Honble Board has received an Answer from Governor Anker to the Letter which I yesterday received from the Honble Board — this will not cause any essential Delay to the Measures your Honble Board may find proper to take on account of the Mortgage in question as the Crop most undoubtedly by this time, already is secured by the Danish Government who has hasted to bring in the Crop in fears of suffering by the Invasion of Tippoos Horse — As therefore the proposed delay can be not above a fourtnight and to my Appearance of no material Consequence to your Government. I hope you will be pleased to accede to my request. — No delay whatsoever shall take place After my arrival at Tranquebar to forward to your Honble Board the Answer from Governor Anker within the time abovementioned —

If you should have any Commands to the Southward I shall esteem myself happy to be honored with them. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/ Signed / Tranr. Lichtenstein

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Agreed to inform the Board of Assumed Revenue that Every Part of the Tanjore Country is to be Assumed with the Exception only of the Villages leased or Mortgaged

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to the Danes in the years 1786 and 1788 on account of
Minute thereon — two Loans the one for 32,500 Pagodas and the other for
60,000 Pagodas. —

Agreed that Copies of the two Leases granted
Do by the late and present Rajah to the Danes be sent to
the Board of Customs Revenue. —

Read the following Letters from the
Resident at Travancore. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Travancore with a Bill on a Soucar at Madras for P. Nos Pag. 30160 ... in part of the Rajahs advance. —

I do myself the Honor of transmitting —
herewith a Bill drawn by Coffenaut Tauhoot or Bowany
Sunkera Pettah a Soucar at Madras for the Sum of
Portonovo Pagodas Thirty thousand one hundred and Sixty
/ P. Nos Pag. 30160 ... / in part of the Advance of One Lack
of Pagodas which Rajah of Travencore is to make towards
defraying the Expences of the War, —

It is mentioned in the Body of the Bill
that the Amount is to be paid to my order and that I am to
Write a Letter of advice to Bowany Sunkera Puttah — to
which I take the Liberty of enclosing and to which
must be sent to him at the presentment of

the

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the Bill. —

I have the Honor to remain.

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/Signed/ George Powney.

Travencore Resident.

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The Hönble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hönble Sir.

From the Resident at Travancore stating that he has declined to take as part of the Rajahs advance a Bill which he offered him for a lack of Rupees at 90 days Sight. —

I did myself the Honor to transmit you on the 21st Ultimo a Bill on Bowany Sunkera Puttah for 30.160. " Porto Novo Pagodas being in part of the Advance of One Lac. which has been required of the Rajah of Travencore towards defraying the Expences of the War —

At the time I received this Bill from the Rajah he acquainted me that he was using every means to collect the Balance Amounting to 275.000. Rupees — since which repeated Assurances of this nature were made me, and I was led to believe from them I should ere. this have Received it. —

I am concerned to say I have been disappointed in my Expectations and the Rajah instead of fulfilling his promises of an expeditious payment

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Now makes me offers which are inconsistent and unreasonable — I have been here since the 17th of the month personally urging him on this head, and making use of every Argument that could be devised to persuade him to come forward, but he remains inflexible constantly pleading inability and adds that his expences absorb all his Revenues. —

The Rajah yesterday proposed to give me a Bill on Madras for another Lac of Rupees but at the Sight of 90 days. I objected to so long a period of payment and represented to him the pressing Exigencies of Government but to no effect nor could I prevail upon him to Six a time for the Discharge of the Balance — This added to a conviction that he possesses the means to perform it whenever he chuses induced me to refuse the Bill until he positively should inform me when I was to receive the whole Sum. — He has sent to inform me to day that he will pay me 30,000 Rupees in the course of Sew days and has requested I would take the Bill for one Lac of Rupees at 90 days Sight and that the Balance of 1.15,000 Rupees should be paid me in four Months either in Bills or Money. — This proposal Appeared to me so very unreasonable as it is most probable for the Discharge of the Balance he would give me Bills similar to that which he now offers which would protract the Discharge

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of the whole for near eight Months that I have declined to
Receive which he has offered me and have informed him
that I could not take upon myself at such a Juncture as
this. when the Wants of Government were pressing to accede
to such Terms without the permission of your Honble Board
that I should represent the whole of his Conduct to you —
and I very much Apprehended it would incur your displea=
-sure — that such an indisposition towards rendering every
Assistance in his Power to the Honble Company was a
very ungrateful Return for the part they had taken in —
his Cause, that he was not ignorant every ally was at this. —
moment coming forward and he who ought to be the most
Appeared to be the least disposed. —

I have reason to conclude that the
Rajah has gained Information another demand is to be
made on him this added to Avarice has been the cause of
making him with hold the payment — I am well perruaded
he posessed ample funds to pay his proportion for the Expences
of the War. — I have not yet delivered to him your Letter of
the 5.th Ultimo nor has he had a hint of the contents of it
from me. — the reason I trust will Appear obvious and
be Approved by you for he would not only still more
retard but take the opportunity of consolidating both —
demands in one. —

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I have used every means in my power to obtain the Necessary Information respecting the Revenues of the Travancore Country — the Arcana of them are impenetrable — I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the Account that I have of them, but I believe it to be not distant from their Amount — I shall do myself the honor to transmit you shortly the Estimated Account that I have collected — It is a probable computation that the Rajahs Revenue after deducting every expence including the payment of his Troops Amount to — 25 Lacs of Rupees annually — He is extremely jealous that any Knowledge of the Revenues of his Country should be gained and as their Amount can never be accurately ascertained by me — I hope I shall be forgiven the Liberty I take in recommending that instead of proposing to the Rajah, that he should contribute a certain Proportion of his Revenues towards defraying the Expences of the War, — that a Sum equal to four fifths, or half of what his Revenues may be estimated to Amount should be demanded of him and this to be performed by Instal-ments — I am convinced he will more willingly come forward in this manner, than when it is proposed to him to pay a proportion of his Revenues, —

I hope My Noble Lord that my Conduct will meet with your Approval in having refused to receive the Bills — this appeared to me the best means of obtaining

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a more speedy discharge of the Whole Sum — the Delay may only exist until I receive your Answer, and by this procedure I may perhaps gain my point even before it arrives — The Rajah is convinced of the reasonableness of the Demand and fears much displeasure. I trust your Letter to him will strongly express your Disapproval of his Conduct —

I have the honor to be most Respect=

ful Sir &c &c

/Signed/ George Powney

President —

Trevandapooram
22d February 1791

Memorandum on the two foregoing Letters —

The acting President informs the Board that the Bill drawn by the Rajah, and transmitted by Mr Powney in his Letter of the 21st of January for Porto Nove Pagodas 30,160. was upon being presented to the Soucar, Refused Acceptance. —

The Board Approve Mr Powney's having declined to take the Bill for a Lack of Rupees tendered to him upon the Rajah's Terms they will determine upon the Nature and Amount of the Contribution to be made by the Rajah when they receive the resident's Estimate of the Travancore Revenues. —

Do Resolved that the Rajah of Travancore be informed that the Soucar on whom the Bill is drawn

Do for

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for 30160 Porto Novo Pagodas has refused to accept it that tho' three Months have elapsed since the Acting Resident wrote to him nothing in fact has yet been done, and that by a Letter from the Resident dated only ten days ago the Board learn that his Excellency forgetting the Promise he had made of an expeditious Payment talked of a very inadequate and distant Completion of the Sum.

That such Backwardness to assist in a Cause which originated in his defence cannot fail to be displeasing to his Friends and hurtful to himself — that Justice at least requires he should bear a Share of the Burthen proportioned to his Means — and that the Board hope this Remonstrance and Will have a proper Effect upon his Mind Without having Occasion to Write again upon the Subject or to make any formal Complaint of his Conduct to Lord Cornwallis, —

Read the following Letters 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 Returns wanted of the different Poligars troops employed with the Center Army and at Tripatore and Chandergherry —

We have the honour of informing you that we have received Petitions from the Vakeels of the Vencatagheery and Calastry Rajahs in which they lay Claim to Batta for their respective peons employed with our Army

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We ful ourselves at a loss for documents upon which to ascertain the exact Sums that ought to be paid as these Zemindars together with Borarauze, were ordered by Government to send their peons to the Army there can be no objection to their Claim We therefore take the Liberty of recommending that Captains Read and Massey be called upon the former for a return of the Vencatagheery peons employed under him at Trepatoor and the Latter for a return of the Calastry peons employed under him at Chundergheery. We further recommend that a return of all the peons who served with the Center Army under Colonel Maxwell be procured. —

We have the honor to be. —

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(Signed) J. Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that all officers Commding Revenue Corps be directed to comply with the Requisitions of the Collectors without Reference to the Superior officer who receives the Returns.

Honble Sir

We have received from Mr Kinderly a Letter extract — of which we think it our duty to enclose for your information at the same time we take the Liberty

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Liberty of Recommending in the Strongest manner that the officers Commanding Corps should be ordered to Comply With the Requisitions of the Collectors Without Reference to the Superior Officer who Receives the Returns as we Conceive that these Troops were raised for the Express purpose of assisting the Revenues. We think it proper to represent to to you any inconvenience that may tend to defeat that intention under this impression the Reference to a Superior Officer Appears to us very exceptionable, because it has the appearance of lessening that immediate authority which cannot be too scrupulously preserved to the Collectors, and because many instances will Occur when the Object of Employing Sepoys will be defeated by the unavoidable delay.—

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6th March 1791

We have the honor to be

&c. &ca.

J. Hudleston

(Signed) David Haliburton

Wm. Balfour.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Kindersley.

Dated 2d. March 1791

I take this opportunity of recommending that a proportion of the new Revenue Corps raised by the Commanding Officer of Vellour and now in these Districts be appropriated to my Division, instead of waiting for the half of the Battalion

to

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to be raised at Nellore — My motives for this proposal are, that it will enable me instantly to relieve the Company from the expence of the other Sibbendy now Employed — and not only so, but by allowing the new raised men to remain where they are enlisted, will be the means of preventing the desertion which I am persuaded will take place if they are ordered to Distant situations — If the Districts specified in your letter of the 15th ultimo, are to be seperated from my Authority 200 will be as many as I shall require, —

That I may not fall into any error on this subject, I request to be informed whether these Revenue Troops are or not, to be disposed off in all Respects Agreeably to my desire and whether in any — Application I may deem necessary to make Regarding them I am to Apply directly to the Office Commanding the Corps or to the Superior officer to whom he makes his returns, —

a true Extract —

/Signed/ J. Webb. Secy.

Agreed that Major General Medows be requested to call upon Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell for an exact Return of the Peons who served with the Center Army — and that he be also desired to inform the Board — whether any and if any what Batta was paid to these — People in consequence of the Letter to him under date the

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters —

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28th December last which Recommended that the Peons should be paid their Batta from the money Tumbrill and afterwards discharged. —

Ordered that Captains Read and Massey be directed to send Returns of the Peons employed under them at Tripatore and Chandernagherry. —

Agreed that a General Order be published directing all officers Commanding Revenue Corps to comply with the Requisitions of the Company's Collectors without a previous Reference to the Superior officer who receives the Returns. —

Read the following Letters from Major General Musgrave. —

To the Honble the President in Council.

Honble Sirs

From Major General Musgrave reports the Number of Troops that could be spared from Trichinopoly for the purpose Reinforcing the Garrison of Dindegul after the departure of Colonel Oldhams Detachment. —

I am honored with a Letter from the Board of the 3d Instant intimating their pleasure on the Subject of Colonel Bridges request for Staff and Lieutenant Conyplands Allowance as Adjutant With a desire that I should give my Sentiments respecting a Reinforcement for Dindegul —

Being entirely ignorant of the Nature of the Service for which this reinforcement is deemed Necessary and of the present exigency that occasions it. I cannot possibly give any opinion as to what force will be Sufficient not knowing what they have to perform, but Imagine that two

/ Companies.

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Companies or more might be Spared from the Troops at Tritchinopoly after the Departure of Colonel Oldham if they are absolutely Wanted. —

I have the Honor to be with the

March 4th 1791 greatest respect, —

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Tho.s Musgrave.

To the Honorable the President in Council

Fort William

From Major General Musgrave enclosing an application from Captain Godfrey to be Struck off the effective List. —

I have the Honor to lay before the Board a letter from Captain Godfrey requesting to be struck off the effective list. and placed upon the invalid establishment —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Madras March 7th 1791

/Signed/ Tho.s Musgrave

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor President in Council &c. Council

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From a Rupture Caused by an Exertion on Duty While Employed in 1775 on the Bombay Coast and which now becomes so Troublesome as to render me unable to Perform my duty and my Constitution being very much Impaired after Eighteen years Service and finding myself no longer Able to go through the Fatigues of a Marching Regiment. —

Permit

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Permit me Hon'ble Sir and Sirs -

to Request you will be pleased to Appoint me to be Struck off the Effective List and placed on that of Invalids. —

I have the Honor to Enclose you the Surgeons Certificate and Remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) Willm. Godfrey

Captn. 2d. Bn. E. I.

Madras
March 2d. 1791

I do Certify that Captain William Godfrey of the Honorable Company's 2d. Battn. E. I. is rendered incapable of Field Service or the Duty's of a European Corps By a Rupture of a long-standing that has resisted every Effort of Medical Treatment.

(Signed) Joshua Gillespie

Surgeon 2d. Bat. E. I.

Fort St. George
the 2d. of March 1791

Agreed that two Company's of Sepoys be detached from Trichinopoly for the Purpose of reinforcing the Garrison of Dindigul. —

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters.

Ordered that Captain William Godfrey be struck off the Effective List and placed upon the Invalid Establishment. —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Brathwaite. —

To

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Fort S.t George 8.th March 1791.

To

William C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary for the Military Department

Sir

From Colonel Braith-
-waite the officers & Men
composing the Garrison
captured at Daraporam
do not think themselves
wanted or bearing Arms
or any service whatever
during the present War
Requesting that Mr.
Berry may be directed
to make all Returns
& Reports to him and that
no medical Servant
may be allowed to quit
his Station without a
previous Communica-
-tion with him.—

I have the honor to Acknowledge the
Receipt of your Letter of the 16.th ultimo conveying to me the Senti-
-ments of Government relative to the Detachment captured
at Daraporam as I had collected from private conversations
that the Detachment were strongly convinced in their own
minds that they were not authorized under the terms which
Captain Evans had signed to bear Arms during this War.
and as it would be a very serious matter under all circum-
-stances to have issued an order that they should bear Arms
I thought it best previous to the taking any other Step to
convey the Sentiments of Government to Captain Evans.
I have now the honor to enclose Copies of my Brigade —
Mayors Letter to Captain Evans and Captain Evans's —
reply which I think is my duty to refer to the conside-
-ration of Government Sunderstand that the Soldiers
are strongly impressed with an idea, that they are to all
intents and purposes Prisoners of war, though indulged
With Liberty on Parole not to do any duty as Soldiers
during the present War and they think this to have been
the opinion of His Excellency Earl Cornwallis when
they were at Madras and I believe are of opinion
that nothing but a positive Order from him can —

Justify

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Justify their taking Arms, and this opinion I understand has been positively assented by those of his Majestys Service. That Government might be possessed of the fullest information in my power to give them. I have thought it proper to state to them what has come to my knowledge by private conversation, as well as the Public Correspondence. At the same time I have the pleasure to Acquaint Government that these men behave with perfect Subordination and regularity in respect to all the Ordinances of the Cantonment are sober, clean, and attend their Parades to have their Rolls called —

I have also the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 19th Ultimo Government will I trust have perceived that it was never my intention to have detached Mr. Binney but in case of absolute Necessity should such necessity have arisen so as to — Oblige me to do that or delay a duty which they had ordered to be executed without delay and I flatter myself as it is the intention of Government to send Mr. Binney to — superintend the Military Hospitals in this Division, that to prevent any further misunderstanding it will be — explained to that Gentlemen that his situation is Military and that it is incumbent on him to make Returns and Reports to me which he never has done yet, and that

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he be also informed that it is not proper for himself to quit this duty in the Division or procure leave for other Surgeons to do it. without a communication with me. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

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To Captain Evans. Commanding the Detachment.

lately Captured at Daraporam,

at Ellore.

Sir.

Colonel Brathwaite has directed me to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter which he has received from Government communicating their sentiments relative to the Detachment under your Command as he understands the Men entertain an idea that under the Capitulation entered into at Daraporam, they can neither carry Arms or do any duty as long as the War with Tippoo Sultan shall last. —

The Colonel has prefered this mode of conveying the opinion of Government to you to the issuing an order on the occasion and you will of course either — conform to their sentiments, or state your ideas in reply that he may be unabled to forward them to Government before any further Steps are taken. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Joseph Little
Capt. Commanding

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To Captain Little

Commanding at

Ellore

Sir

I had the honor of your Letter with the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Government specifying that the Detachment under my Command were to have Arms delivered them and to be employed upon all Services not immediately connected with the present war with Tippoo I beg leave to represent that I gave it under my hand to the Sultaun also the officers that were taken at Daraporam that we would not bear Arms or go into Action during this War and that the Non Commissioned and Private both European and Sepoys as far as depended on us should not serve as there are the Ideas of the officers captured at Daraporam as well as mine. I beg you will represent it to the Colonel that it may be laid before Government for their full determination as I should be much concerned in this disagreeable predicament to act any ways contrary to the tenor of the Capitulation —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Evans

Capt.

Ellore
26th February 1791

A true Copy

W. Wilson

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/Agreed

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Agreed to Inform Colonel Brathwaite that as the officers and Men composing the Detachment captured at Daraporam think that they are not warranted under the Articles of Capitulation in bearing Arms either in the Field or Garrison during the present War he must conform accordingly — that it never was the Board's intention that there Troops should Act contrary to what they conceived to be the spirit of the Capitulation. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Hospital Board be directed to inform Mr. Binney that in future he is to make Returns and Reports to Colonel Brathwaite and that he is neither to quit his duty in the division nor procure leave for other Surgeons to do it, without a previous Communication with him (Colonel Brathwaite). —

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway. —

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have already Acknowledged the Receipt of your different Letters to the Nizam, the first on the subject of Teak timbers passing the Godavery, being exempted from duties the second expressive

From the Resident at Hydrabad respecting the duties leived by the Nizam on Teak passing the Godavery and the Policy of Supplying his Highness with goods from the Company's Godowns the Soubah has ordered 15,000 Cavalry to join the grand army — and a Supply of ammunition to be sent to his army before darwar. —

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expressive of your readiness to supply his Highness with goods from the Company's Ware house the former I have delivered and with a speedy Answer to it have been promised that tho the heaviest duties on this Article are levied by a Zemindar who owing to the Nizam's Absence from his Capital is not at present in proper Subjection such means as are practicable shall be taken to relieve the Timber Merchants from his imposition.

On the Subject of the Second I have had several Conversations with the Nizams Ministers in which I have found so little reason to think your offer would be accepted of may that it would not be construed into some sinister intention with regard to the Peish cush that I am very averse to delivering the Letter which I therefore shall not do till I hear further from you the object of it indeed if obtainable I should not conceive of any great Advantage on Account of the very small Quantity of Goods the Nizam would require and the Narrow and illiberal spirit which marks this Government in every pecuniary as mercantile Transaction it is engaged in could a commercial Agreement on a broader Basis be established it would be different but friendly as the connection between the Nizam and the Company is at present I do not conceive it is yet ripe for such an Arrangement, ——

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I have the pleasure to inform you that his highness has afforded me a strong proof of his earnestness in the cause he has embarked in with us by having directed the Commander of his Army near Cudapa to join the Governor General at his requisition with not less than Fifteen thousand Horse and to follow his Lordship's Instructions in every respect to facilitate the communication between the two armies and ensure a prompt obedience on the part of the Nizam's Commander to such instructions as his Lordship may think proper to give in consequences I have sent my Assistant Lieutenant Stewart to the Camp where he arrived the 19th Instant. He has given me a very flattering account of his reception there and of the readiness of the Nizams General to advance whenever desired should his Lordship find it necessary to avail himself of the Assistance of such a body of Horse which he will be able to do without inconvenience as they are not to depend on him for their pay or Provisions I should hope the greatest advantage to the War may be derived from it by enabling us to baffle the Enemy's Apparent intention of avoiding to risk an action and facilitating Supplies being brought into our Camp by clearing the Country of his Horse — The Nizam proposes marching from hence the beginning of Next Month in a Southerly direction which however I have

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Some reason to suspect may incline rather to a Westerly one for the purpose of meeting Hurry Punt the Commander of the Mahratta Army.—

I have with some difficulty prevailed on the Nizam to relinquish for the present a determination he had come to of directing Dara Sah to Abandon the Siege of Kopul for the purpose of Repairing with his Army to take post near Cudapa on the Troops there being directed to move to the Southward which I was induced to Attempt on the Strength of the hopes which Captain Read entertains that the Breach may soon be rendered practicable to ensure which to the utmost of my power I have further prevailed on his Highness to comply with an Application which Captain Read lately preferred to me for an additional supply of Four hundred Shot for the 28th and 32 Pounders to guard against the chance of his being disappointed for this Necessary Article when the Work draws to a conclusion

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ John Kennaway

Cuan-gul
24th February 1791.

P.S. I have the honor to enclose my Address of this date to the Governor General which I request may be forwarded.—

Minutes thereon

Ordered that Copies of the two first Paragraphs be referred to the Public Department—

Read.

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Read the following Letter from the
Military Board,

To Sir Charles Oakley Baronet
acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board report on estimate of Sundries required for Sifting Gun Powder at Cuddalore - & on Colonel Frasers Application to be reimbursed the Amount of the Expences of Repairing Barracks &c at Chicacole Recommending that the Contractors Bills for Repairs to the Bengal Barracks in the Black Town be discharged. —

We have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letters of the 23d and 25th ultimo and beg leave to inform you that the Estimate of Sundries required for Sifting the Gun powder at Cuddalore having been compared Appears to us as Reasonable. —

When the Application of Colonel Fraser for reimbursement of his expences in repairing the Barracks and other offices at Chicacole was originally preferred to us he was informed that under the Restrictive orders of the 27th September 1786 and 11th January 1789. We could not take upon ourselves to recommend the same to you, more particularly as it did not appear to us on Enquiry, that Government had Authorized any Repairs at the Application for the purpose was made by the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam — and as those objections still remain, we can only refer the Claim to your Decision — as being one of those Cases which must entirely depend upon your Indulgence —

The contractors for repairs have Submitted

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to us their Bills for repairing the Hanaverian Barracks amounting to Pagodas 1691. 36. 2. in the Black Town which having been duly certified. We recommend may be discharged. —

Mr Joseph Shawe having requested the Omission of his Name in our future Addresses to the Contractors for repairs whose Contract expired on the 31st December last. We request your orders upon the Occasion

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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Thos. Musgrave

(Signed) J. Capper.

Patrick Ross

George Hall

Minute thereon.

The Board approve and confirm the Proceedings reputed in the foregoing Letter. —

Ordered in consequence that Bills on Bengal at the Exchange of 393 A. R. p. % Star Pags. be granted in favor of the Contractors for Repairs for the Sum of 1691. 36. 2. on account of Work executed by them to the Hanoverian Barracks in the Black Town. —

Do.

Read the following Letter from Mr. James Cock. —

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sirs.

From Mr James Cole. — applies for information on some particular points relating to the Contracts for Military Stores. —

In consequence of the public notice from Government for receiving proposals on or before the 1st March for providing the Honble Company With Gun Carriages Ordnance Stores Pioneer Intrenching Tools &c &c and being desireous to Submit an estimate for supplying the whole or a part of the Contract I have waited upon the Secretary to the Military Board, who is unable to give me information to the three following questions which appear necessary to be known as well for the sake of doing justice to the Company as to the Contractors. —

I therefore humbly beg leave to be informed. —

First . . . . . The time of commencement and duration of the Contract which is the more necessary to be ascertained as the Fifth head of the Recommendations from the Military Board says "The Contractor for Gun Carriages should engage to keep by him a sufficient Stock of well seasoned Timber equal to one years probable consumption. —

Second — ——— The time and mode of payment and if any advance will be made the proportion such advance will bear to one years probable expenditure. —

Third

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Third ——— The Nature and extent of the Security should any be required, and if so the seperate proportion attended to be required for the five different heads of the Contract, —

The time of Contract being so near will I trust apologize for my anxiety to have a speedy Answer.

I have the Honor to be

Madras
25th February 1791

Sir Yr.

Signed / James Cock.

Agreed to inform Mr. Cock that the Duration of the Contract will be optional on the Part of the Government after making the Proposals not however to exceed the Term of Seven years not to be less then three — the commencement to be as early as possible after the Proposals are accepted, and the necessary Obligation executed, —

Minute thereon —

That no Advance will be made the Articles to be paid for on Delivery either in Money or Bills — if the latter no Loss to arise to the Contractor by Discount, —

Do.

That a Reasonable Security will be required for the due Performance of the Contract, —

Do.

Read the following Letter from Captain Shennaway, —

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William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council.

Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Kennaway forwarding the late Paymaster Accounts &c. for the Month of December his remarks thereon —

With a Copy of a Letter from the late Paymaster of the Ellore Detachment I have the Honor to forward his Vouchers Accounts and account Current With the Paymaster General for the Month of December having taken a Copy of the latter This is the mode I shall continue to follow submitting to the Board such remarks as may occur to me on the different articles of the Accounts for their Ultimate decision, and informing the Commanding Officer or the Paymaster of my opinion of any that I think objectionable by way of check in the interim. more I find it impossible to do at present since independent of the difficulty of making myself master of the orders and Regulations of the Madras Establishment for the purpose of investigating those Accounts with the accuracy and precision which are necessary, my time is so much taken up with the encreased duty of my Station owing to circumstances of the War that it is nearly as much as I can do to attend to it.

It is for the Board to determine as I have already observed on the admissibility of the Commanding Officers regular Monthly Extra Charges but I am of opinion that.

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that 20 or 25 Choubasses or Ships for procuring intelligence are as many as there can possibly be occasion for and If the Board think proper to allow the Commanding Officer an Establishment of Servants to support the Appearance of his Station I am of opinion that the Number mentioned by the Military Board in their report forwarded to me by Mr Secretary Chamier under date the 24th August last which report Mr Secretary Chamier adds had been approved and confirmed in all its part is sufficient. —

The Charge of 125 Pagodas incurred by Major Montgomery in paying visits on Christmas and New years day and taking leave appears to me to be high and far exceeds / the part which concerns the taking leave out of the Question / what I had Occasion to disburse on similar Occasions the other Charges of the Commanding Officer for Bamboo Coolies black Writers Linguists Persian Writers Lascars &c I am incompetent to give an opinion on tho' — I have not observed in the regulations any orders tending to authorize such Contingencies. —

It is for the Board also to determine as Major Montgomery received this orders of the 26th November directing that the Sepoys should provide their Own rice before the 15th of the following month whether the Charge for keeping up grain Bullocks during the whole of that month for the reasons assigned by Major Montgomery in his

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his Letter to me of the 30.th December copy of which was transmitted to Mr. Secretary Chamier under date the 4.th January is admissible or not

Inconsequence of Mr. Malcolms Letter which accompanied the December Disburrements stating for the first time that a great loss had been sustained since the Detachment crossed the Kistnah by the Battas on Rupees Advanced by the Nizam. I have applied to Mr. Paymaster Brown for such information respecting the nature of this loss and from what cause it arises as may enable me to state the matter in a proper light to the Nizam and prevent the like happening in future. I have likewise desired him with respect to the price Current of Rice which the Board have directed him to transmit to procure from the Persian Translator English Translates instead of Persian Copies to describe the office of the Native who certifies them to mention the kinds of Rice referred to and as those sent by Mr. Malcolm are only as far down as the 6.th November to supply the deficiency: It is hardly necessary to remark that from the tenor of the Commanding officers Certificates of the Price of rice it would seem that the Rates in Mahaubut Jungs Camp and its vicinity are nearly the same whereas a material difference as formerly observed must I should imagine exist on Account of the heavy duties that are exacted on supplies

Coming

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coming from the Country into his Bazar, —

I have the honor to be-

&c. &c.

Coarngal
18th February 1791

(Signed) John Kennaway.

Agreed that the Comptroller the General of Army accounts be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing Letter and directed to attend to Captain Kennaways Remarks at the time of his audit of Mr. Malcolm's Accounts -

Minute thereon, —

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Mr. William Brown. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Paymaster to the detachment Serving with the Nizams army - respecting the Lascars employed with the detachment above the Proportion allowed in the Military Boards estimate - has discharged Lieut. Mc. Gregor's Bills agreable to the Remarks of the Military Board requesting to know if he is to refer his observations to the Commander in Chief -

In addition to the Bills I had the honor of enclosing for the information of Government in my letter to you of the 8th Instant - I think it my duty on this occasion to Represent further a payment I have made to One Tindal and Twenty two Lascars (as specified by the enclosed Statement Marked A) which Number exceeds what is Allowed by the Estimate of the Military Board — the Regulations direct me to communicate to the Commander in Chief as Well as to Government the expenditures which may appear to me to require representation - but in the present State of Affairs I am induced to request your information Whether my -

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My intimation to you in Such cases may not in future be deemed Sufficient. —

Having referred to Lieutenant Mac: gregor Copy of the Report of the Military Board on the Account he had formerly delivered of expences incurred by him on his March from Bewarah to this place — I have Now the Honor of enclosing Copy of another Account by him — wherein the points Remarked on by the Military Board have been rectified — his Letter to me on the Subject contains. at the Same time Such other explanations as appear to me to render the Whole to Correspond With the intentions of Government respecting it. — conceiving it to be my instructions under Such circumstances to defray the Amount I beg leave to inform you of my having done so Accordingly and I trust when Lieutenant Mac Gregor. cause is at the Same time considered that Government Will yield me their Sanction. —

I have the Honor to be.

F. F.

/Signed/ Wm Brown
Payr

Camp near Poole
14th February 1791.

To

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(Copy)

To William Brown Esqr.
Military Paymaster

Sir. Please to pay the undermentioned Tindal and Twenty Two Lascars doing duty in the Qr. Mr. of the detachment's department in January their Pay and Batta for January 1791. —

Tindal Govindoo.

Lascars. Idanah
" Madras Mootoo
" Vellore Ramroo
" depinger
" Bunder Chelliamiah
" Chenglepet Sepadry
" Vellore Yankatramroo
" Narsapa Mootaloo
" Ellore Veripa
" Akaloo
" Cape Beneram
" Gellpoore Yankatramroo
" Musboot
" Hydrabad Poochalloo
" Ellore Poochalloo
" Hydrabad Yelloo.
" Bundes — Yankoo.
" Vellore Ande.
Laxcars Ellore Appanah
" Ellore Sannachi
" Sallapetty Narsoo.
Lascar — Goodally Condah.

Employed With Major Montgomery and Mr. Robt. Malcolm late Paymaster. —

Employed with the marquee &c. of the Brigade major & Qr. Mr. of the detachmt.
Employed with the Qr. Mr. Storetent.

Camp near Copool
14th February 1791.

(Signed) David Blair Qr. Mr. to the detachment.
Andrew Read Captn. Commanding

A true Statement
Wm. Brown
Pays.

To.

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To William Brown Esqr.

Paymaster to the Detachment Serving With the Nizam

Sir

I have had the pleasure to Receive your Letter of the 2d. Instant enclosing a Copy of an Abstract of a Report from the Military Board dated the 28th of December 90. which Copy I have perused and observe their general remark on my Bill of Expences in escorting Stores from Besawarah to Ranchore in the Months of September and October last - That my Charges for Boley hire &c are too generally Stated in having omitted to specify the Number of Persons employed and the Rate of their hire - This remark principally Applies to the Charges made for two Bolies hired near Pondapelle at 2 Pagodas each to carry the Arms of Deserted and Sick Sepoys to Ranchore, and for 12 Dooly Bearers hired at Ellore at 7 Rupees each P month / that Number of Bearers being deemed necessary on Account of the unhealthy season of the year and the Length of the Journey. / for the use of Six Serjeants draughted from the 2d. Battalion of European Infantry Who came With my escort to Join Major Montgomerys Detachment - The

two-

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Two Doolies and 12 Bearers were regularly Indented for on the usual Manner and Countersigned by the Commanding officer at Ellore but there being no Doolies in Stores at that time and the hurry of my march from thence Obliged me to Borrow Doolies on the Occasion for which no Charge is made in my Account. With respect to the Store keeper at Masulipatam he did not supply me with a Single Coolay to Attend the Tumbrills and Stores nor with Gunnies nor Cir Rope to Replace those Worn out on the March I Hope the above explanation will Sufficiently clear up to the Satisfaction of Government. any Omission which have occurred in my former Bill.—

I have the honor to be

Camp before Choole

5th February 1791.

Sir

Your Obedient

humble Servant.

/Signed/ Malcm MacGregor.

Lieutenant.

A true Copy

Wm Brown

Payr

Account.

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Accompt of Expences incurr'd by Lieutenant Malcolm Macgregor on his March from Besvarah to his Joining the Camp at Copool in Exorting Military Stores—

1790. Septr 5th	To 30 Coolies employed four days in rendering the Pass at Besvarah passable for the Tumbrills the Road being out of Repair by the Rains	5	" "
9th	To Working Money to 1 Jemr 1 Havildar 1 Naigue & 12 Sepoys employd in the above Work the Cutevall of Besvarah not finding Sufficient Coolys for 4 days	4	5 "
12th	To 50 Coolies supplied me by the assistance of Major Bonnevour to drag Boats and Sangrees from Ibrahampatnam to the River Kissera and 50 Coolies to drag Sangrees from Chinkapella for 8 days	35	5 "
	Coir Rope purchased to make Rafts upon the Sangrees	3	" "
21	To the Boatmen and Sangree people for Crossing the Troops & Stores	25	" "
22	To Working money to 1 Jemr 1 Havildar 1 Naigue & 18 Sepoys for 1 day in assisting the Tumbrills through Slough and Levelling parts of Nullahs	1	19 40
	To Do to 1 Subadar 2 Havildars 2 Naigues & 24 Sepoys for repairing the Road over the Bank of a Tank at Nabob Pettah and levelling Banks of Nullahs between that place and Goveraram	2	3 "
	To Two days Cooley hire to 30 Coolies supplied me by the Cutvall of Mungall for Clearing the Jungle between that and Ramaram being 5 Coss	2	24 "
26	To Cooley hire to 50 Coolies supplied me by the Cutevall of Sooreyapettah to assist in Carrying the Ammunition & Stores over the Moussey for 2 days	5	" "
	To Working money to 1 Subadar 2 Havildars 2 Naigues and 30 Sepoys employed this march in dragging the Tumbrills through Sloughs and bad Roads	2	35 "

Carried Over

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Brought Forward.

Dec.r 8. To 1 Jemr. 1 Naudavr 1 Naigue and 20 Sepoys & Cooly here to 25 Coolys Supplied by the Cutcherie of Narrayanpore & Malcapore to make the Roads this March passable ——— } 2 27 40.

13. To Do. to 1 Navildar 1 Naigue & 12 Sepoys employed at the Drag Ropes between Recule & Raggapellah ——— } 1 16 "

To Cooly Hire to 30 Pollies supplied by the Cutcherie of the above place to assist in carrying the Stores over a River near Recule ——— } 1 12 "

19 To Working money to 1 Subadar 2 Navildars 2 Naigue and 30 Sepoys employ'd at the Drag Ropes between Raggapell & Navalcudra ——— } 2 21 "

To 30 Coolys Supplied me by the Cutcherie of Navalcudra for Carrying Stores over a River near that place & assisting the Working party ——— } 1 12 "

19 To Working Money to 1 Subadar 2 Navildars 2 Naigues & 24 Sepoys at the Drag Ropes & Levelling the Road this March ——— } 2 3 "

21. To Boat hire for passing the Stores Tumbrills Cattle &c. over the Pullaur at Collacharlanpur Pyate ——— } 10 " "

To Miscariahs & Village Peons for Shewing the Roads and Carrying Public Letters ——— } 20 " "

To Two Coolys hire @ Pag.s 2. P Month. each to Carry the Arms of deserted and Sick Sepoys ——— } 1 " "

To 12 Cooley Boys their pay & batta for two months @ 7 Rupees ea.h P Month for the use of Six Serjeants drafted from the 2.d Battn.n of European Infantry to Join Majr. Montgomery's Camp & two Corporals Cooley's there being none in Store at that time and for which no Charge is made in the Account ——— } 42 " "

To 2 Beastrys for the Drafts of the 26 Battn.n for 2 mt. there being none furnished ——— } 6 " "

To 150 Gunny Bags for the Ammunition &c.a to replace those Worn out on the March through the Jungles ——— } 65 16 20.

Camp at Coopool. 5th February 1791.

Madras Pags. 271. 35 40.

(Signed) Malc.m MacGregor's
Lieut.

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Minute thereon.

Agreed that it be repeated to Mr. Brown that he is regularly to communicate to Captain Kennaway every Payment made by him not provided for in the Estimate of the Military Board. —

It will be sufficient now that the Commander in Chief is in the Enemy's Country if Mr. Brown Report to Government the Expenditures which may appear to him to require Representation. —

Do

The Board Approve Mr. Browne having discharged Lieutenant Mc. Gregor's Bill —

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter and Enclosures be sent to the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

Read the following Letter from Captain Read Commanding at Amboor —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Barnet.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Amboor enclosing his Account of Disbursements for Secret Services &c. for the four last months

I have the honor to enclose an Account of my Disbursements the last four months for Secret Services, and other Accounts, which it is hoped will meet with your Approbation and Signature — I shall here make a few Notes in reference to each, as some of them require it for your information. —

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N° 1 — is my account of disbursements for Intelligence and for encouraging Polligars &c. to promote the public Service —

Approved

N° 2 — Return of People immediately employed by me on intelligence and paid at Amboor —

N° 3 — Lieutenant Godfrey's Account of repairs to the gates and sum Casterns in Trichinopoly that were in ruins while he commanded at that place Amt. to 20 Pagodas —

Approved.

N° 4 — Lieut. Godfrey's Account of Repairs to his Quarter at Trichinopoly which were Necessary to Shelter him from the Weather — Amounting to 25 Pagodas

Approved.

N° 5 — Account of Cash Advanced to the Vanhatagery Polligars who garrisoned Trichinopoly to bear their expences from Amboor to Vanhatageery 1511 Rs

N° 6 — A Genl. List of them inclosed in case it Should please Government to produce it as a Voucher and debit the Vanhatageery Rajah for the Amount. —

N° 7 — Account of Cash paid by me to relieve the distresses of the Native officers and Sepoys who garrisond Trichinopoly upon their joining their Corps after being Captured and plundered 63 Rupees —

Approved —

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No. 8. A Statement to Shon the Amount of one months pay to them which it is humbly requested government will make them a donation of to fit them out again with Cloths 112 Pagodas their pay being only sufficiences to maintain them and their families many of which are Numerous it would require a long time for them to save enough for that purpose and they cannot do duty until they are Cloathed — circumstances that I hope will apolozise for the Liberty I take in recommending so extraordinary an indulgence

I am with the greatest respect

&c. &c.

Approved

Amboor
5th March 1791

(Signed) Alexr. Read

The Board Approve the Accounts transmitted by Captain Read — Ordered that they be returned Signed for Payment and that Notice be accordingly given to the Paymaster at Vellore. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Major Bonnevaux. —

To the Honorable Governor in Council

&c. &c.

From Major Bonnevaux with the affidavits of the European & Native officers at Condapella declaring that the Sheriffs officers who came there in december last has not suffered any Molestation whatever & requesting that Government will Countermand their order for his proceeding to the Presidency —

Honorable Sir

Such has been the Injury done me by the person at whose instance the Sheriff Applied to Government to draw me within

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Within his power and such are my sufferings under it that I rely on your Humanity to forgive my present Intrusion and to look to you for the Relief of which my Case may be Susceptible

Although conscious that the Affidavit of the Sheriffs Officers had no foundation in truth and Declarations on Oath of an opposite Tendency being offered to me by Native officers and others of this Garrison on which I might have rested an Appeal to Government yet I should immediately have Obeyed your Orders for proceeding to Madras at whatever Risk had I not been prevented by illness and my Health at this time is so far from being restored that I venture during this unavoidable detention to lay before you a letter I have just received from my Attorney at Law and most humbly Submit to your Honor the Arguments it urges to shew that the Sheriff in Applying to government for Assistance either Misconceived his duty or was prevailed on Wilfully to Misrepresent Facts— If it shall appear as I trust it will that Circumstances have been misstated my reliance on the Justice of Government bids me hope they will accept counter Declarations on Oath which I have now the honor to enclose as equivalent to those which were made by the Sheriffs Officers and if Government have hitherto not thought proper to interpose there Authority in

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cases such as mine will I hope non appear to them I assure myself that your order for my proceeding to madras will be revoked and that the circumstance of my being in the Service of the Company will not be allowed to expose me to greater Rigor of the Law than could otherwise be exercised against me. —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

Condapillee
27th February 1791

(Signed) P. Bonnevaux
Major

Condapilly 17th January 1791

We the under Mentioned Serjeants of the Honorable Company's Service Stationed in the Garrison of Condapillay under the Command of Major Peter Bonnevaux of the 4th Brigate of Native Infantry who are all the Europeans besides the Major in this Fort declare on Oath on the Holy Bible that during the whole of Major Bonnevaux Command at this place we never heard or saw any European ill used or threatened to be ill used we further declare that on the 20th or 21st of December 1790 we heard that two Europeans had Early on either of those two Mornings came near the Gate and that it was not known who they Rightly were and that in Consequence of the Orders long before in the Garrison about unknown

persons

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persons that they had been told by the people on duty that there was no Order to let them come in the Fort and that they went a way without being Molested indeed or threatened in any Shape Motestation can be construed — This we Solemnly declare to be the truth of what we heard about the two Europeans above alluded to. —

James Middeton Key Serjt. (Sd)
William Semmon Serjeant (Sd)
Edward Rogers Power Serjt. (Sd)
Robert Clark Serjeant (Sd)

/Signed/

Condapillee 17th January 1791

We the undermentioned Natives Officers Non Commissioned Officers and Sepoys of the Honorable Company's Invalid Corps Stationed in the Garrison of Condapillee Which is commanded by Major P. Bonnevaux of the 4th Brigade of Native Infantry being called on declare on Oath Administrated to us According to the forms of our Respectives Religions and Casts by the persons our Respective Religions and Casts Authorised and in Presence of the Cayjee Cutwall and Interpreter and Vackeel and conicoply and the Tanadar — All publick Officers of the Fort and Village of Condapillee — We as aforesaid make Oath and

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declare on the Holy Books and by the Customs of our Respective faith — That on the Twentieth or twenty first day of December One thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety — Two Europeans came near the Outward Gate of the Fort of Condapillee and said they came from Masulipatam and that they wanted — a Service; on which Occasion they asked to come into the Fort to Speak to the Major — That the Orders of this Garrison being long before this time not to let Strangers come into the Fort Without being well known who they were We who had the duty told those two Europeans and we who heard it witness they being told that with no better Account of themselves they could not come in the Fort Without — a declaring who they were and that after hearing this — those two Europeans went away towards Guntoor Without being Molested or Threatened to be ill used Neither in Words Nor in Signs or in any Shape threates can be construced and Without reply of any kind on their part and Without once Mentioning in any part of their Conversation that they had any other Business or Office to perform than what is Above Stated, fully explained to us in our Own Language and which we Solemnly declare to be truth as we hope for the Help of God —

The Names signed
in different Characters

(His Seals severally affixed)

Dear Sirs

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Dear Sir,

I have carefully considered the State of your Case shewing that you had been ordered by Government to proceed to the Presidency to answer a Complaint preferred against you by the Sheriff of Madras Grounded on the Affida=vit of two Warrant Officers who had been sent to Conda=pillee to execute a Writ of that Court stating that they were refused admittance into the Fort by you, and threatned with punishment if they did not immediately depart - and Will endeavor to give you my Opinion on such parts of it as relate to the legality of the Complaint of the Sheriff the Affidavit of the persons said to be Warrant Officers of their being sent to Condapilly to execute a Writ of the Mayors Court and the Causes they have assigned against you, as an Excuse for their not having executed it as far as I am able to do so under the uncertainty, whether the Complaint was preferred by the Sheriff of last year or the present Sheriff and also under the want of information of the Names of the persons said to be Warrant Officers of the particulars of their Affidavit and the particulars of the Sheriff's Complaint to Government. It appears by your Representation and the Records of the Court that this writ was taken out in Mr. Branfill the former Sheriffs time and of course was directed to him the Writ

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Must therefore have been delivered by Mr. Branfill to the persons who returned with it. Mr. Branfill's Sherievalty did not expire till the 20th when the Court Adjourned to the 18th of January following the persons charged with it if they returned with it from Condapilly before the 20th Ought to have made their return of it to Mr. Branfill and he to the Court on the 20th If they returned after the 20th another Question arises whether they could make it to the New Sheriff or not and I am of Opinion they could not because the former Sheriff is ordered to deliver over all Writs and Prisoners by Indenture on the 20th to the New Sheriff. therefore this Writ ought to have been made over with other Writs by the Old Sheriff to the New Sheriff on or after the 20th and not by the Old Sheriffs officers whose offices expired on the 20th and they were not Warrant Officers after the 20th and their affidavit as such after the 20th is misrepre-sentation of their legal Capacity. The Records shew that these persons have not hither to been Sworn in According to annual Custom. —

It has been the Custom of the Sheriffs of Madras to return all mesne Process that is all process between Summons and Execution on the 20th of December the day of their going out of Office and for the Complainants

/ in suits

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in Seats to take out new Summons or Writs directed to the New Sheriff The absence of the Officers with the Writ on the day the New Sheriff was Sworn in — perhaps prevented the Observance of this formality — and therefore instead of the Writ being returned on the 20th and the Attorney taking out a fresh Writ directed to the New Sheriff he looked upon himself as constrained by this Circumstance to pray a Return of the Writ on the 20th when the Court Adjourned untill the 8th of January — and the Old Writ by this implied necessity continued directed to the Old Sheriff & returnable at a Period he was out of Office — and in possession of persons whose offices had expired it may be said, that the Observance of this formality was prevented by the Writ not being issued in time — was late delivered to the Sheriff or by him to his Officers or that the most expeditious means were not taken to execute it but from whatever Cause it is clear that there was an interval in which the Writ had lost its legal energy and had expired with the Offices of its Ministers and I am in no doubt in declaring that this expiration could not be legally revived by the Writ coming to the hands of the New Sheriff whether from those of the Old Sheriff or of his Officers. —

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Fort S. George 6. March 1791.

The Motive of the Sheriffs Complaint

I suppose was to shew that he was obstructed in the execution of the Writ for which he was Answerable and was exposed to an Action for not executing it and upon these Considerations to obtain an order of Government to remove you from your Command and come to Madras not to Answer his Complaint but that he might be enabled Without trouble Risk or expence to execute this Writ, or any other he might upon better Advice be afterwards provided With - the Sheriff must have been misled to conceive himself Justified in Making such a Complaint - It is not probable that he should Apprehend he was exposed to an Action upon the Return of the Writ not executed for the Causes Assigned in the Affidavit - as he cannot be otherwise than Sensible that the Law would not hold him Answerable for the Acts or Omissions of his Predecessor Neither the Writ nor the persons he found in possession of it had any connexion With him they were not then nor are they now his Warrant Officers - and I am clearly of Opinion that the utmost interference he could Assume extended only to the Return of the Writ not to be found and that he would be justified in that Return solely by the Consequence not being prejudicial to any party - By this it Appears that

his

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his Complaint to Government could it be legally made is deficient of essential Ground It was not his duty to execute the Writ nor was he Responsible for its not having been executed and of course he had not nor possibly could be injured by its not being executed—

His putting on the Character of an Officer of Justice in this instance impeded in the execution of his Office and calling on Government to Support him by the Influence of their power in a Case wherein they have no legal Authority is an unfair Statement of facts or an erroneous conception of his duty. —

This Writ issued the latter end of November or the beginning of December Returnable at Seven days from the date — It is the practice of our Court to pray further Returns of Writs altho' the Return day is expired but our practice is not Warranted by Law. a fresh Writ ought to issue after the expiration of every return after the Return the Sheriff cannot execute a Writ. nor can he Arrest before the Writ comes to his hands, and the Return day being expired before he came into Office the Writ thereby Abated and he was under the Same incapacities to arrest as if no Writ

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Writt had come to his hands. —

If however the Sheriff Had been

Advised that your not delivering yourself up to the —

Custody of the persons charged With this Warrant was a

Contempt he ought to have made this Return in the Court

from Whence the Writt issued and they Would have

taken up the Question not on the Grounds of the Sheriff

having suffered a personal injury but as an insult to

them this the person of their Officer it would then have

come fairly before them by Affidavits publickly taken

Not privately and for a partial use whether the execution

of the Writ had been impeded by Violence or simply evaded

by those means that the Reason of the Law doth not

construe into Contempt — Such as a Man concealing or

protecting his person Within Doors a mans House in

Civil Cases has in the most Arbitrary times been a

Sacred asylum previledged from Arrests. —

If the Court found no other Return

than that the Sheriff had not executed his Writt They

Would leave the party to his own Remedy to take out a

fresh Writt against the Person or to proceed Against the

Defendants Effects in order to Compell his Appearance —

It is unlawfull in the Sheriff to

/ make

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Make use of greater force or Violence in the execution of his Writ than the Law Requires Which fairly implies unusual Means.—

The Circumstance of your being in the Company's Service will not I trust operate in exposing you to a deprivation of those Rights which extend to every other Orders men under their protection.—

A Vagabond in the Black Town or a Prodigal on Choultry plain may Sell a Succession of Sheriffs at defiance with impunity—and 'tis impossible to conceive your Situation renders you more obnoxious to the regor of the Law than the Rest of the Community—I proceed now to state to you the situation of your Suit.—

I appeared for you the 26th. of last august Without giving Bail the Complainants not being entitled to it No Oath being at that time made to the debt—about the latter end of November they took out a Warrant According to a prayer Reserved that you might give Bail upon Oath being made to the Debt—This is one of the irregularities in our Court that Requires Rectifying Because you had obeyed the Summons and you had Answered which is all that the Bill of Complaint Requires—Had the Complainants made

Oath.

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Oath previous to the Returns of the Summons you could not have appeared without Bail there having Neglected to do so at present puts them to the Necessity of issuing a Warrant to bring you before the Court to give Bail as if you had never appeared which is a mode of practice unknown to any Court but this, there are now before the Court on your Cause a Bill an Answer and a Replication – which could not have been the Case had Oath been made in the first instance The summons without Warrant would have – continued out against you and for Want of Appearance they would have proceeded to Sequestration Against your effects – It is not contrary to Reason that you should have taken the Advantage of their defect of making Oath – previous to your Appearance but it is unreasonable that they should take an Advantage of it themselves. –

It is not possible that these Matters could have been represented to Government who perhaps may be under the belief of your not having Appeared at all and that the Suit is not in Actual progression the Complaint is not only mistated in fact but in Law and the Object of it unfairly Set forth to Government – It is not that you may Answer a Complaint against you by the Sheriff which he could only make to Government in their Capacity of Justices

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of the peace but it is a partial and indirect means the Sheriffs has taken that by the interference of Government you may be — brought to Madras in order that a Writ may be executed upon you — when they have effected this purpose Government Willnot hear any further of you as an officer nor a Subject to the Laws of England — and I am Confident that you have not rendered Yourself obnoxious to their Authority in either Capacity — you cannot be brought to a Court martial upon the Complaint of the Sheriff It does not Subject you to their Authority in any Capacity as Judicial Magistrates their Power as — Government is indisputable But it is still not effectual without they Would carry it beyond all heard of Bounds because you might evade the Writ by Remaining in your House at Fort St George the Black Town or Choultry plain Without they were to Command you out of it and by that means leave you abandoned to the Seizure of the Sheriffs Officers at this or a New Writ — But I can see no reason why Fort St. George the Black Town a Choultry plain should be a Securer a Sylum than your House at Condapilley —

I observed to you before and I mention it now that Government never exerted an influence over their Servants in any Similar instance except one and this I am not certain of. —

J.

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Fort St. George 2d March 1791

It was against a Doctor Drummond who had been actually arrested and in Custody but had been reserved by some Soldiers at Waulaujaubad and the Sheriffs officers were violently assaulted and beaten you have not been in arrest nor in Custody nor is any violence complained of against you, —

In Mr. Joness Shreivalty he made a Complaint against Major Tonyn for keeping him out of possession of a House he had Seized as Sheriff in the Black Town and that by threats to use force and fire Arms in resistance. —

Upon Complaint being made to Government they declined interfering and as I was informed upon the Attorney Generals opinion — This was a resistance against the Sheriff in the Execution of his Writ to enforce a Decree — the present Complaint is to compell you to Appear to give Bail, after appearance. —

I believe at Bengal Government have menaced with their power some Officers who were thought to have disgraced themselves by retiring to out Settlements to avoid paying their just debts incurred by taking up quantities of Goods from Shopkeepers. but your Rank and Character secure you I hope from the imputa=tion of any Act that can bring you within a Justifiable

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Regot of such extreme measures and Iam confident that if Government were made informed of the Nature of this Suit against you that they would rather deem it meriting their disapprobation and publick investigation than of their protection. —

If this Writt had been for Contempt of appearance the Sheriff could not use any extraordinary Means to Compell it — the only extraordinary means the Law points out is the posse Comitatus — but is not known in the enforcing mesne process. wherein Violence of any kind is not allowable by Law. —

This person however has used the greatest violence that can be exerted Against you a Violence that is illegal and oppressive and by the distructive tendency that it has to your present and future fortunes shews that he is actuated by other Views than that which should direct him in the execution of the Writt. We must be Sensible of the Injury your Character and fortune will suffer by being deprived of your Command and Ordered down to Madras as a delinquent This degradation of your person would be a total discouragement to every person to become Bail for you the Sole Object of the Writ and would make a particular impression on the Natives who hope the least and fear the —

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the worst at all times but never More than when a Man is under the hand of power. —

There is a likelihood that you may able to get Bail if you remain in your Command but there is no probability of it if you are removed from it —

I think I have said enough to Shew that the matter must have been unfairly stated to Government — I maintain that the Sheriffs Complaint is illegal unprecedented and I would certainly advise an Action against him if I could Justify my opinion by a belief of his having any thing to answer the Damages.

I am &c &c

Madras 10th Feby 1791

(Signed) H. J. Dudley

Minute thereon

Resolved under all the Circumstances of Major Bonnevaux's Case that the former Order for his Proceeding to the Presidency be Countermanded. —

Resolved that it be Notified to Major Bonnevaux that altho' the Board have come to the Above Resolution in Consequence of the Counter Affidavits transmitted by him and of his Declaration of ill health, they Will Nevertheless upon all Occasions Support the Authority of the Mayors Court.

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Minute on the Letter from Major Bonnesaux.

When called upon for that Purpose — and that if Any Servant of the Company availing himself of his Situation Shall obstruct Any Sheriffs — Officer in the Execution of his duty the Board will immediately upon Complaint thereof Remove Such Servant from his Situation. — That he is therefore to take Notice that any such officer upon declaring his Name is to be admitted into the Fort of Condapillee where he is to be allowed to remain without — Molestation as long as he may think proper — and that if the Writ be executed in the manner the Law prescribes there can be No Alternative on the Part of the Person Against whom it is Served but unconditional Submission. —

Resolved that the Purport of

Do. the above be communicated to the Sheriff in Reply to his Letter of the 7th January last. —

The acting President inform'd the Board that His Highness the Nabob has consented to lend to Government his Ship the Arabian Star for the Purpose of conveying

Provisions

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Provisions to Tellicherry for the use of the Troops Serving under Major General Abercromby.—

Salt Provisions & Ghee to be Shipped on this Vessel the Nabob's Ship Arabian Star for Tellicherry for Troops Serving under Major Genl Abercromby

Resolved that Ninety two Casks of Salt Beef and Pork, being the Quantity in Store, and Thirty three Puppers of Ghee be immediately Shipped on the Arabian Star.—

The Secretary lays before the Board

A Bill presented by the Sea Customer for Boat Hire for landing Bengall Bullocks to the Northward from Ships that could not reach Madras—

a Bill from the Sea Customer Amounting to Pagodas 59-½ P. for Boat Hire to Ravanapah Nauchs Poultry for the Purpose of landing Sum Bengal Bullocks from Ships that were not able to reach Madras.—

The Bill to be discharged

Ordered that the Bill be paid.

The Lustre arrived from Bengal for his Highness the Nizam to be sent to Masulipatam on the Fletch Alert.—

Ordered that ten Boxes of Glass Ware Said to Contain a Lustre from his Majesty for

the.

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The Soubah of the Decan be sent on Board the Fletch Alert for Masulipatam, and that the Commander of the Vessel be allowed fifty Rupees Freight. —

" Chas Oakeley

Capt Gl Balmaine

" Thos Boston

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Diary

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Substance of Letters from the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letters from the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in CC. No. 48.49) the former declining to come forward with any Information respecting the Natives which actuated the late Government to undertake the Expedetion against Shevegunga - the latter enclosing a Letter for the Honble Court of Directors.-

Received the following Letters.-

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Captain Andrew Read reports the Progress made in the Breach & at Kopal hopes is will be practicable in 15 Days - Death of Lieutenant Charles O Hoher.-

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of Government that our operations still go on against Copool, and as expedetiously as Brass Guns, mounted as those we have are will permit a large peice of the upper part of the Wall has come down but there still remains a great deal to be done ere a practicable Breach can be effected the Masonry is very strong and of great thickness.-

I have been requested by his Highness the Nizam to say when I think the Breach will be practicable - In answer I have acquainted him, that to the best of my Judgement it will be effected in 12 or 15 days.-

I sincerely

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I sincerely hope that in that time the fate of Coprah may be determined in our favor, which I have little doubt of if the Guns stand.—

Lieutenant Charles O'Neher of the 28th Battalion died at this place on the 18th Instant

Camp at Coprah
South Battery
23d February 1791.

I have the Honor to be.

&c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ Andrew Read

Captain Commanding

To the Honorable Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

From Mr. F. Sind delivers over charge of the Employ of Military Storekeeper to Mr. Porcher.—

I beg leave to acquaint you that in conformity to the commands of Government signified to me in a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson dated the 5th of February 1791 I have delivered over the charge of my Employ together with the Records, Papers, are all other official Documents whatsoever belonging to it, to Mr. Josias Du Pre Porcher.—

I take the liberty to enclose a Certificate in obedience to the Orders of the Honorable Board under date the

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9th 10th July 1790.-

I have the honor to be with great

Respect.-

Fort St George
March 1791.

do do
(Signed) Fr. Lind

Fort St. George 5th March 1791

This is to Certify that in consequence
of my Appointment of Military Storekeeper I
have duly received from Mr Francis Lind I
charge of the said office together with the Records,
Papers, and all other official Documents, whatsoever
belonging to it — As Witness my Hand in I
conformity to the orders of Government of the
10th July 1790 to two Certificates of this Tenor I
and Date.-

(Signed) Jos du Pre Porcher
M.J Storek.r

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Sir

From the Secretary to Major General Musgrave the Genl recommends that the officers and Men captured at Dara poram be not allowed to bear arms on any occasion whatever during the present War.-

I am directed by Major General
Musgrave to request you will lay before the C.
Board the accompanying Letters, received this day
from Colonel Brathwaite, stating the Ideas which
Captain Evans, and the Officers and Men of H
this

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his Detachment entertain with respect to their own Situation as Presoners of war on their parole, and the reasons which they assign, for conceiving it would be against the Tenor of the capitulation were they to bear arms during the present contest.—

The General further requests you will give it to the Board as his opinion that any thing which might even bear the appearance of an information of the treaty ought to be carefully avoided, and he conceives that the performance of any Military duty whatever, with arms in their hands, is inconsistent with that part of their engagement, wherein they bind themselves not to bear Arms, or go into action during the war." for tho' the same of their Services may be remote still whilst they serve in this Country, it must be in aid of the general cause— Whether they act in Direct hostelity, or are employed on any duty that promotes the interests of the publick.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Mich.l Symes
Secy. to Major General
Musgrave

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9th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. N. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.—

From the Commandant at Dindigul

From the Commandant at Dindigul stating the Particulars of his Conduct towards Mr. Vaughan of which that Gentleman has lately made an unjust Representation to Government noting the great Exertions he has made since he was appointed to his present Command and requesting that the Board will take notice of Mr. Vaughans disrespectful Behaviour towards him.—

From Lieutenant Reming of the Corps of Engineers at Tiagar.—

From Lieutenant Reming of the Corps of Engineers stating the Amount of the advances of Cash made to him on Account of Repairs ordered to the upper and lower Forts at Tiagar, and requesting that orders may be given for issuing the Balance remaining on the approved Estimates requesting also that Mr. Garrow Paymaster at Trechinopoly may be directed to discharge his Bills for Conveyance and Writer and for Batta, Horse, and Puckally allowances as being detached in particular Duty.—

From the Garrison Storekeeper.—

From the Garrison Storekeeper with Invoice and Bills of Lading of Salt Provisions

and

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and Ghee shipped on Board His Highness the Nabob's Ship Arbean Star, and consigned to the Chief and Factor at Tellicherry.—

From the Paymaster at Vellore.—

From the Paymaster at Vellore with an Estimate of the Expence of Setting up places for the Reception of the Sick of the Grand army, amounting to Pagodas 105.—

From Mr. Alexander Macleod.—

From Mr. Alexander Macleod enclosing the affidavit required by Government respecting the Mode of procuring his appointment of Collector of a Division of the Jaghire.—

Minute thereon.

The Enclosure ordered to be lodged in the Office.—

Substance of Letters to the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore.

Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore / as entered in P. C. No. 50. 51. / to the former requesting his Excellency to pay every possible attention to the domestic Comfort of the Widows and Mother of the late Rajah.— To the latter informing them, that the Bearer on whom the Bill which he has late remitted / For Pr. No. Pag. 30,165 / is drawn, has refused to accept it.— remonstrating on the Impropriety of this Backwardness.— and recommending him to lose no time in discharging the Sack of Pagodas.—

Sent

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Sent the following Letters

To Mr George Powney

Resident at

Travancore

Sir

To the Resident at Travancore with the Letter above noted for the Rajah and Copy for his Information.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 28th Ultimo and to inform you that they approve you having declined to take the Bill for a Lack of Rupees tendered to you upon the Rajah's Terms - The Bill which you transmitted to the Board in your Letter of the 21st January for 2 L.P. 30160. was upon being presented to the Sowcar, refused Acceptance - It is drawn too at ninety Days Sight -

A Letter is now enclosed for the Rajah, which you are desired to deliver - The Board hope its Contents will operate upon his Mind, and induce him to an immediate Liquidation of the Balance due upon the Second Lack of Pagodas - a Copy of the acting Presidents Letter is enclosed for your Information -

The Board will determine upon the Nature and Amount of the Contribution

to

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to be made by the Rajah, when they receive your
Estimate of his Revenues.—

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9th March 1791.

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

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Troops in the
Northern Division

Sir,

To Colonel Braithwaite the officers and men captured at Dara-poram not to carry arms either in the Field or Garrison during the War all Medical Reports will be made to him.—

I am directed by the Board to A
acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the
1st Instant and to inform you, that as the
officers and men composing the Detachment
captured at Daraporam think that they are
not warranted under the articles of Capitu-
-lation in bearing arms either in the field or
Garrison during the present War, you will
be pleased to conform accordingly— It never was
the Board's Intention that these Troops P
should act contrary to what they conceived to
be Spirit of the Capitulation.—

The Hospital Board have
been directed to inform Mr Binney that
in future he is to make Returns and P

Reports

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9th reports to you, and that he is neither to quit his Duty in the Division, nor procure leave to other Surgeons to do it, without a previous Communication with you. —

Fort St. George
9th March 1791.

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

To Robert Taylor Esqr.
Chief &c. Factors
at Tellicherry

Gentlemen,

Major General Abercromby having informed us, that the Troops under his Command are in want of Salt Meat and Ghee we have shipped on the Arabian Star and consigned to you, ninety two Casks of Beef and Pork, and thirty three Duppers of Ghee — an Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed. —

We request you will immediately forward the accompanying Letter to Major General Abercromby and dispose of the Articles now consigned to you, in such Manner as he may direct. —

To the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry with Invoice and Bill of Lading of Salt Provisions &c. shipped on the Arabian Star for the use of the Troops under Major General Abercromby forwarding a Letter for the General

Fort St. George
9th March 1791.

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

To

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To the Honorable Major General Abercromby

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

To Major General abercromby - Sett Provisions and Ghee sent to Tellicherry on the Arabian Star advice of the Grand army's having advanced nine Miles West of Colar. -

We have had the Honor to
receive your Letter of the 12th Ultimo, giving Cover
to a Letter for Lord Cornwallis, which was
immediately forwarded to his Lordship by
Express. -

In consequence of your Represen-
-tation respecting Provisions we have obtained
the Use of his Highness the Nabob's
Arabian Star, and she now proceeds to Tellicherry
with ninety two Casks of Salt Beef and
Pork and thirty three Dupsers of Ghee. -

We have written to the Chief
and Factors at Tellicherry, desiring they will
apprize you of the arrival of the Arabian
Star, and await your Orders regarding the
Disposal of the Provisions. -

We have great Pleasure
in communicating to you, that by our
last advices from Camp dated the 1st
Instant, the Army was advanced nine
Miles West of Colar, without any
Interruption

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Interruption from the Enemy.-

We have the Honor to be

with great Esteem.- &c &c

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/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

To Captain James Sayer

Commanding His Highness the Nabobs Ship

Arabian Star

Sir,

His Highness the Nabob having

sent to Government this Ship the Arabeain Star

for the Purpose of Conveying Provisions to P

Tellicherry, I am directed by the Board to desire

you will receive on Board your Ship ninety two

Casks of Beef and Pork and Thirty three Barspeers

of Ghee - after which, you are requested to make

the best of your way to Tellicherry and deliver P

the accompanying Letter to the Chief and Factors

on your Arrival at that Place.-

To the Commander of the Nabobs Ship arabeain Star directing him to receive on board his Ship a Quantity of Salt Provisions and proceed immediately to Tellicherry

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I am &c &c

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

To Major Genl Medows applying for an Exact Return of the several Polegar's Peons who served with the Centre army and an account of the advances that may have been made to them.

The Rajahs of Venkatgherry and Calasty, together with Bommaraze having laid Claim to Batta for their respective Peons employed in the Service of the Company since the present War, we request you will be pleased to call upon Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell for an exact Return of all the Peons who served with the Center Army — We wish also to be informed, whether any and if any, what Sum has been paid to these People in consequence of our Letter to you of the 28th December in which we recommended that the Batta should be paid to them, and that they should afterwards be discharged

We have the Honor &c

to be with Esteem. —

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

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To Major General Musgrave

&c &c &c

Sir,

To Major General Musgrave a general order has been issued ordering the March of two Companies of Sepoys from Trichenopoly for Dendegul Captain Godfrey has been struck off the effective list permission has been granted to Lieutenant Boisdaune to proceed to the Presidency.—

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 4th and 7th Instant, and to inform you that a General Order has been issued, directing that two Companies of Sepoys be detached from Trichenopoly for the Purpose of reinforcing the Garrison of Dendegul—For the detail of this measure you will be pleased to send such Instructions as you may think proper.—

Captain Godfrey has been struck off the Effective List, and placed on the Invalid Establishment, agreeably to his Request.—

Lieutenant Boisdaune Commanding at Nellore, has received the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency.—

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

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[Signed] W. C. Jackson
Secy

10th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M/S. Nos. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69.—

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To the Military Board.

To the Military Board approving the Proceedings reported in their Letters of the 4th Instant.—

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's army.

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams army directing him to communicate regularly to Captain Kennaway every Payment made by him, not provided in the Estimate of the Military Board stating that as the Commander in Chief is in the Enemy's Country it will be sufficient if he report to Government such Expenditure as may appear to him to require Representation & approving this having discharged Lieutenant M.Gregors Bill.—

To Mr. James Landon.

To Mr. James Landon expressing the Board's Satisfaction in observing, that the Office to which he was appointed during Mr. Hollond's administration was not obtained by any corrupt Process.—

To the Commandant at Chicacole

To the Commandant at Chicacole informing him that the Board cannot discharge his Bill for Repairs which were executed without their Authority, or any Estimate of them forwarded for their Approval.—

To

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To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Kennaway containing some remarks on Mr. Malcolms Accounts— also Copy of a Letter from Mr. Brown informing him that the Board have signified to Mr. Brown their approbation of his having discharged Lieutenant McGregor's Bill.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad orders have been given to the Comptroller General (as abovementioned) to attend to the Remarks contained in his Letter of the 18th Ultimo.—

To the Commandant at Nellore.—

To the Commandant at Nellore with Permission to proceed to the Presedency.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore.—

To the Resident at Cuddalore the Estemate of Sundries required for sifting Gunpowder has been approved— the Expence not to exceed the Estimate.—

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry.—

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry directing him to transmit, with as little Delay as possible, an exact Return of the Calastry Peons employed under him.—

To the Commandant at Amboor.—

The same to Captain Read for a Return of the Vencatagherry Peons employed under

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under him at Tripatore.—

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue orders have been given to the proper officers, & directing them to send Returns of the different Polegar's Peons employed by the Company— & enclosing a List of the Polegars who garrisoned Tripatore who have received the Sum of Rupees 171. to bear their Expences from Amboor to Vencatagherry— a general Order has been issued in consequence of their Letter of the 6th Instant directing all officers Commanding Corps, to comply with the Requisitions of the Collectors, without a previous Reference to the Superior officers who receives the Returns.—

To the Board of Revenue.—

To the Board of Revenue— orders have been given, in consequence of their Letter of the 26th Ultimo for reinforcing the Garrison of Dindegul with two Companies of Sepoys from Trichenopoly.—

To the Commandant at Palamcotah.

To the Commandant at Palamcotah acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter of the 1st Instant stating that Reymond Khan cannot be admitted as a Supernumerary in the 2d Battalion of Tinnevelly Provincials although the Board

would

10th would not (in consequence of Mr. Irevin's Recommendation) object to his filling the first Vacancy that may happen in the Corps.—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz at Tanjore.—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz with a Letter for the Rajah and Copy for his Information

To the Paymaster at Madura.—

To the Paymaster at Madura enclosing Copy of another Complaint made against him by Major Sale and directing him in future to notify to the Commanding Officer the Day on which he intends making Payments to the Troops.—

To the Commandant at Madura.—

To the Commandant at Madura stating that the Board have notified to Mr. Vaughan their Disapprobation of his Conduct in the Instance mentioned in his Letter of the 27th Ultimo.—

To Major Bonnevaux Commanding at Condapellee.—

To Major Bonnevaux Commanding at Condapellee informing him, that in consequence of the Representation made in his Letter of the 27th Ultimo the Board have resolved to countermand their former order for his proceeding to the Presidency directing him to admit into the Fort of Condapellee, any Sheriff's officer, upon declaring his Name, and to allow him to remain there without Molestation as long as he may think proper and stating that if Complaint be

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be made to Government that any Servant of the Company shall obstruct such Officer in the Execution of his Duty, will immediately remove him from his Situation. —

To the Sheriff of Madraspatnam.

To the Sheriff of Madraspatnam informing him of the Resolutions of Government as noted in the abovementioned Letter to Major Bonneaux. —

To the Commandant at Amboor. —

To the Commandant at Amboor returning the Accounts enclosed in his Letter of the 5th Instant signed for Payment directing him to transmit them to the Paymaster at Vellore as vouchers for his Payments. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore with Copy of the abovementioned Letter to Captain Read. —

To Mr. James Cock. —

To Mr. James Cock in reply to the Queries contained in his Letter of the 25th Ultimo respecting the Contracts for Military Stores. —

To the Hospital Board. —

To the Hospital Board directing them to inform Mr. Binny that, in future, he is to make Returns and Reports to Colonel Braithwaite, and that he is neither to quit his Duty in the Division nor procure Leave for other Surgeons to do it, without a previous Communication with the Colonel — approving that Proceedings dated the 7th Instant. —

Sent

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Sent the following Letter to

the Board of a Journed Revenue.-

To John Huddleston Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Board

of a Journed Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Board of a Journed Revenue Resolutions of Government respecting the villages in the Tanjore Country which are to continue in the Possession of the Danish Government of Tranquebar.

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that it has been resolved to assume every Part of the Tanjore Country, with the Exception only of the Villages leased or mortgaged to the Danes in the year 1786 and 1787, on account of two Loans, the one for 32,500 Pagodas and the other for 60,000 Pagodas. These Villages are to continue in the Possession of the Government of Tranquebar until the Debt is discharged by the Rajah you will be pleased therefore to give the necessary Instructions to Messrs. Ram and Fallofield.-

I enclose, by Order, Copies of the two Loans granted by the late and present Rajah to the Danes, which were obtained from the Rajah by Mr. Petrie.-

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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Received

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Received the following Letter

from the Comptroller General of Army accounts.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General of Army accounts enclosing Lieut. Colonel Sydenhams Bill for arrears of Batta remarks thereon.-

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you some Arrears of Batta due to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, which have not been drawn owing to his having been at Sea for the recovery of his health. The Regulations allow of his drawing Batta, during his absence on the Coast, for a short period, provided he quits the next officer in Rank his proper Batta, whilst he remains in charge and officiates as Commandant of the Station, but as the usual term of three Months for drawing this allowance is expired, I request to be favored with your Commands.-

I am with great Respect

&c. &c.

Signed J. Kapper

C.G.O

Fort St. George

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

John Huddleston Esqr.

Friday the 11th March 1791. The Honorable Major General William Medows

Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.-

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Storekeeper proposes to make up Stores for the present at the usual Rate and to waive his Claim to the 10 p.Ct Commission the late Military Storekeeper applies for the amount due to him for sundry Materials purchased and Stores made up Lists of Stores received from Bengal and Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of January apply for Permission to engage Tonnage for conveying Stores to the Southward.-

Having communicated to the Military Storekeeper the Conditions upon which you have been pleased to admit his Provision of Stores, We beg leave to request your Commands upon the Enclosed Extract from his Letter dated in Consequence.-

In our address of the 25th January, We submitted to you the Minutes of Colonel Kappen Lieutenant Colonel Ross and Captain Hall respecting the new System of

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of furnishing Military Stores, We now enclose for your Information Copies of Two other Minutes in further Discussion of the same Subject.—

The late Military Storekeeper has presented to us an Account of Charges of constructing 486 Double and 216 Single Yokes, on the new Construction, also Bills for Canvas and Iron which could not be furnished from the Civil Stores, amounting in the whole to Pagodas 2723. 5. 10. as those Charges appear on Examination, to be reasonable We beg leave to recommend their being discharged—

We also transmit herewith List of the Stores received from Bengal by different Ships and of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of January, which, being agreeable to muster have been accordingly received upon the Company's Books.—

As the Season for conveying Stores by Sea to the Southward will soon Expire, We request your permission for Engaging Tonnage for the purpose of

complying

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complying with an Indent for completing the
Statement for the Garrison of Trincomalee -

We have the honor to be

Fort St George
6th March 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
J Casper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

Extract of a Letter from the Military Storekeeper

Dated 4th March 1791 -

I have been honored with your
Commands of this date, enclosing an Extract
of a Letter from Government, directing that
the Military Stores immediately wanted
should be made up on Oath. -

I shall of Course endeavor to
execute, without delay, the Orders of Government
on any terms they are pleased to direct, and
my wish is to have the Work performed in
the best manner and at the most Moderate rate,
but unacquainted as I am with the business
I cannot but confess to myself unwilling to
Commence, under the Solemn Attestation of
an Oath, when I must in a great measure

depend

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depend for some time at least upon the
Fidelity and attention of native Servants
who are very likely to take advantage of my
Inexperience Without therefore intending
to make Frivolous objections or to stipulate
for any Conditions advantageous only to
myself may I be permitted to request
leave to propose, thro' your Board, to Govern-
-ment to allow me for the present to make up
Stores at the usual Rate and to Waive the
Claim to Commission in Consequence of the
Salary they have been pleased to grant me.
Thus I humbly apprehend the Company will
save fifteen p Cent upon the former price
of the Stores, and likewise be secure from
any further loss and by obliging the Servants
to keep within the known prices for
which they have hitherto performed the
Work. It will be in my power to ascertain
in a Short time the real cost in a Short time
the real cost of each different Article, without
Subjecting myself to the imputation of
inattention, or the Suspicion of being extravagant
or Neglectful whilst Acting upon Oath. —

A true Extract
Signed Dan.l Sracc
Secy m B.

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Lieutenant Colonel Ross's Minute

The hurry attendant on the Equipment of the army being now over, and the period for carrying into effect the Intentions of Government respecting the Military Storekeeper's Department approaching I now lay before the Board that I have further to offer on that Subject in reply to the Minutes delivered in by Colonel Kepper & and Captain Hall.-

Colonel Kepper's

It is with pleasure I have seen the Improvement in the Quality of Gun powder made at this Presidency for some years back, and I am perfectly well disposed to give Colonel & Moorhouse every Credit for his Exertions in bringing it to its present State of perfection- and it is to prevent the possibility of its again losing in Standard Work that I wish the Process should be established beyond the possibility of a doubt or the power of interested Individuals to alter.-

It never appeared to me necessary to publish to the World at large the proportions of the different Materials used in the Composition of Gun Powder, But I think it essential to the Company's Interest that they should be ascertained and recorded on the Proceedings

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of this Board, and inserted in the Contract for the Fabrication of it. For unless the Quatety of the Charcoal, the precise Process of refining Pulverizing the Sulphur and Salt Petre, & and of mixing the Ingredients, are ascertained, and the Number of Strokes it is to receive when placed in the Mill, or under Stampers. The proportion of pressure it is to undergo whilst under the Screw Press and the Process of Corning, be established, a failure may ensue; which cannot well happen under a careful Superintendant with these precaution taken by this Board on the part of their Constituents. For it never can be their Interest to raise fines by the failure of unguarded Contracts. -

How far the Secret may be an Object to our Enemies in general, I shall not pretend to Judge, but it is a fact well ascertained that the Shot of the most formidable of them, Tipoo Sultan has outranged ours both during the last and in the present War - I do not therefore see any good reason for the Company's Servants -

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holding Secrets with the Company, particularly in this business, as it is well known to most of the Members who set at this Board, that the Mystery under which the Process of making Gun Powder has hitherto been cloaked is the cause why it was not sooner brought to perfection here. Neither can I understand, why the Proposed alteration proposed by Government in the mode of providing this Article, should demenish its strength; nor can I admit to a certainty, that it is not be encreased in Quality conceiving it be an Article capable of still further Improvement

Captain Hall's

I do not know that the System of arrangement for Military Stores has been called in Question, or that any thing in my Minute conveyed an Idea that the Requisite Information of what the Stores had been received into the Arsenal, has been wanting. But I do over that although the Commissary General of Accounts may be furnished with plain, clear, and perfect Knowledge of every Receipt and Disbursement of Cash made by the Military Storekeeper, yet this Board is not which I apprehend it should be, previous to the Bills being discharged,

and

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and after their having been duly certified by the proper officers of Check, accompanied by an account, wherein the Company should be Credited for the Money advanced, and Debited for the amount of Stores made up. This Supprahind will shew with very little trouble to the Board the State of the advances and the propriety in Expenditure of the Public Money sanctioned by it which will make the Examination of Totals, by us, only necessary, as each account will bear the Signature of the Controuler of General of accounts and of the Commissary General of Stores, In the same manner as those of the Works now bear the Signatures of the Controuler General of accounts and Chief Engineer, in Testimony of their having previously undergone the particular Examination of those Gentlemen — and where the difficulty can be in doing in our Capacity of Committee of Stores, what we already do in our Capacity of Committee of Works I cannot understand —

When the business of Captain Hall's Department will allow him to attend a little more to that of the Engineers, he will find

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find that every Stove, implement, Materials, &
Tools &c. in use is brought to account in the Books
of this Board, and that every artificer Lascar, or
Coolie employed, is paid by the Secretary of it—
And every Months Records since the Captain has
been Amongst us, will prove his Signature to the
passing of the very Accounts said by him to be
without check or controul—

I can venture to answer for
Major Maule that he never had a wish to
deprive the Public of any utility the Branches
lopped from the Trees of the Avenues might
afford it, and that he will have a particular
pleasure if any general benefit can be derived
from them, beyond what they at present yield
that of extending Shade to Travellers by placing
the larger Branches along the Road yet
unplanted, and by assisting those who
situation or Occupations require Shade—I only
regrete that from the perishable nature of the
greatest part of these Trees they are so little
calculated for Fascine Pickets &c. But when
Fascines become unserviceable as such can be
rendered useful in the repair of the Public
Roads I am yet to learn—If Captain Hall

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had time to look at the Proceedings of the Committee of Works, he should have found that the unserviceable Fascines Pickets &c. are turned to much better account being publickly sold and the amount of Sales credited to the Company.—

Having already stated my Reasons for thinking a period previous to the Monsoon the prosperest time for making a Contract for the Manufacture of Gun Powder I shall give Captain Hall full credit for the Statement of the price of Bengal Powder But until I can ascertain the Expence of Manufacturing it here independent of what has been paid the Contractors for it, I cannot draw any Comparison between the two.—

If the Sirewood, Sulphur and Salt Petre to be furnished by the advertized Contracts, be intended for Laboratory uses only and for making Gun Powder, it should be stated in Materials furnished for the Contracts, all which should receive the approbation of this Board previous to their being shewn to those who mean to come forward with Tenders—And as neither they nor Masters of any kind have yet been before us

Imagine

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I imagine Government should be requested to extend the period for giveing in Proposals.—

The Gun Carriages should as formerly, be examined at the Carpenters yard, where the Materials and Workmenship can be better judged of during the Progress of the Work than when put together.—

(Signed) Patrick Ross

a true Copy

(Signed) Dan.l Ince

Secy to Bd.

Colonel Cappers Minute

I can by no means bring myself to believe that the Gun powder of Tippoo is, in any respect, equal to ours, and still less that the manner of making ours being hitherto kept a Secret, was the cause of its being so long of an inferior quality, for it appears by Colonel Ross's own proposal, of having the Manner of making it Recorded, that it still remains a Secret, and nevertheless it has arrived to a perfection not known before in India, but I shall not dwell on these points, because in all probability in the course of a few Months, we shall be able to make a proof of Tippoo's powder in a regular way

and

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and not trust to heaesay Testemony, by which we are very likely to be deceived. I shall be happy if the new Contractors, by being told the exact proportion of the different Materials, and the Number of Strokes the composition must receive are able to make as good powder as a person who has made this art his study for many years. In this case the knowledge of this art is very easily acquired, and it is astonishing that so many Volumes have been written on the Subject with so little effect, but there is one part of Colonel Ross's Minute that requires an immediate Answer being a Matter that deserves our attention when making out the new Contract. He does not understand he says "why the alteration proposed "by Government in the mode of providing this "Article should deminish its strength." These are not my words nor should I understand this proposition myself, but I will endeavor to explain by the aid of figures, what is not comprehended in words By the present Contract Two Lbs of powder are to throw a ten Inch shell 950 yards If then the Contractor makes the powder equal to this, Nothing more can be legally required of him, but Two Lbs of the present powder

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powder throws a Ten Inch shell 1170 yards, which is 220 yards more than is required by Contract, and consequently the New Contractor may, with propriety, make this Reduction in its goodness without subjecting himself to any penalty whatever, by which means it is almost unnecessary to add, the Service will suffer in many respects and the difference in the original price become only a secondary consideration. But it was not my wish to throw any difficulties in the way of making a new Contract I only contended that the Powder is as good as we can hope to make it, that a contractor, altho' he may succeed, he may also fail, and that during a War it did not seem to me prudent to make an Experiment from which no good could be expected, and many bad consequences be apprehended.—

(Signed) J. Kapper

a true Copy

(Signed) Dan.l Ince

Secy to Bd.

The Board cannot accept Mr. Porcher's Proposal to make up Stores at the usual Rate and to waive the Claim to Commission, in consequence of

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of the Salary given to him — They are of opinion that he can with equal Facility acquire a Knowledge of the real Cost of each different Article whether Article whether he be allowed ten p.r Cent upon the actual Cost, or bound to deliver the Stores at the fixed Rate — They conceive indeed that in the former Case he will not find any Difficulty, since the Price of the Materials and the Hire of Servants can be so easily ascertained, while in the latter Case, the Company will be subject to that very Charge which the new System is calculated to prevent — As therefore Mr. Porcher is only to make Oath to the actual Cost to him of the Stores, and that he has made them up at the lowest Rate in his Power, the Board will not do him as much Injustice as to suppose, that he can "subject himself to "the Imputation of Inattention, or the "Suspicion of being extravagant or neglectful "whilst acting upon Oath."—

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Agreed that a Bill upon Bengal at the Exchange of 375 A.R. p.r 100 Star Pagodas, for the Sum of 2723. 5. 10. be granted in favor of the late Military Storekeeper.—

agreed

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agreed that the Military Board

Minute thereon. be permitted to engage for the Purpose of
complying with an Indent for completing the
Statement for the Garrison of Trichinopoly.—

Read the following Letter

and Enclosure from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of a Letter from Captain Read recommending that some Iron Guns and ammunition be sent to the Peyan's army in the Neighbourhood of Cuddapah from Masulipatan

I have the honor to enclose
for your information a copy of a Letter I have
received from Captain Read under date the 23d
Instant and earnestly recommend to your particular
consideration the idea started by him of four or six
iron eighteen Pounders with 2000 Shot for each
Gun being granted to any application his Highness
may make for them, which with any encouragement
from me he would I have no doubt very readily
prefer. The seige of Forts is the most, and I
indeed I may say is the only effectual way, in
which the Detachment of the Company's Troops
serving with him can be employed for the
advancement of the common cause, and the
reduction

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reduction of Sidout and Gunjycotah two strong places by which the Enemys South East frontier is defended will probably be the next service on which it will be employed should you approve of the idea and be able to grant the supply proposed the Guns might be immediately sent to Angole from whence they could easily join the Nezams Army in the vecinety of Cudapa, and on receiving your sanction I shall take such further steps as may be necessary for their being transported from thence and for defining the terms on which the Nezam is to receive them, that is whether by way of purchase or of loans.—

Hurry Punt the commander of the Mahratta army is expected at this place with a few attendants to pay his respects to the Nizam after which he will rejoin his Troops who are to prove in the mean time towards the neighbourhood of Jemaalmurog.—

I am with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Paangul 28th Feby 1791.

Captain John Kennaway
Resident at the Court
of his Highness the Nezam.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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The receipt of your favors of the 15th 16th and 19th Instant
The first acquainting me of his Highness's intention
to direct the Seige of this Fortress being discontinued
and the Army to March to Gunjecotah, the
second of his Highness's intention at your request
of continuing it a little longer if there were any
prospects of success, and of his intention of sending
off 500 Balls for the Battering Canon, the third
covering an order on Annoop Ram for a Months
pay to the Detachment and a desire that I should
make a request to Dara Jah to send people off to
hasten on the Ammunition.-

The first of these letters I must
confess gave me a good deal of uneasiness but
which the second entirely did away, and I am still
of opinion that the Fort will fall, the wall
being much damaged and part from the Top
brought down, every exertion in my power and
in that of the Detachment to make shall be
made to reduce the place. The order on Annoop Ram
shall be presented and the circumstance respecting
the Batta attended to as you desire.- I shall this
day make the request of Dara Jah to send people
off to hasten on the Ammunition as though
we have yet enough left to go on for 6 or 7 Days

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in which time I doubt not but that the Supply from Paungal will arrive.—

In a letter to his Highness I acquaint him that as far as my judgement can direct me am of opinion that the Breach will be practicable if the Guns hold out, in 12 or 15 days, and I hope that this delay will make no material alteration on his Highness's operations elsewhere.—

I herewith have the honour to enclose Statements of the number of public Cattle required for the different Departments at present in Camp and the Paymaster informs me that his Account of Disbursements will be ready for next dispatch, upon which when received and the enclosed Estimates I shall beg to be favored with your remarks if possible to make any further deductions from the Public Expence.—

The Guns that are here belonging to his Highness if they stand out this Siege will then be of little or no use, indeed from what I have seen of his Ordnance altogether and Knowing from a former letter of yours that he has none of Iron should we ever have any Place of strength to besiege, I think that much time must be lost for want of proper materials

If

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If with propriety an application could be made to Government for assistance in that way there are plenty of Guns at Masulipatam ready and I should fancy that 4 or 6 Eighteen pounders with 2000 Star Pr. Gun might soon be sent into the Country his Highness intends to March for.—

I beg leave to thank you for the Extract of the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis's Letter, I feel myself exceedingly flattered by his Lordships favorable opinion of me, and I shall deem myself truly happy if my endeavors for the public good shall secure to me the continuance of what I so much regard.—

I have the honor to be

Sea. Sea.

(Signed) Andw. Read

Captn. Commanding

Camp at Copaol
South Battery
23. February 1791.

Agreed that the Military Board be desired to give their opinion on the Suggestion of Captain Andrew Read, that four or six Iron Eighteen Pounders with 2000 Shot for each Gun be sent from Masulipatam to Ongole, and from thence to the Nizam's Army in the Vicinity of Cudapa.—

Minute thereon.

Read

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Read the following Letter and
Enclosures from the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with enclosures relating to the Rate of Exchange to be allowed to the agent of Monnohur Doss for Money paid by him into the treasury of the Bengal Detachment —

Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell having made a Reference to this Government relative to the Rate of Exchange to be allowed to the agent of Monnohur Doss for Money paid by him into the Treasury of the Bengal Detachment the Accomptant General was directed to settle a fair and equitable Rate for the same with the Principal in Calcutta. —

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Extract from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerells Letter, and Copy of the Paper referred to in it, together with Copies of the Accountant Generals Report, and of the Translation of the Petition from Munnohur Dosse and to desire that you will lay the same before the Governor in Council at Fort St. George with the Information, that Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell has been instructed to furnish the Board at Madras with his Opinion of the

Rate

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Rate of Exchange / yet unadjusted / that should be Ultimately allowed to Monnoheur Dofs for the Supplies in Question.-

It is Requested that the Madras Government will be pleased to forward Lieutenant Colonel Cockerells Report to the Supreme Board, Accompanied by such Remarks and Recommendations as they conceive will tend to an adjustment with Monnoheur Dofs at a Fair and equitable Rate.-

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
the 9th of February 1791.

Signed J Fombelle
Sub Secy

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell dated the 8th. November 1790.

I have the honor to report to the Governor General in Council that the agent of Monnoheur Dofs has paid into the Treasury of the Bengal Detachment to the 31st. of October, as adjusted this day, on account of his Engagements the Sums stated in the Enclosed Paper, and for which I have granted him a Set of Receipts in Triplicate payable to 30 days Sight, at such Rate of Exchange as his Lordship

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in Council shall adjust with the principal Mannahar Doss -

The Government of Madras had presented an Exchange of 410 Arcot Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas, but the Agent has preferred to take my Receipts on the terms of the Exchange being adjusted by his Lordship in Council, Rammanund had agreed to settle the Exchange Remittance at 405 Arcot Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas, and for the Silver Currency at 375 Rupees of Sorts for 405 Arcot Rupees. But altho' the nature of this Employ in this Camp would enable him to settle this Exchange at that favorable Rate yet he has been fearfull of the displeasure of his Principal to settle finally a lower Rate than the Government of Madras has given -

Copy of the Paper enclosed in Lieutenant Colonel Cockerells Letter of the 8th November -

Cash delivered into the Bengal Detachment Treasury by Rammanund Shroff

Star Pags. 375.22.22.11

Sicca Rupees 34876.
Madras ar. 31000
Sicca Rupees 9200.
Rupees 75076.

Star Pags. 37522-22-

Camp
November 8th 1790.

Reported by me J. Scott

Signed John Cockerell
Lt. Col. Comg Bengal Det.

Copy

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Copy of a Translation of a Petetion from Munnshar Doss Received 18th January 1791.

I am at all times ready as I have ever been to devote my Life to the Service of the Company, you Sir are fully sensible of this, you are also Acquainted with all points such as my sending Gomastahs with Colonel Cockerell and establishing Banking Houses in his Camp Agreeable to the Orders of Government with a View to facilitate the Transmission of Money a Bill of Exchange on Government has now Arrived, No Exchange has been fixed on there; That point has been referred here, Sir, the Companys rate of Exchange at Madras is 410 Arcot Rupees Per 100 Star Pagodas, I pay the Madras Bills drawn on me at the rate of 414 Arcot Rupees Per 100 Star Pagodas moreover I sustain the Loss of Interest on the large Sums that with a View of providing for any Exegencies I consigned with the Gomastahs that accompany the Army a very great Expence accrues also for the Carriage of the same, I therefore hope that such a rate of Exchange may be fixed as will enable me to remit Money to the

Army

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Army without Loss to myself.-

Statement of an Exchange which will
indemnify me for Original Sums.-

Present Rate of Company's Exchange 410 Pc. Star Pags.
Rate of Exchange on Specie sent
from Madras to the Army is 5 Pct.
(Moreover the risk of sending
it is mine) ..... 420 S. Pc. Star Pags.

Total ... 430 S. Pc. Star Pags.

Rate of Exchange in Camp between Star Pagodas
and Rupees of Various denominations sent
from Madras.-

Moorshedabad Sa Rupees 350 Pc Star Pagodas
Bengal Arrs ... 373 Pc. Ditto
Madras do. ... 366. Pc. Ditto
Moorshedabad Sonats 364 Pc. Ditto

A true translation
(Signed) N.B. Edmonston
Depy P. Trans.

Copy of a Letter received from the Accountant General
to the Governor in Council in the Military
Department dated 2. February 1791.

To Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council &c. in the Military Department
Fort William

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships Commands of

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of the 31st December 1790 I have the honor to report that I find upon a reference to the Military Pay Master Generals office the Credit given by the Pay Master for Colonel Cockerells Receipt dated Camp 8th. November 1790 is as follows.-

Pay. 37522. 22 at the of Sonat Rs. 366. 13. 10 a/c

a/c. 375 Ps/ Pagodas a/c 11709. 4.

Batta 8 P Cent 1236. 10. 11. 13965. 15. 10

and for the undermentioned Rupees of Sorts

Arcot Rupees 34876. " "

Madras Arcot Rupees 31000. " "

Sicca Rupees 9200. " "

general as Arcot Rupees 75076. " "

Batta 8 P Cent 6006. 13. 81082. 1. 3.

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2. Having received from the acting Persian Translator a Translation of an Arzee presented by Monsieur Dosse to the Honble Mr. Stuart, for the purpose of being considered at the same time that I Reported on the Reference made to the Accountant General, of the Extract from Colonel Cockerells Letter of 8th. November, finding the former to differ from the latter in as much as that it indicated an expectation

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expectation of being paid even more than the rate of 410 Arcot Rupees P% Pagodas, which Colonel Cockerell represents to have been proffered by the Madras Government, which had deterred Ramanund the Gomastah of the House with the Detachment, from fulfilling his agreement to settle at 405 Ars P% Pagodas" I sent to Arct Ram Tewarry Monohur Dosse's agent in Calcutta and desired him to state to me what was the Sum in Current Rupees which would satisfy his principal, for the discharge of Colonel Cockerells receipt and in consequence obtained the following particulars of Munnohur Dosse's Expectations.—

Ars 34876 ... at 375 ars P% Pagodas	9300. 11. 16.	
Madras ars 31000 @ 366	8467. 31. 56.	
Sicca Rupees 9200 - 350	2628. 24. —	20398. 32. 72
Pagodas		37522. 22. "
		57921. 12. 72
at the Exchange of 410 ars P% Pagodas is		237,477. 5. 9.
Batta 8 P%		18998. 3. —
add		256475. 8. 9.
An allowance required for sending specice from Madras to the army		12823. 12. 5
Total required by Monohur Doss Ars		269,299. 5. 2
Difference between the Sum carried to the Companys Credit for this supply by the Paymaster		36,251. — 4 — 1
Credit by the Paymaster as before stated		233048. — 1. — 1. —

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3d. On this I have to observe that the difference amounts to 15,555 ℘ Cent that of this Art 1666. 6. arises from the Madras Arcot and Sicca Rupees being valued in Calcutta, the former only at 366 and the latter at no more than 350 ℘% Pagodas, whereas the Credit given to the Company for these was at 375 Rupees ℘ Pagodas the same as the Gomastah had agreed to settle for the Sicca Currency the former are however the same as have been subjoined in the Arzee of Monoheer Doss to the Statement of an Exchange which will indemnify him for Original Sums but if that indemnification be allowed it should not seem Necessary in addition to that Rate of Exchange in Camp between Star Pagodas and Rupees of Various denominations sent from Madras for if those Rates then prevailed in Camp, they must I should suppose have been what was required by one party and allowed by another, as the Complete compensation for bringing Money from Madras to Camp this may however be an idea, which though apparently warranted by the literal meaning of that Arzie, would not on an investigation of facts be found strictly

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just, and as the information which I propose will not by any means warrant my attempting to offer a positive Opinion upon this point, and as I also think that the Madras Government & and Colonel Cockerell are much more competent to judge of the Reasonableness of the demand preferred by Mr. Monro Dos. I am induced to recommend a Reference of these Papers to them for their respective Opinions of what should ultimately be allowed him for this supply.—

Colonel Cockerell has drawn 6 Bills in favor of several of the Officers of his Detachment at the Exchange of 405 Arcot Rupees per 100 Pagodas and at 31 days after sight but the Receipt which he has granted for this supply engages that it shall be discharged at 30 days after sight, this difference is an addition to the Advantage afforded by the Rate of Exchange, at which the Supply was obtained by Bills drawn in favour of the Officers. These however are but for small Sums, and the mode not such as can be depended upon in any considerable degree but it may be presumed that when the

Officers

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officers understand that a Gomastah attending the Detachment obtains terms much more favourable than those allowed to them unless the latter be made equal to the former Colonel Cockerell will not be able to prevail upon them to take his Bills.—

5th Until an answer may be received to the reference recommended of these Paper, an advance on account to the amount of two Lacks of Sicca Rupees might be made to Munohur Doss, in part discharge of Colonel Cockerells receipt of 8th November 1790, on which a receipt should be given for that amount which should be advanced to Munohur & Doss, through the Military Pay master General by an Order upon the General Treasury.—

I have the honor to be with the highest respect.—

My Lord

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Larkins

Acct. Genl.

Fort William
Account. Genl. Office
the 2d. February 1791.

True Copies

(Signed) J. Fombelle

Sub Secy

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the above Subject be taken into Consideration, as soon as Lieutenant Colonel Cookerell's Report is received.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Board of assumed Revenue—

To the Honble Major General Medows.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Board of assumed Revenue with a List of Jaghires which they propose giving up to the Nabobs Family—requesting to be informed if the Nabobs Proportion of the Revenue is to be paid from the Net or the Gross Collections—and to be advised regularly of all Payments made to the Nabob from the General treasury.—

Honble Sir,

The different Collectors having transmitted the necessary information. We now have the honour of reporting the result of our enquiries into the value of the Jageers mentioned in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of 15th January accordingly we enclose a List of Districts, the produce of which together with the Jaghyres already assented to by the Nabob from the compleat Sum of 213911 Pagodas. We have omitted several of the Jageers included in the Nabobs List, because the low valuation at which they are there stated, unnecessary increases the number and we recommend that the List now enclosed should be adopted because we have been carefull in selecting Districts as nearly contiguous to each other as the Nabobs List

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List would admit, in order to avoid as far, as may be possible, the interference and inconveniences which must result from a devided authority. As our valuation so greatly exceeds that of his Highness the Nabob, we think it necessary to remark that Mr. Kindersley has taken his accounts either from the Settlements, at which the Districts have been subrented, or where that has been impracticable / from the Dowle or valuation on the spot, - and that Mr. Andrews has taken his Statement of the Jemaore District from an actual Settlement of Rent. -

In our letter of 7th October we submitted to your consideration the propriety of including the Jagueers of Seid Ajam Khan and of the Nabob's immediate Servants among those which had been provided by the Treaty for the maintenance of his Highness's family, and in Mr. Secretary Chamier's letter of 20th October the Honble Board were pleased to approve that recommendation. -

But we have since observed that the Nabob in his letter of the 10th January objects to any Jaghyres being included in this List but what are for his own Relations - And acquiescence with his request must

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must therefore depend on the proper construction of the word Khanedan, which is the Persian word made use of in the treaty for Family, and we find upon examination that the precise meaning of the Persian word, favors the Nabob's construction of it. We therefore wait your determination on this point as being of great importance in our final arrangement. altho we have already fully stated the embarassements that would be occasioned by delivering up these Jaghyres to the Nabob, we think it incumbent on us to lay before you the accompanying letter from Mr. Kindersley lately received, in which they are particularly described.-

We request to be informed whether the Nabob's proportion of the Revenue is to be paid from the net or from the gross Collections, not having yet received instructions on that head, and we take the liberty of recommending that when any payments are made to him from the General Treasury information should be transmitted to us in order to prevent confusion in the Revenue books.-

We enclose for your information Copy of a letter which we have received from Mr. Swinton, and take the liberty of recommending it to your consideration.-

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Fort St. George
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Jagyres already given up. The Value of which is to be deducted from the 2,13,421. Pagodas settled by Treaty Vizt.

Chittoor, Chundreghery &c. with Polegars Peshcush given up to the Nabob's brother Abdul Wahab Cawn Vizt.

The districts offered to be rented for Star Ps.	23000 " "		
Polegars Peshcush settled for	13,000 " "	36,000 " "	
Aleabad and Temmapayeed to Seyfub Mulk the Nabob's Son		6000 " "	
Caleva and Wallapundet to one of his Ladies		8500 " "	
Kylasgud to another of do.		5000 " "	
		55,500 " "	
Duvumbet to Omdut ul Omrah the Nabobs Eldest Son given up to him on his application offered to be rented		1000 " "	
Satoor to Nizam ud Deen ahamed Cawn the Nabob's grand Nephew and son in Law Valued according to the Nabobs Sunnud		1,340 " "	
Arcoor to do. for his Son Ruccun ud deen Valued according to the Nabob's Sunnud	825.13 "		
Cattary to do. for do. Valued according to do.	710. 3 "	1,536 " "	
Total amount of Jagyers already given up			59,376 " "

Additional Jaghyers to be given up for making up the above sum of Pr. 2,13,421.

Mahemundet without Marcanum sub rented for		5,440 " "	
Poloor Valued according to Dowle		10,500 " "	
Wanduwash & Veeranum valued according to do.		10,000 " "	
Chuckramaloor exclusive of the Jaghyre Villages of Nugeb Cawn & Nizam ud Deen ahomed Cawn valued by dowle	8,500 " "		
Damerypauk exclusive of the Jaghire Villages of Nugeb Cawn & Nizam ud Deen Akamed Cawn sub rented for	8,000 " "		
Vapoor sub rented for	2,900 " "		
Melcherry valued according to dowle	4500 " "	23,900 " "	
Timmery exclusive of the Villages given up to Nagib Cawn and Nizam ud deen ahamed Cawn valued according to Dowle		6,350 " "	
Cholangaveram sub rented for		13,695 " "	
Arcot Sub rented for	450 " "		
Do. Customs valued according to dowle	3000 " "		
Walajanaugur do. do.	2000 " "	5,450 " "	
Gazet Mundum sub rented for		3,600 " "	
Carried Over		78,935 " "	
			59,376 " "

In Mr. Kindersleys Division

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Brought over Jaghires already given up . . . . . 59,376 " "

Do. Jaghires to be given up in Mr. Kendersleys Devision . . . } 78,935

In Mr. Floyer's Division.-

Iyagar without Munoor sub rented for Star Pagodas . . . . . 9,600 " "

In Mr. Andrew's Division

Terriore rented this year for Rs. 1,80,000

on Star Pags. 51000

Jaghire of Andanellore valued at . . . . . 15,000 . . . 66000 — 75,600 " "

Total Amount of Jaghires to be given up . . . . . 154,535 " "

Total Star Pags. . . . . 213,911 " "

Exending the amount of Jaghirs settled in the Treaty by Pr. 490.-

A true Copy

(Signed) J Webbe
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Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Wm. N. E. Rindersley

Dated 1st March 1791.

In the mean time I consider it my duty to intrude the following remarks on this occasion— These places are not only in general the most fertile, but are also many of them so dispersed, that if any further distinction is made in the authority to be exercised over them, this circumstance will be a probable source of inconvenience and dispute— Should these places be Seperated from any authority before end of the Revenue year, I have no Conception how their Accounts Can be adjusted— For instance if the present Renters are now ejected from the Lands in question, I know of no rule by which their Accounts Can be adjusted on the 10 Footing of Rent, (to which Nevertheless their Claim is undisputable) For by what Certain Rule to ascertain the proportion of the 7 or 8 Months past to the whole— If this Accounts are adjusted by an Aumani Inspection, how liable are the Company to Imposition, or Inhabitants to oppression. Are these Renters to derive no advantage— Or if they are the question Occurs, how is it to be proportioned

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These difficulties over, by what rule, are the remaining Lands of a Farm to be rated, for the rest of the year? On the other hand, if the Renters are retained, they will then have two Masters to attend, and often be obliged to disobey One. This last evil arises from the aggrevation of the places being picked out of several farms instead of one, two or three, being wholly Seperated — When to these difficulties is added the allowances to be made for Depredations, the adjustment of the whole (except in a summary way by which one or other party may loose a large Sum) becomes so complicated, as to present to my Mind insurmountable difficulties.—

a true extract

(Signed) J Webbe
Secy

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

Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 19th Instant relative to the appointment of a Mutseddie on the part of the

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the Nabob for the purpose of inspecting my accounts a measure that arises in so much apparent fairness that I am almost debard from offering you my sentiments but as they are more of a Political nature, as connected with the General Peace and tranquility of the Province at this critical period, and when the safety of the Revenues from the plundering Polygars is more an object of publeick attention than the preciseness of carrying them to account I hope I shall be excused for making a few remarks on the person this Highness has nominated for Tinevelly, as well on the ill consequences that may ensue to our Interests in this Quarter by the destraction, the minds of the Inhabitants are subjected to, from a measure that shakes your authority to the foundation holds out to the timed Reviter and the daring Tributary the Prospect of a speedy restoration of the Countries.-

The difficulty with which we established our Authority, and the artfull and unremitted attempts that have since been made to intimidate the People from their obedience were sufficiently evinced by the obligations the

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The Nabobs People have taken from all ranks not
to serve the Company - all this we have surmounted
and 24 Renters have ventured to trust themselves
on my assurances, but I have only to call to mind
the sufferings and extortions after the last A
assignment to prove to the Board that no declaration
on our part, can convince a single man that he
will be allowed to retain the Profits of his Farm
hereafter if the Nabob, is permitted to interfere
in the mode and amount of their Collections - my
Promises of protection will not be wanting, but
they will consider themselves as devoted and either
make the most of the opportunity or become in-
different to their own Interests and the Comp.ys -

I am afraid to say, what will
be the probable Effect on the Polygars, to this A
moment wavering in their minds, whether to
follow their old practise of plundering the A
Country while our Armies are employed or to A
dread the consequences of the Company's A
authority - My last letter will shew the Board
the doubtful state they were then in and the
little I have been able to collect from them
since, may be considered as the Thermometer
of their Conduct - I am not to take any exact

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for frustrating an attempt Calabonna Naig has already made to unite the Eastern Polygars, with the shevagerry and his adherents to the westward, in the plunder of the Crop, and for keeping them both in constant altercation and correspondence about disputed Villages, while the Grain is getting in, continually upholding to them the terror of the Company's Vengeance, for it is your Administration alone they respect, and they have little or no apprehension of your Power which it is not exercised in support of your Measures, - I am led to this & remark from the insignificant figure two & detachments made here under Col.o Cosby and Macleod during the last five years of the Nabob's Government in which time these & Freebooters appropriated whole Villages in addition to their Bottoms and annually partook of the Circar share of the Crop levying a fine & from the Inhabitants as the price of their forbearance, and yet plundering their Property. -

When I reflect upon these facts and am apprised by the most experienced of the Inhabitants that the present neutral state of the Polygars is purely the Effect of the Company's assumption - I am almost tempted

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to restrain for a time the appointment of Streenovass Row and I am the more impelled by the personal influence this man possesses, and the opportunities He has all along had, and made use of to disseminate a district of us throughout the Province — He is an old Inhabitant and Hindoo Sheristadar of Tenivelly is nearly connected and in constant Correspondence with Ram Row the Nabobs decan and has condeicted himself in such a flagrant manner since my arrival that I have frequently been obliged to keep him under a Mosool. —

But as the point of Veiw, in which all denomenations of People will see this interference is so totally different from the simple and just Idea intertained by Government that the man, is less to be dreaded than the measure and I cannot help remarking in it the same Sperit that has counteracted us throughout, for the Nabob must know that surrounded as we are by his Subjects, it is impossible for us to conceal any thing from publick notice, and it is sufficiently remarkable in Tenevelly that the Cutcherry from the Peshcar down to the lowest Conicoply is composed of his own Servants and the whole

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proceedings as open as the Bazar.-

I shall after what I have thought it my Duty to communicate I should be compelled to place uncommon Restrictions over Sheneva's Bow and those the most notorious. I hope the Board will have the lenity to impute my Conduct to the proper motive - as the Country is at this hour at rest; the Car Coop secured, and the Rists up to the end of February will be paid in a few days and fully account for it.-

The Cash annum is cutting it is not anticipated in a single Instance, and affords ample security for the faithful discharge of the remaining Rists of the season.-

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Signed/ Benjn Torin

Collector of Tenevelly

Tenivelly
28th Feby 1791.

a true Copy

/Signed/ J Webbe

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Resolved

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Board of assumed Revenue.—

Resolved that the Construction of the word "Khanedan," and the Arrangement made by the Board of assumed Revenue regarding the Districts to be delivered up to the Nabob's Family be approved.—

Do.

Resolved that the Nabob's Proportion of the Revenue be paid from the Net Collections, and that this Rule be also observed with regard to Tanjore.—

Do.

Agreed that the Clerk of the Treasury be directed to give the Board of assumed Revenue Notice, whenever Payments are made to his Highness the Nabob from the General Treasury.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from his Highness the Nabob entered also in 66 N° 52.—

Translation

From the Nabob with an Enclosure relative to the difference of the former and present value of his Family Jaghires requesting that as time may be lost in delivering them over to His Highness's Management has recommended the acting Presidents Representation of the 9th Inst. and still remains unprejudiced with the sentiments he has already communicated

From the Nabob Waulajaw to Sir C. Bakeley Bart.

Dated 1st Rajeb 1205 Hegery or

7th March 1791.

Received 9th March 1791.

Your Letter dated 12th Jemaudesany ul 16th February I have received.—

In regard to the delivery of the Jaghires

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Jaghires of my Family and that "no unnecessary delay
"will happen and that there was no specification of
"them in Sir Archibald Campell's Treaty, since that
"would have made every thing easy, and in order to
"shew the embarassments that arise with regard
"to the Situation and value of the districts specified
"in my List, you enclose me a Letter from the
"Board of Revenue on the Subject" which I understand.

I never could have imagined that times would have become so critical as at present otherwise I should certainly have had the districts particularly specified in said Treaty - however you can easily inform yourself on the Subject, which will remove all your doubts. For during the Assignment to Lord Macartney of the Revenues of the Carnatic from the begening of 1191. Fazzely to the end of 1196 Fazzely which comprehends the Space of 6 years - and you will discover how much was collected by his Lordship from the districts of Jaghires mentioned in the List transmitted to you - In the present year 1200 Fazzely you have rented out all these districts, I request you will send me Copies of the Muteheelkas of the Renters and of their Leases - and you will

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be pleased to order said Sagheires to be restored as soon as possible; an act which will add to your reputation — I enclose the answer which my Mattle Soodies have given to the representation of the Committee. —

You say that the Ground applied for by my Son Ambatial Comah of 144 Feet long and 50 broad, you will be happy to accommodate him with. This I understand, and am obliged to my Friend. —

You inform me "that you are sincerely concerned to observe that the Representation you made to me on the 7th of December, has not produced the effect you expected — that it had no other object than my real welfare, and that you hoped it might hereafter again offer itself to my serious consideration" which I understand. —

My Friend you ought not by any means to make yourself uneasy — Because a difference of opinion is not necessarily followed by a difference in the sincere Friendship which exists between us — But as I shall always pay attention to what comes

From

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from my friend I have reconsidered his Representation of the 7th December and my Answer of the 11th February and still stand firm to what I then wrote.-

What can I say more?

a true translation

Signed/ Joseph Garrow

Pr. Tr.

Translation

Answer to the Letter the Board of Revenue transmitted to the Government given by the Circars Mutseddies.-

It is inserted in the Letter from the Board of Revenue that Chittoor was offered to be rented for 37000 Star Pagodas- It is probable such an offer might have been made by such men as the Vagrant applacharee who rented the District of Tripilly at 50,000 Pagodas, and to display his Responsibelity he borrowed 20000 Pagodas from different Inhabitants at Madras and paid it into the Company's Treasury by way of advance, but not being able to discharge the remainer of the Money he absconded- what then does such offers avail or what confidence can be had of realizing the

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the Rents.— The revenues of Chittoor including the Peashcash of the Pollygars do not amount to a more than 41000 Pullipat Pagodas which make 28700 Star Pagodas Under Lord Macartney's Administration the collections from Chittoor in the 1194 Fusle were no more than 10,000 Pagodas or thereabouts.—

The said Letter makes mention that the Peashcash of Territore is stated at 2,00,000 Rupees or 57000 Pagodas— The case is this— In the year 1194 Fusle under Lord Macartney's Management, he settled the Peashcash with the Reddy at 160000 Rupees of which only 36543 Pagodas was received, and in the list of the Jaghires it is stated at 40000 Pagodas.—

It is also mentioned in the said Letter that the District of Setweer has been let out for 11500 Pagodas Star.—

The fact is In that District the Expences of the zoomeahdars which is there Right, must be paid Seperately— and after the rights of the zoomeahdars and the charges for the Sebindies are paid, the amount is 9801 Pagodas including the revenue of

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of Pullicat, but during the administration of Lord Macartney the collections, in the year 1794 Fusilee, where only 6000 Pagodas.-

And further the Letter says the District of Satgur has been let out for 23428 Pagodas- But after deducting the Rights of the Yoomaidars and Inamdars the expences of which are very great in that District, the Renter will not be able to perform his Engagement - Therefore the Revenues were stated according to the net Receipts at 16000 Pagodas, exclusive of the charges for the Yoomaidars and Inamdars- and under Lord Macartney's Administration, in the year 1794 Fusilee this Jeem of 16000 Pagodas or thereabout was collected.-

Minute thereon

Agreed that Copies of the above be transmitted to the Board of assessed Revenue.-

Read the following Letter from Colonel Bridges.-

William

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Colonel Bridges. Lieut. Colonel Oldhams Detachment marches from Trichinopoly.—

The Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Oldham marched this day completely equipped, and in the best order.—

I gave him a Copy of your letter, which I directed him to attend to minutely and I doubt not but he will arrive at this place of destination before the time specified therein— all which I have to request you would be pleased to refer to the Honble Board.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Tho.s Bridges

Trichy 7th March 1791.

Minute thereon. Agreed that Earl Cornwallis be informed of the March of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment from Trichinopoly.—

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to Major General Musgrave.—

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Secretary to Major General Musgrave - with a Letter from Major Wynch wherein he states that the Nizams Soubadar in the Doopaud Country has refused to admit the Company's Troops into that District in pursuit of some Robbers who have taken refuge there and that Lieut. Lang and some Sepoys have been wounded in a skirmish with a party of Robbers near Bellumcondah.

I am directed by General Musgrave to request you will lay the Enclosed Letter before the Honble the President in Council. -

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) M Symes

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8th March 1791.-

Major General Musgrave

Commanding the Troops on the Coast

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Head Robbers Gunapah and Canamanah Vencanah having in their being pursued by Lieutenant Darley's detachment consisting of two companies of Native Infantry and some of the Committees Match lock People fled into the Doopaud Country application was made by the Committee to the Nizams Shoubdar in charge of that District to permit the Detachment to follow them into His Highnesses Districts, and leave was at first granted.

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granted, and every promise made of affording the desired assistance in securing them, but in Lieutenant Darleys entering the Doopaud District, He was prevented from proceeding into that Country after them, and had reason to believe that they were protected secretly by the Zemindars of that Country.—

The Committee thought it expedient in order to prevent any cause of Complaint from the Nizams People to request that I would direct Lieutenant Darley to quit it, and retire into the Guntoor District.— The Committee have addressed a Letter to the Resident at Hydrabad, acquainting that an Order might be obtained from the Soubah to permit the Detachment to enter his Territories and direct the Zemindars and others to assist the Companys Troops in apprehending the Robbers.—

One of the Principal Robbers in the vicinity of the Bellamcondah and Naoreeat Tannahs named Chinchoo Paupeah Naik having offered his services with about Sixty of his Banditte to apprehend the others, which the Committee proper to accept in hopes he might by his Knowledge of the Country and the Jungle they reside in, by of service, as he desired

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to be assisted with some force, Lieutenant Lang who was then on detachment with a Company of Sepoys and none of the Committees Matchlock Peons in that part of the District for the protection of the Inhabitants and the security of the Crop was ordered to support him, Chinchoo Peupiah & Naik join'd Lieutenant Lang and after remaining with him a five days left him without giving warming, and a short time after when the Grain being cut he began to plunder, upon which Lieutenant Lang was sent in pursuit of him and having the day before yesterday at Day break surprised him and his Banditte in the Skirts of the Jungle, a Skirmick took place, in which Lieutenant Lang was severely wounded, three of his Sepoys and four of the Peons were wounded also - I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that numbers of the Robbers were killed and wounded - since which they have taken to the Hills and Jungles in the Palnaud District impenetrable to our troops. I have directed Lieutenant Forbes of the 8th & Battalion of Native Infantry to immediately proceed and take charge of Lieutenant Langs Detachment I shall be much obliged by &

your

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giving the necessary information to Government.—

I have the honor to be

with the great Respect.—

Lt. Col.

Signed A Wynch

Major Comm.t

Minute thereon. Agreed that Major Wynch be directed to explain the cause of his not addressing the Board immediately upon the subjects contained in his Letter.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

To W.m W. C. Jackson

Secretary to the

Military Department

Sir,

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—the Storekeeper at Pd.t applies for Instructions respecting the Grain belonging to the Prize Agents and requests that the New Palace in the lower Fort may be given up to him.—

I enclose for the information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter from Mr. Vaughan Storekeeper of Dindigul, stating his having received and granted a Receipt to the Prize Agents of the Army, for 67 Garce 96 measures of Paddy, and requesting to know

if

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if he is to take charge of the Rice belonging to the Prize agent which he represents to be of an indigrant quality, and at the same time states that the finish Rice is sold in the Bazar lower than the Company's Price.—

Mr Vaughan took charges of the Prize Paddy in consequence of a Letter from Colonel Harris, by order of Genl. Meadows, but from the date of the Rice, he wishes to have the Orders of the Honble Board before he receives it.—

I have called upon Mr. Vaughan to forward an Estimate of the expence of repairing the Buildings in the upper Fort to make them fit for the reception of Grain, as the Garrison Store of Grain ought to be lodged there—In the lower Fort, the New Palace, at present filled with Rice and Stores, seems, from discription to be well calculated for a Storehouse and the upper part may be used as an Office for the Storekeeper, when he has occasion to reside at the Garrison, I beg leave therefore, to recommend that Captain Brower be directed to deliver it over to Mr. Vaughan.—

I have

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I have likewise to request that the Honble Board will give orders that I may be furnished with the Price of the Paddy received, and Rice, it to be received from the Prize Agents, to enable me to bring the same to account in my Books.—

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/Signed/ Thos. Cockburn
Cy G. G. &c

To Cockburn Esq.
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have sent Captain Bowser
Genl. Stores
a receipt from 69—96. of Paddy taken in
charge on account of the Company—the Paddy
I am informed is three years old the Godowns &
where it is at present, I beg no means think
a proper one as the Grain is liable to Perish
from its being only a tiled Building and &
is full to the Top that it will not be
possible to examine the State of the Grain—
Captain Bowser informs me there there
was a large Quantity of Rice belonging to

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the Prize Agents. I decline taking charge not having received any instructions concerning it and more particularly, not having any place to put it in, and the rate at which the Finest rice is sold in the Bazar is so much less than the Company's prices a small quantity of Grain which I saw was of so indifferent a Quality that it would hardly equal to the expence of measurement any instructions you may have to send me as Storekeeper of the Garreson of Dindegul I hope will be strong not to leave any thing for me to judge of, as I should not wish to meet with a repetetion of the insult offered me by the Commanding Officer in the Execution of my Duty, I hope the upper part of one of the Buildings in the lower Fort will be allowed me as an office and place to go to at such time as my business required my personal attendance, Captain P Bowser mentioned there having been used as officers Quarters, since the Begenning of the year. They have drawn House R rent their Chit Countersigned P.

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I have the honor to be

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&c. &c.

(Signed) H. Vaughan

Paymr.

a true Copy

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn

Minute thereon.

Before any Orders are issued on the foregoing Subject, it is agreed to write to Major General Medows, to request he will inform the Board what Instructions he may have given to the Storekeeper as to the receipt of the captured Grain, and upon what Principle it has been valued — Resolved also, that it be noticed to the General, that by the Prize agents account the Company are debited in the Sum of Pagodas 16404, being, (as they state,) the amount of half the estimated Value of captured Grain — that the Board think, from Mr Vaughan's report, this Estimate is too high — and that it is therefore proposed, unless it was formed by Persons chosen on the Part of the Company, as well as the Captors, that a Valuation be made by mutual Consent, or the whole sold off to the best advantage by such Persons as the General

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on the Part of the Company, and the Prize agents jointly shall purpose, and that the Sums arising from the Sale be equally divided between the Company and the Army.—

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Dindigul be directed to deliver over to Mr. Vaughan the Storekeeper the new Palace in the lower Fort.—

The arrears due to Captain Mayne on account of off Reckonings to be discharged.—

Mr. Philip Mayne, late Captain in the Company's Service having made application for the Payment of Arrears of off Reckonings due to him—Ordered that they be discharged by the Military Paymaster General.—

Substance of a Petition from Mrs. Francisca Roddle.—

Read a Petition of Mrs. Francisca Roddle, Widow of the late Captain Roddle of the Nabob's Service, praying that a Certificate might be granted to enable her to benefit by the Fund, commonly called Lord Clive's Bounty.—

Minute thereon.

As Captain Roddle was not a Company's Officer, the Board cannot grant the Certificate—But as he was appointed to the Command of Tripassore, with the Pay and allowances of a Captain by Lord Macartney's administration, in reward for the Services rendered by him to the Prisoners at Bangalore during the last War, it is agreed that his Widow be allowed Six Pagodas a Month, until the Pleasure of the Company be known

Read also a Petition from

Joanna

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Substance of a Petition from Joanna A. Eastwood. —

Joanna Eastwood, stating that her Husband who was Store Serjeant at Trichinopoly lost his Life at the blowing up of the Magazine in the year 1772, and praying to be allowed a Subsistence from the Company. —

Minute thereon.

Agreed that three Pagodas per Mensem be granted to Joanna Eastwood, subject to the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

Chas. Oakeley.

W. Hudleston

Ord. G. Belmain.

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Diary

Received Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (as entered in Bk. No. 53) with advice of his having remitted through Mr. Powney a Bill for P. & N. Pagodas 30,160 stating that that Gentleman has declined accepting a proposal made for the Discharge of the Remainder of the Lack of Pagodas.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore—

Received the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 11th March 1791.

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the foregoing Minute, together with the Letter from the Board of Revenue dated the 21st November, enclosing the Statement of the Commission Fund for 1788-9 and 1789-90; — also their Letter of the 17th December, containing comparative Statements of the Collections at different Subordinacies, particularly in the Wavilly Lands of the Northern Circars.

By the Account of Commission, it appears, that after providing for the fixt — Salaries

Extract from the Minutes of — Consultation in the Public Depart- ment respecting the Rewards to be made to different Revenue Servants from the Treasury in Consequence of the Surplus Com- mission Fund — proving inadequate to the Purposes for it was originally intended.

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12. Salaries of each Revenue Servant, there is a surplus on the 1st. Year of Pagodas 2,73,43.19.61. and on the 2d. Year of Pagodas 36,843.31.35.

By the Minute of Sir Archibald Campbell, which was the bases of the Revenue Establishment, before seperate collectorships were formed, it was evidently intended, that whatever Surplus might arise out of the Commission, after paying the different Salaries Chargeable upon it, should be devided among the Chief Revenue Servants, in proportion to the Success of their several Collections. In the first distribution made by Sir Archibald Campbell, he adjudged a very considerable part to the Members of the Revenue Board, who had been particularly successful in their own immediate department of Collector; In the following Years, which are now under the Consideration of the Board, some new claims are brought forward, in behalf of Subordinate Collectors, who have distinguished themselves by a considerable Increase of the Revenues committed to their Charge. The Court of Directors

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12th Directors also have ordered, that those Gentle=
=men who are appointed to the Management
of Sequestered Zemindaries, shall be paid
out of the Commission fund; and it is clearly
the Intention of the Court, that the same Order
should extend also to the Havelly Lands, and
to every other Collection, seperated and provi=
=ded for by a different Charge upon their &c.
Revenues - the Pay or Commission of these
separate Collectors, during the two last Years,
amounts to Pagodas 70,353..18..26..

Nothing can be more reasonable
than that the Company should be subject only
to one Charge, for the Collection of their Revenues,
and tho' they have containly benefited much
by the seperate Management to the Northward.
it is equally contain, that the Collectors have
already drawn a very handsome Commission,
and that it was not in the Contemplation of
Sir Archibald Campbell's Arrangement,
to make any provision out of the Surplus of
the Single Commission, for Collectors who were
afterwards appointed to a seperate Manage=
=ment

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12 — ment, and with a seperate Allowance for their trouble. —

It is the duty of the Board, and they mean in consequence, to charge the Commission Fund, strictly, according to the Orders and Intentions of the Company; but as the whole of that Fund, will not be sufficient to pay these increased expences, it is evident, unless other means be resorted to, that Members of the Board of Revenue will receive much less than those acting under them, not merely in the Chiefships, but in the more Subordinate Collections for the two Years Revenue under Consideration; the first advantages of the Senior Member of the Board are for the first Year 6809 Pagodas, and for the second Year 5519 Pagodas whereas, the three Northern Chiefs receive 14,000. 16,000 and 8,000 Pagodas P Annum, and the Collector of Meeglatore, in the first of these two Years, received 9,350 Pagodas.

The Board have entered, at some length into this subject, with a view to ju-

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12 justify their resolutions upon the Company's
Orders, and they now proceed to determine, as
nearly according to the spirit of them as circum-
=stances will permit.

With regard to the Surplus of
Commission, amounting in the two Years to
64,187 Pagodas, the Board are of Opinion, and
accordingly resolve, that as the Commission
Fund has not been charged with the Seperate
Pay of the Collectors of the Havelly, Zemindary
and other Lands, and as that pay amounts,
for the two Years, to more than the Surplus,
there is nothing to devide; but in consideration
of the disappointment which this must occa-
=sion to the Board of Revenue, it is agreed,
that the Allowances of the Members of that
Board for 1788-9 and 1789-90 be 10,000
Pagodas each Year to the Senior Member, —
and 8000 Pagodas each Year to the two Senior
Members, and that the difference between those
Sums respectively, and what they have re-
ceived, be made up to them.

With regard to the Collectors
recommended for rewards, the Board have al-
ready

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12. Already given their Opinions on the Subject of those appointed to seperate Collections, and with a seperate Commission of 5 ℘ Cent for their trouble; yet in consequence of their particular success, and of the Recommendation that have been preferred in their favor. It is resolved, that the following Sums be allowed on this Account

To Mr. Tallofield for two years 5000 Pago.
To Mr. Maxwell do 4000.
To Mr. Crawford do 4000.
To Mr. Harrington Deputy Secretary to the Board of Revenue 100 Pagodas ℘ Month, for the time he acted in that Capacity deducting what he has received.
To Mr. Place Deputy Accountant 100 Pagodas ℘ Month, for the time he acted in that Capacity deducting what he has received.

Resolved that the Salaries of the Members of the Revenue Board, be recommended to the Honble Court of Directors as a permanent Arrangement, and Continued

until

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12.. until this pleasure be known that the Commission Fund of five P.t Cent on the Revenues, be charged from the 1.. April last with these and every other allowance to Collectors, and that if it prove inadequate to this Charge, the deficiency be made good from the Treasury, until the Board of Revenue shall think it .. advisable to withdraw the seperate Collectors, or propose some general Plan for the management of the Revenues, in consequence of the Informations obtained since their establishment.

Agreed, that the difference .. which is to be made to the Members of the .. Board of Revenue, by the present arrangement, as also the difference between the Monthly allowance of Pagodas 100, and the Sums .. received by their Deputy Secretary and .. Deputy Accountant, be discharged by bills on Bengal, at the exchange of a R.s 393 P.r 100 S.t Pagodas - and that the abovementioned gratuities to the Collectors, be paid by Bonds, at eight P.r C.t interest P.r Annum.

A true Extract Robert Clerk
D.y Sec.y

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12.

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

I do myself the Honor to trans=
=mit you the accompanying Letter from the
Rajah of Travancore, which contains Excuses
to procrastinate the payment of the Money
which has been required of him — In my
Letter of the 28th Ultimo I took the liberty of
communicating my Sentiments regarding
the Rajahs Ability of performing the immedi=
=ate payment of the remainder of the Lac of
Pagodas, of his Inclination led him to do so,
and I am convinced his sole reason for not
completing it, is the fear of another demand
being made.

I have persevered in my
refusal of the Bills, having received the Honble
Boards Orders in Mr. Secretary Jacksons
Letter of the 3d Ultimo, which only reached
me a few days ago, to send to General Abercromby
such Sums as I might receive from the Rajahs
of

From the Resident at Travancore makes application to the Rajah for an advance 10000 Pag. in Cash for the Payment of the Troops at Pal=
=caudcherry

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12. of Travancore and Cochin which can only be complied with, by receiving Money from the Rajah of Travancore, and which I entertain no doubt will be the Case, as soon as he receives your Orders to that effect.

Major Cuppage and the Pay master at Palgh autcherry have written to me, that having no dependance on the Collections from the Coimbatore Country, and their requisitions being great, to supply them with ten thousand Pagodas more; I have therefore demanded of the Rajah the [illegible] which he has offered me, amounting to the above Sum, and which he promises to give me in four days — on the receipt of it, I shall transmit it to Mr. Corbett — Every subsequent Sum which I receive shall agreeably to the Boards order, be sent to General Abercromby whenever favorable Opportunities offer.

I have the honor to remain with every Sentiment of Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) George Bowrey

Resident &c —

Trevandapooram

4th March 1791.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President &c. Council at

Fort St George.—

Honble Sir and Sirs

In my letter of the 17th December 1790 I had occasion to acquaint you, that two Companies of Sepoys were Detached to the Zemindary of Pellanbiah, and had Expelled from thence the person who had usurped the rights of the Infant Rajah and had with-held the Company's Revenue.

Since then, though I have not been successful in obtaining a positive assignment of Lands as desired by the Board of Revenue, I have prevailed with the Rance and her Pauter to allot certain Villages in the Open Country and Contiguous to our Territory for the better security of the Company's Collections, which I had hoped would not meet with any further obstruction.

Recently however the Officer Commanding there has informed me, that

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From the Resident at Ganjam
Ravages committed by the Zemindars of Burausinghee and Surudahon some Villages in the Pellanbiah Zemindary steps taken in Consequence Sanadeo dispatch a Party of the Rance of Mohurgo Prom.

12th the uncle of the infant Rajah (the Person who had been Expelled) supported by the Zemin=dars of Bowranesinghee and Punnadah, has returned and destroyed many of the Pullantrah Villages.

Among others a very considera=ble Village which was set a part for the Company's Collections has been burnt and plundered, but whether by the Rajah's Uncle, or by Marauders unconnected with him is not ascertained.

I have directed the Officer Commanding there to pay particular attention to the Protection of the Pullantrah Villages from which the Company's Revenue is deri=vable, and of the Contiguous Division of the Wavelly in which considerable alarm had ob=tained - I have remonstrated with the Rajahs of Punnadah and Bowranesinghee upon the Offensiveness of their Conduct, and have recommended to the Rance and Pauter of Pullantrah to come to some Accommodation with the uncle of the Infant Rajah, which

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at this particular Crisis I have conceived to be more Politic than violent measures, which might aggravate what I hope is only a temporary Evil.

I am also should appear now to be in Considerable Force in the Mohurry Zemindary, as the Officer Commanding at Barampoor informs me, that Six hundred of the Ramnad Poms were lately defeated with great Loss by them / Sanadoy although he had previously made a Detachment which obliged a Zemidars party of our Sepoys to march for the protection of Shiguttly and the Sheshapour Purgunnah of the Havelly.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Ganjam
12th
28th February 1791.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) A.d Crawford
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W. E. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir.

Having received the enclosed Letter from Captain Parr Commanding the Garrison of Carore, I have to request you would be pleased to lay it before the Honble Board, and at the same time to observe that from the Road being blocked up by the Enemy, the G. O. alluded to, did not reach them til the period specified in their Letter.

I am concerned to inform the Board that desertion among the Europeans is to rise in the Garrison of Carore. One Man went off in the Month of January - Five Men last Month, and Six Men already in this Month making in the Whole twelve Men - all from the 1st Regiment - Captain Parr has had Intelligence of this being collected at Sankary Durgum, and from thence sent to Syringapatam - Should this propensity continue, it may be carried to an alarming height, in that

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly with a Letter from the Officers serving in Carore respecting the G. O. directing the Discontinuance of Field allowances to that Garrison from the 1st Inst. & reports the Desertion of European Troops from that Place and the Medical Arrangements he has made in consequence of the March of Colonel Oldham's Detachment.

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12th that Frontier Fort Namkeel Being so very near, they reach it in a very few hours, — I have directed every possible precaution to be taken, and the Poligars around to be rewarded if they bring them in dead, or so alive. &c

I was obliged to Order Mr. Trotter the Surgeon of my Regiment to March with the Recovered Men of His Majestys Troops, and the Company's Artillery, with Lieutenant Oldhams Detachment, they having no Surgeon — as well as Mr. Boiswell assistant Surgeon, belonging to the 21st Battalion left in this Service and to be proceed with the 6th Battalion till further Orders — which I hope will meet with the approbation of the Board. &c

Trechinopoly
9th March 1791.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. —
(Signed) Thos. Bridges

To Colonel Bridges
Commanding South of the Coleroon

Sir.

Government having thought proper in

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12th in their orders of the 12th January, to strike off Field Allowances to this Garrison from the 1st of that Month; We the Officers serving in Caroor, most respectfully beg leave to represent that since We were ordered in here, We have retained our full Establishment of Camp .. Followers having been sent in untill further Orders only, to remain on Field Allowances with our Guns and Camp equipage and to hold ourselves in readiness to March out on the shortest notice, as this place was then understood to be only a temporary Post. &c

By retaining our Followers until the arrival of the Government Orders, .. which we did not see until the 20th of February We have received the same monthly Expence as when actually in the Field, and have &c resided constantly in our Tents, there being no other accommodation for us. &c

We request you will be good &c enough to lay our Representation before &c Government, in such manner as you

may

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may conceive most Eligible which We hope will meet your favorable support.

We have the honor to be with much Respect.

Sir

Your most Obt. humble Servts.

Simon Baillie
Capn. 1st. Battn. E. Infantry

Ul Desse Lieut. 20th. Battn.

Robt. Gahagan Lieut. 20th Do.

P. Moore Lieut. 20th. do.

Lieut. Monsell Lieut. 20th do.

Robt. Bridge Lieut. 20th do.

Chas. Simpson Lt. 20th do.

E. B. Bagshaw
Ensign 1st. Battn. E. Infany.

Garoor
8. March 1791

G. M. McGregor
Ensn. 1st. Bn. E. I.

Sent the following Letters.

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Fort St. George 11th March 1791

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

We have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship that Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment marched from Tritchinopoly on the 7th Instant completely equipped and in the best Order — Colonel Bridges writes that he doubts not the Detachment will reach their Place of Destination before the Time specified by your Lordship — Captain Frith's Regiment left this neighbourhood yesterday Morning.

To Earl Cornwallis with advice of the March of Colonel Oldham's Detachment from Tritchinopoly and Capt. Frith from the Providency salt &c. Provisions and Ghee sent to Tellicherry

In consequence of Major General Abercromby's Letter to your Lordship of the 12th Ultimo, we have obtained the Use of his Highness the Nabobs Ship, the Arabian Star for the purpose of conveying Provisions to Tellicherry She sailed from these Road last night with 92 Casks of Salt Beef and Pork and thirty three Puppers of Ghee.

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

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Signed Chas. Oakeley &c. Council.

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Fort St George 12 March 1791.

To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir.

We beg leave to inform you, that a Representation from the Storekeeper of Dindigul has been laid before us, stating that he has received and granted a Receipt to the Prize Agents of the Army, for 67 Garce 96 m.s candies of Paddy and requesting to know whether he is to take charge of the same belonging to the Prize Agents, which he mentions to be of a very different Quality, and states that the finest Rice is sold in the Buzar lower than the Company's Price.

To Major General Medows instructions acquired respecting the Grain sent into Dindigul by the Prize Agents recommendation relative to the Valuation and disposal of the Amount of all captured Grains

Before we send any Orders upon this Subject, we wish to be informed what Instructions may have been given by you to the Storekeeper as to the receipt of this grain, and upon what principle it has been valued - we perceive by the Agents Account that the Company are debited in the Sum of

Pagodas

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12th Pagodas 16,404. being, as they state, the Amount of half the estimated value of Captured Grain but, as we imagine from Mr. Vaughan's report, that this Estimate is too high, we would propose, unless it was formed by persons chosen on the part of the Company as well as the Captors that a valuation be made by mutual consent or the whole sold off to the best advantage, by such persons, as you, Sir, on the part of the Company, and the Prize Agents jointly, shall propose, and that the Sums arising from the Sale, be equally divided between the Company and the Army.

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

Signed Chas. Oakeley Jr. Council

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal with a Return of Horses Troopers Sices and stores

From the Subsecretary at Bengal

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Stores embarked on the Friends Adventure — a List of Troopers and Syces who have received advances of Cash and a return of Bullocks, Drivers &c. sent round by the same Conveyance.

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal. — From Do. with Return of Saddles Bridles &c. belonging to the Cavalry and of Do. Bullocks, Drivers, &c. sent round on the Ships Ann and Eliza.

From Do. — From Do. with Copy of a Letter from Major Dyer to Colonel Murray — and of a List of Troopers and Servants embarked on the Nancy Grab for this Presidency

From Do. — From Do. with Bill of Lading of 1828 Bags of Rice laden on the Private Ship Sydney Meadows for this Presidency.

From Do. — From Do. with a Return of Bullocks Drivers, Provisions and Stores shipped on Board the Talla Salum.

From Do. — From Do. with Bill of Lading of Spirits Cavalry Stores a Carriage Cannon, Scaling Ladders Bar Iron and Rice shipped

on

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12th on the Sydney Medows for this Presidency &c

From the Chief at Pulicat

From the Chief at Pulicat has sent to the Presidency under escort of two Sepoys the Soldier named John Heins who has recovered the Indis=position he laboured under on his Arrival at that Place &c

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. &c

To the Chief at Pulicat

To the Chief at Pulicat - advising of the Return of the two Sepoys who escorted John Heins to the Residency &c

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed &c Revenue

approving the Construction they have put upon the Word Khanedum as mentioned in their Letter of the 10th Instant and the Arrangement they have made regarding the Jaghires to be delivered up to the Nabobs Family - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Nabob and Translation of one from his Mutseddies informing them that the Nabob's &c and Rajah of Tanjore's Proportions of the Revenue are to be paid from the Net Collections instructions

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have been given to the Clerk of the Treasury to advise them whenever any Payments are made to the Nabob from the General Treasury.

To the Clerk of the Treasury.

To the Clerk of the Treasury with Instructions to the abovementioned Effect —

To the Deputy Persian Translator in Bengal

To the Deputy Persian Translator in Bengal informing him that the ten Boxes said to contain a Lustre from His Majesty to the Soubah of the Deccan has been sent by Sea to Masulipatam.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board stating that Government cannot acquiesce in Mr. Porcher's Proposal to make up Stores at the usual Rate and to wave the Claim to Commission, in consequence of the Salary given to him — the Amount due to the late Military Storekeeper will be discharged by a Bill on Bengal permission granted them to engage Tonnage for the stores to be sent to the Southward to report upon a Letter from Captain Andrew Read recommending that some eighteen Pounders and Ammunition be sent from Masulipatam to

join

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join the Nizams Army near Cuddapah upon a Letter from the Comptroller General respecting the Liquidation of the Arrears of Batta due to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham and upon an application from Lieutenant Heming, for certain Allowances, in consequence of his having been employed in Superintending the Works carrying on at Tiagar.

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar.

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar directing him to explain the Cause of his not addressing the Board immediately upon the Subjects contained in his Letter to Major General Musgrave of the 3d Instant.

To the Chief Engineer.

To the Chief Engineer informing him that the piece of Ground mentioned in his Letter of the 11th Instant may for the present be given up to the Nabob's Son and directing him to prevent any Encroachment upon the Street or upon the Ground allotted for the use of the Inhabitants removed from Hog Hill.

To the Paymaster at Vellore.

To the Paymaster at Vellore approving the Estimate for fitting up Places for the

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the Reception of the Sick left at Vellore by the Army which accompanied his Letter of the 5th Instant

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

To the Secretary at Bengal with a return of Europeans and Natives embarked for that Presidency on the Ann and Eliza=sequen=ting that the usual Allowance of Passage Money may be paid to the Commander of the Vessel on his arrival at Calcutta.—

To the Committee of Stationary

To the Comittee of Stationary.—

with an Indent for Stationary for the use of the Military Department.—

To the Commissary General of

To the Commis=sary General of Grain and Pro=visions.—

Grain and Provisions informing him that he will shortly receive the instructions respecting the Grain captured from the Enemy which were applied for in his Letter of the 11th Instant orders have been given to Captain Bowser to deliver over to Mr. Vaughan the Storekeeper the new Palace in the lower Fort of Dindigul.—

To the Officer Commanding at

To the Comman=dant at Dindigul

Dindigul directing him to deliver over to Mr. Vaughan the Storekeeper the new Palace in the lower Fort of Dindigul.—

To

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To the Resident at Travancore — informing that the Souear on whom the Bill for P. N. Pagodas 30160 was drawn has accepted it — directing him to press the Rajah for Payment of the Remainder of the Lack of Pagodas by good Bills upon Souears at Madras payable at a short sight approving his Intention (communicated in his Letter of the 4th Instant) of sending to Mr. Corbett 10,000 Pagodas more, for the Pay=ment of the Troops at Palicaudcherry.

To the Resident at Travancore

14th

Received the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
the 14th March 1791.

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson, enclosing extract of a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite to Government, and desiring the Hospital Board to acquaint Mr. Binny with their Decision thereon they have accordingly directed their Secre=tary to furnish Mr. Binny with the necessary Instructions

Proceedings of the Hospital Board Mr. Binny has been instructed to make reports &c to Col. Braithwaite recommending that R. Cornelius Sub Assistant Surgeon at Cud=dalore be dis=missed the Service that Mr. Gabriel be removed from Chingleput to Cuddalore and that Mr. Peters be confirmed a Sub assistant and appointed to the Garrison of Chingleput —

Approved

In

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In consequence of a representation from Mr. Rollo, Surgeon at Cuddalore, of the very improper and irregular conduct of Robert Cornelius, Subassistant Surgeon there — The Hospital Board recommend that he be dismissed the Service

Approved That John Gabriel, Sub Assistant, be removed from Chingleput to Cuddalore; And that William

Do. Peters, who has been Since September last acting as a Sub

Do. Assistant, be confirmed in that Station, and appointed to the Garrison of Chingleput, under Mr. Walker.

Jas. Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) U Raine, acting Chief Surgeon

Willm. Duffin
Head Surgeon

At

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At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

John Hudleston Esqr.

Tuesday the 15th March 1791

The Honorable Major Genl. W. Medows

Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.

Substance of a Letter from the Mother and three Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

Read Letter from the Mother and three Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C.C. No. 54) enumerating the Injuries they have received from Ameer-Sing, since he "usurped the Musnud"—stating that the Allowances the Board have granted to them and to Serfogee "Maharaz" are not Sufficient for their Support and requesting that the Company will redress their Grievances, and continue to protect and Support them.

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Copy of the abovementioned Letter, and of those received last.

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Last Year from the family of the late Rajah he went to the Reverend Mr. Swartz, and that he be requested to take an Opportunity of intimating to them that although Government are disposed to do them every Justice, Yet that no Representation can be in future received from them, but through him, who has been appointed to transact the Company's Business at the Rajahs Palace.

The Board are inclined to believe

Minute thereon (whatever might have been the Original Cause for the Rajahs Ill will to the Family of his late Brother) that the Flames of Discord have been kept alive, and perhaps considerably heightened, by their Appeals to Government, more especially if by any Means his Excellency should be in the Knowledge of the Contents of the Letters, in which they assert that he is an "Usurper", and that Serfoge (whom they stile very improperly Pratharaz") is the lawful Prince of the Country. These Expressions must naturally excite Alarm and Jealousy in the Rajah's Breast they are besides extremely disrespectful to the Company, who, from Motives of Justice placed the present

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present Rajah on the Musnud, in Preference to the adopted Son.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Swartz be requested to Communicate the above to the Mother and three Widows, with such further Observations of his own, as may be Suitable to the Occasion

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Board of assumed Revenue in reply to the objections made by the Nabob to their Valuation of his Highness's Jaghire Districts forwarding Copies of the Orders to the Collectors in the Arcot and Trichinopoly Districts for the Restoration of the Family Jaghires

Honble Sir

We have been honored with your Commands approving Our Arrangement relative to the Districts, which are to be delivered up for the Nabobs family, and enclosing for our information a Letter from his Highness on that Subject. As the Representation of the Mutseddies, which Accompanied that Letter, leads us to suppose that some further Objections will be made to the Valuation, now put upon the Districts in question, We think it necessary to state in addition to what we have already

urged

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urged in our Letter of the 10th Instant the ground, on which that Valuation has been made; &

The Valuation of Jaghires has been generally ascertained either by taking it from the Kamil Account, which was made at the time of the Mohammedan Conquest, or from the average produce of Certain Antecedent years. To the first of these modes we could easily have had Recourse; Because the Kamil Accounts from the Canongoes records have been deposited with us since the late Assignment, but the great Changes, which must naturally happen in the Course of so long a period, render them so erroneous, as to deserve no Dependence: and on an Actual Comparison we find that the Valuation stated in our list exceeds the Kamil Valuation of the same Districts by upwards of 20,000 Pa. On the other hand we were prevented from Recurring to the second mode by the untoward Resistance of his Highness's Servants

who

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who by withholding all Accounts at the Assump
=tion deprived us of the means of taking the ave
Average produce of any preceding period So
so great a length, indeed, was this Obstinacy —
Carried, that the Accounts were refused to our
Collectors even in instances where a knowledge
of them would have been Advantageous to the
Ryot by enabling us to fix the balances of
last Year nor could we have Obtained any
Accounts of the late Assignment which might
give us information on the Subject for it is
known to your Honble Board that the province
of Arcot was divided at that time under se
three Renters, who did not furnish the Com=
=mittee of Assigned Revenue with any detail
Accounts excepting for part of July 1793.
when the Enemy had just evacuated the co
Country. In this dilemma we had no other ex
=pedient but to take the Valuation from
Actual Settlements of First or from the Double of
the Current Years Revenue in those districts co
which

which have not been subrented. &

Having thus stated the general grounds upon which we have formed our Valu=ation of these Jaghur districts, it only remains for us to explain the particular instances where &c Objections have been made by his Highness's &c Mutseddies - many of the numerous proposals which were made for renting the district of &c Chittoor from the Commencement of Fusly 1200. exceeded, Govinda Vincatarows offer of 23,000 pd. which was accepted upon Mr. Kindersleys recommendation, but this mans proposal was deemed the most eligible because the punctuality with which he paid his Rent for Madura during the late Assignment, left no room to suspect his Charactor, and because his offer was according to the best information that could be obtained equal to the Value of the District - Mr. Kindersley had besides nearly concluded a Settlement with the &c Poligars dependent on that District, which

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would have completed the Sum of 36000 Sr. Pos. Our estimated value; but mean while both the district and the peishcush were restored as a Jaghur to Abdul Wahab Khan.

The Village of Davumbet restored to Omdut Ul Omrah is Valued at 1000 Pas. from the rent offered by a man of &c. responsibility: and the districts given up to Nizam Ul deen Ahummed Khan and his Son the Nabob's near Relations, are Valued according to his Highness's own Sunnuds which were produced to Mr. Kindersley. The other Districts in that Gentleman's division are Valued, as we have already mentioned either from an &c. Actual settlement of rent or from the Dowle or estimate of the Current Year.

Tyagar was seperately rented for 9600 Ps. to a person recommended by &c. Mr. Floyer, and from the best information which we have obtained, that Sum is nearly equal to its real Value.

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A Settlement for this Year &c
was made by Mr. Andrews with the Reddy of
Tirnore for 180,000 Rs. or 51,000 Ps., and the Sagheer
of Annaudanellore is stated at the same Sum,
as in the Rabobi list. &c

Having thus recapitulated
the ground upon which our Settlement is &c
formed, We trust it will appear to you that
we have acted with fairness towards the Rabob,
and that we have drawn the Account, as far
as our materials would enable us with per-
=fect impostiality. We hope too that, when his
Highness shall have become acquainted with
these Circumstances, he may be induced to &c
shew less Reluctance in adopting our Valua-
=tion. As a further gratification to him We
have called upon the different Collectors for
Copies of the Leases and Moochulcahs of the
different Renters which may either be deliver-
=ed to his Highness here or to his Servants on
the Spot. &c

We do ourselves the honor to
enclose the Orders to the Respective Collectors

to

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to deliver up the Jaghier districts to such persons as the Nabob shall Authorize, and the Copies of those Orders which we now lay before you will point out the mode by which we have directed them to adjust the Accounts of the Current Year with his Highness's People.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.—

Fort St. George
15th March 1791.—

} Signed { J. Hudleston
David Haleburton
Wm. Balfour

Copy of the letters of the Board of Assumed Revenue
To Messrs. Kendersley and Floyer Collectors
in the Arcot Province

Sir.

Government having been &c. pleased to acquiesce in the Nabob's request of having his family Jaguers restored, We desire that you will immediately give up to such persons as shall be Authorized by his Highness to take Charge of them the &c. following

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following Districts.

In Mr. Kindersley Division —

Mahemundel.
Poloor.
Wandawash and Vuranum
Chukramuloor exclusive of the Villages
already given up to Najib Cawn and Nizam
Udeen Ahmed Cawn.

Damerpauck exclusive of &c. —
Tummery } exclusive of &c.
Vipoor
Melchery
Cholangaveram
Arcot —
&c. Customs
Wallojanagur.
Gazelmundum —

In Mr. Flowers Division Tyagar —

In adjusting the Accounts of this
year you will appoint a person to superintend
the Toomar Wapetah Accounts at the time it is
taken, which must be authenticated to your
Satisfaction

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satisfaction.— When the Amount of gross Collec=
=tions shall be thus ascertained, you will direct
the Renters to give in their Jumma Khurch
accounts to you in order to ascertain the
Balances due, which though they must be
made good to the Nabob must be collected by
your authority alone The greatest care and
attention in ascertaining those Accounts is
necessary on your part, in order to preserve
inviolate the faith of Government pledged to
the Renters by the Article of their Amil Pa=
=mahs in which an assurance is given them
that their accounts shall be settled with no
other persons but such as are appointed by
the Company.

We desire that you will immedi=
=ately send us Copies of the Muchulcahs delivered to
you by the Renters of those Districts, which are now
to be delivered up as Pagers to the Nabob, and
you will also procure and transmit Copies of the
Muchulcas delivered by the Subrenters to their
superiors,

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superiors. at the same time you will shew to the
people authorized by the Nabob such Mukhteas,
as can be immediately procured on the spot.

We are

Yr Yr

Attested by

(Signed) P. Webb Jury.

(Signed) P. Mudliator &c

To M. Robert Andrews

Collector at

Trichinopoly.

Sir

Government having been pleased
to acquiesce in the Nabobs request of having his
family Jaghires restored We desire that you will
immediately give up the Districts of Andanellore
and Terroor to such persons as shall be authorized
by His Highness to take charge of them.

For adjusting the Accounts of
the Andanellore District you will appoint a
person to superintend the Toomar Wasselat
Account at the time it is taken, which must be
authenticated to your Satisfaction - And when
the amount of Gross Collections shall thus have

been

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been ascertained you will direct your Aumil to give in his Summa Kurch accounts in order to ascertain the Balance due, which though it must be made good to the Nabob must be collected by your Authority alone.— The greatest care and attention in ascertaining those Accounts is necessary on your part, in order to preserve inviolate the faith of Government to the people imployed under You.

With regard to Tirrore as it is an established Peshcush you will at the same time that you acquaint the Reddy of Tirrore that your Authority is made over to the Servants of the [illegible] furnish the Cutter with Copy of the [illegible] given to you by the Reddy, and also [illegible] Banky account, to shew what part [illegible] Peshcush has been received by you as well [illegible] must be made good to his Highness the Nabob.

We are
Sir &c.
(Signed) John Huddleston
Sir &c. Members

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A true Copy
(Signed) J Webb Secry to Cy

Resolved

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Resolved, that a list of the Districts enclosed in the Letter from the Board of Revenue of the 10th Instant, with a Copy of the foregoing Letter, which states the Grounds on which the Valuation of the Jaghire Districts has been made &c be sent to his Highness the Nabob, together with the Orders to the Company's Collectors for the restoration of the Jaghires.

Minute thereon

Agreed also that the Nabob be informed that several of the Districts applied for by his Highness could not be given up without great Detriment - but that every attention has been paid in the Selection of such as were contiguous to each other, [illegible] all interference between his [illegible] and the Company's Assu[illegible] Highness has objected to any [illegible] but what are for h[illegible] Relate[illegible] the Board have acquiesced in [illegible] Measure.

Do

Read -

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Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Board of Assumed Revenue the acting Collector at Madura recommends that an alteration be made in the present rate of Exchange at that place.

Honble Sir.

We have the honor of enclosing Copy of a letter which we have received from Mr. Wrangham upon the Subject of the exchange at Madura, and take the liberty of recommending that the Abatement recommended by the Collector should be carried into Execution.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
12th March 1791

(Signed) J. Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

To

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To John Huddleston Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Board

of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I beg leave to inclose Copy of a Letter I this day Received from Mr. Macleod; the Subject of it I think is important, and worthy your speedy Consideration The Shroffs mentioned by Mr. Macleod I understand, would immediately return to this place, were the Exchange lower; — at Tinnevelly it is fixed by Mr. Torin at 15 p Cent Colly fanams p p. or Rs. Pagoda I have fixed it at Dindigul at that rate, and I see no Reason why the Exchange at Madura should not be regulated &c. according to the above standard. —

I have the honor to Submit to your Consideration what I conceive essentially necessary towards an effectual inspection

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inspection of Accounts in this District the re-
present state of the matter between the Board
and the Renter is as follows: "The Accounts
"of Collections and Disbursements shall be
"kept properly by the Renter, who is to furnish
"the Collector with such Accounts whenever
"required under Regulations of the Circar su-
"Mazmoodars." The probability even of
probability of these Mazmoodars furnishing
false Accounts is evident. I therefore take
the liberty to suggest the propriety of employing
Sompradeis for the inspection of the Mala-
-bar Village Accounts in different parts
of the province, this Check would be Sub-
-stantial, the net produce would thereby
be ascertained which doubtless is necessary
for future Guidance in renting out the re-
Country. — It may appear extraordinary
that Madura is the only District in the
Nabobs Territories in which Comongoes
were not Employed previous to the present
Assignment the fact is that the Nabobs Re-
Renter

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Senter found it his interest and Caused their Removal in 1788. his Reasons are Evident.

Madura
30th Jany 1791

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

Atrue Copy
(Signd) J. Webb Jung

(Signd) J. Wrangham
Adjt Coll.

To
Mr. John Wrangham
Acting Collector &c.
Madura

Sir

Several complaints having been made to me of the high Exchange at this place, I found upon enquiry that the present rate cannot be lowered without the Sanction of Government, on Account of the Pay of the Garrison.

The Commanding Officer at Madura has furnished me with Copy of a Garrison order dated 4th June 1787. by which it appears that in consequence of an order from Government dated 28th May

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May 1787 the Troops here were to receive
this day at the Exchange of 17 Colley fenams
₱ P. N. Pagoda.

He also informs me, that the
Exchange has never been altered by legal
Authority since the 4th June 1787 but, that
on his arrival here to take the Command
in January 1790 he found the Exchange
at 16½ Colley fenams ₱ Pa. 80 Pagoda which
latter rate has prevailed to this day.

By far the greatest part of
the established Shroffs I understand aban=
=doned Madura long since from the Exchange
being so high as the Rates abovementioned

The Renter has agreed to
pay his Rents at 15¾ Colly fenams ₱ P. N.
Pagoda, which is an equitable Exchange
at present, I believe the Exchange of
Colly fenams is at 15¼ or 15½ ₱ P. N.
Pagoda and in all other places where
Colly fenams are current, it is much
lower than at Madura, but from what I
has

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has been already stated it appears, that the Sanction of Government should be ob-
obtained before any reduction, however ne-
necessary, can be made in the rate of Ex-
Exchange at this place.

I am &c. &c. —

Madras
24th Jany 1791.

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

A true Copy (Signed) J. Wrangham
Sec.y to Bd.

A true Copy (Signed) J. Webb
Secy. —

Agreed to inform the Board
of Accounts Revenue, that previous to
any Alteration in regard to the Exchange
at Madura, they are to instruct the Col-
Collector to consult with the Commandant,
and if he be no Objections the Abatement
may take place, agreeably to the Recom-
-mendation of Mr. Wrangham.

Government having deter-
-mined at a meeting of Council in the
Public Department the 18th Ultimo, that
these

Remit thereon

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there

these shall be a Seperate Board for the Conduct of the Assumed Revenue. It is now resolved, that its Establishment and Allowances be as follows

Establishment and Allowances of the Board of &c Assumed Revenue

John Huddleston Esqr. President
Mr. David Haliburton
Mr. Hugh Maxwell } Members
Mr. William Balfour
Mr. Jos. Webbe Secretary
Mr. Lionel Place Accountant

That their Allowances be the same as those of the Board for the Management of the Companys Revenue Vizt. 10,000 Pagodas each Year to the Senior Member 8000 Pagodas to the two Junior Members and 2400 Pagodas &c each to the Secretary and Accountant.

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Military Storekeeper.

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

From the Military Storekeeper with an Estimate of and &c In Indent for the &c Amount of Military stores ordered for the present Month — applies for an Allowance for House rent &c

Honble Sir

I am honored with your &c Commands

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Commands through the Military Board that shall in Obedience to them deliver in on Oath all Accounts of Stores to be made up by me till further Orders. — I take the Liberty to lay before you an Estimate and List of such Stores as have been ordered by the Military Board for the present Month Calculated at the present Rate hitherto charged and also an Indent for the Amount being Pagodas 23925.27.6 —

I take this Occasion — also to mention that the Business of my Office has been hitherto and now is carried on in a small House Conve= =niently situated near the Arsenal, and for which my late Predecessor paid the Monthly Rent of thirty — Pagodas

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Pagodas. — I beg your Permission to continue this Office and that I may be allowed to draw the above Monthly Rent.

I have the honor to be with respect.

Honble Sir.

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Jos du Pre Porcher
Mr. Storekr.

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Estimate of Cash wanted by the Military Storekeeper for the Month of March 1791.

For Military Stores	Pagd. 17195..3.46	
Gun Powder	2324..72	
Gun Carriages &ca	4406.23.48	23925.28.6
Military Charges in Fard		
@ 36 ℔ Pa	1000..	
@ 45 Do	1000..	2000..
	Pagodas	25925.28.6

(Signed) Jos du pre Porcher
Mr. Storekr.

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List of Military Stores Recommended to be Made

Buckets Gun leather			50	@
Bills Gun Steel Large			20	@
Small			30	@
Bags Gunny for Powder			200	@
for shot and Skulls			500	@
Collars Bullock leather			300	@
Eyes Iron			50	@
Gunpowder 60 ℔		Barrell	450	@
Handspikes Purchasing			50	@
Traversing	18 Pdr		10	@
"	12 Dr	20	60	@
"	6 Dr	30		
Harness Horse Shaft		Set	5	@
Trace		Dr	15	@
Locks Pad with Keys Double			50	@
Single			100	@
Match Cotton Mds 10		Mds	80	@
Country Ca 7 "		Dr	500	@
Punches Tubes			50	@
Staves Sponge			100	@
Spikes Gun Square			20	@
" Ragged			20	@
Spring			20	@
Tubes Copper Empty	18 Pdr		1000	@
"	12 Dr		2000	@
"	3 Dr		3000	@
Traces Chain Iron for Boats Gun 6 Pdr			10	@
" for Tumbril			10	@
" for Iron Gun 24 Pdr			2	@
"	18 Dr		10	@
"	12 Dr		5	@
Cartridge Pouches			1000	@
Bayonet Belts			1000	@
Pouch Belts			500	@

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up for the Month of March 1791.

Charged at fixed rate			Total		
45	"	"	Pr	22	18	"
6	9	"	Do	1	9	"
6	9	"	Do	1	31	40
43	18	"	Do	87	"	"
20	"	"	Do	100	"	"
6	9	"	Do	18	27	"
6	9	"	Do	3	4	40
43	1	28	Handy	2324	"	72
26	18	"	Pr	13	9	"
			Do	24	"	"
6	9	"	each	31	9	"
3	27	"	Do	56	9	"
"	27	"	each	37	18	"
"	12	"	Do	33	12	"
2	24	"	Pr M	26	24	"
4	22	40	Handy	32	13	40
3	17	"	Pr	1	26	40
			Do	35	"	"
35	"	"	Do	"	10	"
1	14	"	Do	"	10	"
1	14	"	Do	"	10	"
3	17	"	Do	"	25	"
3	18	"	Do	55	"	"
2	9	"	Do	45	"	"
1	13	40	Do	41	9	"
10	18	"	each	105	"	"
18	22	16	Do	186	6	"
80	"	"	Do	160	"	"
70	"	"	Do	700	"	"
65	"	"	Do	325	"	"
72	18	"	Pr	725	"	"
20	"	"	Do	200	"	"
16	"	"	Do	80	"	"

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		Brought Over		
Bayonet Scabbards for Musket		1000	@	
for Fuzee		500	@	
Sword Scabbards		100	@	
Slings Leather		500	@	
Drum Cords		100	@	
Sticks	Pair	100	@	
Slings		50	@	
Slings for Fife cases		50	@	
Bags Fife cases		20	@	
Tent Rope White Ups 5/4	Skn	500	@	
Blue	D°	200	@	
Tape for Tent	Mrs	10	@	
Bags Gunny for Ammunition		200	@	
Turn Keys		2000	@	
Pouches		4000	@	
Targets		25	@	
Tent General Sleeping		1	@	
Field Officer		10	@	
Officer		80	@	
Seapoy		50	@	
Necessary		48	@	
Bell		155	@	
Adges Coopers		15	@	
Bill Hooks		500	@	
Cloths Brown	Pieces	200	@	
White	D°	100	@	
Waxed	D°	200	@	
Coir Looms	Ea	2	@	
Charcoal	Loads	700	@	
Hyde Country		50	@	
Junk	Ea	10	@	
Paper Country	Rs	3100	@	
Wax Bees	Ea	2	@	
Twine Bengal Ea 2	Skn	1000	@	
Barrels Tin foiled with Rattan Hoops		800	@	
D° Ammunition D°		600	@	
Iron Hand		1500	@	

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Charged at fixed rate			Total
		Pag.	5453 19 72
6	9	Pc.	62 18 "
6	9	Do.	31 9 "
21	19	Pc.	21 19 "
7	"	Do.	35 " "
15	35	Do.	15 35 "
13	32	Do.	13 32 "
21	9	Do.	10 22 40
43	27	Do.	21 31 40
2	"	each	40 " "
1	"	P 2 3/4 Vis	136 " "
"	9	each	50 " "
1	"	P 2 1/2 Vis	32 " "
43	18	Pc.	87 " "
1	21 40	Do.	31 34 "
"	10	Do.	11 4 "
1	24	each	41 24 "
366	27 60	Do.	366 27 60
110	"	Do.	1100 " "
60	"	Do.	4800 " "
34	18	Do.	1725 " "
12	18	Do.	600 " "
6	"	Do.	930 " "
1	9	Do.	18 27 "
25	"	Pc.	125 " "
62	18	P Corge	625 " "
60	"	Do.	300 " "
2	13 40	P piece	475 " "
17	18	P Candy	35 " "
1	"	P 36 Srs	19 16 "
"	12	each	16 24 "
3	9	P 6 W.	133 34 50
7	18	P 2 Ds	225 " "
90	"	P Candy	180 " "
40	"	Do.	80 " "
137	15 24	Pc.	1099 14 32 } Furnished by Mr. C. Breithaupt
76	17 44	Do.	458 33 24 }
22	8	Pc.	333 12 "
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		Brought Over	
Carriages Garrison Trail 12 Pdr.		2	@
" 9 Do.		1	@
" 6 Do.		3	@
" Field 24 Do.		1	@
" 18 Do.		1	@
Bunton White	Pieces	10	@
Brushes Painting Large		36	@
" Small		12	
Bettelas	Pieces	10	@
Files		500	@
Iron flat Ow. 75	Bar	200	@
Needles Sail		500	@
" Sewing		2500	@
Plates Tin Double		500	@
Plate Screw with Taps		50	@
Spirits Wine	Dozen	12	@
Salarmoniac	Md.	2	@
Ticklinburgh	Pieces	20	@
Twine Europe	Sk.	1000	@
Villry	Bolts	20	@

Carriages &c. for Muster as pr. Indent

Depressing Carriage new Construction	1
Limbers with Box for Brassfield Gun Brass Box to pass this the whole length of the naves of the wheels new Construction	
" 18 Pdr.	1
" 12 Do.	1
" 6 Do.	1
" 3 Do.	1
" for Howitzer 8 Inch	1
" 5/2 Do.	1
" 4 1/2 Do.	1
" for Heavy Field Gun 24 Pdr.	1

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Charged at fixed rate	Total
	10743. 5. 78.
112. 29. 32. each	225. 22. 64
73. 25. 56. Do.	73. 25. 56.
73. 25. 56. Do.	221. 5. 8.
355. .. .. Do.	355. .. ..
350. .. .. Do.	350. .. ..
5. .. .. Price	50. .. ..
.. 11. 35 each	15. 9. ..
1. .. .. Price	10. .. ..
.. 6. .. each	83. 12. ..
2. 13. 40. Do.	178. 4. 80.
1. 14. .. Do.	6. 34. ..
.. 9. .. Do.	6. 9. ..
12. 18. .. Do.	62. 18. ..
2. 18. .. each	125. .. ..
6. .. .. Price	72. .. ..
5. 9. .. Do.	10. 18. ..
13. .. .. Price	260. .. ..
.. 10. .. Do.	137. 32. ..
11. 24. .. Do.	233. 12. ..
Do.	222028. 6

Charged at the Current or Market Price.

350.	
180.	
160.	
140.	
120.	
155.	
145.	
140.	
130.	

These Articles being on a new and more expensive Construction than any hitherto furnished the Price cannot be exactly ascertained.

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Brought Over

Wheels for Heavy Field Limber for Iron Gun	12 Pdr	Pair	1
Beds for Mortar new Construction	5½ Inch		1
	4½ Do		1

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Pa. 23790. 28. 6.

100. " "

20. " "

15. " "

Pagodas 23925. 28. 6.

(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
Pr. Mt.

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Mt. Storekr.

Agreed

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Agreed to inform the Military Storekeeper that the Board did not expect any application for an Advance of Cash to provide Articles upon which he is to be allowed ten Pr. Cent. That when they consider that the Indent he has received from the Military Board is for a Months Supply of Stores, and that the Money employed in procuring them will be outstanding but for a short Time, the Compensation they have allowed, Seems to them very ample for Every Purpose.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Porcher be permitted to draw an Allowance of twenty five Pagodas Pr. Mensem on Account of House Rent.

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Colonel De Wangenheim

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c.

From Colonel De Wangenheim with an application from Captain Bosewell to be recommended to the Court of Directors for a Participation of Lord Clives Bounty.

Sir.

I have the honor to lay before you an Application of Captain Bosewell from the 14th Hanoverian Regiment for the Benefit

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Benefit of Lord Clives Bounty; and take the Liberty to request, that his Petition may be granted, as he lost his health during the last War in this Country; whereby he is now reduced to the Necessity of quitting the Military Services.

I have the honor to remain with great respect &ca &ca

Fort St. George
13th March 1791

(Signed) Wangenheim
Colonel.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor President &ca.

The Memorial of Captain Christian Bosewiel of His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment.

Sheweth

That your Memorialist is a Captain in His Majesty's 14th Electoral Regiment, and has served in this Country since the Year 1783.

That in the Course of this time your Memorialist had the honor of being employed

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employed on field Service, in the last War on the Malabar Coast, where he was present at the taking of Cananore in 1783 on which expedition he met with the misfortune of being captured, as will be conformed by the annexed Certificate of Surgeon Weber (sub No. 1.) to whose assistance he immediately applied.

Your Memorialist so far recovered as to be able to perform his Garrison duty, till of late his Situation is grown worse and he is now under the disagreable necessity to apply for His Majesty's royal permission to retire from his Electoral Service and to seize upon the present opportunity to return with His Majesty's 15th Hanoverian Regiment to Europe, being throughly disabled to perform any further military service, as will appear from the certificates annexed sub No. 2. and No. 3.

Your Memorialist therefore Honorable Sirs! with a perfect reliance on your humane sentiments, and the known Generosity of the Honorable the Court of Directors, entreats Your intercession for the Allowance stipulated

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stipulated for Officers rendered in the Execution
of their duty, unfit for further service commonly
called L. Clives bounty to be granted to him,
by which for the remaining part of a life spent
in His Majesty's Military Service to so long an
a period as 33 Years he would be placed out
of the reach of indigence.

Madras
the 11th of March
1791.

And Your Memorialist Shall ever pray

I hereby certify upon oath that Captain
Christian Boswell of His Majesty's 84th
Hanoverian Regiment was dangerously ruptured
in the Execution of his Military duty during the
Expedition on the Malabar Coast in the Year 1783
Myself being at that time Surgeon in the same
Detachment with Captain Boswell under the
Command of Major Von Kruse. Captain Boswell
immediately applied for my assistance, when
I found him in a very dangerous Situation —
I used my best endeavours to ease the heavy
pain under which he laboured, and was fortu-
nate enough in the Course of some weeks
and my means of a proper truss to put him

in

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in a Condition, capable of performing his Regimental duty again.

Yet his disorder being of late grown worse than before, he at present is in a Situation unable henceforth to execute his Military Duty.

Madras the 28th of January 1791

(Signed) John Weber Surgeon of His Majestys 15th Hono.ble Regiment

That Captain Christian Boyce of His Majestys 14th Hanoverian Regiment all the time that I have been Surgeon in the same Regiment and during which time he has been under my particular care, has suffered very much of an Inguinal Rupture, he sus=tained in the Campain on the Malabar coast in Year 1783. that on account of this rupture even his life has been in danger, that at present he suffers dayly under this disorder and whereby he is disabled to perform any further military service.

I hereby certify.

Madras the 28th January 1791

(Signed) Lewis Boyer Surgeon of his Majestys 14th Hanov.r Regiment

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This is to Certify that Captain Christian Boswell of his Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment has had an Inguinal Rupture on the Right side for some Years — And we are of Opinion from the Nature of his Complaint, and from the concurring Testimonies of the Regimental Surgeons under whose care he has been, that he is incapacitated from performing his duty as an Officer for the Remainder of his life.

Jas. Anderson
Physician General

Fort St George
the 15th March 1791.

(Signed) W. Kaine acting Chief Surgeon
Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon

Minute thereon

Resolved that Colonel De = Wangenheim be informed that, in conformity to the General Articles of Agreement relative to his Majesty's Electoral Troops serving in India, Captain Boswell will be accommo= = dated to the Honorable Court of Directors pro= = vided an Oath, prescribed by the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive be made by him.

that

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that he is not worth two thousand Pounds Sterling."

Read the following Letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal."

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal the 2d Commander of the Company's Ship William Pitt to be furnished with 2d orders for touching at the Cape of Good Hope."

The Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors were pleased in a Letter to this Government dated the 10th of May 1790. to direct, that such of their Ships homeward bound as should be 2d. dispatched after the Receipt of the Letter abovementioned should touch at the Cape of Good Hope, where the Commanders of the respective Ships would meet with such 2d Instructions for their future Guidance as might be applicable to existing Circum-stances, and that, in Case of their not meeting with such Instructions there, they were to

make

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make the best of their way to St. Helena.

Orders to the above Effect &c.

having been omitted to be given to the Com-
-manders of the William Pitt, I am directed
to desire that the Madras Government will
be pleased to furnish them with the necessary
Orders at the Time of despatching the Ships
under his Command.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Tombelle
Subsecy.

Fort William
the 16th February
1791.

The acting President informs
the Board that on the Arrival of Captain Mitchell
he enquired what Instructions he had &
received and finding that he was not proposed
Minute thereon of the Orders for touching at the Cape, he was
furnished with them.

Agreed that the above be &
communicated to the Supreme Council.

Do. Read

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Read the following Letter from the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

In the Letter of the 6th of July 1790 the Hon'ble the Governor in Council were pleased to direct, that the Bengal Regulations should have effect on this Coast at the end of the Year, meaning at the expiration of next Month when the Company's Books are closed but as all the arguments against the introduction of it last Year, occur at the present moment with additional force; we presume it is your pleasure, that the introduction of them should be farther postponed until the termination of the present War.

From the Committee for reporting on the Bengal Regulations recommending that the adoption of the plan for introducing a Similarity in the Accounts of the different Presidencies be postponed until the Termination of the War.

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

Fort St. George
12th March 1791

J Capper
Benj. Roebuck
Geo. Moubray
Tho. Cockburn.

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The Board agree entirely in Opinion with the Committee that the new System should

Minute thereon postponed until the Termination of the present war.

Agreed that the above be notified to the Supreme Council, and their Sentiments requested on it.

Do.

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Tricheinopoly.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir.

I feel concern in giving trouble to Government by Complaints, but at a Juncture like the present, it becomes a duty to state some circumstances in order to throw off any responsibility from the Stations I hold, as the

Commandant of this Garrison.

Situated as this important

Fort is, every attentions to its Internal

Regulations, considered in a Military point of view, when engaged in a war, is a matter

of

From the Commandant at Tricheinopoly stating that the Troops employed by the Nabobs Sons have without previous application fired a Salute to Lieut Colonel Oldham within the fort and that he has in Consequence ordered that no officer presume to visit the Nabobs Sons without his permission.

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of consequence, and perhaps I have been to blame in not having before this represented the peculiar situations I am placed in with respect to the Rhabobs family residing here.

When the two Sons of His Highness acted in the Management of the Country (previous to my taking the Command) a certain Military Establish=ment for Carrying on the Circar Business might have been proper, but a Change of System surely made this no longer necess=ary; nor that a Regular Body of Men=picked from those who were disbanded & amounting to upwards of Five hundred, Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, and disciplined by Europeans; should act Independantly and without Control in the very heart of the Fort.—

Such an Establishment, I conceive ought to have the full Sanction of Government or be Subject to controul for if without

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without limitation, any Body of Troops may at pleasure introduce themselves into the Fort, and endanger its Safety.

A Circumstance which happened in the Forenoon of Yesterday, has brought this into a more forcible point of view.

I was struck with the firing of Several Cannon within the Fort, and on immediately making enquiry, I found that it was intended as a Salute, by the Arabobs Orders, and with their Artillery to Lieutenant Command and visiting them without any permission.

The premeditated Insult to myself needs no Comment nor the alarm that it caused in the Fort, and its neighbourhood.

My respect for the Arabobs family Superceded a measure of propriety, or I should otherways have immediately seized upon both the Guns and Artillery &c Amen.

Tho.

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The premeditated Insult to myself needs no Comment nor the alarm that it caused in the Fort, and its neighbourhood. &c

My respect for the Nabobs &c family Superceded a measure of propriety, or I should otherways have immediately seized upon both the Guns and Artillery &c Men. &c

Tho!

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The Lieutenant Colonel Oldham declared that he was as much astonished as I was at hearing the Salute, as he only meant to pay a private visit to take leave of the Young Arabobs. Yet I thought it necessary to issue the General Order, of which I have the Honor to enclose a Copy. Lieutenant Colonel Oldham was under marching orders, and on this account alone, as the Service might have suffered I did not proceed to greater extremities with him.

These Circumstances I state to Government, and I trust measures will be pursued to prevent any ill consequences arising to the Service hereafter from a Conduct so highly Irregular in the Nabobs Family residing in this Garrison.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.—
(Signed) Tho.s Bridges—

Trichinopoly
7th March 1791

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G: O.

By Colonel Bridges

Commanding South of the Coleroon

The Young Nabobs having fired a Salute this Morning for Lieutenant Colonel Oldham without the Commanding Officer's knowledge - It is his positive orders that no Officer in future is to visit them without his permission so to do.

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Nabob stating the above Circumstances and requesting he will give the necessary Orders for preventing such Conduct in future.

Minute thereon

Resolved also that it be stated to his Highness, that the Troops in Every Garrison must be under the Orders of the Commandant, and that as there cannot exist the smallest necessity for any Force in Trichinopoly, but what is already stationed thereby Government, it is hoped his Highness

will

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will direct his Sons to dismiss all the armed People now entertained there in his Name.

Agreed to inform Colonel Bridges that the Board much approve the moderation of his Conduct, and the General order he issued prohibiting all officers from visiting the Nabobs Sons without his Permission.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Carvoor.

William Collin Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir

I beg you will please to lay before Government a Circumstance which has been represented as bearing hard upon the Sepoys Stationed at Carvore

From the Paymaster at Carvoor recommending that General Order directing the Discontinuance of Field allowances to that Garrison from the 1st of Feby be not put in force till the 23d the Day on which it was received.

The Government order of the 12th January, striking off Field Allowances from that Garrison from the 1st Instant, did not arrive them until the 22d February owing to the troubles in the Country having cut off the Communication

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=nication for several Weeks, consequently a great many of them had already allowed the greatest part of their Subsistance to their &c. Families paid at the different Garrisons, and had received Grain on Account of their Batta from the Company, these Contingences would not have happened had the order &c. been received as it was intended. &c.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Edwd. Garrow
Bayr.

Trichinopoly
10th March 1791.

Agreed to inform Mr. Garrow that as the Government Order striking off Field Allowances from the Garrison of Caroor did not reach that Place until the 23d. of Feby. the Board Consent that all Payments made to the Troops previous thereto shall be &c. admitted. &c.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. &c.

To

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To the Hon.ble Wm. Jackson

Secretary to the Milelary Department

Sir

I have the honor to send you for the information of the Hon.ble Board Copy of a Letter from Mr. Garrow (Act.g) Storekeeper at Carroor and return of Rice &c.a in that Garrison &c.a 2.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that the old grain at Karroor and some Biscuit at Trichinopoly be sold off and that the Army Rice in the latter Garrison and Tanjore be served to the Sepoys and Followers in part of their pay recommending also that a Six Months store of best Paddy be laid up at Carroor applies for instructions respecting the Stock of Grain to be kept up at Trichinopoly &c.a

In order to save the Company from total loss I beg leave to recommend that the Storekeeper be directed to sell it off by wholesale or retail for whatever it will bring as I apprehend from its reported state the Troops would reject it if offered in part of their pay &c.a

If it is deemed necessary to lay up a Store of Grain for the use of the Garrison I recommend that the Collector be directed to deliver to the storekeeper a Six months Stock of the Best Paddy for its present Strength &c.a

The Storekeeper at Trichinopoly reports

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reports to me that he has in charge 198 Bags of Biscuit left there by the Army which I recommend he may be directed to sell off immediately he further reports that the Collector has got a large quantity of Grain in the Fort and coming in daily which will be immediately measured and received into the Companys Granaries.

I beg leave to State to the Board that the Garrison Stock of Paddy for Trichinopoly is Garce 570.200

The Additional Store ordered for the Army was } 1285 " "

Garce 1855.200.

There is now in Store Paddy ..... 606.122.

Wanting to Complete ..... Garce 1249.78.

I beg to know whether in the present situation of affairs I shall direct the Storekeeper to receive a quantity equal to Complete the Store.

There is besides the above stock of

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of Paddy about 40 Garce of Rice of that boat out for the Army which ought to be sold off without delay or if possible Issued to the Sepoys and Lascars &c. in part of their pay.

The small quantity of Army Rice remaining at Tanjore Viz. 19 Garce 120 Marcalls which I recommended to be sold the Storekeeper reports it difficult to dispose of, on account of the New Grain at Market I beg leave to recommend that he be ordered to issue it to the Troops and followers in part of their pay.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho. Cockburn
Esqr.

Madras
the
15th March
1791

Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions
Sir
Fort St. George

I have the honor to Enclose
you a return of the Garrison Stores of Carroore,
as delivered over to me when lately there, by
Captain

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Captain Parr the Commandant,

The Rice in the Return Consisting of 10669 Bullock Loads, was sent at different times from this Garrison Tanjore &ca. and meant as a depot for the Army to be drawn from Carrore as Occasions might require, the want of Grana=ries or proper places to Secure so great a Quanti=ty lay Captain Parr in whose Charge it appears to have been under the Necessity of Securing, it &c. under the Flys of Tents part of it in the Fort and part on the Glacis - as Escorts came from the &c. Army to Carrore for Supplies it was Constantly I understand removed and the loss of the Grain &c. from the Vermin getting at the Bags and other Causes appears extremly great and I am sorry to observe that from a Variety of Causes the Grain itself in point of Quality is in a very indifferent Condition.

It is well known that the Rice beat out in this Country Raw will only keep a Certain number of months without suffering Material Injury and that it requires Constant attention by being removed in the Air to destroy the

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the Weavels - a great part of this Rice was sent up when the Roads were very wet and much rain was falling and the immediate Calls there might be for it prevented those precautions being taken which might have been done in other Situations more Convenient for the purpose - a great Quantity of Grain and Stores of all kinds were drawn from Carrore by the Army for many Months - the return I now enclose (as delivered me by Captain Parr) was Considered as a part of the Stock of the Army and what was left behind.

I purpose in a day or two to send musters of the Rice by Tappal I really feel myself at a loss what to advise should be done with it as new Grain if judged necessary may now be thrown into Carrore and this Rice is daily growing worse.

I am &c &c

(Signed) Edwd. Garrow
Grainkeeper

A true Copy

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn
Cy. G G P.

Trichinopoly
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General Abstract of Paddy & Rice Received at the Garrison of Carrore from Trichinopoly & Tanjore with an Account of what has been issued & Remains &c.

	Bags
Total No. of Bags Received	12228
Expended & sent to the Army	1539
Remains	10689

Received from Thomas Kingscote Esqr. in June and July 1790 from Kistnavaram 215 Garce of &c. Paddy and 179 Marcals which is Expended and Issued to the Troops as pr. Indents &ca. &ca.

Two hundred Cooly Loads of Trichinopoly Salt Cooly Loads } 200

Tabaco, Tamarind, Jaggery, and Cury Stuffs &ca. of Bullock Loads } 15

Ten Duppers of Ghee and Oil left here by the Army in July 1790 }

(Signed) Thomas Parr
Captn. Commanding

Carroore
29th Jany 1791

To Edw. Garrow Esqr.
Grain Keeper

Copy (Signed) Edwd. Garrow
Storekeeper

A true Copy (Signed) Thos. Cockburn

Resolved that the Grain at Carore and the Biscuit at Trichinopoly be sold off, and that the Army Rice remaining at &c.

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Tanjore

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Tanjore and Trichinopoly be served to the Troops and Followers in Part of their Pay.

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be directed to send Orders to the Collector at Caroor to deliver to Mr. Garrow, the Storekeeper a Six Months Stock of the best Paddy for the present strength of that Garrison.

Minute thereon

The Board are of Opinion that there is not any Necessity for laying up at Trichinopoly more than the Garrison stock of Paddy.

Do.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Fallofield.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

From Mr. Fallofield is not able to furnish an Account of the actual expences attending his Deputation to Trichinopoly.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 23d. Ultimo directing me to transmit an Account of my Actual Expences in consequence of my having been ordered

to

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to Tanjore last year to make enquiry into the Com-
Complaints preferred by the Rajah. I beg leave
to assure you I should in obedience to the Com-
=mands of the Honorable Board immediately fur-
=nish you with such an Account if it lay in
my power; but as I kept no particular Me-
=morandoms of any Expences, I find myself
really unable to make out the Account from
my memory with that exactness that I should
wish it to be drawn out, and should conceive
would be necessary in order to its being submit-
=ted to the Honorable Board.

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

Tanjore
the
10th March 1791

(Signed) E. W. Tallofield

Agreed to inform Mr. Tallofield
that as the service on which he was employed
at Tanjore, did not deprive him of the Emolu-
=ments which he enjoyed as Resident of Nagore
the only Allowance that can with Propriety be
granted, is a Reimbursement of the extra
Expence attending his Deputation, which the
Board

Minute thereon

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Board will order to be discharged, when they know the Amount, as nearly as he can state it, &c

The Acting President &c

recommends that a Letter be written to the Committee for enquiring into the &c Charges against the Administration of &c Mr. Holland, informing them that &c Vincatarramiah is arrived at the Presidency to be examined before them, - That as the Rabob has declined to come forward with the Letter from his Highness dated &c the 15th Instant) with any Information respecting the motives which may have actuated the late Administration to undertake the Expedition against &c Shivegunga, the Committee be &c directed

Instructions to be given to the &c Committee for &c enquiring into the Charges against Mr. Hollands &c Administration for examining Vincatarramiah and for procuring Information respecting the Shivaganga Expedition.

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directed to endeavour through other &c.
Channels to obtain that Information
which his His Highness has thought
proper to with hold - and that the Board
hope they will be able by this means to
come at the Truth.

Ordered Accordingly.

The Acting President &c.
reports to the Board the Death of &c.
Lieutenant Charles O Hehir at Copal
on the 18th February last.

Death of &c.
Lieut. O Hehir

Resolved

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Resolved that Mr. Edward Holland be removed from the Board of Revenue and appointed an Assistant under the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue

Mr. C. Holland removed from the Board of Revenue and appointed an Assistant under the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenue

C. P. of Dolmain

" Chas Oakeley

" J Stracey

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Diary

Sent Letters to the Nabob (

Substance of two Letters to the Nabob

as entered in C.C. Nos 55. 56.) the former enclosing a List of the Jaghires to be delivered up to His Highness: Copy of a Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue, stating the Grounds on which the Valuation of the Jaghire Districts has been made, and the Orders to the Company's Collectors directing them to deliver up the Family Jaghires to such Persons as shall be authorized by His Highness to take Charge of them the latter communicating the Representation made to Government by Colonel Bredges of the improper conduct of the troops entertained by his Sons at Trichinopoly and requesting His Highness will order them to dismiss all the Armed people now entertained there in his Name —

Sent the following Letters To

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Fort St. George March 17th 1781

To Colonel Capper ...

Messrs. George Moar
Benjamin Roebuck
George Moubray
& Joseph Garrow

} Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the Administration of Mr Holland. &c.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you &c. that Vencataramiah is arrived at the Presidency to be examined before the Committee. —

His Highness the Nabob &c. having declined to come forward with any Information respecting the Motives which may have actuated the late Administration to undertake the Expedition against Shevegunga, I am &c. directed by the Board to desire you will endeavour through other Channels to obtain that information which His Highness has thought proper to with-hold; and as the Company are very desirous to ascertain whether any Sum of Money was given on Account of the abovementioned Expedition, the Board hope you will be able by this means to come at the truth. —

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To the Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the Administration of Mr Holland Vencataramiah to be examined before them instructions for procuring information on the Subject of the Shevagunga Expedition

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I enclose an Extract of a Letter from His Highness the Rajah for your Information, and am, &c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Esq.

Fort St George
16th March 1791.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz
at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed to transmit for your Information the accompanying Copies of Letters received from the Mother and three Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore, and to request you will be pleased to take an opportunity of intimating to them, that although Government are disposed to do them Every Justice, yet that no Representation can be in future received from them, but through you, who are appointed to transact the Company's Business at the Palace.

Whatever might have been the Original Cause for the Rajahs Ill-will to the Family of his late Brother, the Board are

To the Reverend Mr Swartz with Copies of Letters from the Mother and Widows of the late Rajah their representations must in future be conveyed to Government through him

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are inclined to believe, that the Flames of Discord have been kept alive, and perhaps considerably heightened by their appeals to Government, more especially; if by any means His Excellency should be in the Knowledge of the Contents of the Letters, in which they assert that he is an "Usurper" and that Serfogee (whom they improperly stile "Maharaj") is the lawful Prince of the Country — These Expressions must naturally excite Alarm and Jealousy in the Rajahs Breast — they are besides, extremely disrespectful to the Company — from Motives of Justice, placed the present Rajah on the Musnud in Preference to the adopted Son —

The Board request you will communicate the above to the Mother and three Widows, with such further Observations of your own as may be suitable to the Occasion —

Fort St George
16th March 1791

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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To

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Fort St. George March 1791

To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Members of the Supreme Council at Fort William

Gentlemen

Our Secretary has laid before us Mr Dundas's Letter to him of the 6th Ultimo, stating that the Orders of the Secret Committee regarding the Homeward bound Ships were omitted to give to the Commander of the William Pitt and reserving that he might be furnished with them from hence — We have the pleasure to inform you that on the arrival of Captain Mitchell, our acting President acquired what Instructions he had recieved, and finding that he was not possessed of the orders for touching at the Cape, We furnished him with them —

You were pleased to inform us in your Letter of the 16th June 1790. that you entered "in admitting that this Government was justified "in deferring for another Year the Execution of the "Plan recommended by the Governor General in Council "for introducing an uniformity of System in the "Military Account of the three Presidencies" the Committee for reporting upon the above Plan, has

Lately

To Bengal the Commander of the William Pitt has been instructed to touch at the Cape — Recommending that the New Arrangement for introducing an uniformity of System in the Military accounts be postponed until the termination of the War. —

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lately addressed us a Letter stating that as all the Arguments against the Introduction of the new System last Year recur at the present Moment with additional Force, they submit whether it should not be further postponed until the Termination of the present War upon this Subject we beg to be favored with your Sentiments observing only that we agree entirely in Opinion with the Committee.—

We have not received any Letters from Lord Cornwallis since the 1st Instant. but private advices mention that the Army arrived at Bengalore the 5th.—

Fort St. George
17th March 1791.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr Nos 98 99 100 101 102.—

To the Military Storekeeper.

To the Military Storekeeper

expressive of the Boards surprize at his application for an advance of Cash on account of the Military Stores ordered to be made up this Month.—

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board. with Extract of a Letter from the Officer Commanding

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at Trichinopoly wherein he reports the Medical Arrangements he has made in consequence of the March of Lieut Colr Oldham's Detachment

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue notifying the Resolutions of Government relative to the Establishment and allowances of their Board.

To Do the Collector at Madura must be instructed to consult with the Commandant previous to any alteration taking place in the rate of Exchange. Approving the principles upon which they have drawn out the valuation of the Jaghire Districts as well as the Orders they propose sending to the Collectors for delivering them over to the Nabobs Servants

To Do

To Do to give Instructions to the Collector at Caroor to deliver to the Storekeeper at that Place a six Months Stock of the best Paddy for the present Strength of the Garrison

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions the Grain at Caroor and Biscuit at Trichinopoly to be sold off, and the Army Rice at Tanjore and Trichinopoly to be served to the Troops and followers in part of their Pay agreeably to the Recommendation contained in his Letter of the 15th Instant-orders have been issued to the Collector at

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at Carvor to deliver to Mr. Garrow a six Months Stock of the best Paddy for the present Strength of the Garrison the Board do not think it necessary to lay up more Paddy in Trichenopoly than the Garrison Stock.

To Colonel De Wangenheim

To Colo De Wangenheim

informing him that Captain Boswell will be recommended to the Court of Directors for a Participation in the Fund commonly called Lord Clive's Bounty provided he make the oath prescribed by the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive (Vizt) that he is not worth two thousand Pounds Sterling.

To the Paymaster at Trichenopoly &c.

To the Paymaster at Trichenopoly &c

informing them that in consequence of the Representation contained in his Letter of the 10th Instant the Board have resolved that the order striking off Field allowances from the Garrison of Carvor be not considered as having taken effect before the 23d February.

To Mr C. W. Falloon at Tanjore

To Mr C. W. Falloon

directing him to report as nearly as he can state it the Amount of the Extra Expence attending his Deputation to Tanjore.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

approving the Moderation of his Conduct towards the Nabob