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Nabobs Sons, and the General Order he issued, —
prohibiting all officers from visiting them without
his Permission —

To the Military Storekeeper —

To the Military Storekeeper.

permitted to draw an allowance of Twenty five Pags
p Month on Account of Office Rent.

Recived the undermentioned Letters
as entered in M.B. Nos. 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

with the Names of twelve Ponies which have been
dispatched from Bengal requesting to be informed
if all or any of them have arrived at Fort St. George

From the Commandant at P —

From the Commandant at Palicandchery

Palicandchery enclosing the Proceedings of a Committee
of Inspection of the ordnance and Military Stores
brought from Coimbetore and those returned to him
at Palicandchery also an Indent of Stores wanted
for that Garrison and requesting that an order
may be sent to the Store Keeper at Trichinopoly to
comply with his Indents for such articles as are
immediately necessary for the Defence of the —
Place. —

From the Resident at Hyderabad

From the Resident at Hyderabad —

advising of the Surrender of the Fort of Sedasut to a
Detachment of the Nizams Army on the 28th Ultimo

From

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From the Paymaster at Madura —
communicating the Information required of him
respecting the Fines levied by the Commanding Officer
from the Bazar People &c for the Privilege of selling
their Merchandize within the Walls of the Fort —

From the Commandant at Amboor —
respecting the Number of Peons / according to the best
of his recollection / who garrisoned Trichatore —

From Messrs Chase, Parry and Co with
three Bills for Provisions &c furnished at Vizagapatam
and Putteat for the Honble Company's Bullocks and
their Drivers on board Vessels since arrived at this Place
Ordered that the Bills abovementioned
be discharged by the Subsidiary Paymaster General —

From the Paymaster Madura

From the Commandant at Amboor

From Messrs Chase Parry & Co

Minute thereon

At a Consultation Present

Friday the 18th March 1791.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President
John Huddleston Esqr
The Honble. Major General William Medows
Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation
read and Approved —

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue & Mr Buchanan reports his claim to the amount cost of Rice mortgaged to him by the Nabob in this Tinnivelly — Country which has been taken Possession of by the Collector. —

In our letter of 20th November we stated at large the Substance of Mr Buchanan's Claim to certain Mortgaged grain in the Tinnivelly Country together with Mr Torin's Explanation of that Claim. Your decision against that Claim was Communicated to us by Mr Secretary Chamier under date 1st December — Mr Buchanan — however has since addressed to us a Letter in which he intimates that his pretensions were not Candidly stated by Mr Torin. In Conse- -quence we transmitted a Copy of the Letter and called upon the Collector for such further — Elucidation of the matter as Mr Buchanan's fresh Statement of it seemed to require As this is a Subject no wise Connected with the — Administration of Revenue, We again take the liberty of Submitting it to your Decision: for this purpose we enclose Copies of Mr Buchanan's

Letter

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Letter and of Mr Torins Reply. It is a Justice due to the Collector to remark that there is no inconsistancy between his present and his Original explanation, and at the same time we take the liberty of observing that, as we see no difference between the situation of Mr Buchanan and that of other Mortgagees we know not how any reasons can be afforded him, without including a numerous body of Sowcars who in different parts of the Carnatic have claimed restitution upon the same grounds.

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

(signed) J. Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Fort St. George
17th March 1791

To John Huddleston Esqr
President

and to the Members of the Board
of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Mr Torin Collector of the Tinnevelly District having sent to me an Extract of a letter from Mr Secretary Chamier of which I beg leave to enclose a Copy. and also Copy of Mr Torins Letter

to

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to me dated the 16th December last. I have to submit the following Facts to the Board which I trust will have due weight with them and incline them to think as I do that the Reasons assigned for withholding my property arbitrarily Seized by Mr. Torin do not apply to my Claims which I conceive have not been very candidly stated—

I am singularly situated as a Claimant Being His Highness the Nabobs agent in the Tinnivelly Country His Highness by letter required me to send him Bills payable at Madras (as he was at that period prepared for Arrears of his Rent) for which I should receive a deposit of Grain to the Amount— There was no way by which His Highness the Nabob could have the benefit of a remittance for that purpose but by a Sale of his Grain, and Situated as I was I could not conceive myself prohibited from taking Grain in payment for the Money I remitted so far from it that on a report prevailing so early as the Month of March last that the Nabobs Countries were to be Assumed for the payment of his Arrears I addressed the Honble Major General Meadows by letter dated the 26th March last to inform him that I had such Grain deposited for payment of the Money I had remitted

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remitted to His Highness —

But what I hope will be —
considered by the Board as a decided fact in favor
of restoring to me the property thus withheld
is, that I make no claim to Grain as appears
to have been stated to them — the Property I
claim and which is stated by Mr Torin's letter
to the Board to Amount to Six thousand Chuckrums
in good Security, as Money arising from the Sale
of my Grain some time prior to Mr Torin's
Arrival in the Tinnevelly Country as Collector
for which I hold the Purchasers Bonds and the
Collection of which Money / and not Grain / Mr
Torin Assumed the right or rather Power of —
Seizing upon and Still withholds —

The Nabobs letter of the 16th
October referred to in the Extract of Mr Chamiers
Letter cannot apply to the Claim of 600 Chuckrums
I have thus stated There is indeed a deficiency
in the deposit of Grain made to me which of
course I shall submit to wait the payment of
in terms of His Highness's letter —

Thus situated as a Claimant
I trust the Board will see the hardships I labor
under and recommend to Government to relieve me

from

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from the hand of Oppression by Restoring Mr Lorin
to restore to me a Property thus as I conceive —
illegally withheld. more especially as my Situation
is singular as a Claimant and as the Sum can
little aid Government tho' of Much consequence
to me —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
James Buchanan

Fort St George
14th February 1791.

Attested Copy
(Signed) J Webbe Secy

(Signed) James Buchanan

Copy Letter to James Buchanan Esqre
dated Tinnivelly 16th December 1790

Sir

I have the honor to inclose you the
decision of Government upon your Claims in
the Tinnivelly as well as a Copy of their Letter
to me upon the Subject I am sorry to find
Government take the Matter up in such —
an unfavorable point of view and cannot but
express my Concern at the unexpected Turn
the affair has taken.

Should you be of opinion
that the Board have mistaken the nature
of your concerns, and wish to lay the Matter
before

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before there in another shape I shall be very
ready to give you every necessary Assistance—

I am,

&c &c

Atmr Cosby (Signed) Benjn Torin

(Signed) J Webbe Collector of Tinnevelly

To John Hudleston Esqre

President and Members of the Board
of Inquired Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 25 Ultimo inclosing a Letter from
Mr J Buchanan and desiring me to report upon
the fact &c

As I have all along felt it a grievous
& indispensable task on me to have to interfere
in the property of others I had little doubt—
but the Board would have ordered the restitution
of the Mortgage as soon as my authority was—
sufficiently established as there appeared no other
motive to me for stopping the collection of
them besides the necessity of ascertaining the
state of the Revenue and I continue to encourage
the Creditors in this Expectation but when

your

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your answer came and decided against them on the strength of a letter from the Nabob the Subject of which I was totally unacquainted with I felt that degree of concern which every man is susceptible of in having been the instrument to deprive another of his Property and in this Idea I wrote to Mr Buchanan on the 16th of December and I shall be sorry if the Board continue to disapprove of my proceedings—

It is impossible for me to make any distinction between the Concerns of Mr Buchanan and the other Creditors of Timmelly with regard to the interposition of the Company's authority I found them all in the hands of the Circar Servants, and that different districts had been delivered over to them in Security—on the 10th February Mr Buchanan received his Mortgage on the Revenue on different Villages —on the 23d March the Shroffdar had passed a Bill of Sale to Mr Buchanan for 22.000 Cotahs of Grain and on the 23d the Monegars passed other Bills of Sale for small proportions of the same Revenue to the Inhabitants for their Bond—Mr Buchanan no doubt adopted this Plan to secure himself against the impending revolution

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revolution in his highness country but it is to be
observed and without weakning Mr Buchanan
claim to his Original mortgage, that these Bills
of Sale were only matters of forme, for Mr Buchanan
had not closed his accounts by giving credit to the
Nabob for 22000 Cobaks nor took the collection of
the Bonds nor the sales of his Grains into his own
hands - except 4 or 5000 Cobaks of Paddy he bought
and brought to his own House he never made the
Grains his Property but left the Revenues of the
districts with the Nabobs Monegars as they were
first mortgaged to him in the month of February
which was the occasion of their falling into my
hands with the rest of the Mortgaged Property
when I ordered all public collections to be made
in the name of the Company - this explanation
is the more necessary as Mr Buchanan charges me
with raging on his private property which was not
to be affected by the above Order if the transaction
simply existed between him and the Inhabitants
- But as I saw Mr Buchanan still held an
original Claim to the District Revenues and that
6000 Chuckrums were due to him on the Mortgage
tho' not all if it covered by Inhabitants Bonds
I think I justly conceived his right and title to that

Sum

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Sum under the name of a Mortgage of Destricts
as the Coss Chucks is the aggregate balance of
his various destruct Revenues - and the Board with
a careful review of my report will see that —
I represented it in this light and with the full
conviction that as the money had been fairly —
advanced by Mr Buchanan that they would —
restore his Security - and now the Board are further
informed that this balance is not altogether on
Grain I should hope they will relieve me by
ordering the restitution. —

Mr Buchanan thinks I did
not make a candid statement of his Concerns I
certainly did not till now think it necessary to
make so full a one but when I informe the
Board Mr Buchanan was furnished with a copy
of my report and after desiring some alterations
allowed it to go away without any further Objections
I think they will be angust me of this want of
Candor and when they also take my letter to
time of the 16th into their consideration, they
must think I have acted with Indulgence
and see the Distinction I have made in Mr
Buchanan claims in no respect inconsistant
with my Duty to them and the justice due

to

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to the Individuals

Dr.
Tennewelly
5th March 1791

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Benj.n Torin

P.S.

I should also have remarked that the
Soucars and other Claimants Lucas's Grain have
also a Mortgage on the Upper Revenues of the
districts made over to them and that the same Deeds
of Bills of Sale were adopted by them and in some
cases Bonds taken from the Inhabitants
similar to those taken by Mr Buchanan.

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe Secy

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr Buchanan be
informed that Government cannot depart from the
Resolutions formerly taken on the subject of his
claim without including numerous Soucars and
others who stand in the same Predicament and
whom the Nabob has refused to a future
Settlement after the Conclusion of the war
that by whatever Process the Grain was made
over to him (Mr Buchanan) it appears at the
time of the Assumption to have been in the

Hands

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Hands of the Public Servants of the Districts—
and that his Highness with a View to relieve the
Emergencies of Government assigned over all those
Resources exclusively for the immediate use of
the Company—

Agreed that the above be also
communicated to the Board of Assumed Revenue

Read the following Letter
from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Sir,

from the Military Board recommending that the two 24 Pounders at Ennoondah be sent to the Nizams Army in the Neighbourhood of Cuddapah—opinion on Lieut Colo Kennaways Claim to Batta while absent by Sickness from his Station and on Lieut Hennings Claim to certain allowances while employed at Vizagapatam recommending that Mr Pearce Hannyngton be appointed Conductor of Stores—instructions & regulations respecting the Pay of the Nobles Native Artillery totally maintained by the Company in the Marawar Country—Gunpowder received into Store—

We have the honor to Acknowledge
the receipt of Mr Secretary Jacksons Letter of the
14th Instant with its enclosures—

Upon reference to the returns of
Ordnance at Masulipatam We observe there
remain only Two Iron 12lb Pounders with—a
Heavy Field Carriages and considering its
very Remote Situation from Cuddapah the
Appointed place of Rendezvous, together with
the probable want of Bullocks, We are of
Opinion it would be impracticable to—a
transport those Guns to Cuddapah in sufficient

time

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time to be rendered useful during the present
Campaign of the Nizams Army In preference
therefore we would propose to substitute the Two
Iron 24 Pounders lately removed from Conjeveram
and now at Trinamalee from whence they can
with greater convenience be conveyed to Gunjey-
cottah or Sedoset by the Commune Country
where also less delay in procuring Cattle is to
be apprehended from its having lately fallen into
the Nizams Possession

We likewise beg leave to remark
that there are 4 Iron Eighteen Pounders in
Chingleput belonging to the Garrison —
Establishment of Masulipatam should therefore
any Addition to the 24 Pounders be deemed —
necessary. We recommend their being Ordered
hither, to be transported to the Sea Port nearest
to Nellore from whence they may be forwarded
to Sedoset or Gunjeycottah

It appearing by the General
Orders of the 21st May 1790 that Colonel —
Braithwaite was permitted to draw Batta while
Absent by sickness from his Station at Ellore
We are of Opinion that upon the same —
principle

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principle Lieut Colonel Lyon have is entitled to that Indulgence while he remained sick upon this Coast with respect to the Allowance of Full Batta to the Commandant of Cotchery South of the Coleroon as we conceive it was Originally granted in consideration of the Extraordenary Expence attending such " Situation, and to enable him to Visit at all times the Southern Outstations - We see no reason whatever for discontinuing this " Allowance -

Lieut Hunning having been regularly Trained to Engineering for superintending the Repair of its Fortifications, We conceive he should be allowed Batta Horse allowance and one Conicopoly during such Employment.

Mr Pearce Harrington " having been noticed to us as a Young man of every unexceptionable Character. We beg leave to recommend his Appointment as a Conductor of Stores, vacant by the promotion of Mr. Sinclair.

The Paymaster at Madura has applied to us for Instructions with regard

to

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to the rate of Payment in future of the Native Artillery belonging to the Nabob lately taken into the service in the Marawar Country — As we have no native Artillery on this — Establishment We request to be honored with your Commands respecting the Rate they are to receive and the footing upon which they are to be considered — Mr Vaughan — having likewise requested to be informed whether Arms are to be furnished by him to the Provincials stationed under the Collector of Dindegul — We request your Orders upon the Subject and also that we may be informed whether those troops are to be considered on the same footing as the Sebundies in the Service of the Company —

The Acting Commissary General of Stores has laid before us a report Proof of 1148 Barrels of Gun Powder Manufactured at Madras, and of 211 Barrels received from Trichinopore most of which being considerably above proof have accordingly been received upon the Company's Books — We have also directed that such unserviceable Stores

as

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as have been received from Trincomalee be written off the Books, which we trust will meet your Approvals.

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c &c

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17th March 1791

[Signed] Thos Musgrave
" J. Cooper
" Patrick Ross
" George Hall

Resolved that Capt Kennaway be informed of the opinion of the Military Board respecting the Guns proposed to be sent from Manoel Fatano to Captain Read's Detachment, and that it be recommended to him that the Negani's application be confined to the two twenty four Pounders at Trincondah.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Major Wynch be directed to deliver the abovementioned Guns with such Qts of Shot as may be in Store in the Guntoor Circar, to the order of Captain Kennaway.

Do

Resolved that it be notified to the Military Board that it does not appear to the Superior Board, that a General Order

Do

which

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which established Colonel Brathwaites allowances can be brought as an argument in support of Lieut Colonel Sydenhams Claim to Batta while absent by Sickness from his Station - because, Samuel Dixi the Place where the former occasionally resides, is considered the Military Head Quarters North of the Kistna where he (Colonel Brathwaite) was directed to carry on the Duties of his Station, both as they related to the Division and to the particular Command of Ellore while the latter is expressly bound by existing Regulations from drawing Batta after one Months Absence from his station - that upon these Grounds, the Board do not see how they can admit Lieut Colonel Sydenhams Claim to Batta without a manifest Duviation from the Regulations of the Service and without establishing a Precedent for others hereafter to recur to, on a similar Occasion -

D°

As the Military Board in their Letter of the 9th of January decidedly rejected the Claim of the Officer in the Command of the Pioneers serving with the Grand Army for Horse Allowance - Government do not see upon what

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what Principle Lieut Hemming can be better entitled to it — Resolved therefore that he be only allowed to draw full Batta, in addition to his Pay for the time he has been on Service at Tegar — and as they conceive the Repairs can be executed without — subjecting the Company to further Expence on Account of Batta, it is also resolved that Lieut Hemming be directed to return to his former — Station and that the Officer in the Command of Tegar, do have the Disbursement of such Sums as may remain to be made on Account of Repairs —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

Agreed, at the Recommendation of the Military Board, that Mr Pearce Howorth be appointed a Conductor of Stores — vice — Sinclair —

Do

Resolved that the Native Artillery belonging to the Nabob lately taken into the Service in the Marawar Country be considered as Revenue Troops, and paid as such — That the Provincials stationed under the Collector at Dindigal be upon the same footing until further Orders, and to be furnished with old Arms by Mr Vaughan upon

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which established Colonel Brathwaites allowances can be brought as an Argument in support of Lieut Colonel Sydenhams Claim to Batta while absent by Sickness from his Station - because, Samuel Dixe the Place where the former occasionally resides, is considered the Militarys Head Quarters North of the Kistna where he (Colonel Brathwaite) was directed to carry on the Duties of his Station, both as they related to the Division and to the particular Command of Ellore while the latter is expressly precluded by existing Regulations from drawing Batta after one Months Absence from his station - that upon these Grounds, the Board do not see how they can admit Lieut Colonel Sydenham's Claim to Batta without a manifest Deviation from the Regulations of the Service and without establishing a Precedent for others hereafter to resort to, on a similar Occasion -

D°

As the Military Board in their Letter of the 9th of January decidedly rejected the Claim of the Officer in the Command of the Pioneers serving with the Grand Army, for House Allowance - Government do not see upon what

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what Principle Lieut Hemming can be better entitled to it — Resolved therefore that he be only allowed to draw full Batta in addition to his Pay for the time he has been on Service at Tiagar — and as they conceive the Repairs can be executed without — subjecting the Company to further Expence on Account of Batta it is also resolved that Lieut Hemming be directed to return to his former — Station and that the Officer in the Command of Tiagar do have the Disbursement of such Sums of may remain to be made on Account of Repairs —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

Agreed at the Recommendation of the Military Board that Mr Pearce Rowendon be appointed a Conductor of Stores vice — Sinclair —

Do

Resolved that the Native Artillery belonging to the Nabob lately taken into the Service in the Maravar Country be considered as Revenue Troops and paid as such — That the Provincials stationed under the Collector at Dindigal be upon the same footing until further Orders and to be furnished with old Arms by Mr Vaughan upon

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upon a written Application to him for the Collector—

As the Military Board have not yet transmitted the Form of an Advertisement for receiving Proposals of Contract for the Provision of Military Cloathing which was called for near three Months ago, it is — Resolved that they be desired to deliver it in without further loss of time—

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway—

William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Inst. in reply to the work which the Board have been pleased to express to know my opinion respecting the establishment which the Late Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment ought to be allowed for attendants and other marks of distinction together with Horse Service Money I beg leave to refer them to my

D°

From the Resident at Hydrabad recommending him respecting the establishment of Servants to be allowed the Officer Commanding the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army.—

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my letter to you of the 18th in addition to which I have now the honor to inclose an Extract of the present Commanding Officers Bill for the above two first Articles which tho' the rate of wages is high I think might be made the standard for the past as well as for the future a Dooraary Elephant was attached to Major Montgomery by the Nizam during his continuance in the Command which Captain Read wisely declined incumbering himself with This Major Montgomery had he been inclined could not well do from the circumstance of its being granted as a sort of favor by the Nizam of the Poligars chuse to admit a charge for its support I think twenty Pagodas P Month ought amply to have defrayed the expence. The number of Chunbalees which the Board have at my recommendation agreed shall be allowed to Captain Read for secret intelligence I shall advise being limitted to twenty at the rate of twelve Rupees P Month should the services of so many be found really necessary.——

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(signed) John Kennaway

Pd

Paupul

4th March 1791.

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Extract

The Honorable Company ... Dr

To Pay for the following Servants for the Month of January 1791

A Moorshy	32	—
A Naick of Hircarahs	20	—
Two Chubdars at 10 Pa each	20	—
Seven Hircarahs at 9 Pa each	63	—

Camp at Copaul
1st February 1791

(Signed) Andw Read
Capt Commdg

William Brown Esqre
Paymaster Army Coast

Extract
(Signed) Grame Mercer
Acting Agent

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Opinions and Recommendations of Captain Kennaway contained in the foregoing Letter be approved and confirmed - and that a Copy thereof be transmitted to Colonel Kelsper and to Mr Brown for their Information and Guidance —

Read the following Letter from Mr Brown

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams army - applies for Instructions respecting two Bills presented to him for which no provision has been in the Military Board's Estimate

Sir

I beg leave to enclose copies of two Bills bearing the Official signature of the Commanding Officer of this Detachment, which have therefore been paid by me but as they appear to me to be an overcharge of what is specified in the Estimate of the Military Board, I conceived it my duty to represent them accordingly.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servt

(signed) Wm Brown

Pay.r

Camp near Cossoole

28 February 1791

Sir

Please to order the Payment of a Peguah of 6 fanams p day to Thomas Jones Corporal in the Detachment of Artillery, for the Month of January 1791 he being employed as an Artificer to the Detachment.

R. J.

15. 6

Camp near Cossoole

1st February 1791

(signed) Andw Read

Capt. Comdg

To Wm Brown Esqre

Military Paymaster

signed J G Scott

Lt Comdg

A true Copy

(signed) Wm Brown

Pay.r

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Sir

Please to Order the Payment of 4 Star Pagodas to Richard Smuggs Gunner in the Detachment of Artillery and Sub Conductor of Stores for the Month of January 1791 (4)

Camp near Copaul
1st February 1791

To Wm Brown Esq.re Sign'd G Alcock
Lt Comm.g
Military Paym.r
(signed) Andw Read
Capt.n Comm.g Above Corps
(signed) Wm Brown
Pay.r

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to report upon the above Letter —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Huddleston

To W. C. Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary

Sir

From Lieut.t H. Huddleston reports that there is a lot of horses just arrived in the market thirty five of which are fit for the Nation Cavalry

I have the Honor to inform you

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are thirty five very fit in point of age — as well as other qualities for the Native Cavalry The value at which I have estimated them is about 90 Pagodas on an average making in the whole 3150 Pagodas — should it be the determination of Government to purchase these horses I beg leave to observe that by enabling me to make prompt payment for each horse I shall have a better prospect of inducing the dealers to dispose of them at a more advantageous rate for the Company than even the one already proposed —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient humble Servant
(Signed) R I Huddleston

Fort St George
18th March 1791

Previous to the Board coming to any Resolution in regard to the Purchase

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Sir

Please to Order the Payment of 4 Star Pagodas to Richard Scruggs Gunner in the Detachment of Artillery and Sub Conductor of Stores for the Month of January 1791

Camp near Coopoole
1st February 1791

To Wm Brown Esq re signed J Scott
Lt Comg

Military Paymr

(signed) Andw Read
Capt Comg

Above Copy
(signed) Wm Brown
Paymr

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to report upon the above Letter —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Huddleston

To H. C. Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

Sir

From Lieut R. Huddleston reports that there is a Lot of horses just arrived in the market thirty five of which are fit for the Native Cavalry

I have the Honor to inform you that since the receipt of your Letter of 6 Instant another Lot of Horses have arrived for sale from the Northward of which there

are

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are thirty five very fit in point of age — as well as other qualities for the Native Cavalry the value at which I have estimated them is about 90 Pagodas on an average making in the whole 3150 Pagodas — should it be the determination of Government to purchase these horses I beg leave to observe that by enabling me to make prompt payment for each horse I shall have a better prospect of inducing the dealers to dispose of them at a more advantageous rate for the Company than even the one already proposed —

I have the honor to be
Sirs
Your obedient humble Servant
(Signed) P Braidestone

Fort St George
18th March 1791

Previous to the Board coming to any Resolution in regard to the Purchase thereon of the Horses stated by Lieutenant — Braidestone

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Hudleston to be sent for the Native Cavalry he must ascertain whether a sufficient Number of Horsekeepers and Grasscutters can be procured to take care of the Horses after they are the Companys Property.

In the Establishment of Colonel Capper's Office as Comptroller General of Army Accounts and Commissary Deputies appointed from the civil List at a considerable expence to whom these Places have been almost sinecures, and apparently attached to other Posts with a view to make them more eligible

The Board are of Opinion that while the Duties of Comptroller and Commissary are executed by a Military Officer the subordinate situation and especially those immediately under

The Office of Deputy Commissary General with the Colonel to be allowed one Deputy and one Assistant who are to be Military Officers the appointment of a Deputy to be postponed till after the War Lieut Brunton appointed Assistant with an Allowance of 30 Rup per Annum

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him should be performed by persons in the same line and who have no other employment to attend to. the Place of Deputy Comptroller discontinued on the late appointment of Mr Greenhill to be Garrison Storekeeper — It is now agreed that that of Deputy Commissary be also abolished and that in future there be only one Deputy and one Assistant to Colonel Capper for the Duties of both Departments to be taken from the Military list —

With respect to the Appointment of a Deputy as it is an object of some — importance the Board wish to postpone it until the War is at an end when an Officer of proper rank and otherwise sufficiently — qualified may be selected for this Station.

The Assistant may be named immediately and it is resolved that Lieutenant Brunton be appointed to that duty with an — Allowance of 30 Pagodas P Month in addition to his Pay —

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Ordered that the above be notified to Colonel Capper.

To be notified to Colonel Capper.

To Balmain Esq.

" Thos Oakeley.

" Wm Huddleston

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Diary

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore / ascertained on C.C. No 57 / stating that he has ordered his Vakeel Shwarow to proceed to the Presidency and requesting that he may not be detained more than a few Days.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in A.B. Nos 109 110 111 112.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with a Return of Bullocks Drivers &c &c shipped on board the private Ship Sydney Meadows for this Presidency.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Masulipatam acknowledging the Receipt of the two Boxes of Glass Ware consigned to the Factory on the Alert Ketch, of which they have advised the Resident at Hydrabad inclosing a Return of Military Stores for the Month of February.—

From Masulipatam

From the Resident at Hydrabad with duplicate of his Dispatch to Lord Cornwallis dated the 8th Instant stating that he intends in future to send his original Letters through Lieutenant Stuart.—

From the Resident at Hyderabad

From the Commandant at Dindigul stating that the opposition made to the Storekeeper Mr Vaughan in taking an Account of the Stores proceeded merely

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merely from a misconception of Orders on the Part of the Non commissioned to whom the charge of the Keys of the Powder Magazine &c was delivered—

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Dispatched the undermentioned 4 Letters as entered in Mis Nos 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120.- 121- 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132.

To the Commandant at Madura

To the Commandant at Madura with Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster, respecting the Tax levied by him / the Commandant / from different Classes of People for the Privilege of supplying the Garrison.—

To Lieut Robt Johnston of the 5th Regt Native Cavalry.

To Lieutenant R. J. Huddleston directing him to inquire whether a sufficient Number of Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters could be procured to take care of the Horses of the 3d Instant, to be fit for the Native Cavalry.—

To the Officer commanding in the Guntoor Circar

To the Officer commanding in the Guntoor Circar directing him to deliver to the order of Captain Kennaway the two Iron 24 Pounders now at Ameendah together with such 24 lb Shot as may be in the Guntoor Circar—

To the Resident at Hyderabad

To the Resident at Hyderabad communicating the Opinion of the Board on the recommendations contained in his Letter of the 8th Instant respecting

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20th respecting the Iron 18 Pounders at Masulipatam — and — advising him of the abovementioned instructions issued in consequence to the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar —

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army — with Copies of Letters from Captain Kennaway under date the 18th Ultimo and 4th Instant — the recommendations therein contained having received the approbation of Government must serve as his Guidance in future Payments —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — Lieut Col Sydenham's Claim to full Batta while he remained sick at the Presidency cannot be admitted beyond one Month after his quitting the Limits of his Command — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad stating that the recommendations contained therein have been approved by Government —

To Do notifying the resolutions of Government respecting the new arrangement under which the Duties of his Office are in future to be conducted.

To Mr Benjamin Bransill — with advice of the abolition of the Office of Deputy Commissary General — Fixes allowances as holding that Employ to cease on the End of the present Month —

To Mr Joseph Grunhill — advising of the abolition of the Office of Deputy Comptroller General

To the Paymasters to the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army —

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To Do

To Mr B Bransill

To Mr J Grunhill

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General his allowances as holding that Employ to be discontinued from the end of last Month.

To the Military Board. To the Military Board — Lieut Colonel Lydenham's Claim to full Batta cannot agreeably to existing Regulations be admitted beyond one Month after his quitting the limits of his Command — Lieutenant Denning will be allowed to draw full Batta in addition to his Pay, for the time he has been employed in superintending the repairs of the Fortifications at Tanjore — Mr Isaac Bowden has been appointed a Conductor of Stores in consequence of the recommendation in his favor contained in their Letter of the 7th Instant — the Native artillery, belonging to the Nabob lately taken into the Service, in the Marawar Country, and the Provincials stationed under the Collector at Dindigul to be considered as Revenue Troops and paid accordingly.

To Do

To Do directing them to furnish without loss of time, the advertisement and other particulars, respecting the Cloathing Contract explained for in Mr Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 24th December last —

To Do

To Do to report upon the Proceedings of a Committee for the Inspection of the ordnance and Military Stores at Palicaudicherry and an Indent of Sundry Military Stores wanted for that Garrison —

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also upon a Letter from the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army, inclosing Copies of two Bills bearing the Official Signature of the Commanding Officer, but which are reported to be an overcharge of what is specified in the Estimate.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly directing him to discharge Lieutenant Hemmings Bills for Batta during the time he was employed in superintending the works at Tiagar, and to advance upon Indent to Captain Flint the Sum of Pagodas 171½ for the purpose of completing the Repairs still remaining to be executed.—

To Lieutenant Hemming informing

To Lieut.t Hemming at Tiagar

him of the orders abovementioned to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, for discharging his Bills for Batta &c and directing him to return to the Presidency, having previously delivered to Captain Flint a Statement of the Work executed under his Inspection, together with such as may remain to be done to complete the Estimates which have been approved by Government.—

To the Commandant at Tiagar - with

To the Commandant at Tiagar

Extract of the abovementioned Letter to Lieut Hemming to indent to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly for the Sum of Pags 171½ on account of the repairs that yet remain to be made.—

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly &c —

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly &c

directing him to explain, why the European Troops stationed at

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at Carvor have not been paid in advance according to the established Custom of the Service and to amount to the Collector for the requisite Sum, if he has not sufficient Cash for the Liquidation of such Arrears as may be due to them.

To the Collector at Carvor &c

To the Collector at Carvor &c to notify to the Inhabitants in general in the Neighbourhood of Carvor that any Person or Persons apprehending any European Deserter without his Arms shall receive a Reward of five Pagodas and ten Pagodas for those taken with their Arms.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing him of the orders issued for the Purpose of preventing any further Desertion of the Europeans from the Garrison of Carvor - to instruct Capt Parr not to allow any European to pass the Gates of the Fort without his Permission given in writing.

To Mr James Buchanan

To Mr James Buchanan - the Board cannot depart from their former Resolutions respecting his Claim to Grain mortgaged to him by the Polygars in the Tinnevelly Country.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue with Copies of the abovementioned Letter to Mr Buchanan, and of a Letter from Captain Read respecting the Vencatagherry Peons employed under him.

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21st Sent the following Letter to the — Committee for inquiring into the Charges against the administration of Mr Holland

To Colonel Capper
Mess.rs George Boar
Benjamin Roebuck
George Moubray
and Joseph Garrow

Gentlemen,

To the committee for inquiring into the charges against the administration of Mr Holland. to proceed immediately upon the examination of Shevarow the Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel

I am directed to inform you, that Shevarow, the Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel is arrived at the Presidency to be examined before you, and as the Board have promised the Rajah not to detain Shevarow more than a few days, they desire you will proceed immediately upon his Examination —

I am
&c &c
(signed) H. C. Jackson Secy

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Received the undermentioned Letters
accounted in M/S Nos 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 —

From the Commandant at Chinglepet
— requesting Permission to proceed to the Presidency
for a few days —

From the Commandant at Chinglepet

From

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From the Collector in the Ceded Districts

From the Collector in the Ceded Districts stating that he has not yet succeeded in discovering the man named Subraow Bramany against whom Mrs Murray late Mrs Swanson has lodged a Complaint

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams army with Copy of his Account Current for the Month of January the original of which together with all Vouchers he has transmitted to the Resident at Hydrabad stating that he has not been able to procure authenticated Copies of the Pay Accounts of the Nizams Troops

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams army

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From the Honble Company's Solicitor

From the Honble Company's Solicitor with the Names of the Paymasters who have not returned their collateral Security Bonds

From the late Commandant at Permaul

From Lieutenant Brenton enclosing an Account of Money disbursed by him for Secret Intelligence drawn out according to the best of his Recollection

Received the following Letters from Major General Musgrave

To the Honble the President in Council

Hon'ble Sir

From Major Genl Musgrave with an application from Lieut Floyer to proceed to Europe recommends that they consider the Leave granted him in regard to advance of Pay and Allowance for Passage Money

I have the Honor to enclose a Letter from Lieut Floyer requesting permission to proceed to Europe on Account of his ill health the necessity of

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of which is testified by the certificate that accompanies it.

As Lieut Floyer's case is a peculiar one, and his request not founded on the common plea of want of health, but chiefly originates from a — wound received on Active Service, I beg leave to recommend him to your Honble Board as deserving every consistent indulgence in point of advance of pay or an Allowance for his passage.—

I have the honor to be with much respect

Yr Yr

(signed) Hew Musgrave

Madras
20th March 1791

Major General Musgrave

Commander in Chief of all the Troops remaining in the Carnatic—

Sir.

Yrs

I have the honor to enclose certificate of the two Surgeons Messrs Ruddiman and Duffin who have attended me during my Indisposition will inform you of the indispensable necessity to which I am reduced by my ill Health of proceeding to England by the first Ships and I am therefore to request the favor of you to obtain the permission of Government for that purpose—

With respect to any advance of Pay

or

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or an Allowance of Passage Money I hope you will recommend that I may be allowed to draw for it and in determining thereon I trust that the Honble Board will have in their consideration how particular the circumstances of my case are, and that the principle cause of my present application proceeds from the Wound I lately received whereon active service in the Field which I had flattered myself would ere now have been so far recovered as to have enabled me again to join the Army, but in this expectation I have been unfortunately disappointed, as appears by the Certificate of the Surgeons.

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I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Augustus Floyer

These certify that Lieutenant Augustus Floyer in the Honble Company's Native Cavalry. In consequence of long illness about three years ago was advised to try the effect of a voyage to China for the recovery of his health.

About the commencement of the war he returned very little if at all better than when he left this — But such was his zeal for the service as to induce his taking the field

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and there in the heat of a desperate engagement with the Enemy, he received a musquet shot in the right hand, — which has almost totally deprived him the use of it, — and we are sorry to observe, his general habit is so much affected, as to render it absolutely necessary for him to proceed to England on the first Ship; being the only remedy left for his recovery. —

Given under our hands this 17th Day of March 1791 at Fort St George

(Signed) Wm Ruddiman
Surgeon

" Willm Dorffen
Head Surgeon

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

Tuesday the 22d March 1791. —

John Huddleston Esqre
The Honble Major General H. Medows
absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

In

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In Council 22d. March 1791

The Acting President communicates Intelligence received from Earl Cornwallis of the Capture of the Pettah of Bangalore and the Death of Lieut. Col. Moorhouse in the assault — and proposes that in commemoration of the Merits of that Officer, his remains be publickly interred in the Church of Fort St. George at the Company's Expence —

The Acting President lays before the Board the following extract of a Letter to him from Earl Cornwallis dated the 8th Instant.

"We arrived at Bangalore the 5th and on "that day Tippoo, for the first time canonaded the rear of "our Line at the distance of near two miles. We found all "the Villages in a blaze and the Camp Face of the Country "offered an alarming prospect for the subsistence of our Cattle. "I had however the satisfaction of finding a great deal of "Straw and grain in the Pettah which we assaulted, and "carried yesterday morning, but it is with great concern "I must add, that on this occasion, we lost that most — "valuable Officer, Colonel Moorhouse."

The Acting President feels great satisfaction in observing the successful Attack which has been made on the Pettah at Bangalore, and the fortunate consequence attending it, at the same time he sincerely joins with Lord Cornwallis in lamenting the loss sustained on that occasion by the death of Lieut. Col. Moorhouse, whose Military character is so much distinguished and whose long, active and zealous services to the Company deserve the highest applause.—

In order to testify his sense of such

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such conspicuous merits, the Acting President begs leave
to move the following Resolution Viz.t

"Government having received advice of the
"death of Lieut Colonel Moorhouse who was killed in the
"Assault of the Pettah of Bangalore the 7.th Instant. Resolved
"as a testimony of respect to the memory of an Officer who
"served the Company many years with distinguished
"Zeal Spirit and ability, that his remains be with
"the permission of the ministers and Church Wardens
"publickly interred in the Church of Fort St George at
"the Company's expence, and a marble tablet fixed over
"his grave with a suitable inscription in commemoration
"of his merits. Resolved likewise that a letter be
"written to Lord Cornwallis to inform him of this
"intention and to request his Lordship will be pleased
"to direct that the body of the late Lieutenant Cole
"Moorhouse be moved to the Presidency soon as the
"situation of new Affairs will permit."

signed Charles Oakeley

Mr. Hudleston begs leave to record his
perfect approbation of the proposed Resolution brought
forward by Sir Charles Oakeley – and to express his –
confidence that this public testimoney to the merit of one
of the best Officers that ever served the Company will be
gratefully received by the whole Army. – Resolved in

consequence

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Resolutions in consequence.—

consequence, that Letters be written to Earl Cornwallis, Major General Medows, and the Minister and Church Wardens of St Mary's Church in Fort St George.—

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.—

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

From Major General Medows approving the removal of Mr Colt from the Office of Paymaster to the Army and recommending that Mr G. Hoar be appointed to succeed him.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

Mr Colt having acquainted me that he had received the Form of an Oath that he could not conscientiously with ease my opinion with propriety dismissed and I beg leave to recommend Mr Hoare to be his successor, who I desire may join the Army without loss of time, which I conceive he may do with safety by Cuttack and if Mr Kingsbeth does not join along with him I shall that day recommend a person in his place.

Camp near Bangalore the 12th of March 1791

I have the Honor to be, &c &c

Signed Wm Medows Governor.

Mr G. Hoar appointed Paymaster to the Army in the room of Mr Colt

Agreed at the Recommendation of Major General Medows that Mr George Hoar be appointed Paymaster to the Army in the room of Mr Colt.

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Ordered that the Committee for enquiring into the charges against Mr Hollonds Administration be furnished with a copy of the Letter from Mr Colt dated the 17th Ultimo upon which his Removal was founded and that they be instructed to examine such Evidence as they may think necessary towards establishing the fact regarding the corrupt Proofs by which Mr Colt is supposed to have obtained his Employment.

Minute respecting Mr Colts removal

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

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

Hble Sir

We take the liberty of troubling you with a Letter, which we have received from the Collector of Tinnivelly as it involves a matter entirely political, we request your instructions upon the subject.

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c &c
J. Hudleston
(signed) { Jno Balfour

From the Board of Assumed Revenue with a copy of a Letter from the Collector of Tinnivelly wherein he recommends that the Pearl Fishery be offered for another Year and reports the unfavorable terms upon which the Merchants have offered to remit Money to the Presidency.

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

Gentlemen,

I had the honor to inform you on the 23d that I was to wait the Chiefs of Tuticorin on the following day and

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and that I should urge the necessity of the Pearl Fishery for this Season — Mr Mckeen informed me he had not received the orders of the Government of Bengal and persisted in the impossibility of granting his Consent — You will therefore determine Gentlemen whether the Fishery is to be made without the concurrence of the Dutch or to protest against the probable loss, and wait the result of their opinions on the produce of the next Year —

As the Subject has been so long protracted, and the Season is so far advanced I should certainly recommend to you to adopt the latter as the required number of Divers and Boats cannot now be collected in time and the Fishery may fall far short of public expectation, and leave the Dutch to result in our disappointment —

Whereas the deferring the Fishery till the next year will at least afford us the occasion to ascertain the value of it by their own calculation, and effectually defeat every intention they may have of keeping the English from a knowledge of this branch of Revenue —

As Mr Mckeen expounded this matter I concluded he would have come charged with the sentiments of his Superiors on the Subjects of your

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late application - but I found he did not think himself — authorised to discover openly upon them although he had the power to open your letter - he informed me he had — forwarded it to Columbo and seemed to be of opinion that Mr Vandegrave wd reserve to himself the adjustment of this matter with the Madras Government

In the course of our conference I think I discovered that they had no Summuds whatever to the Fisheries to the Government of the Pearl coast or to the Collection of Customs &c that they rest these pretensions alone on Ancient Custom, and date their possession of them from the time they received the Port of Tuticorin from the Portuguese without admitting their rights to be at all affected by the various Revolutions in the Carnatic in particular by the Conquests of the Nabob of Arcot

In speaking of their exclusive Privileges to the Manufacturs and exemptions of Trade &c Mr Mckim observed, he believed they could shew a grant for them from the Kings of Madura I have heard the Nabob has a Copy of it, and that it is of little or no avail —

In consequence of your Letter to me of 25th Ultimo desiring me to remit my Collections to Madras on the most moderate terms - I applied to the Sowcars and Merchants of Tinnivelly to remit the Sum of 30,000 Pagodas and the Terms they have — delivered

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delivered in exceed the Expence of 10 ℔ ℅ Cent for Premium and other charges—their Bills to be paid in Porto novo Pagodas and the light at the long period of Ten weeks—their reason for this increase upon the usual demands they tell me is owing to the war...

In the hope that the Board may obtain more favorable terms at Madras I have not closed with them, and have the honor to be—

Tranquebar
15th March 1791

&c &c
(signed) Benjn Torin
Collector of Tranquebar

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe Secy

Resolved for the reasons urged by Mr Torin that the Pearl Fishery be dispensed for another Year—

The Acting President informs the Board that he is in Negotiation with the Dewan here for more favorable terms of Remittance than those proposed by the Dewan and Merchants of Tranquebar of which he will give due Notice as soon as their Proposals are delivered to him—

Read the following Letter from Mr William Balfour, one of the Agents for Clothing

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

From Mr H. Balfour one of the agents for Cloathing - appears for an arrears of cash on account of the Lascar Cloathing - and for the amount of Cloathing furnished for the Artillery Recruits sent to the Center Army and the Twelve additional Companies of Sepoys raised in the Guntoor and Masulipatam Districts

The Lascar Cloathing for the last year being now nearly completed. I take the liberty to request — you will be pleased to issue to the Military Agency the Sum of Pagodas 6008 as usual on that Account

I have the honor to lay before you an Account Charges of Cloathing furnished by order of the Military Board for 222 Artillery Recruits who joined the Center Army under the Command of Colonel Holly and who having just arrived in the Country no Stoppages were made on their Account, nor would they have received Cloathing for that year had they not been ordered on actual Service - -

The Amount being Pag.s 657. 6. 55

I request you will order to be discharged -

Government having thought proper to augment the Establishment of the Sepoy Battalion about the Middle of last year were pleased to pass an Order to the Military Agency under Date the 28th May 1790 to complete the Cloathing according to the new Establishment which consisted of two Companies

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in each Corps more than formerly—

The additional cloathing of 4 Batt.ns in the Masulipatam and 2 in the Ganjam District was however only issued owing to the Indents from the other Corps not having been sent in.— The Amount for the cloathing of these 12 Companies I have the honor to enclose and to request that you will likewise be pleased to order the Payment thereof. Amount to Pagodas 1744. 29. 46.—

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Medows
for the Military Agency

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Bills be discharged by a Bill on Bengal at the Exchange of 390 S.R. ₹ 100 Star Pagodas—

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.—

Proceedings of the Hospital Board consisting of the Members of the Board of Trade & Col.o Wilkinson Deputy Adjutant from Fort St George requesting that a General Order may be published notifying the Resolutions of Government on the Subject of Bazar Musicians—

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Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson, inclosing extract of a Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Bridges stating that he was under the necessity of sending Mr Tootton Surgeon to the Coast

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Regiment with the Detachment
under command of Lieut Cobb
Oldham, and of removing Mr
Boswell from the 25 Battn
of Native Infantry to the 6th
Battalion.

The Hospital Board
recommend that Mr Kincaid —
Surgeon at Poonamalle, where
his Services are not at present —
much wanted, be directed to take
charge of the Detachment, and
that Mr Trotter return to his
Regiment. Mr Boswell to
return to his former station as
soon as Mr Stile reaches the
6th Battalion. —

Several accounts having
been sent in from the Assistant
Surgeons of Native Corps. for
Bazar Medicines and ns —,
mode having been yet adopted
for furnishing those Articles
— The Hospital Board hope
Government will be
pleased

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pleased to determine whether the stipulated sums suggested by the Hospital Board, or the Committee recommended by the Commissary General is to take place - and that a General Order may be issued in conse=
=quence —

(signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General
" A Kaine
acting chief Surgeon
" Wm Dudgeon
Head Surgeon

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Appointments recommended by the Hospital Board be published in General Orders

Do

Read, & that it be published by notice that no Bill for Bazar[illegible]ines for the sick in the Out Garrisons shall be encouraged in future by the Medical Storekeeper until it has been previously examined and certified by the Committee of Stores at the Out Garrisons who are to ascertain the Quantity and observe the regulated Prices of the different Articles charged - and that when the Bills shall amount to upwards of ten Pagodas the Surgeon's

Agent

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Assistant is with the Bill to lay before the Committee a Copy of that Return which he transmits Monthly to the Hospital Board—

The Board hope the above Arrangement will prove a sufficient check against the Introduction in future of any improper charge under the Head of Buzar Medicines—

Do

Lieut Brunton's Bill for Secret Service Money to be discharged—

The Acting President recommends that Lieutenant Bruntons Bill for Secret Service — Money while in the Command of Pennacail amounting to Pagodas 84-24 Fanams be discharged by the Military Paymaster General—

Ordered accordingly—

Read the following Letter from

Lieut R. [illegible] this Day

Do

William Colle. Jackson Esq

Military Secretary—

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of 19th Instant

From Lieut R.L Hudleston a sufficient number of Horse Keepers and Grass cutters may be procured for the Horses now in the market—

and in answer to your question relative to the Horsekeepers and Grasscutters, have the pleasure to inform you that a sufficient Number may be procured; inasmuch as I have already made a considerable progress in providing them: and expect to have completed the number requested before the purchase of the horses can have taken place.

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(signed) R. Hudleston

The Horses reported by Lieut Hudleston to be fit for the Native Cavalry to be purchased

Agreed that the Horses reported by Lieut Hudleston in his Letter of the 15th Instant to be fit for the Native Cavalry be purchased upon the most advantageous terms to the Company—

Read the following Letters from Bengal—

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

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal requesting to be informed whether the public Service on the Coast will require any and what Supplies of Hospital Stock and Arrack in addition to the Quantity already provided by Contract

Sir

The Board wishing to be informed whether the Public Service on the Coast will require any and if any what Supplies of Hospital Stock and Arrack in addition to the Quantity which is already provided by Contract and being unwilling [illegible] Lord Cornwallis at this period of Active Service on the subject, I am directed to request that the Madras Board will be pleased to make the necessary Communication thereupon to this Government, and acquaint them when they would wish to receive the Supplies, should any be wanted—

An early answer is requested to this Reference, that no time may be lost in

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in securing a good Supply of wholesome Spirits if desired —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) J. Tombille,
Substitute.

Fort William
the 2d of March 1791

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

From the Substitute at Bengal complaining of neglect in the transmission of the Accounts of the Kings Troops from this Presidency —

Sir,

No Materials having been yet received from your Presidency to enable the Officers of this Government to state the Accounts between the Crown and the Company to a later period than the 24th of June 1789. I am directed to repeat the former Requisitions of the Board on this subject and to request that every Exertion may be made to furnish the necessary Accounts regularly and as soon as possible after

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after every 24th of June & 25th of December—

Fort William
the 2d of March 1791

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) I Tombelle
Secretary

Minute on the Letter from Bengal respecting Spirits

Agreed that Mr Roebuck the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors be desired to state whether the Public Service on the Coast will require any and what Supplies of Rum or Arrack in addition to the Quantity which has been already provided by Contract—

Do respecting the Kings Accounts

Ordered that the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops be desired immediately to furnish the Accounts required to the latest Period of Examination and to state the Reason why they have not been sent to a later Period than the 24th of June 1789—

Read

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Substance of a Petition from Capt. Godfrey of the Invalids

Read a Petition from Captain Godfrey of the Invalids as entered in the Mins— No 138 praying to be appointed to the Command of the 7th Revenue Battalion—

Minute thereon

As Captain Godfrey has served the Company in Active Situations a great many Years and has a large Family to support without the means of subsisting them it is agreed that his Case be recommended to Major General Musgrave—

The Company's Bond and Original Tittle Deeds of a house in the Fort received from the Paymasters at Vellore & Masulipatam to be deposited in the Company's Cash Chest

Resolved that the Company's Bond for two thousand Pagodas received from Mr William Harcourt Forians in Part of the Security required of him as Paymaster at Vellore and that the Original Tittle Deeds of a House situated in Fort St George in lieu of the Security required of him as Paymaster at Masulipatam,

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Mess.rs Speke are lodged in the Company's
Cash Chest.

Chas. Oakeley.

G. Balmain Esq.r

I. Huddleston

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Diary

23d Sent the following Letters

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General

&c &c &c

My Lord

To Earl Cornwallis — congratulating him on the Success of his Assault on the Pettah of Bangalore notifying the Resolutions of the Board respecting the public Interment of the Remains of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse —

Our acting President has communicated to the Board the contents of your Lordships letter of the 8th by which we have the pleasure to learn the success of your assault on the Pettah of Bangalore, and the consequences attending it, which seem to have been most fortunate. —

at the same time that we express our satisfaction in this occasion, we sincerely feel with your Lordship, the loss we have sustained by the death of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse. The merits of this Officer are so conspicuous, and have been tried on so many occasions that we have thought it incumbent on us to manifest our respect to his Memory by the following resolution in which we shall be happy to receive your Lordship's concurrence — we have sent a copy of it to General Medows, who will

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we are confident, cond his best aid to our solicitation.

"Government having received advice of the Death of
"Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse who was killed in a
"the assault of the Pettah of Bangalore the 7th Inst.
"Instant, Resolved as a Testimony of Respect
"to the memory of an Officer who has served
"the Company many years with distinguished
"Zeal, Spirit and ability that his Remains
"with the Permission of the Ministers and the
"Church Wardens be publickly interred in
"the Church of Fort St George at the Company's
"Expence and a Marble Tablet fixed over
"his Grave, with a suitable Inscription in
"commemoration of his merits — Resolved
"likewise that a Letter be written to Earl
"Cornwallis to inform him of this Intention
"and to request His Lordship will be pleased
"to direct that the Body of the late Lieutenant
"Colonel Moorhouse be moved to the Presidency
"as soon as the Situation of Affairs will permit.

We have the honor to be
with Respect
Sir
Your
[Signed] Charles Oakeley
for Council

Fort St George
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To The Honble. Major General Medows

Governor &c &c &c

Honble Sir

To Major General Medows - advice of mr Hoare having been appointed Paymaster to the army - communicating that the Resolutions of the Board regarding the Public Interment of the Remains of Lt. Colonel Moorhouse

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 12th Instant, & in consequence of your Recommendation, have appointed Mr George Hoare to succeed Mr Colt, as Paymaster to the Grand army.

The Merits of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse who was Killed in the Assault of the Pettah of Bangalore on the 7th Instant, are so conspicuous, and have been tried into many occasions, that we have thought it incumbent on us to manifest our respect to his Memory by the following Resolutions, in which we shall be happy to receive your Concurrence - We have written to Lord Cornwallis on the Subject, and have expressed to his Lordship our full Confidence, that you will lend your best aid to our Solicitation. -

"Government having received advice of the "Death of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse who "was Killed in the Assault of the Pettah of

Bangalore

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23° "Bangalore the 9th Instant, Resolved - as a Testimony of Respect to the Memory of an Officer who has served the Company many years with distinguished zeal, spirit, and ability, that his Remains be, with the permission of the Ministers and Church Wardens publicly interred in the Church of Fort St George at the Company's Expence, and a Marble Tablet fixed over his Grave, with a suitable Inscription in commemoration of his Merits - Resolved likewise that a Letter be written to Earl Cornwallis to inform him of this Intention and to request His Lordship will be pleased to direct that the Body of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse be moved to the Presidency as soon as the Situation of Affairs will permit."

We have the Honor to be

Fort St George
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Sir & &
(signed) Charles Oakeley
Your Comml

To

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

Honorable Sir

To Major General Medows with the present State of the Revenue Corps - officers recommended to fill up the Vacancies

We beg leave to inform you, that we have postponed to this time the Publication of your Recommendation respecting appointments to the Revenue Corps, because there were several Vacancies that required to be filled up, and that we wished to make the order complete - These Corps at present stand as follows -

1 Battalion Commanded by Captain Pearson
2d do - Vacant - Lieutenant Harrison recommended
3 - do - Commanded by Lieutenant Price -
4 - do - do - Lieutenant Stevenson
5 Battalion Commanded by Captain Hodgson
6 do - do Captain Moore
7 do - vacant - Lieutenant Henderson recommended
8 do - will be vacant upon the Resignation of Lieutenant James Innes -
9 do - Captain Bowey recommended - but he is in Europe
10 do - Captain Everett recommended
11 do - Captain Dighton do - } Native Officers
12 do Lieutenant S. Camp recommended
13 do - Vacant - Captain Towne was recommended, but his Name has been since struck out -
14 - do Lieutenant Pagan Shaw recommended. -

Captain

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Captain Godfrey having laid before us a Surgeons Certificate stating his ill Health, we have at his own Request placed him upon the Invalid List – But as he has served the Company in other situations a great many years and has a large Family to support without the means of subsisting them we should be pleased to recive your recommendation that he be appointed to the Command of the 7th Invalid Battalion, at vice Turing – and that Lieutenant Henderson be appointed to the 13th instead of Captain Toone – The Command of the 8th & 9th Invalid Battalions will still remain vacant, but so soon as we are furnished with the Names of the Officers, whom you may wish to recommend, we shall issue the necessary General Order. –

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

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Yr Council

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To Colonel Capper
M^r Benjamin Roebuck
Georg^e Moubray
and Joseph Farrow
Gentlemen

Committee for inquiring into the Charges against the administration of M^r Holland. —

To the Committee for investigating the Charges against the administration of M^r Hollond — steps to be taken for ascertaining the fact regarding the corrupt Process by which M^r Colt is supposed to have obtained his appointment of Paymaster to the army. —

I am directed to enclose Copy of a Letter from M^r Olivier Colt declining to give a Satisfactory answer to a Question put to him by the Board. —

You are desired to examine such Evidence as you may think necessary towards establishing the Fact regarding the corrupt Process by which M^r Colt is suspected to have obtained his appointment of Paymaster to the army. —

I am

Fort S^t George
23^d March 1791

Sir
Your most obed^t Hble Serv^t
Signed / W: C Jackson
Sec^y

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. N^o 139. 140.

From the Paymaster at Madura — stating

From the Paymaster at Madura

that he has never seen any order directing that Paymasters should make known to the Commanding Officers of Garrisons their intention of issuing Pay to the Troops and repeating his assertion of having been seized by an armed Guard in the Execution of the Duties of his Employ. —

From

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From the Widow of the late Serjeant Major Jones — stating that she is entirely destitute of the common Necessaries of Life, and praying that some Allowance may be granted her for the Maintenance of herself and three helpless Children. —

From the Widow of the late Serjeant Major Jones

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr B. Nos 141 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.

To the Gentlemen composing the Vestry of St Mary's Church with a Copy of the Boards resolution in consequence of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse communicating their Wish that his remains should be publicly interred in St Mary's Church at the Company's Expence. —

To the Gentlemen composing the Vestry of St Mary's Church. —

To the Hospital Board — with an Extract of a General Order respecting Bills for Bazar Medicines. —

To the Hospital Board

To Mr G. Hoar — appointed Paymaster to the Army in the room of Mr Colt — directing him to proceed to Camp with all possible dispatch on the Expedition. —

To Mr G. Hoar

To Mr. C. Colt — to deliver over charge of the Employ of Paymaster to the Army to Mr George Hoar. —

To Mr C. Colt

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To the Commandant at Chingleput — permitted
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To the Commandant at Chingleput

to proceed to the Presidency —

To Major General Musgrave — with Copy of the
To major General Musgrave. —

General order published in consequence of the Death

of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse. —

To Do — Lieutenant Moyer will be permitted to
To Do. —

proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health — no

advance of Cash can be made on account of his Passage

money as it is expressly forbidden by the orders

of the Court of Directors — his Case will however

be particularly mentioned in the next Dispatches

To the Commissary and Comptroller General
To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts. —

of army Accounts — Mr. Surveyor John Campbell's

Bills which accompanied his Letter of the 13 Septr

last cannot, by the Regulations of the Service, be

admitted. —

To Mr. Secretary Hay — with a List of
To Mr. Secretary Hay

Dancies &c. arrived from Bengal

To the Committee for investigating the accounts
To the Committee for investigating the accounts of the Kings Troops

of the Kings Troops — with Copy of a Letter from Bengal —

to Jurnish immediately the accounts therein required,

to the latest Period of Examination, and state the reason

why they have not been sent to a later time than the

24th June 1789.

To

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To Lieutenant A. J. Huddleston of the 5 Regiment Native Cavalry —

To Lieutenant A. J. Huddleston — directing how to purchase the Horses reported in his Letter of the 18th Instant, to be fit for the Native Cavalry, upon the most advantageous terms to the Company — and to lay before the Board a List, shewing the Price, Colour, age, and Sex, of each Horse.

To the acting agent for Spirituous & Liquors —

To the acting agent for Spirituous Liquors — on the Copy of a Letter from Bengal to lay before the Board without Loss of time the information therein required respecting the Supplies of Spirits which may be wanted on the Coast, in addition to the Quantities already provided by Contract —

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams army

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams army — approving his having made application to Captain Kennaway for the purpose of obtaining a Pass Current of the Nizams Buzar — authenticated Copies of his accounts to be laid before the Commanding Officer — the originals to be despatched to Captain Kennaway —

To the Board of Approved Revenue

To the Board of Approved Revenue — the Pearl Fishery to be opened for another year as recommended in their Letter of the 21 Instant — informing them, that the acting President is in

negociation

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23 Negociation with the Sowcars here for the remittance of money from Tinnevelly to the Presidency whose Terms are expected to be more favorable than those mentioned in their Letter above alluded to. —

To the Paymasters in the Tchapore Districts at Pongole & Chingleput informing them that if their several collateral Security Bonds be not immediately returned duly executed the Board will be under the necessity of removing them from their Offices. —

To the Paymasters in the Tchapore Districts & and at Pongole & Chingleput

To the Paymaster at Madura stating that his Offer of depositing the Sum of Five thousand Pagodas as Security for the regular Disbursement of the Public money intrusted this Charge cannot be accepted & that a sufficient Security must be immediately provided upon pain of removal from his Office. —

To the Paymaster at Madura

To the Paymaster at Masulipatam directing him to return immediately the mortgage Bond of his house in the Fort which

To the Paymaster at Masulipatam

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93 which he offered as his Collateral Security as
Paymaster of Masulipatam —

24th Received the following Letter from the
Secretary to Major General Musgrave —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary

Sir

From the Secretary to Major General Musgrave — inclosing an application from Lieutenant Bigsbee to proceed to Europe on the Hawke

I am directed by Major General Musgrave to transmit to you a letter received from Lieutenant Boisdauné and to request that you will lay it before the Worshipful Presidency Council. —

March 24th 1791

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) M Symes Secy

Major General Musgrave
Commander in Chief
of the Forces on the Coromandel

Sir

I have the Honor to request Commission &c. repair to England, in the Hawke Indiaman, for the Space of one year, after my arrival there —

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24th I should not have thought of applying at this time, of War, had not business of a most urgent nature, made it necessary, for me to attend the Widow of the Late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse. I therefore Solicit you, to lay this Letter before the Honble Government. — and have the honor to be

Madras
24 March 1791

&c &c
(Signd) E. Boisdaune
Lieut

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

John Hudleston Esqr

The Honorable Major Genl Medows

absent upon Service

Friday
25th March
1791 —

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Read the following Letter & Enclosure

from the Military Board —

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting Lieutenant in Council

Sir

In obdience to your Commands of the 19th Instant, We have now the honor to Submit the Forms of an advertisement for providing the Military Cloathing - but as the period for dispatching it must depend upon the disposition of the different Corps, and upon the Seasons of the year for Conveying it by Sea, We beg leave to suggest, whether it would not be more Eligible to advertize a Contract, annually, for this purpose -

From the Military Board with the Form of an Advertisement for providing the Military Cloathing necessary for a Contract to be published annually -

In explanation of the cause of the advertisement being thus long delayed, We trust it will be sufficient to mention that it has solely arisen from a Desire on our part, to be furnished with the Invoices, and many other particulars, necessary to our Information, before we could consider it as complete, which however we did not receive until a few days ago from the Agent

We have the to be
&c &c
(Signed) Thos Musgrave
J Capper
Patrick Ross
George Hall

Fort St George
23d March 1791.

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Public Notice is hereby given that, Sealed Proposals of Contract will be received by Government on, or before the Twenty fifth day of April next, for providing the Cloathing of the Honble Company's European Troops under this Presidency for the year 1792, and of the Native Troops of every Description for the year 1791, under the following Stipulations Viz.t –

1st That the Contractor shall undertake to complete the European Cloathing he engages to furnish, so as to be prepared to dispatch it from, or deliver it at this Presidency on the 1st January 1792, and that of the Sepoys on the 1st December next, or as soon after as he may be required. –

2d That he shall be regulated by the Indents of the Commanding Officers of Corps as to the quantity he is to provide for each Corps which Indents shall be transmitted to the Contractor, so as to reach him at the Presidency Six Months before the Cloathing is to be issued. –

3d The Cloathing of Europeans and of Drummers and Fifers both of European and native

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Native Corps, is to consist of 1 Coat and 1 Hat, with
Cockade, Band, and Looping, agreeably to Musters,
and that of the native Troops, of one Coat only—

5th. There being a Stock of Materials
the Possession of the Company, the Contractor
is to indent on the Import Warehouse Keeper
for such number as he shall occasionally
require and is to allow for them on the Settlement
of his Accounts at the undermentioned rates,
being the average Prime Cost

	£	Cash
Sergeants Hats &c	1	7 4.
Privates Do		10 40.

6th. On the new Sepoy Establishment
there are fifty Recruits attached to each Corps
for whom Cloathing has been made up, but as
it is probable that all the Corps may not
have completed to their Establishment, the
Contractor shall engage to receive from the
late Agents, at this Contract Prices, such part
of the Cloathing, as may remain on hand of
consequence, as well as any other Cloathing of
the Troops in general for the preceding year—
which shall have been provided by authority—

7th. The Musters of each article of
Cloathing

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Clothing are to be seen at the office of the Secretary to the Military Board, having his Office Seal affixed to them, and the Contractor is particularly to attend to the three distinct Sizes in which the Muster Coats are prepared, and to furnish each Corps with an equal proportion of Coats of the different Sizes and such of the European Corps, as shall be at the Presidency are to be allowed to send any men they may have of an extraordinary Size, and whom the largest Muster Coats could not be made to fit, to the Contractors Taylor to be measured for their Clothing And if at Out Garrisons or Stations, there should be required Coats that cannot be furnished from the three Sizes aforementioned, the Size of such men must be particularized in the Indent, of Clothing sent to the Contractor, to which he must accordingly attend.—

7th The Qualities of the Cloths, of which the Coats of the different Ranks are to be made, shall be agreeably to Musters, which may be seen, as aforementioned.—

8th Whatever Quantity of

Cloth

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Cloth may be requisite for preparing the Clothing shall be delivered to the Contractor upon Indent to the Honble Company's Warehouses at Invoice Prices and to be accounted for by him, on the final adjustment of his Accounts, which are to be inspected and settled by the Committee of Officers annually assembled at Fort St. George, for the Distribution and adjustment of the Off Reckoning Fund, when the Balance of the Contractors accounts will be paid him, and the Contractor shall not be at liberty to purchase any Cloth, otherwise than from the Company's Warehouses, which can be supplied from thence.—

6th The Proposals are to specify the Rates in Star Pagodas, at which the complete Clothing of the several Ranks (including the Rate of Europeans &c. and distinguishing the Artillery from the Infantry and Cavalry) is to be prepared and delivered in Fort St. George, after having undergone a previous Inspection in the Contractors Warehouses, or Godowns at this Presidency by a Committee of Officers to be held on the days specified in the second article above Certificate of the quality and due Corre-

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must accompany the Delivery of it, and in case the Cloathing should be rejected by this Committee the Contractor may require the Inspection of three Members of the Military Board, whose Rejection of it will be final, and subject him to the Penalties of a breach of Contract.—

10th That the Contractor shall, after this Inspection has taken place, deliver whatever portion of it is intended for the European and Native Troops in the Garrison of Fort St. George to the respective Commanding officers, free of any additional Expense.—

11th That any Individual Proposer may offer his Terms, either for supplying the whole Army or the following Portions thereof, Separately—Viz.t

12th The one Portion to consist of the Effectives and Invalids of

The European artillery

The European Infantry—

and the other Portion, of the Effectives and Invalids of the—

native Cavalry
native Infantry
Governors Body Guard
artillery Lascars—

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13th Advances will be made in Cash to the Contractor or Contractors, in the following proportions, to enable them to prepare the Cloathing &c.

For the European Cloathing

Twenty per Cent. upon the computed Number of Suits of Cloathing, engaged to be furnished, to be advanced in Cash on the Execution of the Contracts.

Fifteen per Cent on the 15th July and Ten per Cent more, on the 1st September following

For the Native Cloathing

Twenty per Cent to be advanced on the Execution of the Contract.

Fifteen per Cent on the 15th July and Ten per Cent on the 1st September following

14th The Calculation of the advances to be made by the Commissary General of Army Accounts from the Musters compared with the last Returns in the Adjutant General's Office.

15th Each Proposal to be given in, must specify the names of Two Good and sufficient Securities, who shall be bound

jointly

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jointly and severally, with the Contractor, for the advances made by the Company and for the due performance of the Contract, in a Penalty of — Twenty five per Cent upon the Computed — Amount of such part of the Contract engaged for, as shall not be performed agreeably to the Terms thereof, and the proposals to be Superscribed upon the Outward Cover "Proposals for Cloathing the Honble Company's Troops, on the Madras Establishment"

16th The Invoice Price, the Breadth and Length of the several Kinds of Cloths and Perpetuanoes, required for the Cloathing, may be learnt on Inquiry of the Import Warehouse Keeper.—

Minute thereon. Resolved, at the Recommendation of the Military Board, that, that a Contract be advertised annually for transporting the Military Cloathing.—

Do Resolved that a Copy of the advertisement now before the Board, be published in the next Madras Courier.—

Read the following Letter from the Committee for enquiring into the charges against

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From the Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the Administration of Mr Holland. Copies of Papers wanted in order to enable them to commence upon their Enquiry into the Subject of the Transactions supposed to have taken place in the Tanjore Country during the Administration of Mr H. of the Receipt to the Rajah of Travancore declining answering any Questions respecting Money Transactions between his Master and Mr Holland.—

against the Administration of J. Mr Holland.—

The Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council &c

Honble Sir.

We have received Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 21st Instant, directing that we should lose no time in Examining the Servant of the Rajah of Tanjore, that he may not be detayed in his Return to his Master who is accordingly summoned hither to appear immediately but he has acquainted us that he is not recovered from the fatigues of his journey; and has requested to be excused attendance until his health is re-established, We shall as directed complete his Examination with all possible expedition so soon as he is able to attend.—

We have to request that your Honor will give directions for our being furnished with copies of the Treaty made with the Rajah of Tanjore in the time of Sir Archibald Campbell, together with any Orders that were transmitted from the Honble

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the Court of Directors on the Subject of this
Pagoda cash and the Subsidy to be paid by him,
specifying the time such Orders were received
in this Country and the period when they
were carried into execution by the Government
here, that we may have some ground for
the commencement of our Enquiry into the
subject of the Transactions supposed to have
taken place during the administration of
Mr. Holland We likewise beg leave to
request that we may be furnished with any
other papers or Orders which may tend to
give any insight into the subject. –

The person who has acted as
Vakeel to the Rajah of Travancore, and
whom we in consequence of your Orders,
have called upon, has declined answering any
Questions put to him on the subject of Money
Transactions with the Rajah, during Mr.
Holland's Government, unless authorized
by an express permission from the Rajah
himself; We beg that the Resident at
Travancore be instructed to obtain such
permission under the hand and seal of the
Rajah

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Rajah to be transmitted to Government, that the same may be delivered by us to the Vakeel here, and that the Resident be directed to make enquiry from the Rajah in person, what Sums were demanded of him publicly or privately during the administration of Mr Holland, and what Sums were actually paid and to whom.—

We are with great Respect

&c &c—

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25th March 1791.

(Signed) J. Capper
Benjn Roebuck
Geo. Mowbray
Joseph Gamon

Minute thereon.

Ordered that Copies of such
upon Record which can be of Service to the
Committee in their Inquiry into the Subject
of the Transactions supposed to have taken
place in the Tanjore Country during Mr
Holland's administration, be immediately
furnished.—

Agreed that Mr Powney be
directed

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directed to use his best Endeavours to ascertain
from the Rajah of Travancore what Sums
Minute thereon. were demanded of him publickly or privately
during Mr Holland's Government, and what
Sums were actually paid and to whom, P
informing him that as he values the P
Company's Favor, he must declare the Truth,-

Agreed also that Mr P
Do. Powney be instructed to obtain the Rajah's
Permission for the Examination of the
Vackeel before the Committee.-

Read the following Letter
from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham.-

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

from Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham applies for the Gratuity of a Lieutenant Colonel from the Date of his resignation until the time of his Departure for Europe and for an allowance for house rent while employed to the Southward.—

Honble Sir,

Having requested permission
to resign my Station, on the assistant it was
thought necessary by the Faculty that I
should proceed to Europe for the recovery of
my Health, with the View that the Public
Service might not suffer by a want of P
the established number of Field officers with
the

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the artillery in the Field, I hope your Honble
Board will be pleased to order that the Gratuity
of Lieutenant Colonel be continued to me
untill the time of my departure of which
the Officers who have been fated by my designation
cannot I conceive on justice complain, and
I beg leave to add as a further proof of the
reasonableness of my Claim, that after the
arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Gillespie in
India a senior officer to myself, I received
only the Gratuity of an Major, tho' holding
the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel and the
the actual Command of a Corps, untill by
the death of Lieutenant Colonel Tanner that
Officer succeeded to a Battalion - Army joining
the second Battalion of Artillery to the
Southward in the months of October 1789
finding that no Quarters were allowed for
the Commanding Officer of that Station,
I was under the necessity of renting a House
at 15 Pagodas pr month to avoid the alternative
which my Predecessor had been obliged to adopt
of having a Tent, an alternative
which at that Season would not only have
been

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been very inconvenient to me, but have put the Company to a much greater expence than the allowance of House rent at the above rate and I therefore request your Honble Board will order me to be reimbursed for the time I was to the Southward being 5 months or Pagodas 175 –

I have the honor to be with great respect. –

Fort St. George 24th. March 1791. –

do. do.
(Signed) W. Sydenham

Minute thereon.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham, that his request to receive the Gratuity of a Lieutenant Colonel after he ceased to be an effective Officer of the Establishment cannot be admitted, because, the General Orders of the 13th September 1788 establish, that "in case of Promotion the date "of the General Order that announces it, "shall be considered to and from which the "Gratuity is to be drawn in the old and new "Ranks respectively," consequently, those Officers who were promoted upon his Resignation cannot be deprived of the allowance

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allowances attached to their respective
Ranks.-

Minute thereon

With respect to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham's claim for House Rent, it is agreed that he be, as usual allowed to draw on this account for the Time he was to the Southward at the rate of five Pagodas per Month.-

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway

W. Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department

From the Resident at Hyderabad with the Contractors Bills for the Arrears of Pay due to the Detachment for the months of August, September, and October recommending the mode of discharging the Amount.-

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board Copy of a Letter I have received from Mr. Paymaster Brown with three Bills of the Contractors agent and his application for payment of them which were enclosed I beg to be favored with the Boards Commands concerning them and if they should obtain their sanction I would recommend their being paid

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paid by drafts on Bengal at the common rate of Exchange in the same manner as some former ones were discharged by Mr. Malcolm by an order on Fort St. George. The state of the Money Currency will not well bear their being Defrayed in Camp, and the rate at which I procure Cash here for Bengal Bills is not less at present A than 10 P. Cent.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Paanguel —
6 March 1791.

To John Kennaway Esqr.
Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

The agent to the Bullocks & Contractors having applied to me for payment of certain Bills forwarded to him for that purpose by one of the Contractors, I have the honor to enclose Copies of the same for your information I beg to be furnished with your instructions respecting the discharge of them. I think it necessary A

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to observe that I have not received any Orders from Government on this Subject, nor am I otherwise enabled to Judge of the nature & propriety of the demand in question, by any intimation given me by the late Payt. to this Detachment regarding it. –

I have the honor to be

with respect. –

Dr. Sir

Signed Wm. Brown

Payt.

Camp near Cuddalore

26th Feby 1791

a true Copy

(Signed) Graeme Mercer

Aide de Camp

To Lieut. Adam Lindsay

Agent for the Contractors for Draught and Carriage Bullocks with the Hydrabad Detachment. –

Sir,

I send you the Contractors Bills for August September and October last for Bullocks supplied for the Camp Equipage Ordnance and Stores of your Detachment now under the Command of Captain Read of which I request you will

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will obtain payment.-

The Vouchers I keep here for

fear of Accident.-

Sam.l Lt.a

/Signed/ Thos. Cockburn

for the Contractors.

Madras

8th Feby 1791.

A true Copy of the Original

/Signed/ Wm Brown

Paymaster

a true Copy

/Signed/ Graeme Mercer

acty Assist.

agreed that the Contractors

Bills for the Months of August, September

and October 1790 be discharged by a Bill on

Minute thereon. Bengal at the Exchange of 390 Sicca Rupees

per 100 Star Pagodas - and that the Military

Paymaster General be directed to instruct

the Paymaster to the Detachment to credit

him for the amount, and debit the Commissary

General of Grain and Provisions in his Account.-

agreed that in future one

half of the amount of the Contractors Bills

do. be paid in Money in Camp, and Certificate

granted for the other Half.-

Read

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Read the following Letter

from Major Wynch. -

Mr. William Collin Jackson

Military Secretary.

From the Commandant at Pondicherry stating the authority under which he holds the appointment of Major General, Musgrave and applying for instructions for his future Guidance -

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant, with the Boards directions, that I will explain the cause of my not addressing them immediately upon the subjects contained in my Letter to Major General Musgrave under date the 5th Instant - I must beg leave to refer the Board to the accompanying Extract of a General Order issued the 18th October 1789, wherein I am directed to make all Reports and applications through my immediate Commanding Officer who is conceive to be Major General Musgrave in conformity to the General Orders of the 5th July 1791 nominating him Major General Musgrave for the Service of the Commander in chief, to take the Command of all the Troops remaining in the Carnatic, and in the different Stations within the limits of the Government of Fort St. George - I hope the

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The reasons assigned will prove sufficiently explanatory to the Board. By the order alluded to, I am forbid corresponding with the Board but through the Channel of my immediate Commanding officer and Commander in Chief — however should it be the wish of Government that I should in future address them direct, if any occurrence within the limits of my Command, I shall with the greatest pleasure do it —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
&c &c &c
18th March 1791

J. Wynch
Major Comm.g

Extract of a General Order by the Commanding Officer on the Coast Dated the 18th October 1789 —

Colonel Musgrave, is Concerned that there should be any necessity at present for Referring in this publick manner, to the General Orders of Government dated 2d April 1785, and 6th July 1786. The Colonel assures himself at the same time that some Recent instance of Neglect, and Irregularities, in

regard

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regard to the Choice of Applications for Military officers have occured more through Inadvertency than from their holding opinions subversive of the Military principle which their Superiors have thought it necessary to enforce by Orders Alluded to, and He expects that the officers in the Subordinate Divisions of the Army will be more attentive than they have been of late Particularly in the Northern Division, in making all Reports, and Applications, to Head Quarters, thro' their Immediate Commanding officers as directed in the Orders of the 16th March 1787.

Agreed to inform Major Wynch Head in future he is to correspond with the Board only, on such Points as relate to subjects of a Political nature and only as have reference to Regimental Detail and Military Discipline are to be addressed to the Commander in Chief

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob [as entered also in 66 N.o 58.]

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Translation from the Nabob Wauluujee to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From the Nabob with an account of the charities to the Gymiadars in the Districts of the Family Jaghires which has been omitted in the Calimate transmitted to him - applies for some original Mackilchas -

Dated 17.th Rajeb 1205 Hegery or 23.d March 1791

Received 24.th March 1791

Your Letter of the 10.th Rajeb answering to 16.th March 1791 with the Orders from the Board of Revenue for the Surrender of the Jaghiris of my Family, a list of Districts - composing the Jaghires, and copy of a Letter from the Board of Revenue to General Medows, - I have Received and understand the contents -

In consideration of the repeated applications of the several Members of my family for the restoration of their Jaghires, and the representations which they made of their distresses for want of subsistance, instead of entering into any discussion at present, I return you my thanks -

My Muttesuddies represent that after a deliberate investigation of the

several

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several stipulations, they will lay before me the par-
ticulars, when I shall request your favorable attention
to the final adjustment of the business.—

You write me that according
to my desire and the stipulations of the Treaty the
Sagheers of my Servants have not been included
in those of my family— this I understand and
am obliged by the Justice of my Friend— my
Servants are provided with Sagheers and a Month-
ly Stipend for their expences whilst they behave
well in their duty and attachment, but if they
fault therein, I am at liberty to resume their
Sagheers and to stop their Pay.—

In the Treaty the sum of
Pagodas 2,13,421 is provided for the Sagheers of
my family, and should be completly cov-
ered by those, exclusive of the expences of Cha-
ties to the Zemindars.— but perceiving by the
list enclosed to me in your Letter that you
have included these expences in the Jamab-
bundee of the Sagheer Districts, I have to re-
quest from your Justice and Friendship
that agreeably to the enclosed list Instruc-
tions to me by the Mutsuddies of the Cir-
cars the District of Sulwar be also given up
to make good the deficiency— otherwise

more

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none of my family will agree to pay the daily Charities out of their own allowance and the Poor will suffer severely from a want of Subsistance — By the surrender of Sultewar, both my Family and the Ryo-ruichdars will equally receive their Right —

I also observe by the list you enclosed to me, that the Jemabundees of some Districts are rated agreable to the Mut-chilkas of the Amildars, whilst, whilst the others are valued according to the Double-

I have therefore to request you will be pleased to furnish me with the original Mut-chilkas, Double and Yaumil Bauries of the Jaghire Districts, that my Multeseddies may thereby clearly understand the particulars of the Jamabundee of the several Villages therein —

What can I say more?

I have translation!

Joseph Gannon

D.n. Sr

Sir

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to the

An Account of the Expences of the Charity Commissioners in the districts of the Jaggeers

	Pags	Pags	Pags
In the City of Fort St. George			
In the City		21 1/2	
Ditto Peons		496. 2.	
Peons on Wandewash Ragun		124. 1/2	521. 5.
Chuckia Mallaar			85 h. 6
Vepoor			27. 1/2
Michery			24 6/4
Damarpauck			40. 11
Tenery		321. 9.	
Velumpauck		893. 1/2	1214. 10 1/2
Wandewash			31. 11/2
Shoalingaveram			2559. 10.
Mahommadul Gud			372. 10 1/2
Polour			224. 9 1/2 1047. 3/4
			289. 10 3/4
Vendor			
Mylas Gud			247. 4 1/2
Calva &c.			253. 7. 500 11 1/2
Sea Gud			9. 3/4
Pagodas		1127.	13 1/2

Remarks thereon —

The Board are well pleased to find the Nabab on every Degree satisfied with their Determination respecting the Jagheers — agreed that Copy of the Letter be sent to the Board of Aforesaid Revenue for their Opinion with respect to those Points on which the Nabab requires further Concession —

The

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The acting President lays before the Board the Proposals of some Soucars for the Remittance of Money from Tinnevelly—

The acting President lays before the Board the following Proposals which have been delivered to him for the Remittance of Money to the Presidency from Tinnevelly, and recomends that a Copy of them be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue— Ordered accordingly, and that as the terms are not favourable that it be left to that Board if they think it more eligible to bring the Surplus Revenue here in specie.—

his recommendation on the subject

Minute of the Board thereon

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor of

Fort S.t George

The Proposals of the Soucars—

The Representation of Soucars

If your honor will pay Money to the Bankers of our Bank house at Tinnevelly with the Premium of three p.r Cent. They will draw Bills upon us,

Payable

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Payable in two Months, The Money to be found them in Fanams there at 10½ Fanams p Pardonevo Pagoda, which Vale of Exchange shall not be allowed for one Month from the date hereof We entreat that some Sepoys may be ordered to escort the Money that shall be sent to us from thence by our Bankers- dated Thursday the 25th. March 1791

Gorredamadass Vullabdass
Swndowdass
Saggarmal Sadasiven Smoker

[Signed] Sivbarnath Gorrastah to
Harry Dull

A True translation as near as can be from the Original in Guzarat Language explained to me by Ram Doss Gorrastah to Samuel Dull

[Signed] Anna Sawmy
Interpreter

Read

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Read the following Letter

from the Gentlemen of the Vestry of St.

Mary's Church. —

To the Honble. Major General Medows

President Sir Charles Oakeley Bart } Members
and John Hudleston Esqr. } of Council

Honble Sir and Sirs

At the desire of the Vestry which

From the Gentlemen of the Vestry of St. Mary's Church — assenting to the Publick Interment of the remains of the late Lieutenant Colonel — Moorhouse in the Body of the Church —

was held in consequence of your Requisition of the 22. Instant, We have the honour to acquaint you that the Vestry give their assent to the Interment of the remains of the late Lieutenant Colonel — Moorhouse in the Church and to the fixing of a Marble Table over his Grave with a — Suitable Inscription in commemoration of his Merits. —

We have the honour to be

&c. &c. &c.

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/Signed/ Richard Leslie
A. Bell
Willm. Duffin Church Wn. } Ministers

The

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Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to observe the ready assent of the Gentlemen of the Vestry to the Interment of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse in the Church

Chas Oakeley

J Huddleston

G Belmain
Esqr

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To Colonel Capper
Mr. Benjamin Roebuck
George Moubray
and
Joseph Garrow

} Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the administration of Mr. Holland

To the Committee for enquiring relating the charges against the administration of Mr Holland with copies of Papers relating to the Transactions supposed to have taken place in the Tanjore Country during Mr. Hollands administration. Measures adopted to procure information on the subject of the pretended Transactions between the Rajah of Tanjore and Mr. Holland.—

Gentlemen

In consequence of your Letter of the 25th Instant, I am directed by the Board to transmit the accompanying Papers which contain every Circumstance upon Record that can assist your Enquiries into the subject of the Transactions supposed to have taken place in the Tanjore Country during the administration of Mr. Holland.—

The President at Trankenore has been directed to obtain Permission from the Rajah for the Examination of his Vackeel before the Committee. He has also been instructed to ascertain from the Rajah what Sums of Money were demanded of him publickly or privately during Mr. Hollands Government

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Government and what Sums were actually paid and to whom.—

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to
26th March 1791

Sam Gentlemen
acts &c.
Signed W. C. Jackson
Secretary.—

List of Papers sent to the Committee the 26th of March 1791—

Copy of the Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore 10 April 1787

Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 26th August 1788— and received at Madras 19th July 1789.

Dr. from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 25 February 1789.

Dr. from Dr. dated 2d March 1789

Copy of Mr Casamajors Minute in Council 11 August 1789.

Dr Mr Hollonds Minute in Council 25 September 1789— with the remarks of the Board thereon

Dr of Letter to the Resident at Tanjore 28 September 1789

Dr of Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore 30 October 1789— and of the Presidents Recommendation in consequence

Dr of Letter from Dr 25 December 1789 Minute of the Board and Mr Casamajors Remark thereon.

Dr.

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26. Do. of Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore
7 January 1790
Copy of Letter to the Accountant General
12 March 1790.
Do. of Letter from Do. and the Account
enclosed 16. March 1790
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
11 January 1791.—

To Mr George Powney,
Resident at
Travancore.—

To the Resident at Travancore — to procure information respecting Money Transactions between Mr. Holland and the Rajah — His Excellency has declined answering any Questions on this Subject without his Master's Permission —

Sir,

The Honorable Court of Directors, having instructed the Board to enquire into the Truth of the Reports prevailing in England, regarding the Corruption and Peculation which were said to obtain during the administration of Mr. John Holland and it being remembered that the Rajah of Travancore did actually pay, or promise to pay, a Sum of Money on Account of Mr. Holland, for the purpose of procuring the Company's aid, at the time he was threatened by Tippoo, I am directed to desire, you will use your best endeavours to ascertain from the Rajah what Sums were

demanded

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demanded of him publickly or privately — during the administration of Mr. Holland, and what Sums were actually paid, and to whom informing him that as he values the Company's favor he must declare the truth.

As the Person who has acted as Packeel to the Rajah of Travancore at the Residency, has declined answering any Questions put to him on the Subject of Money Transactions with the Rajah during Mr. Hollands Government, unless authorized by an express Permission from the Rajah himself, you are desired to obtain such Permission, and transmit the same without delay to the Board.

I am &c.

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Signed J. W. Jackson
Secretary

Received the undermentioned Letters & entered in Mss. Nos. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162 163. 164. 165. 166. 167.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal

From the Subsecretary at Bengal with Copy of a Return of Bullocks Drivers &c shipped on board the Lunnow.

From

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D°

From &c. — 26th From — with Copy of a Return of Horses Bullocks &c &c shipped on board the Henry for this Presidency. —

From the Commandant at Vellore — From the Commandant at Vellore reports that the Fort of Bangalore was in possession of the English army on the Evening of the 25th Instant

From Mr P. Mayne late a Captain in this Service. — From Mr Philip Mayne — with a Memorial & some attested Papers relative thereto which he requests may be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the next Dispatch. —

From the Commandant at Arnee. — From the Commandant at Arnee — with an account of the manner in which the Sum of Pagodas 200 has been expended in repairs to the Works at that Place

From the Head Surgeon at Vellore — From the Head Surgeon at Vellore stating that he has paid to Mr Torriano the Sum of 100 Pagodas, being the amount of the Refund due from him on the Books of the Comptroller General. —

From Mr James Buchanan — From Mr James Buchanan stating that the principal part of the Claim which he has repeatedly laid before Government, is money due to him from the Inhabitants

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26th Inhabitants in the Tinnivelly Country for Grain sold to them. —

From the Commissary General of Musters

From the Commissary General of Musters — enclosing an application from the Muster Master of the Southern Division for Stationary. —

From the Paymaster at Chingleput

From the Paymaster at Chingleput. — enclosing Venkataroyloo's Collateral & Security Bond which it was not in his power to return sooner in consequence of the absence of the Commandant. —

From the Commandant at Tiagar

From the Commandant at Tiagar. — receives Intelligence of a Body of the Enemys Horse being at Coveripatnam and that they were, sent there to cut off all communication with Bangalore.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B N.os 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave — Lieutenant Boisdauine must resign the Service, before he can have Permission to proceed to Europe.

To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham

To Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham — stating the orders which prevent the admission

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admission of his claim to the gratuity of a Lieutenant Colonel after he ceased to be an effective Officer - the usual allowance of 5 Pagodas per Month on account of House Rent will be granted him, for the time he was to the Southward.

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar.

To the officers Commanding in the Guntoor Circars - directing him on future to correspond with the Board only on such Points as relate to Subjects of a Political Nature.

To the Resident at Ganjam.

To the Resident at Ganjam - with Copy of a Petition from the Widow of the late Serjeant Major Jones to report whether the Prayer of it be well founded. -

To the Resident at Hydrabad.

To the Resident at Hydrabad - The Bullock Contractors Bills for the Months of August September and October last have been discharged by Bills on Bengal agreeably to the recommendation contained in his Letter of the 8th Instant directing him to make an arrangement, by which one half of the Amount of the Contractors Bill should be paid in Money

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26 Money in Camp and a Certificate granted for the other half. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue with Copy of a Letter from the Nabob &c respecting the Expence of the Charities in the Districts of the Family Jaghires and of the Proposals made by the Sowcars for the Remittance of Money Tinnevelly to the Presidency. —

To the Military Paymaster &c General. —

To the Military Paymaster &c General the Bullock Contractors Bills for extra Bullocks employed with the Ellore Detachment for the Months of August September and October to be discharged by a Bill on Bengal. —

27th Sent the following Letters

To Captain Jervis

To the Commander of the Company's Snow Scorpion — Salt Provisions to be conveyed on his Ship to Tellicherry. —

Commanding the Honble Company's Snow Scorpion

Sir

I am directed to desire you will receive on Board your Ship Eight Tierces of Salt Beef after which you will make the best of your Way to Tellicherry and deliver the accompanying Letter to the Chief and Factors on your arrival at that Place.

I am &c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

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To the Honble Major General Abercromby

&c. &c. &c.

To Major General Abercromby - with advice of the Salt Provisions sent to Tellicherry on the Scorpion.

Honble Sir,

We sent by the Arabian Star all the Salt Provision for the Companys Store and in addition to that Supply we now forward on the Honble Companys Snow Scorpion Eight Tierces of Salt Beef, being the whole quantity procurable at this Place, for Money. We have written to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry desiring they will apprize you of the arrival of the Scorpion and await your orders regarding the Disposal of the Provisions.

We have the honor to be with great Esteem

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) C. Oakeley

Governor &c. &c.

To Robert Taylor Esq.r

Chief &c. Factors at Tellicherry

To the Chief &c. Factors at Tellicherry - instructions regarding the Salt Provisions consigned to them on the Scorpion - —

Gentlemen,

In addition to the Supply of Salt Provisions sent round on the Arabian

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27th. Arabian Men We have shipped on the H. Honble Companys Snow Scarjoon and consigned to your Right Seven of Salt Beef - an Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed - &c

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

We are

Sir. Your Most Obt Servts

(Signed) C. Oakeley

Govr &c &c

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Received Letter from the Nabob (as entered in C.C. N.o 59.) with Copy of a Letter from his Son at Trichinopoly

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

respecting the Salute fired by his Highness's Troops on occasion of the Departure of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment

Received the following Letters from the Resident at Hydrabad. &c

W.

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To
W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board duplicates of my Letters to the Governor General of the 10. 11. and 13 Instant; which I request may be sealed and forwarded. —

I have the honor to be
Sr &c &c
(Signed) John Kennaway

P.S. I have this Instant received a Letter from Lieutenant Stewart under date the 12th Instant covering a Copy of his Letter of that date to the Governor General Copy of which is enclosed.

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship Judge Wurt marched two miles with his numerous Cavalry this morning

From the Resident at Hyderabad with duplicates of his Letters for Lord Cornwallis - and Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Stewart wherein he advises of the March of Judge Wurts army from Gooramchurlahs and expresses his apprehensions that its Junction with the Grand army will not be formed so soon as might be expected. —
Received 14th March 1791.

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27th.

morning, but as no intelligence has been received from Hyderabad Dung on whose arrival at Ismaelnuccoo our further advance depends I cannot venture to hint the probable time of our moving from hence. I attended the Rajah to saluting he Commands the best Cavalry I have seen in India they are very respectable not only on account of the excellence of the horses and equipments of the men, but the Character of their Chiefs many of whom are much more famous for Military Enterprize than for rank or family. The best proof of Money for present wants having been supplied is in the ready obedience of the whole to move without procrastinating The advances on arrears due to them. The Chiefs have agreably to Lord Wms orders sent away their families and useless Lumber I am sorry to observe the immense baggage and Carriage/mostly Bullocks/ in this Army the Bazar is already very extensive Tho' many of the

Bunyans

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27th Bunjarat with droves of grain Bullocks are dispatched for large supplies to — accompany the Army. Your Lordships — order for me to encourage Judge Want to move as fast as possible and your — opinion as timely communicated to me, in an Extract of your Letter to Captain Flennaway of the 21st ulto viz.t "and that it is also a material consideration with me that the movement of Cavalry only may be so rapid as to render it impossible for the Enemy to obstruct our Junction". have enabled me to urge Judge Want to advance with the utmost expedition to Bangalore however I am sorry to say that an addition to the above — obstacles of Baggage and Grain — Bullocks there appear to be others — against a speedy junction I shall — continue to urge the necessity for one and insist as far as possible on the Bagar and other Incumbrances being immediately reduced.

I am of opinion that it is impossible

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27th possible Judge Munro after making short & marches and many halts in spite of my remonstrances, and after the arrival of the Enemy between your Lordship and this army will apply to me for advice and that the only answer I shall give him there will be to leave his grain Bullocks Bagar and useless Lumber in the strongest Fort near him under a Detachment of the Polygars him to advance with his Cavalry to Foot and to advance with all possible join your Lordship with all possible speed. He has agreed to detache a strong advanced guard of Cavalry for the sake of security and intelligence wodways he will also employ the Polygars in front of the above guard and take means to communicate with your Lordship.

I have ventured to mention the answer I would give in the above prede- cament solely with the view of being honored with your Lordships opinion & concerning the propriety of it and re- -structions how to act in case of the pos- -sitive delays of Judge Munro in any other situation. In answer to my arguments for rapid movements, and the quotation of

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27.th of the above Extract of your Letter he re-
assured me to day in my Tent, but I
do not credit him entirely, that he re-
would only halt one night between
Ghut-gonnain and Bangalore, and that
if Tippoo should, as he was sure he would,
come between he was ready and determin-
ed to fight him. I approved of the re-
former, but requested he would relinquish
all Idea of the latter by adopting re-
rapidity. at the same time my Lord re-
from the view I have had of this Army,
I by no means think it unequal to re-
oppose Tippoos whole Cavalry. re

Anxious my Lord to act in every
thing agreeably to your wishes I take this
early occasion to solicit your Lordships
Instructions, which will no doubt reach
me before we arrive near Gurramcoonda.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm Stuart
Asst.

Goorumchurlah
12.th March 1791.

A true Copy
Grame Mercer
act.g asst.

Wm

1402

Fort S.t George 11 March 1791

William C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Pol.l Depart.t

From the Resident at Hyderabad lord Cornwallis expected to reach Bangalore the 7th Sent.r Judgement & Army to move on the 16th

Sir

I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Board that I have Letters from Lieutenant Stewart of the 15th Instant which mention that his Lordship the Governor General was to march from Oussoor to Bangalore the 7th Instant. Lieutenant Stewart in his intelligence from our army was dated the 5th

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most

(Signed) Josiah Harmaway

Paanguel
19th March 1791

Lieutenant Stewart adds that the Grand was to move the day following & had addressed a Letter to the Governor General to that effect

(Signed) J. H.

28th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B.A.or 175.

176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182.

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28.th

From the Officer Commanding
in the Guntoor Circar- will pay the strictest
attention to the orders of Government for
delivering the two 24 Pounders at Jonnacondah
and such 24 Pounders Shot as may be in the
Guntoor Circar, to the order of Captain --
Hennaway. --

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circars.

From the Secretary to Major General Musgrave - with a Letter from
Lieutenant Boisdauene containing his --
Resignation of the Service.

From the Secretary to Major General Musgrave

From D.o the General has --
approved the appointment of Lieutenant
M.c Kerras to be Secretary to Colonel --
Bridges as Commanding the Troops --
South of the Coleroon.

From D.o

From the Reverend M.r Swartz
- acknowledging the Receipt of the Boards
two last Letters - and stating, that he has
taken the necessary Steps in consequence.

From the Reverend M.r Swartz.

From the Paymaster at Trichino=
poley &c.a declaring that the Complaint --
brought against him of Irregularity in
paying the European Troops in the Garrison
of Carour is entirely groundless.

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoley.

From

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28th

From the Fort Adjutant at Trichinopoly.

From the Fort Adjutant at Trichinopoly - inclosing an Indent of Stationary used in his Office which the Comptroller General has refused to countersign without the Sanction of Government.

From the Secretary to the Military Board.

From the Secretary to the Military Board - requesting that the Commander of the Sydney Meadows may be directed to receive on board his Ship such Stores as may be rendered to him by the Commissary General of Stores.

From Lieutenant R. S. Hudleston.

From Lieutenant R. S. Hudleston - with a List of the Horses purchased for the use of the Native Cavalry - recommending that the amount of the Purchase Rqr. Pagodas 1775 / be immediately discharged

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Amount be discharged by the Military Paymaster General.

To Major General Musgrave.

Dispatched Letter to Major General Musgrave / as entered in MB N.o 183 / requesting him to take the necessary Measures for moving the Horses lately purchased for the use of the native Cavalry and for forwarding their March to Carnatic by way of Vellore.

A.C.

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Fort St. George 29th March 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

John Hudleston Esq.r

Tuesday
29th 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.

We have been honored with
your Commands of the 19th Instant. —

As the pay for a Subconductor
of Stores is not provided for in the Estimate
of the Expence of the Detachment serving
with the Nizam, and as no Reason is assigned
for this addition, we conceive the Amounts
should be refunded, as likewise the Picquet
Money

From the Military Board report on two Bills transmitted by Paymaster Brown — reasons which induced them to refer to Government Lieut.t Col.o Agdenham's Claim — recommendation respecting the Execution of Repairs to the Gun Carriages at Madura and the establishing fixed Rates for Shipping and Landing Ordnance — the Arsenal and Laboratory Books examined List of Stores received from the Military Store Keeper last Month.

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Money, unless a report is made of the Work done. —

We do not see occasion to comply with the Indent from Calicut for Bricks to its full extent at present, and have accordingly directed a Statement to be prepared of such Articles as appear to us immediately necessary, and which we propose to forward from Tellicherry, when the Stores, now under dispatch, shall arrive at that place. —

On the Claim of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham to Batta, Colonel Casper begs leave to remark that he is uninformed of this allowance being a Deduction from the Regulations of the Service, when claimed by an Officer absent on Sickness, otherwise he should not have presumed to refer it to your Consideration — The 8.th Article of the Regulations, respecting Batta and General allowances, relates only to Officers absent on private business and he believes that our Board at the time it was established

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established, intended to leave an opening for indulgence in particular cases, where an Officer, in a bad State of Health — might be unavoidably subject to an extraordinary Expence. —

With respect to any apparent Inconsistency in admitting Lieutenant Flemming to draw Horse allowance, when it was refused to the Officer in Command of the Pioneers with the — Grand Army, we beg leave to remark that we were induced to that recommendation, because our Engineer Officers detached on particular Service, have always been entitled to draw Horse allowance, which is not the case with a Pioneer Officer when similarly — Employed — and with respect to the removal of Lieutenant Flemming on order to save a further Expence on account of Batta, We beg leave to submit, as Tiagar is a very important Garrison whether it would not be advisable in the present state of Affairs, to —

appoint

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appoint Lieutenant Hemming to Tanjore as a Station, whereby any extra Expence would be equally avoided.

The Inspector of Stores at Tanjore having proceeded to Madura agreeably to Orders, for the purpose of Estimating the repair of the Gun Carriage at that Garrison, We request that he may be again ordered thither to execute the same and that the Paymaster may at the same time, be directed to issue the amount of Lieutenant Pugh's Estimate 137 Pc 30 Fo and to furnish him with as many of the Public artificers at Madura, as can possibly be spared.

The Rates for Shipping and Landing Ordnance having hitherto been indiscriminately charged at 10 Pagodas, We beg leave to Submit the accompanying as a more Eligible Arrangement, and to

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to recommend that the Rates
Specified therein may be consi-
dered, and publickly notified at
the Sea Gate, as fixed. —

We have examined the
Arsenal and Laboratory Books,
which are regularly brought up
to the End of the preceding months
— as also the Articles contained in
the accompanying List of Stores
Received from the late Military
Storekeeper in February, which —
being agreeable to musters, have
accordingly been received upon the
Company's Books. —

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We have the honor to be
Ja.s Fe.s & Fo.s
(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave
" I. Capper
" Patrick Ross
" George Hall
Rates

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Rates for Landing or Shipping heavy Guns and Mortars in the Roads of Madras, being such as may require Catamarans. —

No.	Caliber	Weight	Rate for Landing or Shipping each		Rate for Landing or Shipping each
	Iron Guns		Cwt. Q.	Pag.s	Each
1	42 Pd.r	67. 3	6	"	"
1	32 D.o	36. 2			
1	24 Pd.r	49 1	5	"	"
1	18 Pd.r	41 2			
1	12 Pd.r	32 "	4	"	"
1	9 Pd.r	28 2			
1	6 Pd.r	22 "			
	Brass Guns				
1	18 Pd.r	24 "			
	Mortar Brass 12				
1	13 Inch	25 3			

All Guns, Mortars, or Howitzers, whether of Iron or Brass that come within the Weight prescribed for the different rates, shall be Landed or Shipped at the Rates above Specified. —

And all Ordnance, either Iron or Brass, under the weight abovementioned, are to be Landed and Shipped, in the same manner and at the same Rate as other Stores, that is, by the Boat Load.

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List

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List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper for the Month of February 1791.

Tar	Barrels	2
Shumbeam Planks		8
Joists Teak		12
Comma Plank		1
Teak Timber		1
Potts and Pans		61
Firewood	Billets	2700
Gunny Bags Bengal new for packing		1117
Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder		40
Charcoal	Loads	800
Cocoanut Oil	Measr	65
Yoke Pins		100
Grease	Dabbers	9
Bullocks Collars		289
Gunny Twine	℔	5
Gunny needles		498
Gunny	Pieces	4360
Bengal Twine	Mds	8. 19½
Linseed Oil	Gallons	39
Paddy Hawk	Loads	41
Copper nails	℔	2
Coombog Hides		43
Borax	℔	75
Tedenag	℔	25
Salammoneac	℔	25
Wax Cloth	double Piece	16½
Scissors	Pair	2
Sewing needles		300
Cotton Rope	Coils	17½
Cotton Lace	Mr.	4. 34
Cotton Tape for Communition Pouches	yards	154
Cotton Thread fine	℔	1
Long Cloth White	Piece	300
Ditto Dr. Brown	Dr.	233
Field Officers Tents		18
Officer Tents		77
Private Tents		615
Serjeay Tents		215
Tents Pins spare		1120

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Copper Tubes Empty 6 Pd.r		4323
Coconut Brushes		120
Sheep skins with hair		2
Flour	Mean.s	50
Broom	Bundles	44
Cambrick	Piece	1
Dungree sand bags large		325
Ditto Small		700
Hand Hatchets with Halves		14
Hand Bills with handles		55
Yellow Saffaty	Pieces	42
Powder Barrels Empty Tin foiled		1400
Dusters		2
Cartridge Pouches with Belts		6526
Shoulder Belts		5602
Double yokes		100
Single yokes		10
Mallets		160
Wood Screws		312
Painting Brushes Europe		27
Camphire		7200
Bamboos		2
Rattan Baskets		4800
Wax		5. 24
Files		54
Europe Pearls	Doz.a	43:1:16
Iron Chain Traces for 5 1/2 Inch		2
Ammunition Barrels		600
Soaps		10
Budge Barrels		10
Sponge Heads 42 Pounder		31
28. Ditto		1
26. D.o		1
24. D.o		101
20. D.o		1
18. D.o		200
16. D.o		1
14. D.o		1
12. D.o		202
10. D.o		1
9. D.o		100
8. D.o		1

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Tompions	42 Pounder Garrison	1
	28 Do	1
	26 Do	1
	20 Do	1
	16 Do	1
	14 Do	1
	10 Do	1
	9 Do Field	1
	8 Do	1
Fuzes Empty 4/5 Inch		3800
Handles for drag Ropes		300
Wooden Bottom for Round Shot	12 Pounder	100
	6 Do	500
Wooden Bottoms for Grape Shot	42 Do	1
	32 Do	1
	28 Do	1
	26 Do	1
	20 Do	1
	18 Do	100
	12 Do	355
	8 Do	1
	6 Do	366
Wooden Bottoms for mortar Grape	13 Inch	1
	10 Do	1
Wooden Spundles	42 Pounder	1
	32 Do	1
	28 Do	1
	26 Do	1
	20 Do	1
	18 Do	100
	12 Do	355
	8 Do	1
	6 Do	366

Wooden

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Wooden Bottoms for Wrecker Grape 12 Pounder . 75
6 Do . . 50

Box 1
Chest 1
Mallets 2
Poles for Laboratory Tent . . . . . Sets . . 2
Gunny Case for Ditto 2
Sheathing Board 2
Saddle Heads . . 9 Pounder 10
Iron Chain Traces for Brass Guns 12 Pounder Set 173. 6
6 Do . . Do 122. 6
for Trumbril . . . . . Do 10. 8
for Artificers Cart . . . . . Do . 24 6

From the Gunpowder Contractor
Gunpowder Madras 60 ℔ Barrels 482

From the Import Warehousekeeper
Copper . . . . . ℔ 1058
Lead . . . . . Ca 2. 12.12

From the Gun Carriage Contractor
Carts with Platforms 49
Carts Arrack 1
Mortar Carts 2
Mortar Beds 13 Inch 1
Double yokes 300
Single yokes 50
Target Frames Teak Wood 12 feet square
master for Gun Practice 1

Shot

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Shot Box Teak Wood for Gun Practice 1

Iron Axletrees 18 Pounder 1

Triangle for Scales 1

Iron Chain for Traces 18 Pd.r for Iron Guns 2

3 D.o for Brass Gun 1

4 1/2 Inche for Howitzer 1

for Tumbrils 26

for Platform Carts 1

for Laboratory Chest Cart 1

Wooden Axletrees 18 Pounder 1

From the Cutcl Storekeeper

Europe Cordage Ott 13. 3. 10 ..... Coils 7

Battine ..... Ott ..... 1 12 ..... D.o 1

Ch.k ..... # 100

Chujels 22

Gouges 10

One Hour Glasses 4

Red Bunting ..... Pieces 14

Blue D.o ..... D.o 10

Gunsmiths

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Fort S.t George 24.th March 1791.

Gimblets		24
Pump nails	lb	50
Brads	Do	2
10.d Nails	lb	25
Brass Wire	lb	5
Hand Line	Skn	5
Files		12
Sail needles		100
Hand Screws		1
Tar	Barrels	4

Signed George Hall

A.t Com.y Gen.l Stores

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(Signed) Dan.l Ince

Secret.y Mil.y B.d

Bullocks

Artillery	36
28th Battalion	91
29th Do.	91
Ellore Draughts	11
Comm.d officer Do.	10
	239
6 Guns	60
9 Tumbrils	108.
Total	407

Ellore Draughts

6 Six Pounder Guns	3
2 Tumbrils	1
	4

1st Battalion 26th Regt.	xxx
	1
	2
	1
	3
	1
	9
	1
	2
	1
	1
	1

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Estimate of Pay for 30 Days (Nov) Gratuity & Batta for

	Pay	Gratuity	Batta	
1 Major Commanding	56.10.40	" " "	124 " " " " "	180.10.40.
2 Privates	6 " " " " "	4.4.20. " " "		10.4.20.

Artillery.

1 Captain	41.4.2.	11.24.20.	49.25.16.	102.13.38.
2 Lieutenants	41.4.2.	15.21. "	66.5.48.	122.30.50.
1 Conductor	15. " "	" " "	24.33.48.	39.33.48.
1 Subconductor	" " "	" " "	" " "	8.11.16.
3 Sergeants	22.21. "	" " "	7.19.70.	29.40.70.
4 Corporal	25. " "	" " "	9.10.40.	34.40.40.
6 Gunners	30. " "	" " "	14.39.60.	44.39.60.
2 Drummers and Fifers	7.21. "	" " "	4.41.20.	12.20.20.
32 Matross	120. " "	" " "	79.30. "	199.30. "
2 Puckallies	6.16.64. "	" "	2.40. "	9.14.64. 604 23.6.

Native Infantry

2 Captains	75. " "	23.10.40	94.10.32.	197.20.72.
14 Lieutenants	262.21. "	108.21. "	462.39.16.	883.39.16.
3 Ensigns	45 " "	11.26.20.	74.16.64.	131. 1 4
1 Assistant Surgeon	18.31.40	7.31.40.	33. 2.64.	59.25.64.
16 Sergeants	116 " "	" " "	39.36. "	115.36. "
21 Subedars	273 " "	" " "	93 " "	366. " "
22 Jemedars	154 " "	" " "	48.30 "	202.30 "
84 Havildars	252 " "	" " "	85.10. "	337.10 "
84 Naigues	196 " "	" " "	85.10. "	281.10 "
25 Drummers	75. " "	" " "	25.15.50.	108.15.50.
1519 Sepoys	2585.38.40.	" " "	1541.25.30.	4127.21.70.
95 Recruits	7427 " "	" " "	35. 2.40.	109.2.40.
22 Puckallies	70.16.64 "	" "	32.20. "	102.36.64.
2 Commicoplies, & 2 Assistants			32 " "	7036.20.60.

Gun Lascars

	Pay	Batta	
3 Syrangs	21.30. "	6.27. "	28.15. "
6 First Sindals	16.23.50.	8.36. "	25.17.50.
6 Second Sindals	13.18.30.	8.36. "	22.12.30.
167 Lascars	234. " "	184.37.40.	518.37.40.
3 Puckallies	9.25.16.	4.18. "	14. 1.16.
1 Commicopley	4. " "	2. " "	6. " " 614.41.36.

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31 days (Oct.r) together with every other allowance chargeable in the Field agreable to the foregoing Statement. —

Brought over - 8447 11 22

Artificers

3 Maistries	11.3.„	4 18 „	15.21.„
9 armourers	26.24 „	9.5.30	33.29.30
6 Carpenters	17.30.„	6.3.60	23.33.60
6 Smiths	17.30.„	6.3.60	23.33.60
6 Hammermen	13.12.„	6.3.60	19.15.60
6 Bellows Boys	4.18.„	4.18 „	8.36.„
3 Chucklidars	6 27.„	3.1 70	9.28.70
3 Chuckleers	6 27.„	3.1 70	9.28.70

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Tent Lascars

1 Syrang	7 „ „	2 9 „	9 9.„
5 Seedals	12.21 „	7 16 „	19.37 „
98 Lascars	176 „ „	108 24 „	284 24 „

333 25 „

Dooley Bearers

1 Havaldey	2.10.40.	
36 Bearers	72. „ „	74 10 40

Mussaulchy men —

1 Mashy	2 10 40	
6 men	12 „ „	14 10 40

Brigade Mayor, Pay, Batta, Horse, Candles & Stationary	65 1 32
Quarter Master, Pay, Horse, Candles & Stationary	23 21 „
Paymaster, Captains pay, and Batta	87.4.16.
Do for 1 Writer, 1 Conicopley, and 2 Peons	20. „ „
Commissary of Gr. and Provisions, Captains Pay	37.21 „
Do Servants in that Department	12 „ „ 156.25.16.

Carried over - 9260.38.40.

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Estimate Continued

	Brought over . . .	₹260.38.40.
Sepoy allowance of 14 Lieutenants & 3 Ensigns		82 " "
Staff Do. . . of 2 Europeans, 2 Black adjutants of 28.th & 29.th Battalion		65.31.40.
Do. . . Do. 2 Serjeants Major, 2 quarter masters and 2 Drill Serjeants . . .		14 " "
2 Drill Havildars 2 Drill Naigues		7 21 "
2 Drum & 2 fife Majors		7 36 "
3 Camp Colorsmen		18.29.48.
4 Puckallies for Commanding & Staff and Batta		17 " "
Medical Servants and Bazar Medicines for the Artillery		50 " "
Do. . . . . Do. 28.th & 29.th Battalions . . .		32 " "
Carriage of Medicines, 4 Coolies for the Artillery and 2 Mastrics & 12 Coolies for the 28.th & 29.th Mastrics @ 2 fanm. and Coolies at 1 3/4 . .		

Draught & Carriage Cattle

407 Bullocks @ 2 1/2 Pag.s p.r Month	1017.21 "	
136 Drivers @ 2 fanams p.r day . . .	100.16 "	
8 Mastrics @ 2 P.s p.r Month . . .	16 " "	1133.37 "
Strength of the Detachment fighting men and followers supposed 2532 Men, and allowing 1 Seer of Rice, and 1/16.th Measure of Salt to each, and 1 Bullock for the Carriage of 6 Mercals of Rice, or 4 of Salt the expence for 30 days, including Drivers will be—		119.6.
	Total .	10,808.31 48.

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The Board approve the opinions given in the foregoing Letter upon the Bills transmitted by M.r Paymaster Brown in his Letter of the 28.th Instant, and upon the Indent from Palecacherry.

Minute thereon

Resolved that it be stated to the Military Board, that in future all officers absent from their Stations on leave, whether it be on account of Sickness or Private Business, shall cease to draw their full allowances after the Expiration of one Month.

D.o

Agreed that Captain Glendenning be directed to send the Inspector of Stores at Tanjore to Madura, for the Purpose of executing the repairs required to the Gun Carriages at that Place, and that M.r Vaughan be instructed to issue the Amount of Lieutenant Pugh's Estimate, and permit him with such Publick Artificers as may be required.

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Agreed that the Arrangement recommended by the Military Board regarding the rates for Shipping and

landing,

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landing Ordonance, be publickly notified at the Sea Gate, as fixed. —

Ordered that the Commissary and Comptroller General be directed to explain as they direct of the Articles supplied by the Military Storekeeper for the Month of February are charged at the fixed Rates, and come at the current or Market Price. —

Read the following Letter from the late Military Storekeeper.

To The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

From the late Military Store keeper enclosing his account current and applies for the Balance due to him. —

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to deliver in my account Current with the Honble Company to the 28.th of February 1791. and request you will direct that the Balance be fixed off.

I have the honor to be with great respect

S.r &c.a

(Signed) Sral. Lind

late Milty Storekeeper

Fort S.t George
29.th March 1791

&c.

D.r

The Honorable Company in Account Current with Frances Lind . C.r

1791			Pag.s	F.	C.s			
July 1.st	To Balance brought from last Month	40028	4.	19	40,028.	4.	19.	
28.th	To Purchase of Stores	46,181.	6.	75	46,181.	6.	75.	
	To Gun Carriage Contractor	3676.	2.	40.	3,676	2.	40.	
	To Gun Powder Contractor	2489.	10.	30.	2,489.	10.	30.	
	To Import Warehousekeeper	187.	6.	"	187.	6.	"	
	To Civil Storekeeper	210.	10.	70.	210	10	70	
	To Military Charges	324. 27	77	66.	1101.	22.	66.	
	To Interest due	2651.	35.	74.	2,651.	35	74	
		95746. 28	07	54.	96,525.	27.	54.	
	To Batta paid in Exchange for Pag.s 178. at Pag.s 45. 20 per Pag.s is	"	8054.	40.	223.	26.	40.	
		Pagodas 95746. 36	126	14.	96749.	18.	14.	

1791			Pag.s	F.	C.s			
July 3.d	By Cash received from the Treasury in Fanams	36,000.	"	1000.	"	"		
	By D.o D.o 45000	1000	"	"	1000	"	"	
19	By D.o in Bill on Bengal	29373	24	11	29,373.	24.	11	
18	By D.o in Sale of Stores	2821	23	20	2,821	23.	20.	
March 28.th	By D.o in Transfer	7749	52.	30.	7750.	16.	30.	
	By expected Bills on Bengal for stores supplied in last Month as per account particulars sent to the Clerk of the Treasury to be delivered by him to the Governor	52,346.	19.	65.	52,346.	19.	65	
		93289. 36	119.	46.	94,292.	11.	46.	
	By Batta received in Exchange for Fan.s 8054. 40 at 45. 20. per Pag.s	178.	"	"	178	"	"	
		93467. 36	119.	46.	94470.	11.	46.	
	By Balance	2279	6.	48.	2279	6.	48.	
		Pagodas 95746. 36	126	14.	96749.	18.	14.	

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Errors Excepted P.r (Signed) Fra.s Lind
late Ag.t Store K.

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that a Copy of Mr. Lind's account Current be sent to Colonel Kirkpatrick, with Instructions to report if the Balance, with the omission of the Charge for Interest which cannot be allowed, be correctly stated. —

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad.

From the Resident at Hyderabad with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Paymaster Brown applying for instructions regarding the rate of Exchange between Rupees and the Star Pagodas.

W. Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter I have received from Mr. Paymaster Brown under date the 7th Instant concerning the rate of exchange between Rupees and the Current or Star Pagodas; a point on which I request to receive the Boards opinion as soon as practicable as well for the regulation of the Paymaster's conduct in his future as of mine on my receipts from the Nizam's Treasury.

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

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12 March 1791

(Signed) J. Hennaway

To John Hennaway Esq.r
Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

Treasury

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Perceiving in the Madras Courier an advertisement published by Authority of Government in which it is made known that all receipts of Cash into the Honble Company's Treasury, as well as all Issues from the same are in future to be calculated at the rate of three Hundred and Sixty five Arcot Rupees to one Hundred Current Pagodas I beg leave to know if I am in Consequence to make my payments conformable to that or to continue them as heretofore - at the rate of only three Hundred and fifty Rupees to the Hundred Current Pagodas.

No alteration will of course take place in such a matter until your directions be received on the Subject.

I have the honor to be with respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Brown
Pay.r

Camp near Copaley
March 1791.

A true Copy
(Signed) Grame Mercer
Ac.t Agent.

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&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm Brown
Pay.r

Camp near Cuddalore 7th March 1791.

A true Copy
(Signed) Graeme Mercer
Ae.y Agent.

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W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

From the Resident at Hyderabad Captain Read applies for a reinforcement of Artillery Men to supply the Places of those that have been lost.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an extract of a Letter I have this day received from Captain Read, with a long roll specifying the Casualties which have occured in the Detachment of artillery serving with the Nizam's since it marched from Ellore; and beg to recommend to the Boards consideration the advantage of an equal number of men being sent to supply the places of those that have been lost or rendered unfit for Service. men of this discription on the service the Detachment is employed on and with the Troops with which they are serving are as Captain Read observes exceedingly

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

(Signed) John Hennaway

Extract

Paragraph 13th March 1791.

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Fort S.t George 29.th March 1791.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Reeve to Captain Hennaway under date the 10.th March 1791–

"I have the honour to – acknowledge the receipt of your – Letter of the 5.th Instant, and herewith to enclose a return of ordnance and Military Stores of this Detachment for last Month, and a long Roll of the – European non-commissioned and – Private Artillery men, with the Casualties marked that have occurred since the Detachments leaving Ellore!

"I beg leave to submit to you the impropriety of making application for an equal number of Europeans to replace those that are done [illegible] from the Artillery, and to observe, that those men are invaluable in the Situations we have been of late and indeed must be essentially necessary on every Situation on Service"

A true Copy
Graeme Mercer
acty Aport:

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Long Roll of the Detachment of Artillery Commanded by Lieutenant James Geo: Scott.

Rank	N.o	Names	Remark
Lt Major	1	William Gould	
D. Insp.r	2	Benj.n Symonds	
2 M. S.	3	Will.m Doyle	
Gunners & Matrosses	1	Charles Grant	
		. William Johnson	
		. James Barnett	
	4	Thos. Jones	
	1	Rich.d Driggs	
		. James Hales	
		. Geo: Buttery	
		. James Harris	
	5	Pat.k Bevenes	Sick Hospl.
	6	Thos. Sebastian	wounded badly
	1	Mich.l Sheelds	Deceased
		. Thos. Butler	
		. Dan.l Donovan	Sick
		. John Wilson	
	5	Henry Friday	
		. Will.m Smith	
		. Robt. Dentfoud	Deserted
		. Peter Burn	D.o
		. Nath.l Lee	Deceased
	10	Rich.d Parr	D.o
		. Dan.l M.c Mullen	
		. John Ross	Sick
		. James M.c Donald	
Matrosses		. Thomas Brown	
	15	Edw.d Jackson	Sick
		. James Tyle	Killed
		. William Reynard	Sick
		. Thos. Reynolds	Killed
		. Thos. Hudspain	
	20	William Carrick	Deceased
		. Will.m M.c Henzee	
		. John Spelter	
		. Rich.d Stevens	
		. John Green	
	25	George Clarke	
		Will.m Nowell	Deceased
		. Will.m Hughes	Killed
		. Patrick Bayne	
		. Will.m Jackson	Killed
	30	George Grimis	
		. Rich.d Boucher	Sick
		. Thos. Carrol	Deceased
		. Henry M.c Cann	
		. John Ladd	
	35	Rich.d Smith	
		. John Fraser	Deceased
		. Lott Chase	
	1	Paul Parrash	
	1	Nath.l Bazallee	

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N.B. The above is the long Roll of the Detachment as it marched from Ellore, with remarks of casualties and the particular situation of such men as were thought unfit at present for field Service.

(Signed) J.G. Scott Lt Comm.g

Agreed

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Agreed to inform Captain Hennaway that the advertisement in the Madras Courier alluded to by Mr. Brown concerning the rates of Exchange between Arcot and Star Pagodas is confined entirely to the Presidency, where it has been of essential Service in consequence of the great Quantity of Silver lately imported from Bengal.—

Remarks on the former Letter from Capt.n Hennaway

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be requested to give his opinion upon Captain Read's application for an equal number of Europeans to replace those that have been lost from the Artillery since the Detachment left Allore.

From the latter

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Brown, Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army.—

To the Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

From the Paymaster to the Detach.t serving with the Nizam's army - with Copy of a Letter from Capt.n Hennaway & of his Reply on the Subject of transmitting all his original accounts and Vouchers to Captain Read.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

I did myself the honor to represent in my Letter of the 4.th Instant, what

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what appeared to me an unprecedented and very unreasonable expectation of the Commanding officer, and altogether an innovation on the established rules of the service; and sought your approbation to the consistency in my opposition to it, having, however, since had the mortification to receive a Letter from Captain Hennaway, Copy of which I take the liberty to request your perusal of us also my reply to the same, I considered it a duty pointed out to me by your instructions to pay immediate obedience to his desire. I therefore forwarded my account and Vouchers once more to Captain Hennaway through the medium of Captain Read; whom I addressed on the Subject, and thought proper to caution as to the Vouchers which, being my principal authority for my disbursements, I enclosed in a seperate packet and informed him that I held him responsible for their safety, if he took on himself to open and examine them. —

I suppose the step Captain Hennaway has taken, may have proceeded from

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from some information of the Commandeng
Officer with which I am unacquainted, but,
as I can not hesitate to place my reliance
on your support - so far as I may be deemed
to deserve it, and / I may with propriety
say) need it, I am fully confident that your
decision will set this matter in a point of
view to give all parties satisfaction.

Having done myself the honor
he enclose you Copy of my Account Current
for January, must beg leave to inform you
that Captain Hennaway has afforded me
an opportunity, by returning my Accounts,
of ratifying a mistake I had made in an
overcharge of 7 Pagodas in the Victualling
Department; the balance of Cash there-
fore, in the Tumbril on the 1.st of February,
was Current Pagodas / 2826. 12 62) Two Thou-
and Eight hundred and twenty Six, twelve
fanams, and sixty two Cash.

I have the honor to be, with
the greatest respect
Sir Sir
(Signed) Wm Brown
Majr

Wm

Camp near
Cofoole 13.th
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William Brown Esqr.

Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 28th ultimo forwarding your Account and Vouchers for the Month of January which I take the liberty to return, it not appearing by any document that accompanies them that they have been inspected by the Commanding Officer as by the enclosed Copy of the Boards instructions to him you will perceive it is their intention they should be. I beg to be understood as not meaning to imply any blame against you by sending them back being fully sensible of your solicitude to discharge the duties of your Office in an unexceptionable manner, and sensible that you have a precedent in the mode generally followed by M.r Malcolm while you were probably ignorant of the Circumstance above mentioned of the Boards instructions to Captain Read. I

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I shall be glad to know at what rate the Rupees are reduced into Pagodas in your account with the Pay-master General and request it may always be inserted. The rate assumed by M.r Malcolm on his first joining the detachment was 3 Rupees 8 a.s the Current or Star Pagoda which induced me to take it as the standard in my account with his Highness the Nizamut which I have always continued it. The rate assumed by you appears to be 4 Higher I should be glad to know by what rule it is regulated in Accounts with the Company.

I am
Sir &.a &.a
(Signed) John Hennaway

Paramgudi
7.th March 1791.

A true Copy
(Signed) W.m Brown
Pay.r

To John Hennaway Esq.r
Resident at the Court of his Highness
the Nizam.

Sir,

I have in part done myself the honor to reply to your Letter of the 5.th Instant

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instant when I this morning forwarded my accounts and Vouchers to you through Captain Read who will by that means have an Opportunity of inspecting them and also accompanying them by such documents as you may have required of him to transmit, In doing which I trust I have evinced not only my readiness in conforming myself to your instructions but what I conceive may prove to your and the satisfaction of Government my desire not to impede the course of Public Business. I make free to express myself in this manner, from a perusal of the Copy of a Letter of injunctions to Captain Read to which you have been pleased to refer me, since I cannot help observing that I do not perceive it expressed by those injunctions that Government really expect I should lay my Accounts and Vouchers before the Commanding Officer in the manner your directions have now obliged me. As I would not presume, however, to Canvass a matter of this nature with you, nor attempt to point

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out to you an interpretation of the words of my superiors, which I have conceived so differently from yourself, I will simply say, that in sending my accounts in the manner I originally did, and using the precaution (as I did) of furnishing the Commanding Officer with authenticated Copies of them, I have acted to the best of my comprehension in strict obedience to the instructions I was honored with from Government of which the Letter you have been pleased to refer me to constitutes a part as well as the enclosed Extract.— But had not the Language of Government been as plain guide to me, the custom of the Service had certainly been clear information enough both to Captain Read and myself which ought to have made him understand that it is the extraordinary and incidental Charges he is directed to inspect with that caution which Government are pleased to recommend, and not my accounts and Vouchers that are particularly orders

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to referred for your inspection and sanction and not his, it being surely a sufficient satisfaction to him, to be furnished with Authenticated Copies of them. —

I have complied with your wishes in noting on the face of my account Current with the Paymaster General the rate of exchange at which I have made up my accounts, in this. I could make no mistake, since I must of course regulate my payments at the same rate at which I give credit for the sum received from the Commanding Officer on that account. I would be assuming indeed were I to make any alteration in such a matter without first receiveing your instructions to authorize it, and it was on this principal I did myself the honor to write you on the subject of an advertisement by Authority of Government, which I would not allow to have an influence on my disbursements till your directions were receive on the

subject

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subject. The anna is not a Coin used with us, but I understand that Six Fanams is the exact Change of Eight Annas; Three Rupees and Six fanams, at which I have invariably calculated the Current Pagoda in my Accounts, answer therefore exactly to Three Rupees and Eight Annas.

I have the honor to be with respect

Sir. Your.

(Signed) W.m Brown

Paygm.t

Camp near Cossoor 12.th March 1791.

A true Copy

(Signed) W.m Brown

Paygm.t

Minute thereon

The Board approve Mr. Browns Conduct in having, at the requisition of Captain Kennaway, submitted his original Accounts and Vouchers to Captain Read agreed however, that it be stated to the Resident, that the assumption of such Authority on the Part of the Commanding Officer, is neither warranted by his Instructions, nor by the usage of the Service - and

that

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That as the Commanding officer is only enjoined to Precaution so far as the extraordinary and incidental Charge of the Detachment go, to which his Signature must be affixed, before they can be discharged, the Board do not see any Purpose his Inspection of the original accounts and Vouchers could answer, that might not be as well obtained by his Examination of the Authenticated Copies, with which he has been regularly furnished.—

That the Paymaster is held responsible for all contingent Expences that have not the Authority of the Commanding Officer — That such as have that Authority must be borne to the latter, because his Signature appears to them, and are the Vouchers for the Paymaster's Disbursements, and that as those Vouchers must be forthcoming when the accounts are under audit, the Board cannot disapprove the Anxiety shewn by Mr. Brown for their Preservation.

Minute thereon

That, under these Considerations it

Do.

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it has been resolved, that the Original accounts and Vouchers shall be sent direct to him / Captain Kennaway / by the Paymaster, and that Captain Read shall be only furnished with authenticated Copies of them.

Read the following Letter from Commodore Cornwallis.

The Governor in Council

Madras

Sir,

I came to this place in consequence of an application from M.r Light representing His alarming situation expecting an attack, and that all supplies from the Pundua Shore was stopped. Appearances remain pretty much the same, but a Re-inforcement having been sent from Bengal I am in hopes they will be able to defend themselves should an Attack be made. In consequence of the Dispatches sent by the

From Commodore Cornwallis. relation of affairs at Prince of Wales's Island. Instructions &c respecting the Store Ships &c expected from England.

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The Swallow from Lord Cornwallis I am preparing to sail — The Transports with Provisions supposed by His Lordship to be arrived before this time at Madras, will I conclude remain there, unless Lord Cornwallis should direct them to any other place

I am

Jo.s Jo.n

(Signed) W.m Cornwallis

Crown
Prince of Wales
Island 12th
March 1791 —

Read the following Letter from

Major General Abercrombey

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Jo.s Jo.n Jo.n

From Major General Abercromby — sends triplicate Letters to Lord Cornwallis on the Scorpion Snow — the Vessel to be returned immediately with a Supply of Salt Provisions. —

Sir,

Being apprehensive that my Letter of the 24th Ultimo and 12th Instant may not have reached Lord Cornwallis, I now dispatch the Scorpion armed Snow to Madras with Triplicates of them. I must beg that you will be so good as to return her immediately with as much Salt Provisions as she can

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can carry and send as much more, by some other opportunity, as can be spared from Fort St George

I have the honor to remain,

Yo. Yo.

(Signd) Robt Abercromby

P.S. Permit me to request that you will have the Goodness to order my Letter to Lord Cornwallis to be put in by other should you find it necessary.

Ordered, that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to send on Board the Scorpion as much Salt meat as can be procured. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Commander of the Scorpion.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council of Fort St George

Hble Sir

From the Commander of the Company's Brig Scorpion — with an Indent of Provisions & Stores wanted for the use of the Scorpion.

The Honble Company's Brigr Scorpion, under my Command being in want of Sundry Stores and Provision, I have to request that you will

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will be pleased, to order her to be supplied with, the necessary Articles

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

(Signed) Hugh Step.n Serrid.

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P.S. Enclosed is a list of the Stores and Provisions wanted. —

A list of Provision wanted for the Scorpion. —

Rice one hundred and twenty Seers at 120 Do. 120
Rice
Dall one hundred D.o 100
Ghee ten Bombay Maunds 10
Biscuit one thousand five hundred Pounds
Cotton for the use of the Batalle six Pounds
Europe Salt meat four Casks.

A list of Store wanted. —

Europe sewing twine twenty pounds.
Ropeing twine ten pounds.
Europe rope of 3 half Inches one Coil. 3 1/2
Europe Junk one thousand weight.
Wooden Buckets one Dozen.
Azimuth Compass ——— one.
Brass Box compass ——— two.
Dungaree for cannon Cartridges six Pieces. 6.
Water Leagers six

(Signed) Hugh Step.n Serrid.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Stores be furnished.

Read the following Letters from the Board of Superintendence. —

To the Honble Major General Meadows

Governor in Council

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From the Board of Superintendence respecting the Garrison of the Nabobs Troops still remaining in Cheetaul Doorg.

Honble Sir.

We take the liberty of informing you that we have received another Letter from the Rajahs of Calastry in which he represents that Cheetaul Doorg / one of the 122 Villages ordered to be restored / is not yet evacuated by the Nabob's Troops as his Highness shews such a disinclination to withdraw his Sepoys — we recommend that the Rajah be authorized to settle with them in the best possible manner for the evacuation of the place, which we believe it is in his power to do without giving further trouble to Government

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J Hudleston

" David Haliburton

" W.m Balfour

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To

Ditto

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

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From the Board of Assumed Revenue Salaries recommended to be allowed to Sherfogee, the Mother, and Widows of the late Rajahs of Tanjore

Honble Sir,

In consequence of your orders transmitted in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of 12.th January we forwarded to the Collectors at Tanjore Copy of the Rajahs Letter to the acting President, and directed them to enquire how far the Rajahs objections to the allowances granted by Government to the family of the late Rajahs were well founded, to state their opinion relative to an equitable Provision for the widows, Mother, and adopted Son of Tulja Maharaz and to ascertain as far as might be practicable the number of relations and dependants supported by the present Rajah. Their reply to those instructions is very unsatisfactory, and the information which they have received from Mr. Swartz throws no light whatever upon the subject - They however inclosed a list of Sherfogies relations, whose allowance Amounts to 587

Pagodas

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Pagodas per Month; but amongst those we observe a great many of the late Rajahs relations; and are of opinion that, as their connections hip with the present Rajah, who was the half brother of Sulgagee, must be more immediate than with Sherfogee, who was his adopted Son, - this last description of persons should rather be included amongst the relations of the Rajah - With respect to the allowances granted to the mother and Widows of the late Rajah M.r Swartz declares his entire ignorance - Each party asserts what the other roundly denies the Rajah has furnished an account of the allowances during the administrations of Buchana and Baun, by which it appears that their receipt seldom exceeded 100 Chuckrams each, and though the latter declares that no dependance can be placed upon the Rajahs Statement yet we cannot but remark that this man has been disgraced by the Rajah, and that his declaration therefore deserves the less to credit M.r Swartz too doubts the Authenticity of the Palace Statement, because the accounts

are

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are kept upon separate sheets of paper we but, as this method of keeping accounts is universally prevalent throughout the country, we know not what more satisfactory documents can be procured. In this dilemma we would recommend that Government adopt a medium between both parties, and that Pagodas 25,000 should be appropriated to the support of Serfogee and the Baie Saheba out of the Cash allowed for the support of the Rajahs family, this sum may be divided in the following proportions.—

To the mother of Sulja Maharaj	5,000.—
To Serfogee and his relations	11,000.—
To the three Baie Saheba 3000 each	9,000.—
	Star Pag.s 25,000.—

Though these allowances are much inferior to those insisted upon by the Baie Saheba, and superior to those acknowledged by the Rajah, yet we trust that both parties will be induced to consent to this arrangement upon the principle of impartiality.—

We have the honor to be

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Sig.d Jo.s Jo.s Jo.s
Sig.d Headleston
" David Haliburton
" W.m Balfour.

Resolved

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Resolved, at the Recommendation of the Board of Asserned Revenue, that the Sum of Twenty five Thousand Pagodas ++ /25,000/ be appropriate to the support of ++ Serfogee and the Mother and Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore out of the Sum ++ allowed for the support of the Rajah's Family, and that it be decided in the following ++ Proportions. —

Remarks thereon

To the Mother 5000 Pagodas p. Annum
To Serfogee and his relations } 11,000 Do. . . Do.
To the three Widows 3000 each } 9000. Do. . Do.
Star Pag.s 25,000 p. Annum.

Do.

Agreed that the Reverend Mr. Swartz be desired to communicate the above Arrangement to his Excellency and to the Family of the late Rajah. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Major General Medows approves the Determination of the Board respecting Military Stores captured from the Enemy.

Senior member at the Presidency and the ++ Gentlemen in Council at Fort St George Madras &c.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

I had the honor of yours of the second of March this day, and think your determination of referring the Army's claim to being paid for Guns and other ++ Military

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Military Stores taken from the Enemy
before the war is concluded, – others, before
that time they may possibly revert to
them, – extremely proper.

Glad you have received mine
of the nineteenth ultimo – and mean to
comply with it.

I have the honor to be with
the highest respect, esteem, and truth,

Sir Your

(Signed) W.m Medows
Governor

Camp before
Bangalore
the 17.th of March
1791 –

Ordered to lie on the Table, until
the Board hear from Lord Cornwallis on the Sub-
ject. –

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from
the Board of Revenue. –

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

From the Board
of Revenue report-
ing the improper
conduct of the
Commanding
Officer at Pali-
cacherry in inter-
fering in the De-
partment of the
Collector.

Honble Sir,

Enclosed we have the honor
to lay before you Extracts of a Letter
just received from M.r Corbet – She re-
conduct of the Commanding Officer at
Paliegatcherry wherein inordinate we
are at a loss to account for, either on
reference to the orders of Government under
date

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date the 17th September last it appears, that Mr. Corbet stood appointed to the Districts of Coimbetoor, Erroad, and Sattimungulum; and Pallegaudcherry when taken, and this Board was informed at the same time "that the Commander "in Chief had been requested to order the "Officers commanding to comply with "Messrs. Corbet, and Wynch's Applications "for Military aid in support of their "Authority as Collectors".

This latter order, if communicated to the commanding Officer at Pallegaudcherry, was sufficient advice of Mr. Corbets appointment as Collector of that District, and should no subsequent orders have been given, with which we are unacquainted, that superseds Mr. Corbets authority above referred to, we trust your Honble Board will see the Propriety of adopting immediate, and effectual measures for removing the Obstacle he represents to his taking charge of the District. Tho we are inclined to suppose it would immediately have been removed on his

making

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making known to Major Cuppage the
nature of his appointment. —

We have the honor to be
Sr. Sr. Sr.
(Signed) T. Oakes
Geo: Mowbray

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Extract of a Letter from M.r Vincent to Corbet
dated the 18 March 1791.

With respect to Palegaut-
cherry which was equally included in
my appointment I shall take the liberty
of stating to you some circumstances which
will I hope Gentlemen point out to you
the necessity of my being furnished with
your positive Instructions to prevent a-
ny Impediment to my settling the a-
accounts and procuring the Information
you require of the Produce of the district.

On my going to Palegaut-cherry
my Manager invited that I came to a-
settle the accounts and give receipts for
for the time we had been in Possession,
which alarmed the Rajah and the a-
Commanding Officer hearing it, sent for
the Rajah and had it particularly a-
interpreted

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interpreted in my presence that I had no business to call for any Accounts of what had been delivered or paid or to interfere in the district of Pallegautchery that Major Cuppage was the superior to whom the Rajah was to look to upon all occasions — and this check Gentlemen I submitted to with my appointment and the Instructions of the Board of Revenue in my Pocket — I remained satisfied supposing that Major Cuppage acted from General Medows, and to avoid any altercation determined to make a reference to those alone who could decide it. —

A true Extract
W.m Harington
Secry

Ordered that Major Cuppage be informed, that M.r Vincentio Corbet the Company's Collector in the District of Palgautcherry, is to have the exclusive Management of the Revenue, and that any Interference on the Part of the Commanding Officer / unless he has been furnished with written Instructions from Major & General Medows of which the Board are

Minute thereon

unacquainted

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unacquainted, is improper.—

Agreed also, that Major —
Capsage be directed immediately to
transmit to the Board a Copy of the
Instructions under which he acts — and
that in the mean time M.r Corbett be
invested with full authority according to the
nature of his appointment — that all the
accounts of the Districts be delivered over to
him and that he be afforded every assis=
tance in the Collection of the Revenue &c.a

Read the following Letter
from M.r Fallofield.

William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary
Fort S.t George

From M.r Fallow=
field — estimate
of the extra Ex=
pence attending
his late Deputation
to Tanjore —

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 16.th Instant and beg
leave to return my sincere thanks to the
Honble Board for the kind intention they
have been pleased to express that I shall
be remunerated for the extraordinary Expences
I was subjected to during the time I was
employed on the Enquiry last year at Tanjore.

I take the liberty to inform you
that to the best of my recollection the additional
Expence

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Expence I incurred on this Service amounted to between four and five hundred Pagodas.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) C.W. Fallofield

Tanjore
22d March 1791.

Agreed that the Collector at Tanjore be directed to pay to Mr. Fallofield from the Public Money in their Hands, the Sum of Four hundred and fifty Pagodas (450) which is to be brought to account under the Head of Charges Extraordinary. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Captain Alexander Read. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Captain Mr. Read arrives at Coochbinda on his way to visit the Polegars in the Neighbourhood of Pongarver and Gurrumconda - applies for a further advance of Cash on account of repairs. —

Sir,

I am so far upon my way to visit the Poligars in the vicinity of Pongarver and Gurrum Conda, with the view of stimulating them to furnish their promised supplies and advance them to some place convenient for the grand Army or Colonel Oldhams Detachment. They will expect, and it will be proper to pay such of their people as may be employed in escorting their supplies to Camp Cotta.

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In that and in all other disbursements I may make I shall be strictly oeconomical. Having exceeded the Thousand Pagodas Mr. Torriano was directed to pay me for carrying on the repairs of the fortifications at Ambore and this place, I beg that he may be ordered to pay me another Thousand. Or in the event of his not having more than required to answer the monthly demands of the Garrisons he pays, that Mr. Saunders may be directed to comply with pecuniary requisitions I may make of him to that amount. Mr. Torriano's inability to comply with the last order he received to that effect, obliges me to take the liberty of making this request.

I am &c.

(Signed) Alex.r Read

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Captain Alex.r Read. Takes Possession of the Fort of Ankatgary which was ceded by its Poligar - Supplies expected to be procured from the Different Poligars for the use of the army.

Sir,

I informed you in my Letter of the 21.st from Coochbeuda of my being so far on my way from Ambore to visit the northern

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army- estimate
Value of the country
formerly belonging
to the Poddahey &
Doorgan Poligars
recommend that
Cattle be present
received on account
of the Revenue

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Northern Poligars and use my influence
with them, to send on supplies, if possible,
to the most advanced of their polliams &
towards Bangalore. Having directed &
them to prepare for it, and that requiring
time, nothing has been lost by my
delay, which has been occasioned by
another business I had then entered upon
in this quarter. Anhatgary having &
been invested by its poligar these three
weeks past, and its Garrison having no
prospect of relief, I resolved to try if &
possession of the place could be obtained
by negotiation, and in the course of my
correspondence with its Helladars discovered
circumstances, which induced my appearing
before it yesterday forenoon, with two &
Companies of Sepoys, and a few of the cav
Cavalry Rangers. Appearing them a more
serious stile, the Helladaurs capitulated
on conditions that all private property
should be given up and the Garrison
set at liberty. I only required to be put
in possession of the gate way before sun-
set which was agreed to, and this &
morning

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morning the Garrison 1204 men marched
out. As most likely the Polligars
investment of the place induced the
surrender of it to so inconsiderable a
force, I have given them all the sirkar
property found in it, which consisted
of 2 pieces of brass swords, match locks, and about
100 Bullocks load of different sorts of
Grain. The Fort is well built, of mud
and Stone, about a mile round, and in
a good situation. It consists of a high
large tower in the center, two walls
flanked by bastions that go all round it,
at proper distances, and of other fortifica-
tions which encompass the pettah. O-
the whole it is the strongest place of the
kind that I have seen. It accidently
belonged to the Peddanagg Doorgam Polly
whose Country is now entirely reduced.
I would here give a sketch account of
his Country than I before transmitted,
but have not yet finished my enquiries
here, nor have I leisure for it at present
as I set out this evening for Poingonoor upon
the business abovementioned, therefore I
shall only insert the following.

Zemindars

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Zemindars	Purgunnas	Villages	Revenue in Pag.s
Vengana Narsapa	Ankalguery	88	6,000
Shaumya Venkat Soobia	Peddanyg Dung	61	2,100
Venkat Soobia	Runchoopum	64	2,300
	Besides Chentala gunta, and macha pilly in the District of Coochbunda.		
5	3	218	10.900

By the account of the late zemindar for the last year, exclusive of subsidy disbursements, but that diminution is to be attributed to the war. The whole of those districts being in a state of desolation, I imagine they must yield still less at present, perhaps only sufficient to defray the expence of the peons the Polegars has in pay. On these accounts, and the uncertainty of the issue of the war, till it draws nearer a conclusion, it appears to me advisable, to delay the requiring him, or others of his orders, to enter into any pecuniary stipulations with the Company.

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I have however prevailed upon him to furnish and maintain 200 men to the Garrison this injunction with a Company of Sepoys, and to grant as a nuggar to the Government the supplies specified in the accompanying agreement, of which the following is the purport.

By the 1.st April	100 bullocks	500
By the 21.st	100	500
By the 21.st May	50	
Total	250 Bullocks	2000 Sheep.

At the current prices here that number of Cattle and sheep amounts to 1050 Pagodas, which I apprehend, is equal to two Months Revenue in time of hostility By there Government will probably either favor me with some instructions to guide me in such arrangements, or appoint some other person, to render these people productive subjects

I am with great esteem
Yo.r Ho.ble

Vanhatageery
March 25.th 1791

(Signed) Alex.r Read

Minute thereon

Agreed that the approbation of the Board be communicated to Captain Read for the Zeal and Activity which have so conspicuously

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conspicuously marked his Conduct
in every Thing relating to the ++
Public Service with which he has
been entrusted. —

The Board are well
pleased to find that Captain ++
Read has a Prospect of collecting
Supplies from the Polegars for the use
of the Army — Agreed that this ++
Object be recommended to his par-
ticular Attention, and that he be
informed, that the Board are of
Opinion in the present Situation
of Affairs, it will be more ++
eligible to make an Arrangement
with the Poligars for the supply
of Cattle &c.a than to enter into
any pecuniary Stipulations with
them.

Ordered that Mr.

Minute thereon

D.o

Henderson

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Thundersley be directed to comply with Captain Read's requisition for an advance of one Thousand Pagodas. —

The Acting President recommends that Lieutenant William Arrock be appointed to the Command of the Troops in the Fort of Gingeeram. —

Lieut. W. Arrock to command the Troops in the Fort of Gingeeram.

Ordered Accordingly.

Agreed that Lieuten= ant James M.Kerras be appointed Secretary to Colonel Bridges. —

Lieut. M.Kerras appointed Secre= tary to Colonel Bridges.

and that Lieutenant Boisdaume be permitted to resign the Service. —

Lieut. C. Boisdaume permitted to resign the ser= vice. —

Read a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Folsom, Commanding at Vellore (as entered

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entered in M.B. N. 160) stating &c
that the Fort of Bangalore was in
Possession of the British Army &c
on the 25th Instant, at half past &c
Six P.M.

The acting President informs the Board that by a &c
Private Communication from
Camp under date the 27th Instant
it is Stated, that the Fort of
Bangalore was carried by &c
Escalade early in the morning
of that Day; and he has great
Satisfaction in adding, that &c
our Loss in the Storm was very
inconsiderable

The acting President communicates Intelligence received from Camp of the Capture of the Fort of Bangalore on the morning of the 25th Instant

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inconsiderable - not more than Fifty Men on
Killed and Wounded -

" Chas Cokely

" Huddlestone

Ex Johu Ogilvie Esr

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Diary.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nº. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190.

To the Civil Storekeeper with a List of Stores to be supplied for the use of the Honble Company's Cruizer Scorpion.

To the Civil Storekeper

To the Garrison Storekeeper with a List of Stores to be supplied for the use of the Honorable Company's Cruizer Scorpion.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Commandr of the Private Ship Sydney Meadows directing him to Receive on board his Ship such Stores as may be tendered to him by the Commissary Genival of Stores

To the Commander of the Private Ship Sydney Meadows.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts directing him to examine and report upon the Account Current received from the Military Storekeeper and informing him of the Resolution of Government of restricting, in future, all Officers absent upon leave, whether from Ill Health or on account of private Business, from drawing their full allowance after the Expiration of one Month.—

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To Do with a List of Military Stores furnished by the Military Storekeeper in the Month

To Do.

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30th Month of February - directing him to explain why some of the Articles were charged at the fixed Rates and others at the current or market Price.

To the Resident at Hydrabad - in reply to Mr. Browns Reference respecting the rate of Exchange between Rupees and the Star Pagodas - informing him of the Boards Disapprobation of Captain Reads Conduct in insisting upon the inspection of all the Paymasters original Accounts - and of their Resolutions on the Subject (as passed in Council the 29th March.)

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Paymaster to the Detachment Serving with the Nizams Army - Notifying the Abovementioned Resolutions of Government

To the Paymaster to the Detachment Serving with the Nizam's Army.

Received the Undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr Bs Pros 191. 192. 193. 194.

From the Chief Engineer - enclosing an application from Captain Tapaud for Permission to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his Health.

From the Chief Engineer

From the Paymaster at Angole - enclosing his collateral Security Bond executed by Mr James Erskine (stating that the Irregularity of the Tappal by which his former Bond was sent to Mr Lennox is the only Cause which prevented his immediate Completion

From the Paymaster at Angole

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30th Complaints with the Orders of Government.

From the Commandant at Dindigulo

From the Commandant at Dindigal

has ordered the New Palace in the Lower Fort, to be cleared out for the use of the Storekeeper

From the collector at Carour - stating that

From the Collector at Carour

he has already given and shall continue to give every Encouragement to the neighbouring Poligars for the apprehending of a Deserter.

Received the following Letters

Wm Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St George

From Captain Kennaway - with Copy of a Letter from Lieut Stuart communicating Reports received from the Grand army - Rajah Tegunant promises to march on the 19 March

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose for the information of the Board Copy of a Letter I have just Received from Lieutenant Wm Stuart and to be,

Sir,

your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed / John Kennaway

Paangul
the 21 March 1791.

Captain Kennaway

Resident at the Nizams Court

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information copy of a Letter of the 9th Instant which I have just received from the Governor General - The Zamindar

of

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30th of Ghut has written by this conveyance to Judge Avant and his Vakeel here that Tippoo entered Bangalore in the night, hanged the Killadar Peer Mahomed and his Dewan Rajah Ram Chunder with the effects of whom he immediately fled to his Camp at Gungiree 3 Cos South of the Fort, that our Troops attacked him during his retreat with Success & that the Governor General took possession of Bengalore on the 12th Instant. of this part of the news the above Zemindar writes that one of his Servants was a witness. He also mentions that 10,000 of our Troops with a large Army of Mairs have taken the Forts of Hudenpully and Nuggur Goor and are now encamped at Mysore, the truth of this I hope will soon be confirmed by Letters from his Lordship.

Judge Avant engages to march tomorrow but unless he is more strictly enjoined by the Nizam my exertions tho' they are encessant will have little effect in inducing him to advance rapidly. he has halted to day in spite of his Masters orders and my numerous Arguments without giving even a plausible reason for his Conduct.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed / Wm. Stewart

Agt.

Camp at
Yeldorly 19th March 1791.

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Secret and Political Department

at Fort St. George.

From Bombay with Extract of a Lett from the Resident at Bussorah Communicating Intelligence from Leghorn dated 16th November—

Sir,

By desire of this Government I have the honor to transmit you a Packet for Lord Cornwallis and am to request you will be pleased to forward the same to his Lordship previously communicating the Contents thereof to Sir Charles Oakeley.

I remain &c &c

Signed / John Morris

Sub Secy

Bombay Castle

16 March 1791.

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

My Lord

By desire of this Government, I have the honor to transmit for your Lordship's Information, an Extract of a Letter received a few days since from the Resident at Bussorah.

I remain with the greatest Respect &c &c

Signed / John Morris

Sub Secy

Bombay Castle

16th March 1791.

The following is Extract of a Letter to the Resident of Bussorah Dated aleppo the 10th January

"Letters from Leghorn of the 16th November mention, that the War between the English and Spaniards was inevitable that France had prepared

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30. a formidable Fleet to join the Spaniards against England, and that England had Ninety three Sail of the Line in readiness to oppose them. The King of Hungary was made emperor, and a Congress was opened at Backerest to terminate the Difference between the Imperialists and the Turks, and already the Prisoners were delivered on both sides; Sir Robert Murray Keith was Embassador on the Part of the English, at that Congress, and Mr. Van Haaften on the part of the Dutch, but the Russians continue absolutely to say they will not admit of a Mediation between them and the Turks for which Reason, the King of Prussia was marching 100,000 Men against them into Livonia"

A true Copy

(Signed) John Morris
Sub Sec.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir,

I have arrived to day at Poonganoor on my way to my destination of which I had the honor to acquaint you in my two last. Shewing in an Answer to Letters received from Lieut. Stuart Mr. Kennaways Assistant with the division of the Nizams Army on its march to Bangalore communicated the intention of my present Expedition, and my Opinion on certain matters to which

In Captain Alex. Read arrives at Poonganoor - Enclosing Copy of his Letter to Lieut. Stuart on the Subject of Rajah Fitzgerald's granting Cowle to the Poligars

viving

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30th touching the situation and Disposition of the poligars
whose in I conceive they affect the Company's Interest.
I beg leave to inclose you an extract of it, not having
time to address your particulars on the Subject, and the
present not requiring that I should enter more fully
upon it than I have done to him.

Poonganoor
28th March

I am with great Respect &c. &c.
Signed Alexr. Read.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Read to Lieutenant Stewart,
Captain Kennaway's Assistant, dated Callamnair 27th March 1791.

No 1.

Lieutenant Stewart

Sir,

I set out on the tour I have mentioned, with
the view of visiting the Several poligars south of Ambour
who have taken Cowle, to Stimulate them in furnishing
Supplies for the Army and advancing them as for to
the westward as can be done with Safety

Hearing the Detachment you are
with has already passed Gurrumcundah and is
on its march towards Gutlpolliam, I propose to proceed
thither in the hope of meeting with you in that
neighbourhood; Conceiving it may be attended with
very Desirable Consequences.

With the same view I have

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30th ordered all the Poligars in this Quarter to join me there, that after communicating with you I may give them instructions for their future operations, which if possible to make them useful Allies, shall tend to whatever Object may best suit the Circumstances of their Situation & of their Capitability - I am much Inclined to think they will never be productive Subjects to any Govert. but at this juncture every aid must be procured, and on this principle I have done every thing I can to attach them to our interest.

I know that some of them, with whom I have formed a Connection have had Vakeels in the Nizams Camp - it is natural for them to seek support from every power able to give it, but it is equally natural for them to intrigue, to advance their own interest by every deceit, and evade the performance of every thing required of them by the Sirkar, whether to their engagement or the principle of gratitude - For these reasons, and for the advantage it may be of to the Company, should a partition of Tippoos domin ons, among the Confederate powers, be the result of the War, to retain our Claim of Sovereignty whether from Voluntary vassalage or conquest, upon all the Poligars who have taken Coods - I enclose a list of them, that if any of them desire Coods from

Rajah

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30th. Rajah Taije Want, you may discover their duplicity, and if you think proper, object to his holding any Correspondence with them, excepting thro' you, declaring them to be English Subjects. I shall direct them to obey your Orders, and leave it to you to deliver them immediately from yourself, or thro' Lieutenant Dodds an Officer with me, whom I propose sending on to their Depot of provisions of 11 or 12,000 bullocks load which is at Tallia Cunda I understand about 40 miles north of Banga-lore, to the end that he may Ascertain the Quantity of every article there, and every other point relating to Supply which he will Communicate to Lord Cornwallis, that his Lordship may more when Convenient, or send a Lieutenant for Covering the poligar Convoy from the above place to Camp.

It is proper to add to what I have recommended in regard to your opposing Taije wants giveing them promises of support from the Nizam, that from an observance of what I conceived both delicacy and good policy, als as necessary to preserve a good understanding between allies, I refused Cowle to the Rajah of Basavapoor, the Chief of the Cuddapa a Polligars, because he had joined Kasi Feried, and assisted him in reducing Cummum - The propriety of the Nizam

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Fort St. George March 1791.

30th and his Chiefs adopting the same line of Conduct is obvious, and of such Consequence, that I have been induced to say the more upon the Subject, which may appear deserving your Consideration- The Pongonoor man will forward this Letter, and a Duplicate of it should be sent by Gatt, with what intelligence I may receive of the enemy, of whom are nearer at present than Ascottah- Please to write me immediately on receipt, advising me of the intended route of your detachment that you may receive my Communications with the greater expedition.

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

Signed / Alex.r Read

Ambor
29th March 1791.

a true Copy.

Signed / Js Geo. Graham
A. I. G.

31. Sent the following Letter to the Governor of Pondicherry.

To Colonel De Fresne
Knight of the Royal and Military order of St. Louis
Commandant of the French Settlements in India
&c. &c. &c. &c.
at. Pondicherry.

To the Governor of Pondicherry with a Packet to his address received from Tanjore.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit with

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31st this Letter a Packet which was forwarded to me from Tanjore - The Bearer of it fell sick on the road, and being apprehensive that he would not recover, he delivered the Packet to an Inhabitant of the Tanjore Country who chanced to be near him at the time

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with much Consideration &c. &c.

Signed - Charles Oakeley

Fort St. George.
31st. March 1791.

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To the Collector in the Arcot &c. District

To the Collector in the Arcot &c. District to advance Captain Read upon his Indent the Sum of one thousand Pagodas.

To Captain Alex.r Read - notifying the Board's approbation of his conduct, and their wish that he should make an arrangement with the different Poligars for the Supply of Cattle &c. rather than enter into any pecuniary Stipulations with them - informing him and the abovementioned orders given to Mr. Kindersley.

To Captain a Read Commanding at Amboor

To the Board of Assumed Revenue communicating the Resolutions of Government respecting the appropriation of the Sum of 25000 Pagodas for the Support of the Family of the late Rajah of Tanjore / as passed in

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31. in Council the 29th March /

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz requesting

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz

him to communicate the above mentioned arrangement

to the Rajah of Tanjore and to the Family of the late

Rajah.—

To the Collector at Tanjore Directing them

To the Collector at Tanjore

to Pay Mr. Fallofield, from the Public Money, the Sum

of four hundred and fifty Pagodas, and to bring the

same to Account under the head of Charges extraordinary

To Mr. Fallofield - with Advice of the

To Mr. Fallofield at Tanjore

orders to the Collectors, abovementioned.

To the Paymaster at Madura - directing

To the Paymaster at Madura.

him to issue the Amount of the Estimate for repairing the

Gun Carriages at Madura / viz.t Pags. 137.30 / to the Inspector

of Stores who has been ordered to proceed from Tanjore

to that Place, and to furnish him with as many

of the Public Artificers at Madura as can be spared.

To the Commandant at Tanjore - to order

To the Commandant at Tanjore.

the Inspector of Stores at Tanjore be proceeded to Madura

for the purpose of executing the Repairs required to the

Gun Carriages at that Place - Advice of the abovementioned

orders to the Paymasters at Madura.

To the Commandant at Palicaut=

To the Commandants at Palicaut etc.

=chery communicating the Boards Disapprobation

of his Conduct in interfering in the Department of the

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31. the Collector - Directing him to forward a Copy of the — Instructions under which he acts, and to comply with the written requisitions of the Collector, for the aid of a Military Force to assist the Collections.

To the Board of Revenue with Copy of the Abovementioned Letter to the Commandant at Palamcottah

To the Board of Revenue

To Cornet Keppen at Vellore

To Cornet Keppen at Vellore directing him to take charge of the Companys Horses sent to Vellore from the Presidency and to proceed with all expedition with the Troop under his Command to join Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment - The Saddles for the Horses to be supplied out of the Number which he has been ordered to make up at Vellore

To Major General Musgrave - desiring him to report his opinion how Captain Andrew Read's application for an equal Number of European Artillery Men, to supply the places of those that have been Lost or rendered unfit for Service can be best carried into effect Recommending that the Horses arrived from Bengal be sent immediately to Vellore and Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster of the Garrison of Carour respecting the late Desertions — among the European Troops Stationed there

To Major General Musgrave

To the Chief Engineer - informing him that by the General order of the 6th July 1786, Captain Trapaud's application for leave of absence, should

To the Chief Engineer

be

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be prepared to the Board, through the Commander in Chief

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army

with the Nizams Army, enclosing a Copy of the Military Boards Report upon the two Bills transmitted in his Letter of the 28th March.

To the Military Board - communicating

To the Military Board.

the Resolutions of Government upon their Letter of the 25th March (as passed in Council the 29th)

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.

acting President

John Huddleston Esqr

The Honble Major General Medows

Friday 1st April 1791 absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. No. 60/

Translation

From the Nabob Wauluyau to Sir Chs Oakeley Bt.

Dated 25th Rajib 1205 Hegery or 31st March 1791.

Recd 31st March 1791.

From the Nabob - Demonstrating against the Restoration of the 122 Villages to the Calastry Aycuts and the deduction made in his Rent on account of Grain Seized by His Highnes Troops (reporting that his Right to those Villages has been clearly established during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Jemaudy Jouny answering to the 22d February 1791. last communicating to me the Resolution of the Board on the Subject of Damarla Vencatah

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Fort St. George 1st April 1794.

Vencatap Naidoo of Calastry in Consequence of the Instructions from the Court of Directors that the Zaghire of Sectaramporr and 122 Villages of which he was dispossessed by me should be declared to be restored to him by the Company upon certain Conditions Set forth in your Letter, Circumstances that at once Surprise and Alarm me - During the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell an investigation was ordered to take place for the purpose of ascertaining the pretensions of Vencatap Naidoo and establishing my Rights: Major Barry Close and Mr. Lind joined by two Men of Character on my Part were the persons employed in the Business and who after the most minute enquiry Reported that the Claims of Vencatap Naidoo were without foundation and that my right to the Country was clear and indisputable. In consequence of this Report the Government not only Confirmed it, but actually ordered a Strong Detachment of the Companys Troops to dispossess the Naidoo which was done Accordingly, and not as you state, by me- Every Few of my Troops having Accompanied that ——— Detachment - This Matter having been once deliberately and thoroughly enquired into and finally established and Determined on by a former Government and its powers it was done and Justice never having been called

in

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in question what am I to imagine from this Sudden change a change so pernicious to my Rights and so derogatory to my dignity that were it to take place my Subjects and Servants would raise doubts in opposition to my authority every day, and my hereditary Dominions would be disputed and become a point of discussion upon the Representations of any refractory or Rebellious Poligar and myself no longer Considered as the Nabob of the Carnatic Payenghaut and Ballaghaut and the ancient Freind and ally of the English Nation, I should be treated with insult and Contempt and become the Ridicule of the whole World - under these Considerations and Ignorant as I am of the Grounds upon which the Court of Directors have given their Instructions regarding the Calastry Country or indeed of the Instructions themselves, I am full of doubt and difficulty and my mind is distracted with a thousand different Reflections

His Majesty of Great Britain your King and my Freind, in his Letter which you did me the favor to present to me the other day and which I received with sentiments of gratitude and affection not to be expressed, calls me the Nabob of the Carnatic Payenghaut and Ballaghaut my

Friends

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Friends the Company and the British Nation have acknowledged me as such since our first intercourse and Connection a period that involves a long serious of years and the Emperors of Hindostan Ahmud Shah and Shah Aleum ever since they granted me Jaggeers Phermauns of the Carnatic, they have stiled me Nabob of the Carnatic – The King possesses Right and property in the Country, and when he transfers his property to another person retains not any right whatever therein – The English for instance obtained Phermaun of Jaggeer for Bengal, Bahar and the Circars from the King of Hindostan, in consequence of which nothing remained to any others in those Soubahs – In like manner by the blessing of God I possess the absolute Sovereignty of the Carnatic Payenghaut and Ballaghaut ever since the time I obtained a Grant from Shah Aulum the Emperor of Hindostan confirming me and my Family in the Independant possession of the Carnatic, and therefore no Poligar or others do or can retain any Right in themselves – and now in a moment when my Sufferings are pressing me on all sides when my feelings are deeply wounded and when I consoled myself in the Idea of receiving an alleviation from the Justice and the Friendship

of

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of my Friends the Company you tell me that
the Court of Directors have given Instructions that a
District of my Country and which a former Government
had found to be my sole Right and had determined
in Consequence to Confirm to me and Support me
in the possession should be taken from me and
given a Man who during the late War joined
the Common Enemy, not from the political view
of Saving himself and his Country from the Ravages
of Hyder Naicks Soldiery as he has falsely pretended
but to promote his own diabolical purposes gratify
his malevolence and enrich himself from the
Spoils of my County and my other Subjects who
to this hour feel the dreadful effects of his
Ravages and to this moment are loud in Com-
plaints against him - a Man
of his dependance upon me and that he held
nothing in his own Right not long ago gave me
his Muchilka upon Oath to rent those very Countrys
over which you are now about to give him
Sovereign Power and Authority a Copy of his
Muchilka I transmitted to you some time in
the month of December last and now send
another Copy for the purpose of Shewing you that

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that he had agreed to rent the Countries in question at the Sum of 30252 Currack Pagodas and that you might not upon any false pretence he might urge allow any abatement nor can I consistent with my own Interest and that duty which I hold to the Interest of my Friends the Company accede to any deviation from that Sum or to a Rented District being nomi-nated a Jaghire-

In regard to the grain taken possession of in the Naidoos Country and which you are pleased to say shall be deducted from his Rent I can only observe that in Consequence of his Rebellion I was under the necessity of Dispatching my Troops in Conjunction with those of my Friends the Company under the Command of Captain Dunwoody to reduce him to Obedience and the Grain found was Seized by the Troops and Confiscated as has been the case upon Similar Occasions, nor did I ever suppose I should have been called upon to Carry the Amount to his Credit- and here give me leave to observe that although either from Humanity or policy, mercy might be extended and indulgence shewn to a Traitor yet a restore him to a plenitude of Power

and

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and give up that which by his Treasons he had forfeited might be attended with the most fatal consequences

As the Prince of the Country I have a right to a controle over my Subjects - to reward and to punish - and in this right I have been supported by my friends the Company and his Majesty your King and my friend and it follows of Course that my Country ought not to be disposed of and given in prencipalities to my Subjects much less to those who in the hour of difficulty and distress took a base advantage of the Calamities that Turned my Country and unsheathed the Sword of Rebellion against me Therefore cannot consent in prudence in Interest or in Honor that the Naidoo should be considered in any other light than as the Renter of those Countries to the Sovereignty of which he so presumptuously aspires - As to the Fief belonging to Sutwear which you desire should be given up to Vencatapa Naidoo - I have to Observe that the name Governdanagier so improperly given to it by the Naidoo is not known to any one by that Name, and never belonged to Calastry - it is situated in the Village of Kaumbauk depending on Sutwear and is known by the Name of Khaumbaukk droog and when the Investigation took place during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell the Naidoo's Claim —

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respecting it was found to be groundless - I hope therefore you will cause him to desist from any further importunity or urging any title on the Subject and I am Confident that my Friends the Company never would so far depart from their own welfare or see me so much injured in my hereditary Rights and so much degraded in the Eyes of the World, as to place the Naidoo in the full possession of Calastry in the manner your Question had a fair Statement between made them of our relative Situation and the particular Circumstances of the Case or had they once looked into their Records during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell, and under this impression I must refer to my Friends the Company and beg you will be pleased to lay before them every matter I have suggested and set forth, and obtain their further advice before any Steps are taken regarding the Calastry Districts other than permitting the Naidoo to hold it under the Muchilika which he has given me upon oath and which you have a Copy and for the Sum therein Stated. I beg to press these matters with the more force from the thorough knowledge I have in the honor and Friendship of my Friends the Company and in the liberality and justice of the English Nation -

Of the Hill Pollams, four were rented by me to Bomrauze and the Muchilika which he has given me under his Seal is in the Circars Office - But

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apprehensive lest he may follow the example set him by Venkatapa Naidoo and Claim those Pollams as his own. I mean to resume the Management and take them into my own Hands.

What can I say more

A true translation

(Signed) Joseph Gardner
Dy. Jr.

N.B. The enclosures have already entered in Consultation 7th December 1790/66 No. 27.)

minute thereon

The Board observe upon the foregoing Letter that His Highness appears to have been led into an erroneous Statement of Facts.—He asserts, that Messrs. Lind and Close after the most minute Enquiry has "reported that the claims of the Rajah were without a "Foundation, and that His Highness's Right to the Country was clear and indisputable," whereas it will be found upon Reference to their Reports, that the very Reverse is the Fact.—His Highness's next observation is equally erroneous.— "He states," that the Detachment was sent to dispossess the "Rajah, in Consequence of the Report of Messrs. Lind and "Close," when he cannot but remember, that these Gentle=men were not accredited from Madras, until Captain Dunwoody's Detachment had actually quitted the Country.

vide Instructions to Messrs Lind & Close 30th. September 1788.

Do

The Board observe that his Highness upon the Ground

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Ground of his Majesty having stiled him in his Letters "Nabob of the Ballaghaut," has frequently named himself under that Title in the foregoing Letter, whether he have any particular object in view from the success of the Company's Arms in the Mysore Country is yet uncertain but it cannot be forgot that he formerly asserted his Claims in the Ballaghaut, and raised the flames of war upon that account and it would not be surprising if he were to revive these dormant pretensions, as the Prospect of an encreasing territory opens to his mind

1491. Do. The Board do not think it necessary in consequence of the Nabobs Letter to make any alteration the Resolutions passed by them respecting the Calastry Country on the 7th of December last.

Agreed to inform the Board of Assumed Revenue that the Rajah of Calastry may be authorized to settle with the Garrison of Rachaut Doorg for the Evacuation of the Place

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.

To the Honorable Major General Medows Governor in Council

From the Board of Revenue - recommendation respecting to the pay of the Troops furnished by Colonel Harting for the Revenue Duty at Dindigal who have since been put upon the Sepoy Establishment.

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Honble Sirs,

The Collector at Dindigul reported to us in the month of January last "that there being an extreme want of Sepoys for Revenue Duty at Dindigul and no possibility of

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of enlisting any at that place Colonel Marlinz." / Commanding
at Ramnad / had furnished 250 Men, including Officers,
who had been in his own Corps.—

By the Collectors accounts for
December since transmitted, we observe that these Troops
form 3 Complete Companies upon the Sepoy Establishment,
that they have been paid as such and not as Subbendies,
and upon enquiry from the Collector we find they have
been employed as Regular Troops to check the Poligars
who had made Incursions into the District. Under
these Circumstances we conceive that the 3 Companies
ought to have been paid by the Paymaster of Dindigul
and should your Honble Board be of the same opinion,
We request you will be pleased to send to the Paymaster
there to adjust in his Accounts the Charge hitherto incurred
and pay them in future, though we hope that upon the
Arrival of the Reinforcement of the two Companies of
Sepoys which you advised us under date the 9th Instant
had been ordered to Dindigul, the Collector will be —
enabled to return to Colonel Marlinz the Force above
mentioned—

We have the honor to be, &c &c

/ Signed / John Huddleston
J. Oakes
Geo: Moubray—

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Resolved

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Resolved, that the Paymaster at Dindigul be directed to adjust in his accounts the Charge hitherto incurred on account of the Troops furnished by Colonel Martinz and to Pay them in future

Read the following Letter from Mr.

William Balfour.

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Wm. Balfour enclosing a Letter from Mr. Colt on the Subject of his Removal from the Office of Paymaster to the Army.

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter from Mr. Colt whom you have been pleased to remove from the Office of Paymaster to the Army.

The cause assigned for Mr. Colts removal being the unsatisfactoriness of the affidavit transmitted by him in answer to your Requisition made to him for that purpose, I humbly hope & trust that the Explanation he has made to your Honble Board will Satisfy you that the Office was conferred upon him without any consi=deration made or promised either to Mr. Holland or to his Dubash or for the use or Benefit of either

Mr. Colt further authorises me to say that he is ready to make Oath to every part of the Trans=cript sent to him by your Honble Board, excepting to that part on which he has entered into an Explanation in the Accompanying Letter and his Conduct in this Instance, in place of disqualifying him from holding the Office

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will Stuart appear in your Eyes truely trans worthy on his part. he likewise desire me to assure your Honor that it was to this part alone he meant to object in his Letter before transmitted by him.-

Under these Circumstance I look foward to the Justice of your Honble Board in the Confidence that you will be pleased to reinstate him in an Office regularly Conferred on him in the Course of the Service and the Duties of which he has discharged for 12 Months without the shadow of Blame being computed to him either by Government or the Commander in chief of the army.

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

(Signed) Wm Balfour.

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The Honble Major General Medows.
President and Governor
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Mr Balfour on the Subject of his Removal from the office of Paymaster to the army -

I have had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 25th Ultimo acknowledging receipts of mine of the 17th of the same month and informing me of the displeasure of the Board at my apparent want of attention to their orders. I observe also the Resolution they have come to, of removing me from my office in consequence of the

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the affedavit transmitted in the above letter, not having
been deemed Satisfactory, and their orders to be in readiness
to deliver over charge, on my receiving instructions from
General Medows to that Effect. which last. shall on my
part be obliged with the greatest alacrity, on being called
on for that purpose.

After however having Served the Honble
Company, in Several Stations I hope at last with some
Credit to myself, I think it but a Piece of Justice I owe
to my own Character previous to my quitting office. to
declare that I am not Sensible of my having been guilty
of any crime to merit so severe a mark of their displea
-sure as that now inflicted on me.

The supposed inattention to your orders,
and not replying soond to your Letter, originated
partly from the hurry and bustle incident to a Camp
life, and partly from a hope which I had formed,
of being able to have Answered every thing fully to the
Satisfaction of the Honble Board while the Army was
on the Neighbourhood of Madras, the cause of my being
disappointed in that hope was owing also to the pressure
of business which prevented me visiting the Presidency

In regard to the other charge of the
affidavits not being satisfactory, I can only say it did
not strike me as such at the time I took it, but

on

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In recurring to your Letter I find I may not have been so explicit as could have been wished, had I diverted to the whole of my intentions for sending me Paupiah the Dubash of Mr. Holland Did require me a written obligation, binding myself at a future day, to pay him one forth of my Emoluments a proposal that was so futile on itself and so contrary to my own principles that I rejected it with disdain. Had Mr. Holland himself made the proposal, or had any Specified Sum of money been demanded of me as a price for the office, I should certainly have told you so, candidly, and without hesitation, but the above transaction between Paupiah and myself I really imagined to be of too ridiculous and trifling a nature to form any part of a Letter to your Honble Board and I declare upon my honor that was the only motive I had for concealing it from you. —

If after the above declaration the Honorable Board should persist in their Resolution of removing me from my appointment, I must of Course obey, and only thus come forward to justify myself from any Idea that may be entertained of my having treated the orders of Government with neglect

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

(Signed) Oliver Colt

Paym.r to the Army

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Agreed to inform Mr. Colt, that altho the

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Board are sincerely disposed to pay every attention to the Representation of those Servants, who, laboring under the Imputation of improper Conduct, come forward with satisfactory Testimonials of their Innocence, yet, on the present Occasion, he has neither sufficiently explained the Cause of his Neglect of their orders, nor has he yet transmitted the Oath required. The oath he formerly sent, with the Declaration accompanying it, placed him exactly in the same Predicament with others who had been deprived of their Situation, nor could the Board Consistently hesitate in their Determination on his case — How far he may now be able to remove, the imputation of having obtained his Plan corruptly they Cannot judge, but they shall be ready even at this Period, to receive and attend to, whatever he may have to offer through Major General Meadows (to whom it is agreed to write on the Subject,) in his Vindication. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Fr. Fr. St.

From Major Genl. Musgrave recommending that Lieut Briggs be appointed to the Vacant Adjutancy of the 36th Battalion of Native Infantry

Honble Sir

The adjutancy of the 36th Battalion of Native Infantry having become vacant by the Departure of Lieutenant Brooksbank for Europe I beg leave to recommend

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Lieutenant Briggs to be appointed to that Station, who has acted near two years with the approbation of his Commanding Officer during the disposition of Lieutenant Brooksbank

I have the honor to be,
with great Respect &c. &c.
Signed / Tho.s Musgrave.

The acting President informs the Board that he understands by a letter which he has received from Major General Medows, that it is his / the Generals / wish to have all Vacancies reserved for his own nomination - Agreed therefore, that his Sentiments be requested on the present Recommendation in favor of Lieutenant Briggs.

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Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary of the Political and Military
Department of Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you by order of Lord Cornwallis to request you will signify to the Board his Lordship's desire that Lieutenant Colonel Ross the Chief Engineer shall be directed to proceed to Amboor with all possible expedition from thence

From the Adjutant General Lieutenant Colonel Ross and a Captain of Engineers to be ordered to join the Army immediately

thence to join the army with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's detachment as soon as an opportunity offers of its moving as the State of Major Maules health will not admit of his continuing with the Army on Active Service.

Lord Cornwallis also requests that if a Captain of Engineers can be ordered to proceed to Amboor in time enough to join with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment one may be ordered as his Lordship is apprehensive that Captain Oggs will also be prevented, by indisposition, from Continuing with the Army on Active Service.

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

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjut. Genl. of the Army.

Camp at Bangalore.
21st. March 1791.

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Agreed that the Chief Engineer be directed to proceed to Amboor with all possible Expedition and from thence to join the Army with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment - and that he be desired to recommend a Captain of Engineers for the Field, if there be one near enough to join the Detachment before it moves from Amboor.

Resolution of the Board in Consequence of their not having received any Communication from Lieut. Colonel Oldham's respecting the State or Progress of his Detachment

As the Board have not received any Communication whatever from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, regarding the Progress of his March or the State of his Detachment - It is Resolved that he be directed to transmit Copy of such Correspondence as may have

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passed between him and the Commander in Chief since the Detachment marched from Trichinopoly. Read the following Letter from Major Sale.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Madura in refutation of the charge preferred against him by the Paymaster of levying Taxes upon people for Permission to sell articles of Provisions &c. within the Fort.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 19th Instant, and have to request you will be pleased to lay this my reply before Government, wherein I declare to the Honble Board upon my Honor, as an Officer and a Gentlemen, that I have never received from any Inhabitant, of the Garrison of Madura, either in kind, or money, the Smallest Gratuity for admitting them, to sell any one Article in which they deal, within the Walls of the Fort.

Nor has a Servant of mine to my knowledge presumed to lay a Tax upon any class of people for Selling any article of Supply, should I find out that my Man has been guilty of any thing of the kind, I shall make an immediate example of him as I never did in any Situation I have been in, to receive any Emolument of the kind, nor admit of a Servant of mine receiving it, with my Sanction and knowledge.

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The Baker and the Butcher are the only two Inhabitants that I know of, that do not pay Custom to the Renter, for their Supplies, and from whom I never received a Single article, without Paying for at the same rate, as the other Gentlemen of the Garrison, nor have I ever received a present from either of them

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

(Signed) Robert Sale

Madura 26th March 1795.

P.S. There is near to the Main Guard which has always been allowed to the Commanding Officer the Emolument of which is about two or three Pagodas Monthly which I have received during the time I have had the honor to command here, and I think it necessary to mention this to the Honble Board -

Sign'd Robt. Sale -

Agreed that Mr. John Wrangham the acting Collector be directed to make Enquiry into the above Subject, and to ascertain whether

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whether any, and if any, and Taxes have been levied, and by whom, upon any class of People, for the Purchedge of supplying the Garrison of Madura, since Major Sale was appointed to the Command.

By the orders of the Court of Directors founded on the 40th Sec: of 24. Geo: 3. Cap 25. Compleat Lists of officers Places and Employments at this Presidency are directed to be sent home every year. Such Lists from the Civil Department have been transmitted but they complain in their dispatch of the 19th May last that they have never received any such Statement from the Military. agreed therefore that the Comptroller General of Army Accounts be directed to draw up a compleat Statement annually to the 30th April, and that the List be made up to the close of the present Month. This Account in the Terms of the act is to comprehend a List of all the Forces under this Presidency

in

Minute of the Board respecting the annual Transmission to the Court of Directors for a List of all Military Servants their appointments Salaries and Emoluments —

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in the pay or Service of the Company distinguishing the different Bodies, nations, or people which Compose the same, and the Salaries and emoluments appertaining to all and every of the said officers and private men in the Army as well in peace as in War.

The account must also contain the Pay and emoluments of Surgeons and of such Civil Servants as are attached by their Officers to the Military Establishments.—

Captain Boscawen of the 14th. Hanoverian Regiment takes the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty.

Captain Boscawen of the 14th. Hanoverian Regiment is now introduced, and the Oath prescribed by the Deed of Settlement

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with Lord Cliv is administered to him
by the acting President

" Chas Oakeley.

" Thos Hodgkinson

Ex. Voken Office

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Diary.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. for the Months of April Nos 1. 2.-

To the Chief Engineer directing Him to proceed to Camp immediately, and to recommend a Captain of Engineers to join the Army whose Function with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment may be practicable previous to it's marching from Ambaor.-

To Lieutt Colonel Ross Chief Engineer

To the Military Board informing them of the Board's Resolution to publish annually at Contract for transporting the Military Cloathing, &c agreeably to the Recommendation contained in their Letter of the 23rd Ult.o-

To the Military Board.

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.-

From the Chief Engineer will pay immediate Attention to the Orders of Government above mentioned- recommending that Captain Fraser be left in Charge of the Works at the Presidency and that Lieutenant Ruspell at

From the Chief Engineer-

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2d at Pondamalee, be directed to join the Army.

From the Commandant at Tiagar - inclosing Copy of an Application from Mr London Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province for Military Aid in order to oblige the Poligar of Ventavellum to attend the Catcherie; in consequence of which he has detached an Officer with a Company of Sepoys.

From the Commandant at Tiagar.-

From the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry - acknowledging the Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 23d Ult. respecting the Detachment of the 73d Regiment sent round on the Surv...

From the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry

From the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors - stating that there is Liquor enough on the Coast to last to the End of the Year, when an Supply of Six Hundred Leaguers will be wanted.

From the acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

From the Military Paymaster Genl

From the Military Paymaster Genl - inclosing the Accounts lately required by the Bengal Government Despatched.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. B. No. 8. f. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

To Lieutenant Colonel Oldham. Directing him to transmit to Government, Copies of such Correspondence as may have passed between him and the Commander in Chief, respecting the Progress of his March or the State of his Detachment.

To Lieutenant Colonel Oldham.

To Major General Musgrave requesting him to lay before the Board any accounts that he may have received officially from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham relative to the March of his Detachment &c.ª

To Major General Musgrave.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts. Directing him to furnish, annually a Complete List of Offices, Places and Employments at this Presidency; the first to be drawn out to the close of the present Month.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad inclosing Packets to their address received from Camp.

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad.

To the Resident at Bagore.

to

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To the Resident at Tanjore.

2. to direct Venkatasawamy who formerly acted as Vackeel to Serfogee the adopted Son of the late Rajah of Tanjore, to proceed, forthwith, to the Presidency.

To the Collectors at Tanjore - directing them to send Chinniah Moodely under a Guard to the Presidency in case he should be at Tanjore.—

To the Collectors at Tanjore.

To the Collector in the Trichinopoly &c. Districts - directing him to state to the Board the Reasons of his not sending Chinniah Moodeliar to the Presidency agreeably to his Intention as communicated to them under Date the 27th February.—

To the Collector on the Trichinopoly &c. Districts.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly Chinniah Moodeliah to be sent to the Presidency under a Guard, if found in the Trichinopoly District.

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Venkatagherry.

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Venkatagherry, as entered in C.C. 8th May desiring him to order Venkatarow, formerly a Mantta Writer to Mr Holland to proceed immediately to the Presidency.—

Sent

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3.

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Sent the following Letter

To Mr. Oliver Colt.

Sir,

To Mr O. Colt.
in reply to his Letter
on the subject of his
removal from the
Office of Paymaster
to the Army.-

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 13th Ultimo, and to inform you, that altho' they are sincerely disposed to pay every Attention to the Representation of those Servants, who laboring under the Imputation of improper Conduct, come forward with Satisfactory Testimonials of their Innocence, yet, on the present Occasion, you have neither sufficiently explained the Cause of your Neglect of their Orders, nor have you yet transmitted the Oath required - the Affidavit you formerly sent, with the Declaration Accompanying it, placed you exactly on the same Predicament with others who had been deprived of their Situation, nor could the Board consistently hesitate on their Determination on your Case.-

How far you may now be able to remove the Imputation of having obtained your Place corruptly they cannot judge,

but

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3. Lastly they shall be ready Eventually this late period to receive and attend to, whatever you may have to offer through Major General Medows, (to whom the Board have written on the subject) in your Vindication.

I am Sir
&c.a
W. C. Jackson Secy

Fort St George,
2d April 1791.

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

Honorable Sir,

We have received a Letter from Mr Oliver Colt, on the Subject of his Removal from the Office of Paymaster to the Army; a Copy of which we beg leave to enclose for your Information.

Although we are sincerely disposed to pay every Attention to the Representation of those Servants, who, laboring under the Imputation of improper Conduct, come forward with Satisfactory Testimonials of their Innocence, yet on the present Occasion, Mr Colt has neither sufficiently explained the Cause for his Neglect of our Orders,

To Major Genl Medows. with Copy of the Letter received from Mr Colt. Opinion of the Board thereon. his sentiments reguard on the Recommendation given by Major Genl Medows in favor of Lieut Briggs for the adjutancy of the 2d Battalion.

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3. Orders, nor has he transmitted the Oath required
of him- The Affidavit he formerly sent
with the declaration accompanying it,
placed him exactly on the same footing with
with others who had been deprived of their
situations, nor could we consistently hesi-
-tate on our determination on his case.
How far he may now be able to remove
the imputation of having obtained his place
corruptly We cannot judge, but we
shall be ready even at this late period
to receive and attend to, whatever he
may have to offer through you in his
vindication.-

We have the Honour to
inform you that Major General Mcgraw
has recommended to us the appointment
of Lieutenant Briggs to the Adjutancy
of the 20th Battalion in the room of Lieute-
-nant Brookbank who has proceeded to
Europe- But, as our Acting President has
informed us that he understands by a
Letter which he has received from you,
that it is your wish to have all vacancies
reserved

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3.d reserved for your own nomination we request to be favored with your Sentiments on the present Recommendation in favor of Lieutenant Briggs.

We have the Honorable
&c. &c.
Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

Fort S.t George
3.d April 1791.

Received the following Letter.

To
The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

Agreeably to your Orders of the 30.th Ultimo, I have compared the List of Military Stores Supplied by the Military Storekeeper for the Month of February, with a List delivered in by the Military Board and find them correspondent.

From the Commissary and Comptroller Genl of Army Accounts.
Reasons for Certain Articles being charged in the Military Storekeepers Books at a Fixed Rate and others at the Current or Market Price.

The Articles charged at the fixed Rates, are such as have been approved

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3d Approved and Settled by Government, from the Recommendation of the Military Board Those charged at Current or Market Prices are for different Articles, that must bear a fluctuating price; of which when a large quantity is required, so as to amount to a considerable Sum, the Military Storekeeper lays the Accounts before the Military Board for their approbation. In smaller Articles not exceeding the Sum of One Pagoda, the Check principally depends upon the Examination of the Accounts by the Controller, who of course makes Enquiries, into the cause of any increase in the rates charged. In these Accounts for February I find none that require any particular Remark, excepting one for 12 Pieces of Yellow Tape, which was purchased to make a new Flag for the Fort. And an Iron Chain for Brass 6 & 12 Pounders, which should have been charged under the Head of Sold price, instead of Current or Market prices, but this is only an Error in point of

form

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3d Form, the Accounts in other respects are perfectly regular.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble Servt
(Signed) J. Kaye
Agt

Fort St George,
1st April 1791.

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Military Secy &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Board Copies and extracts of Letters from Lt Stewart dated to the 21st Instant & Rajah Tudge Wants march to Cossar Calwah, which was to be the next he would make will bring him to within forty one Coss of Bangalore Such orders have been sent from hence under date the 22d Instant to urge him on

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble Servt
(Signed) John Kennaway

Pyangul
25th March 1791

P.S. I enclose for the Boards information Copy of a Letter I have had occasion to address to the Governor General since writing the above - of which I request a Copy may be made in Cypher and dispatched to his Lordship from Madras -

From the President at Hyderabad with Copies of several Letters, from which it appears, that Rajah Tudgunt is fearfully proceeding on his March until he is certain that a Diversion will be made by our Army to facilitate his

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Captain Kennaway

Resident at the Nizam's Court

Sir

I have the honor to inclose for your information Copies of my Letters of yesterday and this days date to the Governor General.—

Judge Wunt at four o'Clock this Morning received a letter from Ekpa Mean from Alinoor 10 Cos N. from hence confirming the report of our Capture of Bangalore which I trust will be more fully ascertained in a day or two by a letter from the Governor General. The Army will March tomorrow.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Wm Stewart Mayor

Camp at Kiddypilly
16 Cos from Gumy. Cotta
2d March 1791—

Copy

The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c &c &c Camp

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant with Agreeably to

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To your Lordships Commands I have constantly
urging Judge Wurd to Move with the
utmost celerity and as I acquaint Captain
Kinnaway daily of our progress I trust his
indeavors will be of great use in hastening
it.—

Judge Wurd halted to day
in spite of all my indeavors without any
apparent good reason for doing, he
pretended the Bunyarahs were tired, that the
Road in front was not explored and that
some of the Baggage of the new Levies was
not come up; the two former obstacles
but the latter and a declaration he Made
that he would halt overcame all my
powers. He promises to March at 6 O'
to morrow and four the next Day to Cal-
liva at which latter place I am to be
Made acquainted with his future inten-
tions for your Lordships information.

I have the honor to be with
the utmost respect— &c &c

(Signed) Wm Stewart Abbott
Maj

Camp at Yeldarty
12 Coss from Gunjy: Cuddr
19th March 1791.—

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The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor Genral &c. &c. &c. Camp

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship the Army Marched five Miles South of Yeldanty this Morning. Tidge Count is extremely anxious that your Lordship should pursue Tippo 15 or 20 Cos North from Bangalore in case of his coming against his Army with Infantry and Cavalry, but declares if the Enemy sends only his Cavalry there will be no occasion for your Lordships moving as this Army will be sufficient to cope with them. - I have made use of every argument I could think of to convince him your Lordships advice for the utmost celerity was given for the purpose of rendering it impossible for the Enemy to take steps to prevent the junction, I have requested him again and again to lighten his Baggage that he may move quickly and thereby avoid all the Enemy's Cavalry; and have told him that as to the Infantry he

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3. he could never think of being Molested by them if he followed the Nizams Orders and yours Lordships desire for celerity. On Reply without appearing to be Satisfied with my Arguments he advised one to write to your Lordship from myself regarding your pursuit of the foe if he comes this way with Infantry and Horse and to Mention that Lt Lidge (Munk) was coming and whether you would advance to Meet him or Not, but that if you come, and forced Marches to join you of 15 or 16 Cos will be sufficient on his part.- I said it was my duty at all times to send Translates in Cypher of what he wished to Communicate to your Lordship but on his refusing to have his Name in the Request I declined writing from Myself, observing that your Lordship would most undoubtedly do what might be proper to favor the junction. I argued in this Manner My Lord, because I thought that my giving him any prospect or idea whatever of your advancing might

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3. induce him to halt improperly here at once instead of advancing rapidly as he is ordered to do by his Master and your Lordship.- I am extremely sorry I cannot by any means prevail on him to make long Marches or to free the Camp of incumbrances, I still expect much aid from Captain Kennaways exertions at Paangul and shall continue to press the subject on all occasions here.- We had yesterday pleasing Accounts of your Lordships having taken Bangalore the 12th Instant which I saw eager in a high degree to hear confirmed.-

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

(signed) Wm Stewart Asst.

Camp at Khiddy-pilly
16 Cos from Gunjy-cottah
20th March 1791.-

True Copies
Greene Mercer
Acty Asst.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Stewart to Captain Kennaway dated Camp Khiddy-pilly 18 Cos from Gunjy cottah 21st March 1791.-

"Mahomed Panna confirms
"Bangalore being ours he left it three
"or

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3. or four Days ago, and mentions our having taken a Thousand Foot in a fruitless attempt on Tippoo at Neglit- and that Tippoo had taken two Troops of our Horse whom he released with two rupees each. I wait on the utmost anxiety to hear of the Capture of the Fort from Lord Cornwallis -

True Extract

Geune Pierce

Act. Sec. to Govt.

The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

The Nizam has just sent me a letter from Rajah Tudge Ward stating that the communication with your Lordship was cut off and the Country about Bangalore destroyed by the Enemys Horse that Tippoo had Heard of the intended junction between your Lordship and the Nizams Army and Sensible of the Ruin such junction would

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3. would bring upon him was determined at all
hazzards to oppose it. That the Pettah only
of Bangalore was taken by your Lordship
and that the Garrison which had been amply
reinforced by the enemy previous to your
arrival was prepared for resistance and
thus circumstanced his Highness desired
to know whether I continued of opinion that
it would be safe for Lidge Wunt to advance
till he should hear further from you as
well as that you would take the Necessary
Measures to Secure the junction since if
any accident should happen to his Army
From Your Lordships not taking Measures
to Secure its safety the responsibility would
be mine Implied that the inconvenience
you must suffer from the ravages of the
Enemy's Horse confirmed me in my Confidence
that you would take every possible precaution
to effect the junction of Troops by whatever
Means only you would be able to put an
effectual stop to it and that I therefore
Desired they might be Directed to Advance
being willing to take upon myself the

Threatened

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3. threatened responsibility so far as it was connected with the Confidence I had in your Lordships doing every thing that depended on your part but that it would be impossible for you to resolve on such steps as were necessary to effect the junction till you were clearly informed of Tredgr Wants route to March and of the Stage of this Route being finally determined on Meer Abdul Kurreem the person the Nizam sent Meer Abul Cossim being sick replied that your Lordship's Army being surrounded by Horse Tippoo might proceed against Tredge Want without your hearing of it to which I answered that I did not conceive such a contingency after you were once acquainted when and by what Stages the Nizams Army was proceeding towards you and that I requested he would assure his Highness that I should consider any check his Troops might receive

determined

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3d detrimental in as great a Degree to the Cause we were engaged in as if it happend to a Detachment of our own Army–

Hurry Punt was conducted to the Durbar Yesterday by the Minister whom he is to visit this evening and to attend the Nizam again tomorrow when I am to be introduced to him he sent his Moonshy home last night with a Complimentary Message which I have returned The Minister informs me he (Hurry Punt) has received a Letter from Sipsoo the contents of which have not yet been communicated I have forwarded his answer to your Lordships Letter thro' Mr Kennaway

I had written thus far when Meer Abdul Gunny who took his leave at the end of the conversation above recited returned to me from the Minister to enquire if I thought Tiedge Punt should be directed to advance without waiting to hear further from your Lordship or remain at Conar Cutwah till he should hear from you I replied I was of opinion that he should fix on his Stages–

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3. Stages, as from a time for Marching against your Lordships with the particulars, and without deviating in the minutest point from them, more or whether he heard from you or not satisfied that from the information he should send, your Lordships would take such Measures as depended on you for the rest. He said the Minister wished to know what was to be done in case any Change in the present State of circumstances to the Southward should occur between such orders as I desired being given to Pledge Ward and his Receipt of them. I said it was impossible to provide for every Change of winds and that in any such contingency as he supposed much must be left to depend on the prudence and direction of the Officer who Commanded—

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect—

&c.a &c.a

(signed) John Kennaway

Paanyar
25th March 1791.

True Copy
Grieve Mercer
acting Aid.t

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed to desire, that

you will be pleased to acquaint the Madras

Government, that, on the Arrival of their

Letter of the 20th Ultimo, the only Ship of

this Season, remaining for Dispatch to

Europe, was the Warren Hastings; that

an Officer of Rank in the Company's Service,

and another Officer, have had Orders to be

accommodated in that Ship, but that, after

providing for them, in the Great Cabin, the

remainder of that Cabin may certainly be

appropriated, as far as it will allow, to the

purpose, recommended by the Gentlemen of

the Madras Council; although the Board

are of Opinion, that the Staff Officers of

his Majesty's Hanoverian Regiment, to be

embarked on different Ships to Europe,

may

From the Secretary at Bengal respecting the accommodation to be allowed for the Staff officers of 15th Hanoverian Regiment who are ordered to embark for Europe.

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3° May be separately Accommodated, or
rather, that the whole Great Cabin of any
one Ship must not be allotted to their
exclusive use. I have the honor to be

Fort Whitburn
the 11th of March 1791.

Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble Servt
Signed/ J. Tomball
Subjoyt

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

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you,
for the Information of the Governor in Council
at Fort St George, that Lieutenant Downie
being under Orders to proceed immediately
by Land towards the Carnatic in Charge
of four Hundred and Sixty three Carriage
Bullocks, he has received Instructions (as you
will observe by the inclosed Copy of them)
to send to the Madras Government and
to the Deputy Adjutant General with the

From the Secretary at Bengal with Copy of the Instructions Lieut Downie who has been ordered to proceed by Land towards the Carnatic with four hundred and sixty three Carriage Bullocks.

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3° The Grand Army frequent Advice of the Progress he makes in his Journey, Advising such Orders as may be sent to him by Lord Cornwallis or the Government of Fort St. George.

It is understood, that the Board at Fort St. George will be acquainted in due time with Lord Cornwallis's Intentions relative to the future Destination of these Cattle, so that the Orders they may give concerning it, will correspond with his Lordship's Wishes.

Orders have been sent to the Chief and Council at Tanjore, Vizagapatam and Masulipatam to afford Lieutenant Dawnie every Assistance in their power towards forwarding the Service on which he is employed, and to supply him with such Advances as he may require.

Information of Lieutenant Dawnies Orders and a Copy of his Instructions have been sent to Lord Cornwallis.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your &c.
Signed P. Torrebelle
Sub Secy

Fort William
the 16th of March 1791.

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John Chamier Esqr

Secretary at

Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by this Government to forward to your care the accompanying Packet for the Right Honble the Governor General enclosed under a flying Seal for the perusal of Sir Charles Oakeley.

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c

From the Secretary at Bombay with Copy of a Letter from the President at Buffoorah Containing Intelligence from Constantinople of the 27th August.

Bombay Castle
23d February 1791.

(signed) William Page
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To The Honble Major General Medows.

President and Governor &c Council at

Fort St George.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to inform You, that this Country continues to enjoy Tranquility, and that on the 9th Instant, We received a Letter from Mr B Pisani, Secretary to His Excellency Sir Robt

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3d Robert Ainslie, Dated Constantinople the 27th August, containing the agreeable Intelligence of the Signature of Preliminaries for a Separate Peace between the House of Austria and the Ottoman Porte, We enclose a Copy of the Letter.

The conclusion of the Dispute between the House of Austria, and the Ottoman Porte, will remove the Impediment, caused thereby, to the regular Conveyance of Despatches between India and England by this Route. They will hence forward be transmitted with the accustomed Security and Expedition, by the Old Channel of Zemlin and Vienna.—

We are with the greatest Respect

Gentlemen

Your &c

(signed) Samuel Manesty

Harford Jones—

Constantinople 27th Augt 1790.

Busora
the 18th Decr 1790.—

Samuel Manesty Esqre
Resident

Harford Jones Esqre Factor at Busora

Gentlemen,

Since our last despatch dated

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3d. dated 12th Current, His Excellency has been favored with your Letter of the 20th July.—

By the particular desire of the Ambassadour, who continues to be extremely occupied in consequence of a Cabinet Courier arrived here Yesterday from London, I have the honor to acquaint you, for your Satisfaction, by this early Opportunity, that by an express Messenger, arrived at the Prussian Palace late on the 22d instant, we have received the equally important and agreeable Account of the Arrival, at the Turkish Camp of Monsieur de Jassy, His Prussian Majesty's late Envoy in London, with the Ratification of their Treaty of Alliance concluded with this Court the 1st of February, and charged with a Ratification of the Hungarian Majesty having at length accepted the Ultimatum transmitted by the King of Prussia, and of Preliminaries being Signed for a Separate Peace between the House of Austria and the Ottoman Porte under the mediation and guarantee of the Prussian King and of his Allies.

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3. Allies. Great Britain and Holland. in consequence of which the King of Hungary is to break off all Connection with Russia respecting the Turkish Empire, and will restore to this Court all the Conquests made on their Territory during the present War.

The respective Ministers are now employed in persuading this Court to acquiesce in an immediate Armistice and to appoint Plenipotentiaries in order to assemble in a congress with the Ambassadors of the mediating Powers, there to confer upon and finally sign a Peace with the Court of Vienna now as good as concluded.

It is hardly possible to suppose, that the Court of Russia will refuse to enter also into an accommodation with the Turks, especially as a large Corps of Prussian Troops have already marched towards the Frontier of Livonia, and that proper Measures have been concerted between that King and his Allies, to bring the Empress to reason, in case of an obstenate opposition to the Terms proposed by them for the accomplishment of a general pacification.

Our

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3d.

Our discussion with Spain is still undetermined. a decisive Answer was expected in London from Madrid towards the 22d July, which, as many People imagine will not be unfavorable to Peace.

I have the honor to be with respect Gentlemen, &c &c

B. Pisani Secy

True Copy/

/Signd/ Samuel Manesty -

To

The Honble Major General Abercromby

President and Governor &c. &c. Council at

Bombay

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

We have already had the honor to address you Ship Enterprize and since the Close of our Packet on the 19th Instant the President has received a private Letter from the Venetian Consul at Aleppo dated the 6th of November of which the following is a Translate - "The

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The News of the Day are that peace has been concluded between the House of Austria and the Ottoman Porte, that the Ottoman Porte are in treaty with the Russians for a peace, that the King of Swedin has been forced into a peace with Russia: That the General National Assembly of France, has been in great Confusion, has insisted on the Confirmation of an Alliance between France and Spain, and has given orders for the immediate Equipment of 45 Ships of the Line, and that a very respectable English Fleet in three divisions put to Sea on the 18th. September.—

We are in Expectation of the return of Messengers from Aleppo and We flatter ourselves that we shall early have it in our power to communicate to your Honble Board satisfactory Intelligence relative to the political State of Europe.—

We are with the Greatest Respect &c. &c. &c.

(signed) Samuel Charnock

Bussora Ker
30th Dec. 1790

True Copy
William Page Secy.

Harford Jones

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Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered on the B. No 16 p. 18.

19. 20. 21. 22. 23.

To Mr Secretary Hay

To Mr Secretary Hay

Stating that the public Service on the Coast will not require any Supplies of Rum or Arrack till the End of the present year when Six Hundred Leaguers will be wanted.

To the Board of Assumed

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

Revenue to authorize the Calastry Rajah to Settle with the Garrison of Nellewer Doorg for the Evacuation of the Place.

To the Military Paymaster

To the Military Paymaster General

General returning the Account enclosed his Letter of the 31st Ult.o It not being officially drawn out.

To the Acting Collector in

To the Acting Collector in the Madura District

the Madura District. directing him to make Enquiry into the Charge preferred by Mr Vaughan against the Commandant at Madura for levying Fines upon certain Classes of People for the Priviledge of supplying the Garrison.

To the Paymaster at

To the Paymaster at Madura

Madura for the Troops furnished by Colonel Martin for the Protection of the Dendigul District

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№ 4. District to be paid as regular until they are returned to the Colonel.-

To the Board of Revenue.

To the Board of Revenue.

with advice of the abovementioned Orders.-

To the Commander of the

To the Commander of the private Ship Sydney Meadows.

private Ship Sydney Meadows- with a Return of troops to be conveyed on his Ship to Negapatam- the allowance of Passage Money will be paid by the Resident on their Disembarkation.-

To the Resident at Negapatam.

To the Resident at Negapatam.-

with a Return of the Troops imbarked on the Sydney Meadows- directing him to pays the amount of the Passage Money and to take charge of such of the Stores shipped for their use as may remain unconsigned on the Ship's Arrival.-

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. № 30. 31. 32. 33.- 5.

From Major General Musgrave.

From Major General Musgrave- stating that Lieutenant Colonel Oakham's Detachment arrived at Anjengo on the 22d Ult. and enclosing Return of the Detachment.-

From the Commandant at

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From the Commandant at Chundergerry. ak Chundergerry applies for Instructions regarding the three Spies who are now in confinement at that Place.

From the Military Paymaster Genl Genral enclosing the official Account, Copy of which was lately delivered in to the Board by Mistake.

From the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions. Genral of Grain and Provisions enclosing an Indent for Bengal Grain wanted for the Bengal Bullocks.

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam enclosing a Mortgage Bond as Security for his office of Paymaster of the Garrison of Masulipatam.

From the Sub secretary at Bengal. at Bengal with Copies of Returns of Saddles Bridles &c. shipped on the Nancy Brig and of Bullocks Drivers &c. shipped on the Fortitude.

From Do. From Do. with Invoice and Bill of Lading of 950 Bags of Rice shipped on the Lechmere for this Presidency.

From Do. From Do. with Bills of Lading of Spirits shipped on the Lechmere and

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5th and Sydney Meadows.-

From Do enclosing a Letter

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.- received from Bombay addressed to Mr Secretary Chamier which had been sent to that Presidency by mistake.-

From Do enclosing a Copy

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. of Colonel Murray's Instructions to Captain Wheatly respecting the horses shipped for this Presidency on the Hunry.-

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Tuesday 5th April 1791 acting President

John Huddleston Esqre

The Honble Major Genl Willm Medows

absent upon Service.-

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.-

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 opinion upon the Nabobs Request of having an additional District restored to supply the Deficiency occasioned by the Payment of

Honble Sir,

In conformity with your Orders

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of Pramiah from this Sagheir Lands

Orders of 26th Ultimo we proceed to state our Opinion as to those points upon which the Rabob requires further Concessions— The Charities are a Treasury Charge, which may either be paid, or withheld according to the pleasure of the Crear for this Reason they ought not to affect the Valuation of Lands more than the common Charges of Collection; and upon this ground the Rabobs Request of having an additional district restored to supply the deficiency occasioned by the payment of Pramiah from his Sagheer Lands appears to us by no Means Unreasonable. By an article of the Treaty His Highness is entitled to the Sum of 21360 Pagodas in dependent of his Sagheers on Account of Pramadam: If this Sum had been claimed at the Assumption, it would have been proper to have allowed it in Money to be distributed as he might think proper: but the Lateness of the Season will now render that impossible.— We believe the total amount of Charities

in

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in the Carnatic exceed the above Sum, but have called on the Collector for an exact State-ment of those Charities which we hope to lay soon before you.- It appears from the enclosed Account drawn out by our Account-ant to as late a period as the Account he has would allow, that the Sum of Pag. 10,423 of established Charities has already been paid, and it is probable, that in a very short while, more will have been paid on that Account, than the Sum Settled by treaty, so that, if we were unwilling we could not Comply with the Nabobs Request during the present year.-

We had already directed the Collector to forward Copies of the Original Muchulcks of the Wasselbaky Accounts which, when Received, shall be forwarded according to the Nabobs Request.-

We have the honor to be,

Fort St George
4th April 1791.-

S.r S.r
Signed/ John Huddleston
David Hale Burton
Wm Balfour.

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Statement of Sums paid on Acct of Pensions and Charitable Allowances in the Several Districts of the aforesaid Countries upto the Dates on which the Accounts have been respectively received —

	Amt paid Star Ps	Total paid on the aforesaid Countries in each District Star Ps fo Cl. Pr fo Cl.
At Paulcaud to 31st December 1790	103.14.32	
At Satwadas to 28th Feby 1791	708.31.70	
At Nellore to Ditto	3373.27.44	
In the Northern Division of Arcot to 31st January 1791	3181.31.56	
In the Southern Ditto to 30th Novr 1790	24.33	
At Tritchinopoly to 28th Feby 1791	2559.29.5	
At Madura and Nellore to Ditto	407.32.47	
At Tinnevelly to Ditto	1062.29.45	
Total Star Ps		10423.3.5½

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Errors Excepted

(Signed)

Leo Rose

Accountt to the Board
of Aforesaid Revenue

a true copy/

J Webbe Secy

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Fort St George 5th April 1791.

Agreed that a Letter be written to His Highness the Nabob, conformably to the Opinion given by the Board of Assumed Revenue.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Columbo.—

To His Excellency
The Honble William Medows Esqre
Major General Governor and President
and the Gentlemen of the Council.—
at
Fort St George.

Hble Sirs & Sirs,

The first Subscriber, communicated to us in Council the Letter with which you were pleased to favor him of the 29th January last.—

From the Government of Columbo—respecting their Right to a share of the Pearl and Chank Fisheries at Tinnevelly and to certain Exemptions and Privileges of trade in the District of Madura and the Maravars

We cannot conceive what those differences are, that his Highness the Nabob has reported to you, have arisen between his said Highness and the Honorable Dutch East India Company respecting the Proportion in the Pearl and Chank Fishery.—

By a Treaty concluded the 7th July 1788 here at Columbo with his Highness the Nababs Embassadour Mr James Buchanan,

Esqre

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being duly invested by his Highness with
full powers it is Determined by the 1.st Article
of the said Treaty, That the aforementioned Pearl
and Chanks Fishery shall be divided equally
between the High Contracting Parties.—

By the 10.th Article of the same Treaty,
it is agreed. That the aforementioned Dutch
East India Company shall continue
to Exercise uninterrupted the full and
peacable enjoyment of all their Trade and
Privileges in his Highness's Country
of Madura and Marravar in like manner
and on the same terms as they have done
for many Years, in which Article is
particularly comprehended the exclusive
Right of the Dutch East India Company to the
Cloth Trade in his Highness aforementioned
Country of Madura and Marravar.

We are Nevertheless much
obliged to you, for the kind offer of your Service,
and we should have Accepted of them being
fully Assured of your obliging intention towards
us had any differences really existed Regarding
the aforementioned affair.— We

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Fort St. Iago 5th April 1791.

We have the Honour to be with the

utmost Esteem &c. &c.

Columbo
the 8th March 1791.

Signed
W. J. Vande Graaff.
M. P. Raket
D. C. C. Dreiberg
C. Van Angelbeek
B. L. Van Eritter
A. Jansant
I. A. Vollenhoven

Agreed to inform the
Gentlemen at Columbo, that the Board's Letter
to Governor Van de Graaff of the 29th January was
in consequence of a Letter which had been
received from his Highness the Nabob, in
which he asserts that "he had refused to give
"Orders for the Continuance of the Dutch
"Trade in the Friendly &c. Provinces in
"consequence of their having violated the
"ancient Customs" That the Board were
led to suppose from this Paragraph
that some Differences actually existed
between the Dutch and his Highness, and
hence arose their Anxiety to interpose
their good Offices - That if the Conditions

Minute thereon

of

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of the Treaty be at a Stand on the Part of His Highness, it is imagined that the Obligations which binds the Dutch to the Fulfilment of it is also at a Stand, and that the Stipulations on either Side are no longer in Force. That if the Dutch on the Contrary consider the Treaty in full Virtue, while His Highness thinks differently the Board do not see how the Matter can be accommodated but by their Interposition, and that if the Subject be referred to them, the Gentlemen of Colombo may rely upon an equitable Decision.-

Read the following Letter from the President at Travancore.-

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council.-

Fort St George,

Honble Sir,

I have the honor of all[l] to Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 9th and 16th Instant- the former inclosing your Letter to the Rajah of Travancore which I immediately delivered.-

All[th]o it has not had the effect

From the President at Travancore states the Arrangement he has made with the Rajah for the Liquidation of the Balance due upon the Travancore Lack of Pagodas and reports the State of Health of the Horses he has purchased for the use of the Army.-

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Sick of inducing the Rajah to a immediate liquidation of the Balance due upon the second Lac of Pagodas, yet he has subscribed to such Terms that I have thought it expedient to accede to - Ten thousand Porto Novo Pagodas, I have already advised you I had received, and transmitted to the Paymaster at Polyhautchery. Forty thousand Pagodas, I am to receive in fifteen days, the end of the Malabar Month - and twenty thousand Pagodas in fifteen days after that - These sums will Complete the Liquidation of the Lac of Pagodas, as I observe from Mr Jackson's Letter of the 14th that the Bill for 20, 160 P. N. P. had been accepted -

In the above Letter, the Board's Orders are to press the Rajah for the payment of the Balance, by good Bills upon Sowcars at Madras, payable at a short sight - The Rajah informs me, he cannot procure Bills, for a large sum at a more favorable sight than 90 days - I have endeavored to negociate for Bills with the Sowcars here, but they will not accede to other

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other Terms, than those offered to the Rajah, and they demand likewise a Commission of five per Cent.

As the last Orders from the Board are to endeavor to procure Bills for the remainder of the Loc, beg to know whether these are to supercede those of the 3d February which direct me to transmit to General Abercromby such Sums as I might receive from the Rajahs of Travancore or Cochin - as the Season will be rather advanced on this Coast, at the time I receive the whole Amount from the Rajahs, I am afraid very few good opportunities will offer; I therefore apprehend it would be better to send the Money to Bengal as practised on a former Occasion. -

I do myself the Honor to send you herewith the Copy of a Letter which I have received from Mr Lorin, on the subject of the Horses I purchased, and sent by order of Major General Medows - I am very much concerned to find the Casualties

1541

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Casualties that have occurred, and the State he reports them to be in. When they left this Country, they were in high Health, and good Order, and every possible care was taken of them. I have delayed transmitting the Charges of the Purchase &c. of them, until I receive the Account of the Expences attending them on the road between this and Tiadinopoly, that I may include the whole of the Charges in one Account.

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

Trevandapooram
25th March 1791

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed George Powney
Resident

To George Powney Esqr
President Travancore

Sir,

I have been honored with
Your Letter of the 19th January forwarding
to my Care by the desire of General Medows
Forty Horses for the Service and desiring
me to forward them on to the Commanding
Officer

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Officer at Trichinopoly, I am sorry to
inform you only 33 Horses have reached
Palamcotah the others having died on the
Road with a Disorder that they all seem
to be more or less affected by—

I fear I shall soon have
to inform You of more Casualties as Forts
seem to be very far gone— The Country People
and Your Servants in Charge of them, attribute
this Sickness to the Water and Rank Grass
of the Travancore Country—

Every care shall be taken
of them which it is necessary to detain there
at Palamcottah and those that survive I
Send on to Trichinopoly as you direct—
under the Care of an able Subaltern—

I am Sir
&c &c
/signed/ Bury. Lovell
Coll.

Tinnevelly
1st March 1791

/A true Copy/
/signed/ J Powney Resident

Fort St George 5th April 1781.

1543.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Arrangement Mr Pawney has made with the Rajahs of Travancore for the Liquidation of the Balance due upon the Second Lack of Pagodas

As the Season is now so far advanced it is agreed to direct Mr Pawney to send the Money he may receive from the Rajahs of Cochin and Travancore to Mr Torin at Palamcotah, as practised on a former Occasion.

Do.

Read the following Letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal.

W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St George,

Sir,

The Chief Engineer on this Establishment having offered Certain propositions for the improvement of the General Map of India, I am directed to forward to you the accompanying Extract of a Letter addressed by him on this occasion to the Governor General in Council for the information of the Government of Fort St George, who are

from the Subsecretary at Bengal with Extract of a Letter from the Chief Engineer at that Presidency recommending certain arrangements for the improvement of the General Map of India

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are requested to promote by every means in their power the Attainment of the desireable Object pointed out by the Chief Engineer.

I have the Honor to be

Fort William
11th March 1791.

Sir
&c.a &c.a &c.a

(Signd) Jno Chaveau
Sub Secy.

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Subject of the Letter from Bengal be referred to the Chief Engineer on his Return to the Presidency.

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.

To The Honble the Governor in Council
&c.a &c.a &c.a

From Major Genl Musgrave Recommendation respecting the Detachment of Artillery to join Captain Read &c before Nuptee. The Same arrived from Bengal and there late purchased here, March for Vellore.

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with your Secretarys Letter of the 31st of March desiring my opinion how Captain Reads application for an equal number of Europeans to supply the places of those that have been lost or rendered unfit for Service can be

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best carried into effect.—

As I conceive that the Men required must be sent from the Presidency, it appears to me that the best route they can take is to proceed from hence to Vellore, and thence to Sedout, the nearest place where they are likely to fall in with a Body of the Mizore forces,— After which, they can Join Captain Read by whatever opportunity may appear most eligible — I also think that they should be escorted by a small party of Sepoys, and put under the Charge of a Careful Officer.

Such of the Bengal Horses as were fit for Service, with those lately purchased at Madras marched this Morning for Vellore, where I hope they will arrive in time to Join Colonel Oldham's Detachment.—

I am happy to find from Mr Garrow's letter and Statement that the Troops in Canara have not been suffered to fall in Arrear, so far as Captain Parr apprehended at the Suspense at the time

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time Captain Read wrote, Viz. the 12th of March, the Garrison could not have received Subsistence for that Month, this however a Matter of Ups Moments, as the Delay has been so Short. And the Desertion stopped -

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

1st April 1791 -

(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave.

Agreed that Major Conrad Musgrave be desired to issue the necessary Orders for the Marche of the Europeans, intended for Captain Read's Detachment, by the Route of Nellore and Sidoudy - that they be accompanied by a Small Party of Sepoys and put under Charge of a careful Officer -

Remarks thereon

Read the following Letter from Captain James Campbell -

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c.a &c.a

Sir,

In Compliance with the request of Captain Read, who has been for some time employed among the Northern friendly

From Captain Campbell Commanding at Arnbore - with Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Captain Read, respecting Lieutenant Cloe's & Ohanis Detachments -

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Friendly Polligars, stimulating them to furnish their promised Supplies for the Grand Army, I have the Honor to transmit for the information of Government Copy of a letter received from him this Day, Dated 1st April 1791.-

To Captain Campbell, Commanding Anchour

1st April Anoor. 1791.-

Sir,

I have Annex an extract of a letter from the Governor General, Copy of which I sent you same days ago in Cypher, And request you will execute the orders it Contains.- "Your will probably have "heard before this letter reaches you that "Bangalore was taken by Assault on the "night of the 21st with very little loss on "our side.- I conclude that Lieutenant "Col. Oldham's Detachment is now "at Anhoor, And desire you will "Acquaint him that I wish him to hold "his Detachment with Captain Campbell's "Battalion and Captain Frith's regiment

"of

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of Cavalry, and the Recruited Men of all descriptions belonging to this Army encamented Horses, Bullocks &c.a in readiness to March on the Shortest Notice, on the event of his receiving orders from me to that effect.-

I think it possible from present appearances that I may not have occasion to draw a Supply of Rice from the Magazine at Amboor, and that I may have it in my power to Secure Lt Colonel Oldham's junction with me without moving the Army to the Neighbourhood of the passes,- but I must request that Lieutenant Colonel Oldham will endeavour to procure the Means of bringing with him a plentiful Supply of Arrack with some Salt And Biscuit for the Europeans- Use every Means in your power to let me hear from You, And if you should receive information that this Army is moving towards Coorchbunda and Pedd Naig

Doorgum,

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Doorgum, recommend it to Lieutenant Colonel Oldham to take every precaution that he can with safety to prevent the Dry forage in that neighbourhood from being burnt by the Enemys Horse.- Sam.l F.w

(Signed) Cornwallis.-

You will in consequence of this letter call in any of the people of your Battalion at Arkat gerry And Coatbunda, And if Mr. Cuppage learns that any body of the Enemy is moving towards Conboor, after you are gone, he will order Lieutenant Burton to join him with his Company from Arkat gerry- Pray request of Coll.o Oldham to write immediately & and daily of his movements, both by Special Messengers and by the Expresses I have established to Moody manyon.

Both for his information And your I enclose you Copies of letters that will give a Competent idea of affairs in this Quarter, at least as far as I can.-

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After perusal forward them and this letter to Government. We advise you tomorrow of Tage Wards Determination.—

Yours Obediently

Signed Alex.r Read.—

P.S. The letters above Mentioned have not yet been received, as soon as they are, they shall be remitted to Government— The Contents of his Lordships letter have been Communicated to Lieutenant Coll Oldham—

I have the Honor to be

Yr.s &c.a

Amboor 3.d April

1791.—

Sign.d/ Jas Campbell

Capt.n Com.g Ambour

Read the following Letter

from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

Having returned to the Coast in Obedience to your Orders, and not having as yet been favored with any further

from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery in Explanation of the Circumstances upon the Ground upon which Government formed their Resolution of recalling him from the Command of the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army.

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further Commands, or with any Reply
to the Letter which I had the honor to address
to you on quitting the Command of the
Detachment employed with his Highness
the Nizams I flatter myself you will be
pleased to excuse this renewed Application
arising from those painful Sensations
which an Officer must feel while labour=
=ing under the Effects of a Censure which
he is not conscious of having merited, and
from which he is consequently anxious
to be Acquitted with that Degree of Honor,
which he is persuaded the invariable
Tenor of his Conduct has entitled him to.

For this purpose, altho the
very enfeebled State of my Health seems
to demand a Relaxation from public
Business, and more particularly renders
me unfit for a Correspondence of this
Nature, I can no longer restrain the
ardent Desire I feel to lay before the
Board a State of such Circumstances
as tend, in my Idea, to exculpate me
from the Censure which they have been
pleased

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pleased to pass upon me "for sanctioning the extravagant Charges of the Paymaster."

It is therefore with the most perfect Confidence in your Candor, as well for Considering attentively the Circumstances I have now the Honor to Submit to your Notice, as for making every Allowance for the Situation in which I write, that I take the Liberty of stating to your Honorable Board the following particulars relative to my Conduct respecting the Paymaster and his Accounts.—

I find it however incumbent on me, previous to my entering into the Detail of such Particulars, to State in it's true Light a Transaction, from a Misstatement of which the Right Honorable the Governor General appears to have been led to form a wrong Judgment of my Conduct in regard to the Expences of the Detachment, and which may not improbably have also had it's Influence in bringing upon me

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me Censure which it is the Object of my present Application to remove.-

I allude here to an Extract from the Right Honorable the Governor Generals Letter of the 20th July last to the Resident at the Nizams Court furnished me by that Gentleman / expressing his Lordships Disapprobation of my having preferred Charges to a great Amount, in a loose and unsatisfactory Form." As a Charge like this, alledged against an Officer, materially affects his Honor, I trust I may be permitted to state in my own Vindication the Circumstance from which alone it can have taken rise.- It was within a Day or two from the time that a Reference had been made by me to my Superiors on the Propriety of the Nizams Officers mustering the Detachment / till the Decision of which Reference the Resident to himself had acquainted me that his Highness would make no Payments towards its Expenditure / that I received a Letter from the Resident requesting to be furnished with a Statement of the

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Expence of the Detachment for the ensuing Month "to enable him to take Measures for procuring the Necessary Advances for its Payment by Application to the Rajaw, or such other Mode as might be likely to obtain them else where." It will appear, from what I have said before that this could not be a Period for Incurring Charges, nor can it escape the Notice of any Person acquainted with Military Transactions, how impossible it was to give at the beginning of a Month an Account of the Expenditure Necessary during the Course of it, especially with a Detachment then upon the Eve of active Service, in a Country, with the Nature of which we were totally unacquainted - Conceiving myself on a Consideration of these Circumstances, warranted to conclude that only such a Statement was wanted as might enable the President to form in his own Mind some Judgment as to what our Expence might probably be, I transmitted him a rough Statement drawn

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drawn up from such Information as I could immediately procure, at the Same time informing him of my Inability to state the Amount of the Contingencies - This rough Estimate however not proving Satisfactory to him, he requested an Explanation of it, for which (not possessing within myself the means of making it so fully as he seemed to wish) I called upon the Heads of Departments whose proper Duty I conceived it to be, and transmitted to him the Estimates of the Paymaster and Commissary of Stores under their respective official Signatures, as the Explanation he Desired - but still without any View or Idea of preferring Charges, not only for the reasons before Mentioned, but also because, in the first place, I conceived that not to come within my Department, but to be in that of the Paymaster, who on the Coast Establishment transacts every matter with the Paymaster General or other Sources of Supply, without the Interference of a Commanding Officer - and because, Secondly, were the explanatory Estimates

Forwarded

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forwarded from Heads of Departments were so far from being liable to be deemed Specific Charges that they were (for the Reasons before assigned) only delivered in as Probables & Estimates, nor was any Idea entertained by myself, or I believe by any other, that any Use was intended to be made of them, further than for the Residents Information - Under this Persuasion it was that I transmitted them to him, not Conceiving myself at the same time responsible for their Contents, as they were officially signed by Heads of Departments, who in Consequence, if any Responsibility could be incurred in such Circumstances, were the Persons responsible for them - This being the State of the Case, I cannot express to your Honorable Board the Astonishment with which I found that I had been represented to his Lordship as "having preferred Charges to a great Amount and in a loose and unsatisfactory Form" to him it must be evident that I could not have entertained an Idea of preferring any Charge at all - nor can I to this hour figure

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figure to myself any justifiable Motive which could induce the President to transmit either the rough Abstract or its subsequent Explanation to his Lordship in the Light of "Charges preferred by me" or any one else — much less for transmitting (as it should seem he has done) my rough Statement without that Explanation which appeared even to himself to be necessary.

Having stated this Transaction in it's true Colours I now proceed to my Conduct relative to the Paymaster and his Accounts.—

The very undefined and inaccurate Nature of my Command in the Department of Account, together with the very late Period at which I received any Instructions on that Head, have been already stated in a part of my Correspondence with the President which he informs me has been submitted to Government, since any Letter written of the 10.th October last with it's Inclosures. I therefore humbly conceive, as the subsequent Directions I have been honored with are entirely silent on that Subject, what I have there advanced is not discordant to your own Sentiments, and are in consequence

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led to imagine that, in order to my full
Exculpation in your Eyes it will only be
necessary to subjoin that I have neither
been favored with the Book of new Regu-
lations for the Coast (Deviations from
which are said to have appeared in the
Accounts) nor have I from my receiving
the Command until my Recall, been furnished
with the various General Orders issued to the
Army, altho it now appears that several
of them referred equally to the Detachment
I commanded as to the rest of that Army,
and tho' from the various Reports of the
Military Board I find a Disobedience of
those Orders imputed to me - fully persuaded
of the Justice of your Honorable Board, I will
not suppose that I can be deemed culpable
by you for not having conformed to Orders
the Purport, and even the Existence of
which was entirely unknown to me. Thus
I say that a Disobedience of these Orders is
imputed to me, I am to refer to the
Reports of the Military Board forwarded
to

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to mean December last, which states it to be
then necessary that I should be furnished with
a Copy of General Orders which now appear to
have been issued to the rest of the Army in
May preceding.—

Altho' what I have already
mentioned may be sufficient to evince
how very inadequate a Controul I possess
in the Department of Account, yet I feel
it incumbent on me to state that so far,
and perhaps even further than I feel
myself authorized, I have been studious
to prevent any unnecessary or improper
Expenditure— If it has been my Fortune
to entertain Opinions in regard to that Expen-
diture different from those of the Resident,
who has in some Instances differed from
the Board of the Military Board which
he knew to be sanctioned by Government,
I trust it will still be found that I was
far from adhering pertinaciously to
my Opinions, except where I was convinced
the Service would suffer by adopting
his, and that, fully sensible of the
Necessity of Harmony between us, I was

anxious

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anxious on my Side to leave no Pretence
for disturbing it With this View, and
on the Supposition that he might be assisted
by my Superiors with Powers which
were not intrusted to me, I proposed to
Him some Months ago as the 5th September
last to that the Monthly Abstracts of the
Expence of the Detachment should be
forwarded to him, "previous to the Issue
of the Money for their Discharge that he
might himself be able to judge of the
propriety of such Expence, and thereby free
me in some Measure from a disagreeable
Responsibility" Altho' he deemed it unnecessary
to give an Answer to this Proposal, yet
still desirous to do away every Cause
of Complaint, and to Compensate as far as
possible the great Defects of my own
Conduct by a Reference to one whose
Competency to supply those Defects could
not be disputed, I gave Directions to the
Paymaster not to include in his Accounts"
any Charge for Purchase of Stores, nor
any other Charge in the Department
of

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of Grain and Provisions than merely for the Purchase of Grain itself, until such Charges had been submitted to and Sanctioned by the proper Office of Controul at the Presidency — and this I did, because I was myself but little acquainted with the Rates at which Stores are generally purchased by the Company, nor had I any means of Discovering, whether not the Charges for Servants, Contingencies &c.a in the Commissary's Department were conformable to the Regulations, and consequently could not Deem myself compleatly either to the Approval or Rejection of such Charges — but still wished that they might be controuled, previous to their Payment, by a Power fully adequate to it.

And here I cannot but own myself greatly surprized and concerned (as the Letter containing these Directions to the Paymaster forms a part of the Inclosures in mine of the 10th October to the President which is said by him to have been transmitted to Government) that the Honorable Board, upon Possession of such Letter, should have Deemed it necessary to remove me from exercising

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exercising over the Department of Account a Power which, so far as I conceived myself authorized by the Known Customs and Regulations of the Coast Service, was always exercised by me to its Full Extent - With such a Proof before them of my desire to supply what was defective in my own Controul by Reference to a Power in which no such Defect existed, I cannot induce myself to think that Government would have passed upon me that Censure of which I have felt so many painful Effects. I can therefore only account for it by supposing that a Copy of the Letter I allude to was not transmitted to the Board, and on that Supposition have taken the Liberty to transmit herewith a true Copy of it.

I must add to this Letter already drawn to a Length which I did not originally propose, by stating that altho' the Censure of Government goes to my sanctioning the Paymasters Accounts generally, yet I have really been so far from sanctioning

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sanctioning that I have not even seen them in that Form. It may not therefore be improbable that Charges may occur in them, which have not been submitted to me in any Shape - and that Government may be the better enabled to decide in that Event, what Charges have had my Sanction, I beg leave to request that such alone, to which my Signature appears, may be looked upon to have been sanctioned by me, and that all others (agreeable to the Spirit of the 3rd Article of the Bengal Regulations for Foreign Detachments transmitted to me in August last) may rest with the Persons preferring or paying them, and not with me who am totally unacquainted with them. -

I cannot quit the Subject without observing that altho' the Bengal Regulations cited immediately above direct me to enforce the regular Transmission of Accounts and Vouchers to the Office of Audit, and to require that Duplicates be kept with the Detachment to guard against Accidents, yet at the same

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same time neither those, nor any other existing Regulations within my Knowledge, give me any power of inspecting the Accounts, and Consequently of satisfying myself whether or not my Requisitions were complied with - I should not have mentioned this, had I not observed that notwithstanding the Paymaster had my Orders to conform to this Regulations yet the Report of the Military Board accompanying the Censure of Government, founds all their Strictures upon what they quote as "Probable Accounts" not as Accounts and Vouchers" or their Duplicates - Which leads me to imagine that such Accounts and Vouchers, or Duplicates of them, have not been regularly transmitted agreeable to my Order - in which Case it was impossible for Government to ascertain what Charges have or have not my Sanction, while at the same time it serves strongly to corroborate what I have advanced both Here and in my Letter.

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Letter of the 10th October to the President &c respecting the little Regard had to the Commanding Officers Interference in that Department which is almost exclusively deemed to appertain to the Civil Servants.

Having now, Honorable Sir and Sirs, laid before you as well as a very bad State of Health will permit, what has been my Conduct in the Department of Accounts it is with the firmest Reliance on the Candor and Justice of your Honorable Board founded on my Knowledge of the Characters who compose it, that I leave my Honor in your Hands - nor will I allow myself to entertain a Doubt but that what I have here advanced will meet with that Attention which I am persuaded it deserves, and will have its due Weight both in removing any unfavorable Idea the Board may have entertained in regard to my Conduct, and in doing away that Censure which I hope will now appear to have been unmerited on my part.-

I have the honor &c

&c &c

Signed H. Montgomery

Masulipatam

26th March 1791.

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Copy of a Letter to the Paymaster - No 4. of the Enclosures of my Letter of the 10th October last to the President at the Nizam's Court.

"To Mr Robert Malcolm, Paymaster."

Sir,

I enclose for your perusal a Letter received from the President at the Nizams Court."

You will observe, Sir, by the strong and pointed manner in which the Letter is dictated, that full and clear Answers are expected - I therefore recommend those which concern your Department to your most serious Consideration - I also direct that you do not include in your Account of Disbursements for August, nor of that of any future Month, any Charge for purchase of Stores until it has received the Sanction of the proper Officer appointed by Government to inspect into such Charge, nor any Charge whatever in your Department of Commissary except for the Purchase of Grain for the Fighting

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Fighting Men, Public and Private Followers, and Provisions for the Europeans, until your Accounts for that Department shall have been audited by the regulating Officer of the Department, to whom you are to apply, and whom audited, to acquaint me therewith - Copies of such Accounts so transmitted by you are to be prepared, and Delivered into me by the 5th of every Month for the Information of the President at the Nizam's Court - in order to enable you to comply with this last, I shall direct your being furnished with the necessary Pay Rolls and Accounts of each Month on the end of the following Month." I have the pleasure to be

Sir"

Camp near Gangawattie &c.
7th October 1790. H. Montgomery"

Resolved that the following Answer be returned -

To Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery

To Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery in reply to the foregoing Letter -

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter Dated the 26th Ultimo, and to observe that

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that their Animadversions on your Conduct respecting the Paymasters Accounts were founded on your Want of Attention to the extraordinary and incidental Charges, and not, as you apprehend, on a Neglect of Controul over the Paymasters Department.— This was sufficiently explained, in the Letter to you of the 26th of November, wherein, it was noticed, that every contingent Expence not provided for by the Regulations, could only be authorized and controuled by the Commanding Officer, who would be held responsible for the Propriety of all such Charges" and in the Minute of the Board which accompanied the above Letter, it was stated, "that much Inattention had prevailed with Regard to the Disbursements of the Detachment— that the printed Regulations for the Guidance of the Paymaster, had been deviated from in a Variety of Instances— and that, in that Part of the Service not provided for by the Regulations, the Commanding Officer

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"who had to judge of and regulate the Contingency
"seemed to have been equally inattentive.— What
followed was been more in point Viz.t "It is the
"Duty of a Major Montgomery to conduct the Service
"he is employed on with the same regard to Economy,
"as if the Expences of it were entirely defrayed
"by the Company, and the Part which depends upon
"him with Relation to the Extraordinary and
"incidental Charges is much more essential
"than that of the Paymaster, who has the plainest
"Rules that can be laid down for his Government."
— It is obvious, therefore, that you were never
considered Responsible for the Current Monthly
allowances— these rest solely with the Paymaster,
who is alone accountable for any Deviation
from the Book of Regulations— And as to the
contingent Charges which have been sanctioned
by your Authority, the proper Season for
Explanation will be when the Comptroller
General's Audit and report upon them come
under Discussion at the Board, for which
you will be duly advised.—

You have laid much
stress on the accounts being only estimates,
but it appears that those Estimates for
the month of August were forwarded by
you on the 9th September to Captain Kennaway
and must have contained an account of
actual

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actual Expences incurred in the preceding months
In your Letter accompanying them you write as
follows "Having called upon the Paymaster for
"the abstracts &c as requested in your Letter, I
"have received from him the enclosed It is with
"regret that I observe the great difference between
"these accounts and the Estimates transmitted
"from the Right Honble the Governor General
"but not seeing any ground whereon I can reasonably
"found an objection, I forward them" It is
evident then, that although these statements
may not exactly agree in every particular
with the account of that months, finally
settled and closed, yet that it contained specific
charges to which you could urge no objection
tho' they were of such a nature, particularly
in the Grain Department, as to excite
the strongest marks of disapprobation.

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I am &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
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Read the following Letter
from Colonel Fraser.

Chicacole

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Chicacole 24th March 1791

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have been favoured with a letter from Mr Secretary Jackson, by which I am sorry to find that my Bill for Repairs &c has not been approved — I must confess I was firmly of opinion that in the particular circumstances under which I acted — my little Bill, however it had been contested for want of form by an inferior Board, would have been confirmed by the supreme Board, or Government of the Country — Permit me to add an assurance to the Honble Board — that the forms were compl'd with by me as nearly as possible — For several years ago I ordered an Estimate to be taken by our former Engineer the late Captain Wickens — and another by Captain Ogg the last Engineer of this District, both of which I sent to the Board of Vizagapatam, requesting they might be forwarded to Madras — and I hope it cannot be imputed to me as a fault if this was omitted —

I now request the Board of Vizagapatam to forward the Estimate of Captain Ogg, which has at length been recovered and sent to

From the Commandant at Chicacole requesting the Board to reconsider the claim he lately preferred for the amount of Repairs executing to the Buildings at that Place and enclosing an Estimate of Repairs still necessary —

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to me, to the Governor and Council and, as I am desired to return the original to the Chief Sheristah, I beg leave to enclose a copy of it, attested by myself, in order to render the probability greater that it shall reach the Presidency.—

The Honble Board will be so good as to allow me to observe that we not only sustained a great Gale of Wind, to the detriment of all our Buildings.— but that the waste which is always occasioned by the lapse of time, especially in this climate during the long period that has passed since I was honord with the Command of this District, would long ago have reduced the Honble Company's Town and Offices to Dust, if it had not been for their slight Repairs— and of which I can never repent whether I shall be reimbursed or otherwise.—

I hope the Honorable Board will now be pleased to order the Repairs to be compleated according to the enclosed Estimate, which, I believe, is perfectly regular,

and

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and corresponding with the forms ℔
prescribed — and as there is no Engi-
neer in the two Northern Districts ℔
under my Command, I shall be ready
to undertake the charge, and — upon ℔
honour — to lay out whatever Money
is granted, to the best of my Judgment. —

Should my offer be ℔
rejected by the Honorable Board, permit
me to observe that Mr. Wilson our ℔
Paymaster is very capable of conducting
the Repairs — and I dare say very willing.

I have the honor to be
with all possible respect. —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

(Signed) C. Fraser

Estimate

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Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Honble Company's Quarters at Chicacole and taken by Order of Colonel Fraser.

Commandants House		Fan	
6 Doors Teak Venetion 7/2 by 4	180 @ 1 Rupee		180 " "
Frames for Do. with Fastenings &c.	138 Do. @ 10 an.		86 4 "
5 Doors plain Panneld 7/2 by 4	150 Do. @ 14 Do.		131 4.
Frames for Do.	115 Do. @ 10 Do.		71 14.
14 Windows Venetian 5 by 4	280 Do. @ 1 R.		280 " "
Frames for Do. with Fastenings	216 Do. @ 8 an		108 " "
12 Pair of Outside Shutters with Do.	240 Do. @ 10 an.		150 " "
Out Houses			
1 Country Window & Frame 3. 6. by 4.	14 @ 12 an.		10 8 "
2 Do. Doors & Frames 6. 6. by 4. 6.	58. 6. @ 12 Do.		43 4 "
Total Carpenters Work			1061. 12 0
House			
Roof wants Shifting & Teling about 16 Squares @ 6 R. per Square			96 " "
1 Godown new Roofing with Country Timber Bamboos & Tiles	9. 18 Do. @ 30 R.		275. 6 4
Tiles require Shifting & repairing with new Cheeram borders	12. 0 Do. @ 6 Do.		72 " "
Total Roofing			443 6 4
House			
Breaking out the Old Doors & Windows & fixing the new ones			
Cheeram with Cooley hire	5 Gang @ 15/2 R		77 8 0
Bricks with Cooley hire	10.000 @ 4 Do.		40 " "
Sagary	10 M. @ 1 3/4		17 8 "
Bricklayers	90 @ 3 an.		16 14 0
Coolies	600 @ 4 Do.		50 " "
White washing inside & out	98 @ 4 Do.		24 8 "
Garden Wall Brick & Clay about	200 Feet @ 2 Fan.		31 4.
Total Bricklayers Work			257. 10.
		Carried over R	1762 12 4

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House

Iron work to the Remaining Doors &c including Workmanship

10 Md. at 7 Rupees per Md. . . . . 70 " "

Total Smith Work . . . . . 70 " "

House

Painting Doors Windows & Shutters . 270 Sq. yds @ 11 an. 185 10 "

Total Painting . . . . . 185 10 "

Out Houses

Paving wall Bricks on edge in Chunam } 6.75 Sq. @ 15 R. 101 4 0
one course underneath in Clay . . . . }

Total Paving 101 4 0

Total Expence Estimated for Repairing the Comm.g Officers Quarters 2119 16 4

Estimate for Building a Main Guard 50 Feet by 22

Roofing with Black Palmyras & Rupees with Flat Tiles & Chunam

Bonds about 14 1/2 Squares at 60 Rupees per Square . . 870 " "

Wall Brick in clay about 3336 Cubic Feet at 2 Fanams per Foot 589.4 0

Chunaming Rough Coat inside & out about 27 1/2 Sq. @ 4.9 per Sq. 130 7 "

Paving Wall Bricks on edge with one course underneath in Chunam } 187 " "
about 8 1/2 Squares @ 22 Rupees per Square . . . . . }

2 Windows 5 by 4 Frames & Sutters 40 Feet @ 1 Rupee per Foot 40 " "

1 Door 7 by 4 Plain Panneld 28 Feet @ 1 Rupee . . . 28 " "

Total Main Guard . . . . 1844 11 " "

Total Expence of Work Estimated 3964 5 4

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Carpenters Work	Commandants Quarters	1061 12 "
Bricklayers Do.		802 4 4
Smiths Do.		70 " "
Painters Do.		185 10 "
main Guard		1844 11 "

Total Expence R. . . 3964 5 4

Vizagapatam 3d June 1791.

(Signed) C. P. Ogg
Captain Engineer

a true Copy
(Signed) C. Fraser
Col.t Commanding

Agreed

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Agreed that Colonel Fraser be informed that for the Rooms before stated the Board cannot at this Period regularly admit his Bill for Repairs.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Sum of two Thousand Rupees (2000) be advanced to the Paymaster of Chicacole for the Purpose of executing such Repairs as are deemed most necessary to the Public Buildings at that Place and that his Accounts shewing the actual Disbursements of this Sum be countersigned by the Commanding Officer, and then transmitted to the Presidency by the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.—

Do

The Acting President recommends that five Officers and Twenty Privates of his Majesty's 15th Hanoverian Regiment be sent to Europe on the Hawke.—

Electoral Troops to be sent to Europe on the Hawke.—

Ordered accordingly.—

Chas Oakeley.

J Hudleston

Lt. John Ogilvie &c.

Fort St George 5th April 1781.

1543.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Arrangement Mr Pawney has made with the Rajahs of Travancore for the Liquidation of the Balance due upon the Second Lack of Pagodas

As the Season is now so far advanced it is agreed to direct Mr Pawney to send the Money he may receive from the Rajahs of Cochin and Travancore to Mr Torin at Palamcotah, as practised on a former Occasion.

Do.

Read the following Letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal.

W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary at Fort St George,

Sir,

The Chief Engineer on this Establishment having offered Certain propositions for the improvement of the General Map of India, I am directed to forward to you the accompanying Extract of a Letter addressed by him on this occasion to the Governor General in Council for the information of the Government of Fort St George, who are

from the Subsecretary at Bengal with Extract of a Letter from the Chief Engineer at that Presidency recommending certain arrangements for the improvement of the General Map of India

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