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Diary

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

Received Letter from the Nabob (as entered in CC. N°62) requesting to be furnished with Copy of His Highness's Account Current with the Company

Received the following Letter from Major General Musgrave. —

To the Honble the Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honble Sir

From Major General Musgrave recommending that Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery be appointed to the Command of Samulcotah. —

Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery having represented that the Station of Chicacole, which is usually considered as the command of the Lieutenant Colonel of the Northern Division, is at present retained by Colonel Frazer whose Regiment is employed on service, & being by this circumstance deprived of the Situation generally allotted to his Rank in that Division, he requests to be appointed to the Command of Samulcotah — I do not think, under these circumstances, that the favor of Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery asks

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5th is unreasonable, and if there are no particular Objections I hope your Honorable Board will grant him the appointment —

Madras
April 5th 1791

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
&c &c
(Signed) Thos. Musgrave

Substance of Letter to the Natives —

6th Sent Letter to the Natives (as entered in C.C. N° 63) communicating the Resolution of Government upon his late Request of having the District of Seturcar restored to supply the Deficiency occasioned by the Payment of Yoomiah from his Jaghire Lands. —

Sent the following Letter to the Dutch Government at Columbo. —

To the Honorable W I Van De Graaff Esq
Governor &c &c &c
and to the Gentlemen of Council
at Columbo

To the Dutch Government at Columbo — offering to interpose in the accommodation of the Differences existing between them & the Natives respecting the Trade in the Tinnevelly Country

Honorable Sir & Gentlemen,

We have had the Honor to receive Your Letter of the 8th ultimo, and beg leave

to

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6th to inform you, that our address to Governor Van de Graaff of the 29th January was in consequence of a Letter which we had recieved 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 Tinnevelly &c Provinces, "in consequence of their having violated & "the ancient Customs" — We were led to suppose from this Paragraph that some Differences actually existed between your Government and his Highness, and hence arose our anxiety to interpose our good Offices — If the Conditions of the Treaty be at a Stand on the Part of his Highness we should imagine that the Obligation which binds you to the Fulfilment of it, is also at a Stand; and that the Stipulations on either Side are no longer in Force — We request to know whether this Observation is conformable to your Opinion of the Subject — If it be not, and that you consider the Treaty in full Force, which it is clear his Highness does not, we see

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6th not how the Matter can be accommodated but by our Interposition, and you may be assured that our Decision upon it shall be equitable and just; if you think proper to refer it to us — and in that case it will be necessary to furnish us with Copies of the Titles on which your Rights to the Pearl & Chank Fisheries and your Claims to certain Exemptions & Privileges of Trade in the Tinnevelly Country are founded. —

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

Fort St George
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(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Js Cannel

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39.)

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry. — the three Spies now at Chandernagherry to be kept in confinement until the Conclusion of the War, when they may be released. —

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery

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To the Comandant at Chicacole.

6th To the Commandant at Chicacole —

The Board cannot at this Period regularly admit his Bills for Repairs executed to the Buildings at that Place — two Thousand Rupees to be disbursed in the Execution of such Repairs as may be deemed most necessary — The Paymaster at Chicacole will be directed to conduct them under his Inspection. —

To Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam — directing them to advance the Paymaster at Chicacole the Sum of two thousand Rupees for the purpose abovementioned — and to transmit to the Presidency a Copy of the accounts shewing the actual Disbursement thereof.

To Major Genl Musgrave

To Major Genl Musgrave — requesting him to give the necessary orders for the March of the artillery Men intended for Captain Read's Detachment. —

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To Mr Secretary Hay —

To Mr Secretary Hay — inclosing a Statement of Cash issued to His majesty's Paymaster General from the 25th June 1789 — to 25th June 1790. —

To

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To the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke - enclosing a Return of the Hanoverian Officers and men ordered to embark on his Ship for Europe, and directing him to apply on his arrival in the Downes to the Company's agent at Deal for the Hon'ble Court's orders as to their further proceeding. -

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44.)

From Lieutenant Colonel Oldham

From Lieutenant Colonel Oldham - stating that he should certainly have communicated with Government had he not received orders from Colonel Bridges to make known to Major General Musgrave every circumstance relating to the Detachment under his Command. -

From the Secretary to Major Genl Musgrave

From the Secretary to Major General Musgrave - the General has delivered to Lieutenant Allzed the Instructions from Earl Cornwallis respecting the four Victuallers. -

From

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From the Commandant at Madura

1st From the Commandant at Madura enclosing Complaints preferred by Lieutenant Borg against Mr. Vaughan

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that some person be directed to inspect and report upon the State of the Bullock Saddles lately arrived from Bengal.

From Lieutenant I. Innes of the 8th Regiment Battalions

From Lieutenant I. Innes requesting to be furnished with an order to the Commander of the Hawke to receive him on board his Ship

Received the following Letter from the Subsecretary at Bengal

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

From the Subsecretary at Bengal — new arrangements to be made in the Books of the Military & Marine Pursers & other Officers of Government at this Presidency

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying alphabetical List of Stores prepared by the Secretary

to

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To the Military Board at this
Presidency, and to desire that you
will be pleased to communicate to
the Government of Fort St George the
Recommendation of the Supreme Board
that the Returns and Books of
the Storekeeper and other Officers
of ordnance, on the Madras Esta-
blishment, may be kept in the
same alphabetical arrangement, for
the greater Facility of Official Re-
ferences. —

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

Fort William
the 16th of March
1791.

At a Consultation
Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
acting President
John Studleston Esqr
The Honorable Major Gen.l Medows
absent upon Service

Friday
8th April
1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read
& approved. —

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Read the following Letter from the
Board of assumed Revenue. –

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Board of assumed Revenue – with – Copy of a Letter from Governor Archer to Messrs Ram and Tallofield on the Subject of the Mortgage of Jewels & Effects made to the Dane by the Rajah of Tanjore on account of the Loan of Rup. 24,000

We have the honor to Enclose
Copy of a Letter from General Archer
to Messrs Ram and Tallofield, –
which was transmitted to us by the
Collectors at Tanjore –

We have the honor to be,
Hon'ble Sir
Your most
Fort St George obedient Servants
4th April 1791 J Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Messrs Ram and Tallofield

Gentlemen

I am favored with your
letter of the 19th past on the Subject of a
mortgage from the Rajah of Tanjore to
his Majesty the King of Denmark for
the

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the amount of 20,000 Pagodas, which
Mortgage you request may be delivered
to the charge of your Amuldar the
Bearer, agreeable to the Instructions
you have received from the Governor
in Council of Madras. In answer
to which I beg leave to assure you
that it is intirely out of my power
to give up any Mortgage which
belongs to the King without his
Majesty's order I intend to address
the Government of Madras with
my definitive answer on the Subject,
which till now has been out of my power
for want of knowing from whence this
unexpected demand Originates. In
Consequence of your request of the 1st Instant
with respect to Mutta Naig I shall by to
morrow that he will be able in a few days to
appear before you at Tanjore.—

I have the honor to Remain
&c &c
(Signed) Anker

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24th March 1791

a true Copy
(Signed) E.D. Tattersfield

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

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Read the following Letter from Major General Auker

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

From the Governor of Tranquebar declaring that the Mortgage of the Nine Villages in the Tanjore Country made to the Danish Government on account of the Loan of 20000 Pagodas in the year 1786 received the sanction of Sir Archibald Campbell and refusing to give up any part thereof without the sanction of his Danish Majesty.

'Tis but a few days ago, that the arrival of Mr Lichtenstein enabled me to have the Honor to reply to your Claim respecting the Mortgage which the Rajah of Tanjore has made over to His Danish Majesty for the different Loans he has been granted by this Government agreeable to a General Order from His Majesty to serve him within a certain limited Sum on proper Security in Land as His Majesty's wish has ever been to oblige the Rajah, as a Prince with whom he has been on the most friendly footing with for above 170 Years and from the natural situation of this Colony wishes to continue on the same Terms. It is thus the Rajahs of Tanjore have continually been assisted with small Sums from this Government on a Mortgage in Land for a certain number of years the Revenues of which should answer to the amount of a moderate Interest.

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When the Money was repaid the Land was restored much improved by Cultivation.—

Thus from time immemorial originates these Transactions between this Government and the Rajah of Tanjore, and whoever has the least knowledge of the Affairs of that Country will like-wise be acquainted with this Intercourse.—

The Mortgage which I mentioned in my Letter of the 11th January, was granted to this Government a few years before my Arrival in India— I find it was represented to you, as retained notwithstanding the Money was paid: but this was not the Case, and I am glad to see it has since been properly explained.—

From the explanation received through Mr Lechtenstein I find that you state the old Loan from this Government to the Rajah of 32,500 Star Pags and the 60,000 Star Pags of the last Loan in 1788 the Mortgages for both to be admissible as— separate from the Rajahs Mortgage on the Tanjore Country to the English Company. but that the 20,000 Star Pagodas which were negociated and granted a Mortgage for at the same time.—

The Reasons alledged for a Claim made

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made on the Mortgage of the 20,000 Pagodas is that the Government of Madras had sanctioned the loan of the 60000 Star Pagodas. but not the remainder. This is a circumstance I never had any knowledge of till I had the honor of your Letter of the 9th January. which made me misconstruct the meaning thinking it a friendly warning to prevent being misled by the Rajah to make him any further advance.—

The Negotiation between this Government and the Rajah of Tanjore in the Year 1788 was fair and open to the knowledge of all who had the most distant concern with him.—

The Deputation of Mr Petrie from the Government of Madras to enforce the Payment of his Engagement to the English Company was also publickly known. Likewise the Deputation of the Rajahs Prime Minister to me some time after the Arrival of Mr. Petrie at Tanjore with a formal Proposal to obtain a loan of a Lack of Pagodas from His Danish Majesty. and that he brought with him to effectuate the same all the authentic Documents which concerned the Revenues of the surrounding Districts in the Tanjore Country. that this Government might fix upon such which might be

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be the most convenient Mortgage for the Amount and the Revenues to answer to the Interest agreed on

I signified to the Minister my surprize at the extent of his Demand and asked him if the Rajahs Engagement with the English Company would allow him to mortgage any Part of his Country? His Answer was that the Rajah was in full Possession of his Dominions and had full power to Mortgage any Part thereof. He delivered me a Letter from the Rajah wherein was stated the authority he had given his Minister to treat with me on the Subject of a Loan, and to offer such Mortgage of his Country which should be agreed on as security for the Capital and the Revenues to pay the Interest. This he would ratify to the utmost extent.

The Opinion of the Council was that there could be no risk in Assisting the Rajah with a Loan on a Mortgage of Land as the Government of Madras who perfectly well knows the unavoidable Connection between this Settlement and the Rajah of Tanjore has given no sort of Intimation to this Government

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Government respecting any Obligation or Treaty the Rajah was under to the English Company which deprived him of his usual Power over his Dominions. The Assurance given through his Minister to the contrary cannot be doubted or the Agent sent by Government at Madras to Tanjore to settle His Transactions with the English Company would naturally have prevented the Minister from being deputed with so formal a Request to this — Government."

I was then obliged to listen to his — proposals. The sum he wanted to borrow I objected to. It was then agreed on to assist the Rajah with 60,000 ₹ Pags. but before I concluded the Negotiation I addressed Sir Archibald Campbell to have his private Opinion on the Subject. I informed him of the whole Transaction, and that the sum as yet agreed on was 60,000 ₹ Pags. It was then I received his Letter of the 3d of October 1788 the only one I ever had from Sir Archibald on this Subject. This Letter gave me all the Light in the — Situation of the Rajah at that moment I possibly could require. Sir Archibald would never have given his Sanction to the Loan, if it had been in

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his power and not attended with any bad consequence as the Rajah might thereby be encouraged to mortgage the greatest part of his Country to the prejudice of the English Company: But this I did not require as I only wished for his Opinion — the latter part of his Letter gives the fullest Assurance "that the Rajah of Tanjore was his own Master, so long as he continues to fulfil his Engagement to the English Company without pursuing Measures that cannot fail to prove distructive to his Revenues & oppressive to the Inhabitants this Government can never interfere in the Affairs of his Country" —

The terms in which Sir Archibald states his Approbation of the Loan I proposed to the Rajah, proves that it was neither destructive to his Revenues nor oppressive to the Inhabitants and consequently not subject to the Interference of the Government of Madras. —

Being thus assured that the Rajah was at liberty to treat with this Government he was granted a Loan of 60,000 ₹ Pags on the terms mentioned to Sir Archibald and receives his Mortgage in Land Immediately after the

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Rajah wrote me a pressing Letter to assist him with 20,000 St. Pagodas more, which I refused. Still he persisted in his request with the most sacred — Assurance, that his circumstances was so reduced by fulfilling his Engagement to the English — Company — that his absolute want drove him to the Necessity of Urging it as the greatest favor that could be conferred on him from the Danish Government, as the enormous Interest which was demanded from other Quarters, made it impossible for him to engage with any one, but the Danish Government, who's Terms had been honorable and moderate. So much was this Government impressed with the Situation of his Majesty's Friend and Ally, that his request was granted and the Rajah received the 20,000 St. Pags on the same — Terms with the preceding 60,000 St. Pags. for which was mortgaged the 9 Villages, which now are objected to. This last Loan was so immediately after the first, that the Mortgages for both were made out at the same time. —

I cannot conceive, why this Last Loan should be objected to, when the — Rajah had full power to negociate it and if he

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he contrary to Sir Archibald Campbells Declaration
to me had not why was he permitted to issue a Mortgage
for the same? which Mortgage has been in the quiet
Possession of His Majestys Government till the
present Government of Madras did intimate an Intention
of subverting the Legality of it.

If Sir Archibald Campbell had
informed me of the Steps he had taken to ratify
the Loan of the 60000 Star Pagodas and at the same
time stated the Inconveniences which might have
attended any farther Loan to the Rajah from this
Government on Account of 60000 Star Pagodas being
the only Sum ratified by the Government of Madras,
and the necessity of such Ratification. I should
certainly not have run the Risk of assisting the Rajah
with any more if his distress had been ever so great
but such Intimation was never given, nor had I any
knowledge of the Steps I am now informed had
been taken by the Madras Government in consequence
of the 60000 Star Pagodas. I have before mentioned
that the only Letter I ever received on the Subject from
Sir Archibald Campbell, was that of the 3 of
October, wherein nothing to this effect appears —
— If I had been so fortunate to have retained

Copy

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Copy of my private Letters to Sir Archibald on subjects I might perhaps had it in my power to have shewd that the Loan of the 20,000 Star Pagodas had been mentioned.

The whole Negociation for the 20,000 Star Pagodas the Rajah was advanced by this Government was as publickly known as that of the 60,000 Star Pagodas and as much entitled to the notice of the Government of Madras as the other if I may be allowed to give my Opinion on a Proceeding which I never was let into the Knowledge of and can therefore have no influence on the legality of a private Transaction between this Government and the Rajah of Tanjore. after the Assurance of Sir Archibald Campbell, who in the Capacity of Governor was the only authorized Person on whom the Representative of another Sovereign could depend

The Mortgage claimed will appear on Examination a Matter of a little Consequence that it hardly can be thought an Object worthy the notice of so opulent a Company as the English Tis the annual Revenue of 9 Villages which should amount to 2400 Star Pag^{s} the Interest of 20,000 Star Pagodas at 12 $\frac{p}{c}$ Cent. But I can assure

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assure and prove by the Accounts, that the Produce according to the agreement with the Rajah has been so much short of the Interest that a whole years Revenue with a tollerable good crop has not — exceeded 1157 Star Pagodas and to bring up to the full Amount of the Interest will require immense — Attention and Labor to encrease the cultivation —

Having thus far entered into the Particulars of the Negotiation between this Government and the Rajah of Tanjore in 1788 with a View to prove the fairness of the whole Transaction as I have reason to apprehend that an unjust Representation has brought on a resentment from the English Company — I shall beg to observe that I am — perfectly conscious of having acted in this as well as in every other public transaction with all the — Precaution imaginable to prevent Matters relative to India from being the subject of an unpleasant Ministerial Discussion between our respective Courts, and I hope as long as I have the honor to continue entrusted with the Command of His Majesty's Settlements in this Part of the Globe there shall be no Cause for the English Company to be displeased as the strict adherance to His Majesty's Instructions will

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will ever be the means of shewing a sincere wish of preserving a good understanding.

The whole Negotiation of 1788 has been laid before His Majesty with the Letter I received from Sir Archibald Campbell — And the Approbation the same has met with together with the Instructions I am compelled to observe for the Management of the Districts puts it intirely out of my Power to give up any Part thereof without His Majestys Order —

Being thus circumstanced I am convinced the English Company will see the necessity I am under to lay the Claim Your Government makes on the 9 Villages before the King and wait His Majesty's Commands before I dare risk to acquiesce —

I have the Honor to be with particular Esteem —

Your &c

Fort Dansborg
29th March 1796

(Signed) Anker

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The following Answer to Major Genral Anker having been read and approved Ordered that it be copied fair and dispatched

To

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To His Excellency Major General Abercr
Governor &c &c &c
at
Tranquebar

To Major General Abercr in reply to the foregoing letter

Sir,

We have the honor to receive your Excellency's Letter dated the 29th March and trust you will credit the assurance we make you of our desire to cultivate the utmost harmony and friendship with your government but on a subject which has been the cause of much discussion here and in England we feel ourselves impelled to act with particular caution and as the Mortgage of the Rajah of Tanjore in 1788 for 2,000 Pagodas appears to stand on a footing very different from those claims which we have admitted We shall here state our objections fully for your Information—

The pecuniary difficulties under which the Rajah labored in 1788 obliged him to have recourse to your Government for a loan of 6,000 Pagodas. This he avowed and this Sir Archibald Campbell and his Council did not think proper to give their Sanction expressly to the mode he had taken of relieving his necessities they knew and tacitly acquiesced in the transaction and we consider

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every engagement thus made by the Rajah as binding upon us and in no respect liable to be disturbed by our assumption of his Revenues.

But we cannot view the loan of 26,000 Pagodas in the same light tho' it now appears to have been made at the same time and in consequence of a particular application from the Rajah. We are unable to trace upon our records any part of this transaction — the Letters from Mr. Petrie who was deputed to Tanjore say nothing of it, and the Rajah upon being formally required to declare all the Mortgages he had granted in his Country avowed only those of 6,000 and 32,500.

You are pleased Sir to quote — Sir Archibald Campbell's letter of the 3d October 1788 as your authority for this loan as well as that of 6,000 Pagodas made at the same time, but it appears to us that Sir Archibald Campbell's letter should rather have discouraged all transactions of this Nature, for it contains the following passage.—

"The whole Country of Tanjore is
"eventually mortaged to the English Company such
"being the case your Excellency must be sensible —
"that it is out of my power from the public Station
"I hold, to sanction any mortgage upon the Tanjore
"Country as it might to a certain Extent deprive the

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"Government of the advantages to be derived by their
"Constituents from the Articles of the Treaty"—

Your Excellency we think must perceive that in this passage there is a clear — information of the nature of our engagements with the Rajah by which his whole Revenues were eventually Mortgaged to us — there is also an express Declaration that it was not in the power of this Government to sanction any mortgages whatever, and to this positive testimony your Excellency is pleased to oppose a general expression in the same letter wherein Sir Archibald Campbell declares "that the Rajah "of Tanjore is his own Master so long as he continues "to fulfill his Engagements to the English Company" — But how can this Passage destroy or even weaken the force of the former one? The Rajah is certainly his own Master while he continues to perform his Engagements, but those engagements eventually — Mortgage the whole Country to the English Company and consequently restrain him from making any other Assignment to the prejudice of their Claims — — the Letter therefore seems perfectly consistent and in our opinion precludes all argument in favor of the claim you have adduced — In our discussion with Mr. Lichenstein — we mentioned the Rajah's

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Failure in his payments to us as a reason why he could not be considered as his own Master, but we now maintain that had he even completed those Payments his treaty with this Government did not leave him at liberty to mortgage his Revenues.—

Mr Lichenstein when here seemed to have been sensible of the Force of that passage of Sir Archibald Campbell's Letter which professes his inability to sanction any mortgage for he came prepared only with the single detached expression relative to the Rajahs being his own Master, and drew all his arguments from that circumstance and from two letters written by your Excellency to Sir Archibald Campbell of which he had no copies in his possession. Those two letters so material to the Cause on which he was deputed were left behind but Mr Lichenstein pledged himself to dispatch copies to us by an express Cattamaran on his return to Tranquebar — This promise was not fulfilled, and we are now sorry to learn from your Excellency that no copies of these Letters have been Kept—

We are strongly inclined to pay attention to the acts of any person who has filled the station of a Governor here, and particularly such acts as tend in any wise to strengthen the

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Claims of those who are in friendship with us
and whose esteem we are anxious to cultivate. — —
Had Sir Archd Campbell appeared to have countenanced in
any Manner the Mortgage of 20,000 Pag we should have admitted
it upon the same principle that we admitted the
Assignment for 6,000 Pagodas, because we can conceive
how much your Excellency might have been —
influenced to expect that this Government would not
interfere with the operation of a Claim which had
originated in the acquiescence of its first member. —

To conclude Sir, we are clearly and
decidedly of opinion that nothing has been offered
on your Excellencys part to prove that the loan of
20,000 Pagodas was in any degree sanctioned by
Sir Archibald Campbell and that the whole
transaction militates with those engagements —
and Declaration explicitly announced to your
Excellency by that very Letter which you quote
as your authority for accepting the mortgage —
Nevertheless as we are satisfied by your — —
assurances that the money was bonâfide lent to
the Rajah and as your Excellency informs us that
you are not at liberty to give up any part of the
Land without orders from Europe, we have come
to the resolution (without meaning however to afford

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the smallest sanction or acknowledgment to the Claim) that the matter shall be referred to our superiors & that your Excellency shall remain in Possession of the mortgaged villages until we receive their orders on this Subject.—

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c &c

(Signed) Charles Oakeley—

Fort St George
8th April 1791.

&c Council

Agreed that the Resolution of the — Board with Respect to the Loan of twenty thousand Pagodas be notified to the Board of Assumed — Revenue

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue—

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

Honble Sir

We have received from the Rajah of Vencatagherry a Letter in which he represents that the Nizam's Officer at Cuddapah Sid Feraid Addun Khan Behader, had sent a party of fifty horse and fourteen foot to demand the Peishcush due to Cuddapah amounting to 3932 Pr and that in part of that sum

Remarks thereon

From the Board of Assumed Revenue on proper — conduct of the Nizams Officer in levying a Peishcush due from Vencatagherry to the — Zemindary of Cuddapah recommending that the Pensions hitherto granted to the Cummum Poligars be discontinued, and that the Arrears due from them be paid to Captains Everett & Dighton be discharged by the Company.—

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Sum he had paid 2000 Pr. As the Rajah is a —
tributary of the Carnatic it appears to us somewhat
extraordinary that the Nizams Commandant should
with so much precipitation and so little Ceremony
have levied a peishcush due from Vencatagherry
to the Zemindarship of Cuddapah, we therefore
take the liberty of recommending that Captain
Kennaway should be instructed to represent —
this matter to the Nizam we are the more —
urgent on this subject; because in the event of
any change of circumstances which might restore
the possession of Cuddapah to Tippoo, the Rajah of
Vencatagherry would be exposed to a double assessment

Upon the subject of the Robberies
lately committed upon the Nellore Country at the
instigation of the Cummum Poligars, we have —
obtained the following Verbal information from the
Vencatagherry Vakeels. That their master in —
consequence of the directions which he had received
from this Board had taken the utmost pains in
guarding the borders of the Nellore and of his —
own Country - that he had actually taken twenty
men whom he had sent under a guard to Mr.
Leighton - that these Thieves were encouraged by the
Telwar Poligars who as Subjects to Tippoo had lately

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been reduced and placed under the authority of the Cuddapah Foujdar. That some relations of those Jelwar Poligars, who had been dispossessed during last war were recalled into the Company's protection at Angole, and that they were supported to this hour by a Monthly allowance - Upon these points the Vakeels recommended that application should be made to the Nizam for an Order to his Foujdar at Cuddapah to restrain the incursion of his Poligars into the districts of Nellore, and that the allowances to the — relations of the Jelwars should immediately be stopt; because the protection which those dispossessed relations received from the Company provoked the Savages upon the neighbouring territories. —

We beg leave to observe that we entirely coincide in the measure suggested by the Vakeels for the prevention of these Robberies and when we look to the bad consequences of suffering them to pass with impunity as well as to the heavy losses which the Country must sustain at this time of making the great Collections. We recommend that no time be lost in directing Captain Kennaway to urge this matter at the Soubah's Durbar.

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We enclose Extract of a Letter from Mr Torin, which we beg leave to recommend

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to your most favorable consideration, because we think that not only the Justice of their Claim but the important Services of Captains Dewitt and Dighton in preserving the tranquility of Tinnivelly at the assumption into the Hands of the Company's indulgence —

We have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Signed J Huddleston

" David Haliburton

" Wm Balfour

Fort St George
7th April 1791

Extract of a Letter from Mr B Torin
Dated 30th March 1791

All the possible Collections on Account of Tinnevelly 1799 I expect to realize in the Course of this Month and the Next and I shall then hope for your leave to discharge two Months Arrears to Captains Dighton and Dewitt due to them from the Nabob at the time of the — assumption —

As the sum is small and the Gentlemen have little chance of Obtaining it elsewhere they request it may be honored with your — favorable Consideration and I have the more

readily

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readily consented to make their Application known as the Government will not feel the disbursement from the Revenues of last Year.

A true extract

(Signed) I Webbe Secry

The Board approve the Recommendations contained in the foregoing Letter. Agreed therefore that Captain Kennaway be written to on the Subject.

Resolved that the Paymaster at Cuddalore be informed that Pensions hitherto granted to the two Cumbum Poligars, Basker Naig and Do Jeram Reddy are to cease from the End of this Month.

Resolved that Mr Torin be permitted to discharge the two Months Arrears due to Captains Lovett and Dighton by his Highness the Nabob at the time of the Assumption.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham.

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart President & Council, Fort St George.

From Lieut Colonel Oldham intends ascending the Ghauts on the 8th Instant.

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to inform you that

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that in consequence of Orders I received Yesterday from Earl Cornwallis dated at Dooddy the 31st ultimo directing me to ascend the Ghauts and take post until further Orders. I propose Marching with the Detachment under my command To-Morrow Morning - and being at Vanketaghurry on the 9th where I shall wait as directed -

I have also the honor to inform you that I wrote His Lordship to this effect by express Yesterday

Camp at Amboor
16th April 1791

with the greatest Respect
I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Oldham

Read the following letters from the Military Board

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President in Council

Sir.

From the Military Board recommending that the amount due to the Contractor for Repairs be discharged.

The Contractor for Repairs having presented to us his Bills for work done — amounting to Pagodas 1154. 25. 69 which have undergone the regular forms of Examination

We

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We beg leave to recommend that the same may be discharged.—

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Tho. Musgrave
Casper
George Hall

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council

Sir

As the detail of the Department of Works has been exclusively under the Direction of the Chief Engineer We deemed it necessary on receipt of your Commands of the 19th Ultimo to call upon him for such particular information as might elucidate the points referred for Investigation — He has accordingly delivered in the Accompanying Minute, wherein he has explained the necessity of continuing his present Establishment while the execution of Repairs to the Fortifications remains as heretofore under his immediate Direction — On this occasion however, we think it necessary to offer it as our opinion that these Repairs may in common with other Works, be performed by the Contractor, and as the Chief Engineer must still continue to be one of

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...p's Minute respecting
...e Monthly Duration
...Department of his
...Works —

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of the principal Checks upon them it seems necessary to continue a part of this Establishment as well to assist in making preparatory measurements for plans and Estimate as occasionally to superintend particular Works and likewise to measure them when finished - With respect to those Masters which Colonel Ross represents to be infirm and worn out in the Service We do not recommend that they should be entirely discharged; at the same time we think they should not be kept up as a part of the Effective Establishment but that their merits and Services should be enquired into and each person be rewarded by a moderate pension according to his Deserts.—

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed Thos Musgrave
J Lassiter
George Hall

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Lieutenant Colonel Ross lay before the Board the following Information respecting the particulars of the Monthly Indent on the Department of the Works recommended to their Consideration by the President in Council.—

The European Master Carpenter is an

Aged

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Appointment by Government. vide Date 17th January
1784. His allowances are the same as those of the Person
he succeeded from the want of a Master Bricklayer
he has a general Superintendance of all the Works
carrying on, and of their Measurements as well as of
the purchase of the Materials on the part of the
Company. His Services indispensible.—

Peter Letang Draughtsman
Employed in Copying Plans and in preparing Drawings
for the Workmen—a very necessary Person.—

The writers in the Engineers—
Office make out a particular Lascar Report N°1. and
a Daily Morning Report N°2 of the Artificers, Lascars
&c employed. Who are mustered by the Military Boards of
Engineers conjointly in the presence of the Engineer on
Duty, who signs the Report delivered to the Chief Engineer.—

And they keep the following Books
Viz! and Evening Report Book N°3 shewing where and
what Work they have done, and what Quantity of
Materials have been Received and Issued to the —
different Works during the Day.—

From these Reports, the Number
and Expence of all the daily People employed are
collected into a Book N°4.—

The Quantity of Materials daily
Received and Expended, N°5 which Book on being —
Ballanced

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Ballanced every Month, shews the Materials that remain in Store—

No 6 Contains the Monthly Artificers employed and ascertains the Expence of them to each particular Work, Likewise the Quantity of Materials issued for those Repairs—

No 7 A Monthly Account of all the Expences incurred by the Repairs &c to the Fortifications delivered to the Military Board—

In addition to these they keep a Company's Letter Book, Copy Letters Estimates and Measurements Occasional Reports and other current Business—

Of the 10 Bricklayer Mastrys three are two Head Mastrys, one Rd and Inferior the other has a general Superintendance. One of the Senior Mastrys is attached to the Choultry Registers Office and one Detached between Pondamallee and Tripassore. The other six attend the Current Business as occasion may require.

The Number of these Mastrys may at first sight appear great but when it is considered that the Seniors of them are almost worn out in the Service, after they their Fathers and — Families have dedicated their lives thereto it would be

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be highly Impolitic and unjust to Discharge any of them especially as all of them have wrought at the Fort from its lowest Foundation to the present Moment, many of them Men of much Observation and intimately acquainted with the internal Resources of the Defences of this Place — It is likewise to be observed that the under Mastrys serve on three Pagodas a Month the Rate of hire now commonly given to an ordinary Coolie Bricklayer or Carpenter, and to this that the Bricklayer Mastrys act on all occasions as Overseers which renders their superintending Service Various and as Numerous as there are Repairs to Roads Work or Buildings &c &c After reflecting on which it will appear they are in point of Number barely sufficient for the Avocations to which they are to attend —

Of the 4 Mastry Carpenters the Head has a general superintendance two under Mastrys attend the Business at the Presidency, the other is detached between Pondamallee and Tripatore.

The Head and two under Mastry Smiths superintend the Works carrying on and examine and Report the State of the Iron Work of the Fortifications and Buildings —

One Brazier, One Painter, one Tattan

and

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and one Turner Mastry attend and Direct such Repairs as are required in their way

The Fascine Mastry provides Fascine Makers for Carriage &c and Materials when wanted

The Interpreter attends the Engineers and carry Orders. He requires to be a Person acquainted with all the Terms of Arts in use by the Malabars and Gentoos

The Head Comptroller superintends all the Business in the Office and prepares it for the Writers on receiving the Reports from the three other Comptrollers, who have the Charge of Stores, and who attend their Receipts and Deliveries on the Works and likewise the Musters of the People. The Monthly Artificers were established on the Idea that it was of Materials consequence to the Honble Company's Works and Buildings that their original constructions be known to the People in charge thereof and that there were many Incidental Repairs that might be required to the Fortifications, Gates, Tally Ports, Draw Bridges, Drains &c that could not be well brought under measurement and with which ordinary Contractors and Common Artificers might be unacquainted, and on whose good condition much might depend. It was therefore ordered that the

Incidental

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Incidental Repairs of the Garrison of Fort St George be performed by the Fortifiers under the Chief Engineer and that all such Repairs be laid monthly before the Military Board and recorded on their Proceedings.—

Should the Honble Board — nevertheless determine hereafter to carry on the Business of the Works wholly by Contract the Pay Roll of Fortifiers — the Amount of Indents for Materials &c will of course cease, or rather be transferred to the Accounts of the Contractors — For to suppose that either the Company Works or Buildings can long remain in condition without Repair is supposing an — impossibility.—

The Black Town Committee — having undertaken the Repair of its Fortifications, a Reduction of the Number of People formerly employed upon them may for the present take place but as this exertion may not be of long duration — attention should be given that vermin be not — permitted to burrow in them, so as to leave holes — whereby the Monsoon Rains may enter and — swell the Earth in a manner that will endanger their then Revetments already much injured by the effects of the long shore Winds which have in many places very considerably eat into them.—

Colonel

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Colonel Ross here thinks it his
Duty to State for the Information of the Superior Board
that soon after the Military Board was formed a
Revision of the then Military Regulations was recommended
very particularly to their consideration. In consequence
of which it was resolved that each Member should take
into Consideration certain Departments and after —
digesting their Ideas on the Subject, submit them to
the approval of the Board at large — that in consequence
the Regulations for the Engineer's Department and the
mode of conducting the Public Works fell to his Share
— That he had the advantage of arranging the
existing Regulations under the Eye of General Campbell
who gave them every particular attention and was
himself an Engineer of much experience in the
Company's Service and intimately acquainted with
what was necessary for the well conducting of those
Departments That they were afterwards repeatedly
discussed by the Members of the Military Board
at full Boards before they were laid before
Government and ordered to be in force from 1st of
January 1788. But as they never have been printed
he apprehends the present Members of the Superior
Board may be unacquainted with them —
He therefore wishes to call their

Attention

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Attention to those Regulations that they may be apprized of the Inconvenience that will arise in altering a System which has as far as his Judgement goes fully answered the purpose for which it was intended.

It will appear from them and what he has stated, of the manner of conducting the Business of the Works— that according to the present Regulations, the People employed on Account of the Company are reported every Night from the Chief Engineers Department to that of the Paymaster who Musters and pays them and that the Engineers Report together with the Paymasters Muster is entered in a Book apart, which Book is kept in this Office at all times subject to the Inspection of the Members—

That the Amount of their Pay is carried Monthly from the Engineers Daily Book to the Head of the particular Labour on which the People have been employed and in that form goes into the Books of the Military Board and from thence into the General Books of this Government—

That Materials in possession of the Storekeeper Issued as wanted on Indents from the Engineer for the Amount of these Articles the Storekeepers draw Bills which are Discharged by

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by the Paymaster under Signature of the President of the Military Board—

That such Articles as are not in the Companys Stores the Paymaster provides on the Engineers Indents and Charges to the Military Board the particular Specifications of all which are found detailed under the proper Heads in the Engineers Monthly Book in the Military Boards Office, and thus carried into the General Book's—

The whole comprizing a regular System of Book keeping, Check, and Controul which, until a more perfect be established, he should be sorry to see altered for the chance of a temporary saving that may eventually occasion a much greater Expence than what we wish to avoid and that too at a moment when the political Affairs of the Company are likely to undergo such a change as must effect every Department in the Service and probably make a new System of Regulation necessary— But in whatever manner the Honble Board may be pleased to Direct the Business to be conducted, nothing in his Power shall be wanting to fulfill their Intentions

(Signed) Patrick Ross

A true Copy

(Signed) Dan'l Sage

Secy to Mily Bd (Agent)

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Agreed that a Bill on Bengal at the Exchange of 385 C.R. p/ 100 Star Pagodas be granted to the Contractor for Repairs for work done by him — Amounting to Pagodas 1154 24 69

Minute on the former Letters

Resolved that all Repairs be executed in future by Contract — That the Military Board be directed in consequence to suggest the Establishment necessary for the Chief Engineer keeping in — That he is hence forth to be — considered the principal Check upon the Contractor without the smallest Interference in the Execution of Repairs to the Fortifications or other works — and to state the allowances that in their opinion should be given to the Masestries whom Lieutenant Colonel Ross represents to be uneasy and worn out in the Service.

Do on the Latter

The Contract for Repairs with Messrs Wolf and Shaw having expired, it is resolved to advertise for new Proposals of Contract including the work heretofore executed under the immediate Direction of the Chief Engineer —

New Proposals of Contract of or Repairs to be advertised for.

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to draw out the necessary forme of an Advertisement to be published in the Madras Courier —

the forme to be first viewed by the Military Board —

The acting President informs the Board that on the 6th Instant for Victuallers from England

The acting President's recommendation in consequence of the arrival of four Victuallers from England —

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England arrived in these Roads under the Command of — 11
Lieutenant Ufield, and recommends that the Commodore
be written to respecting the Disposal of them —

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly, and that Lord
Cornwallis be also apprized of their Arrival —

Lieut. James Innes to embark for England on the Hawke

Agreed that Lieutenant James
Innes be permitted to embark for England on the
Hawke —

Electoral Troops to be sent to Europe on the Hawke —

Ordered that Four Officers, one
Chaplain and twenty Privates of his Majesty's 15th
Hanoverian Regiment be sent to Europe on the
Hawke and that the necessary Instructions be given
to the Commander —

Read the following Letter from Mr
George Binny —

From Mr. George Binny on the subject of Mr. Gahagan's Rank requesting that the Grounds on which he forms his Pretensions to Seniority may be communicated to the Court of Directors.

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

I have already been led to be more troublesome than I could have wished in consequence of Government having directed Mr Gahagan to rank upon the list of Surgeons next below Mr Duffin, but my coming to the Presidency having afforded an opportunity of procuring the most authentic information upon the subject

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subject I must again crave the indulgence of laying before you the following statement of facts collected from the Records as noted in the Margin —

In the Year 1770 I was appointed a Surgeons mate upon being examined by the Surgeons at the Presidency and found properly qualified —

Consultation 13th August 1770

In 1773 Mr Pringle and I as senior mates were appointed full Surgeons at the recommendation of Mr Pasley the Senior Surgeon at the Presidency, who assured Government we were — qualified for promotion in respect to Character, education and experience —

Consultation 27th October 1773

Mr Gahagans appointment in the service has been stated to have taken place in the Year 1767, but as it is not to be found any where upon the Records of Government for that Year, I presume he never was regularly appointed, but there merely employed as an Assistant with the Army in the Field, and Mr Gahagan himself seems to confirm this in a letter to Government some years afterwards in which he speaks of some irregularity attending the manner of his first coming into this service, that he had no certain assurances from the Honble Board of his being regularly upon the list, and therefore solicits their indulgence in overlooking the manner of his first coming into this service, and hopes it will be

Consultation 17th April 1775

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be no bar to his promotion in future.

Consultation 8th April 1771

In 1771 Government arranged the Surgeons Mates and Assistants upon this establishment Mr. Duffin was then the Youngest Surgeon — The Mates were Mr Wilson, Goodsir, Pringle & Binny — There followed the "Assistants in the Hospital and not to rise" vote Sumner Geoghegan Swallow Simmons, "Brent and Duffain"

Consultation 23d October 1775

In 1775 Mr Gahagan not succeeding in his endeavors to get promoted, accused Mr Pauly of being prejudiced, but the Board acquitted him of that, and approved of his conduct in the warmest manner — In the Month of November that year Mr Anderson, and Mr Lucas, the present Physician General and Surgeon General, as well as Mr Pauly, were accused by Mr Gahagan of being prejudiced against him, having also objected to his promotion —

Consultation 26th November 1775

Para 3 General Letter to C. Directors 14th February 1776.

In February 1776 Mr Gahagan upon examination having been judged unqualified to succeed as a Surgeon — proceeded to Europe in order to qualify himself —

Para 16th General Letter from C. of Directors 30th January 1778.

In 1778 Mr Gahagan having obtained proper certificates of his qualifications as a Surgeon returned to India with directions to be appointed a Surgeon at Madras and "to take rank

next

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"next below the Youngest Surgeon on his arrival" —

which was in the Governor's Garrison in the Month of June that Year. Mr Muir who is also my junior, was then the Youngest Surgeon —

Matters continued in this state till the Year 1786, when Mr Gahagan stated to the Hospital Board his pretensions to higher Rank, but his claims were rejected, and Government declared the Hospital Board fully competent to decide upon the pretensions of Gentlemen in the Medical Line in point of merit and seniority —

Proc^s of H^e Board 28^th & 30^th April & 9^th May 1786 — Consultation

In the Month of September 1787 Mr Gahagan renewed his Claims in a Memorial to Government which was referred to the Hospital Board who gave their sentiments upon his pretensions very decidedly, and were of opinion "that no alteration "ought to take place in Mr Gahagans Rank" — & assigning reasons for their opinion as Government expresses themselves in their General Letter by the Ship Ravensworth by which conveyance this Memorial was sent home "which carried conviction "on our minds, and occasioned our confirmation of "their sentiments"

Consultation 11^th September 1787.

Hospital Board's Letter to Government 18^th Sept^r 1787.

Para 38^th General Letter 16 October 1787.

In November 1787 Mr Gahagan laid claim to Rank before Mr Muir as his Commission as Surgeon was next in date to mine,

Proc^s of Hospital Board 20^th November 1787.

But

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but this claim was rejected by the Hospital Board

In January 1788 the Hospital Board received a letter by order of Government stating "that a "Commission having been given to Mr Gahagan "specifying the commencement of his Rank as full "Surgeon to be from the 1st of October 1774; the said "commission is to have full force and effect and is "to entitle him to the charge of an Hospital of an "Hospital next after Mr George Binny"

Mr Secretary — Chamier letter to Hospital Board 5th January 1788.

Mr Main remonstrated against this and the Hospital Board concurring in opinion that by this commission to Mr Gahagan Mr Main was superceded. It was recalled, and Government directed "that Mr Main be allowed to remain in the "station to which the Hospital Board had recommended "him being next after Mr George Binny" — upon this occasion Mr Gahagan addressed a letter to Mr Secretary Chamier, enclosing several papers which it was resolved to forward to the Court of Directors agreeably to his request, they were forwarded by the next dispatch of the 1st March 1788 by the "Henry Dundas, and I will venture to say do not contain any thing in support of Mr Gahagans Memorial sent by the Warwickshire But Mr Gahans letter to Mr Secretary Chamier deserves

Pros of Hr Board 15th January 1788.

Mr Secretary Chamiers Letter.

Consultation 9th February 1788.

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particular notice, because of its tendency to mislead those who do not narrowly investigate the subject — on the recalling of the commission which had been granted to him above Mr Stein, Mr Gahagan says his sufferings were greatly alleviated by the honorable testimony of the interposition of the Government in support of his Memorial sent home by the Ravensworth, as it afforded him the pleasing hope that a reference aided by their approbation and strengthened by their sanction and assistance must certainly be productive of the object of his wishes — that the reverse of this is the fact has already been shewn; and that Government gave as strong an opinion against the request contained in Mr Gahagan's Memorial by the Ravensworth being complied with as it was possible for language to express. Upon reference it proves also true as I have said that the papers sent home by the advices of the 1st March 1788, do not contain any thing in support of the Memorial by the Ravensworth as that Memorial and those papers are the documents upon which the Resolution of the Court of Directors seems formed. I must — respectfully submit that Resolution to

your

Consultation 9th February 1788. Mr Gahagan's letter to Mr Chamier.

Para 38 General letter 16th October 1787

Consultation 9th February 1788

Para 45 General Letter 8th April 1789.

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your attentive consideration the orders of Government directing Mr Gahagan to rank next below Mr Duffin seeming to me to be at variance with and a total deviation from the facts and reasons upon which the Resolution of the Honble Court must have been founded —

I flatter myself it is unnecessary to trouble you with a recapitulation of those facts which I have stated as concisely as I was able — I entreat the truth of them may be investigated, and I trust they will turn out irrefragable — I have been led very unwillingly to trespass more than once upon the time of Government but as I am persuaded justice distributed with an even hand among their Servants is the wish of the Honble Court of Directors I must beg you will transmit this a number in the packet by the next dispatch and do me the kindness to mention me and my pretensions in such a manner as the Honble Board may think they deserve

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect

Sir &c

(signed) George Bunny

Fort St George
the 8th April 1791.

Memorandum

Agreed that a Copy of the above letter be sent to the Court of Directors by the Hawke

Read the following letter from the Committee for enquiring into the charges against the Administration of Mr Holland

Ths

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The Honble Major General William Medows,
Governor in Council,
Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the honor to lay before your
our Second Report as a Committee appointed for the inves-
-tigation of Charges against Paupiah Dubash to the late
Governor John Holland containing the substance of our
enquiring into the Charge of His Highness the Nabob Wa-
-laujah against Paupiah for withholding the Sum of
Pags 21,025. 9. 75 intended for the public Treasury; & the
rest of our investigation respecting Mr Lind & the process by
which he was supposed to have obtained his appointment of
Military Storekeeper.

We also forward the original Informations
taken on these two subjects agreeable to the accompanying List
-and beg leave to observe that the Information of Mr Deboza has
not been attested before a Magistrate owing to that Gentlemens
being confined to his bed by a violent and severe illness, it will
be sworn to so soon as he is sufficiently recovered to go
abroad, we did not think it necessary to delay the trans-
-mission of our Report on that account nor did we consider
it incumbent to wait till the Information of Ram-
-Row could be sworn to as he has acquainted us that in
consequence of a process against him in the Mayors Court
on which a Warrant of Arrest has issued he is unable to
quit his house The charge of His Highness with
respect to this Sum of P.s 21,025. 9. 75 not having been
sufficiently established in our opinion to entitle him

to

from the Committee ap-
pointed for the Investigation
of the Charges against
Paupiah report on the
charge against Paupiah
for withholding the Sum
of Pags 21,025. 9. 75 intended
for the Public Treasury
and upon the Process by
which Mr Lind was
supposed to have obtained
his appointment of
Military Storekeeper.

to Credit for it in his account with the Company it can make little difference as to the matter of fact as it appears to us, whether these informations are at present attested upon oath or not and the urgent commands of your Honor to compleat our inquiry with all expedition previous to the departure of Mr Lind was an additional reason for the immediate transmission of our Report the information of Singiah is unattested the Man being extremely ill and confined to his House — we have however sent a copy of it and shall call upon him to swear to it as soon as he is recovered —

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We have the Honor to &c
&c &c &c
(signed) J Call Esqr
" Benj[n] Roebuck
" Geo Mowbray
" Joseph Gascoyne

Minuted thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the above Letter with the accompanying Report and Informations be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by the Ship now under Dispatch —

Ex[d] John Ogilvie Esq[r]

" Chas Oakeley
" J Hudleston

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to the President at Travancore.

To Mr. George Powny
President at Travancore

To the President at Travancore - approving the arrangement made with the Rajah for the Liquidation of the Balance due upon the second Lack of Pagodas and the obligation which he proposes to discharge of the Cash he may receive.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 25th Ult.o and to inform you that they approve the Arrangement you have made with the Rajah for the Liquidation of the Balance due upon the second Lack of Pagodas.

At the Time the Board's Orders to you of the 3.rd of February were dispatched, it was conceived that your Receipts of Cash from the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin could not be appropriated to a better purpose than in remittances to General Abercromby - as the Season, however it now so far advanced, you are desired to send the Money to Mr. Train at Palamcotah, as practised on a former occasion.

I am &c.a &c.a
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St George
6.th April 1791

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in N: B N.os 45. 46 & 47. 48 —

To Mr R. Malcolm —

To Mr R. Malcolm at Masulipatam

directing him to transmit immediately the name of the Person to be his Collateral Security for the proper Disbursement of the Public Money entrusted to him as Paymaster of the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army.

To the Resident at Hyderabad —

To the Resident at Hyderabad

with Copies of Letters to and from Lieute= =nant Colonel Montgomery on the Subject of his Recall from the Command of the Ellore Detachment.

To Ditto — informing him of the March of the Detachment of H.M Artillery ordered to join Captain Read before Kopaul.

To Ditto

To the Master Attendant —

To the Master Attendant

directing him to proceed on board the Nautilus and make a proper Provision for the Accommodation of the Officers and Privates of his Majesty's Electoral Regiments ordered to embark on that Ship for Europe —

Received the following Letters

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting Governor & Fort St George.

From the Governor
Congratulates with a
Packet for the Governor
General received from
Europe by an Danish
Ship.

Hon'ble Sir,

The enclosed Packet was
forwarded to me from Europe in a Danish
Indiaman, and I shall request the favor
you will send it to his Lordship.

I have the Honor to be with much
respect to remain &c. &c. &c.

Fort Dansborg
5th April 1791.

Signed P. Anker

W. C. Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From Captain Andrew
Read Arrival of the
Guns with regard
the Lascar Provisions
reported to have very
Scarce within the
Fort of Kopul.

I had the Honor to address you
on the 23d Ultimo for the information of
Government, in which Letter I mentioned
that my Hopes were that the Fort of Copool
would fall in 12th or 15th days could our Guns
be kept in serviceable repair.

I must now beg leave to request
that you will acquaint the Honble Board
that almost ever since, our Guns have been
in an unserviceable state, they have all
been lashed, but owing to the softness of the
Metal

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metal of which they are made, it melts round the screw, and makes it necessary to repeat the same operation. The 32 and 18 Pds have at last got so large at the Vent that this mode has become impracticable. The 18 was heated some time ago and metal run into her, this remained for five days last to day came out, so that tomorrow or as soon as possible she must be again heated and filled with Brass. These four days past this operation has been performing upon the 32 but owing to the Crucibles braking it has twice failed, to night I hope she will be finished necessity has dictated this mode as the only one left us, and in this manner we must our repairs be continued. The Wall is much injured and in the course of a few days must come down even our Canon only tolerable, but the 32 Measures for a 42 Pr and the others proportionably lead, so that although

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although our Breaching Battery is only about
450 Yards from the Breach, it is found
very difficult to keep it.

The Troops composing the
Army on this side have all marched to
join the Nizam's Southern Army at Ma
Gunjy Cottah, with the exception of Jarah
Sahib's / said to consist of 2,000 Horse and
4000 Infantry / a few Lazer Bundars —
/ Jinjaal men / and the Detachment.

I understand from some
Deserters that have escaped from the Garrison
that Provisions are very scarce within the
Fort, not more than 20 or 25 days grain
remaining — every exertion in the power
of the Detachment shall be made to put
an end to this very tedious Siege.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
/ Signed / And.w Read
Captain Commanding

Camp at Egmore
South Battery
23.d March 1791

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W. Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary &c. &c.

Fort St George

From Captain Kennaway enclosing copies of Letters regarding the Progress of the Nizam's Cavalry from which it appears that Rajah Tidjount positively refuses to move [illegible] unless a Detachment is sent to secure his Junction with the Grand army.

Sir

I have the Honor to enclose for the information of the Board Copies of Lieutenant Stewart's Letters to the Governor General and to me as late as the 25th Instant, likewise a Copy of my address to His Lord=ship of this date which I would recom=mend being forwarded in Cypher by way of Triplicate from Madras. I observe by the Courier of the 16th that a Detachment of four Battalions of Sepoys from Trichinopoly and the 7th Regiment of Bengal Cavalry from the Presidency is about to be assembled at Vellore. I am not acquainted with its Destination but if it is to be advanced into the Enemy's Country I submit to the Board the pro=priety of the Commanding Officer being directed to correspond with Lieutenant Stewart on his ascending the Mogly pass

from

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from which the Nizam's army at present
at Jumpilly cannot be far distant. if the
above Detachment is intended to join the
grand army I do not think Lieutenant
Stuart would have any difficulty in en-
-gaging Tidjy count, should they not
fail to join and advance with it.

I inclose likewise for the Board's
information an Extract from a duplicate of
a Letter under date the 12th Ult.o which I rec.d
-tday for warded from General Abercromby
to the Governor General: and as the Chance
of either the duplicate or Original reaching
his Lordship is in the present Situation
of affairs precarious, the Board will
determine on the propriety of their taking
such Steps as may be necessary to com-
-ply with General abercromby's wants,
without delay.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. &c.
(Signed) John Kennaway

Saangul
7th March 1791

Extract of a Letter from General aber-
-cromby to the Governor General dated
Camp near Billiapatam 12th February 1791

" Lieutenant Colonel Hartley only
joined me the 31st Ultimo and the 2d division

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8 of the 73d Regiment is not arrived, many other
concurring circumstances having prevented my
marching to the Northward, both that Country
has been for some time past so much disturbed
by the naiks and the fears of the people that
I am still afraid Lipapoo has drawn little
or no supply from it. the grand object of &
occupying the Coorg pass and there laying
up a quantity of provisions and stores &
engrosses my attention and in a Week
hence I shall move that way. the &
Country to the Northward is so intersected
with rivers that I think it would be very
difficult for the enemy to disturb our Commu-
=nication, I shall however observe every precaution
by establishing proper posts and employing the
Naiks & in one thing I own alarms me the
Coorg Country is entirely a desert having
been totally destroyed by Lipapoo some years -
It cannot supply us with Cattle for the
Europeans and the Bullocks of the low &
Country are so wild that it is almost &
impossible to drive them, We can have
no salt provisions from Bombay I &
must therefore earnestly entreat your
Lordship to order as great a supply as
possible of that article and of Ghee from

Madras

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8 Madras as those will be absolutely necessary
for my Corps but for your Lordship's Army
a considerable quantity of Grain will also
be wanted, we have five hundred leagues
of Coast in Stone.

In 5 days after my de=
=parture from hence I expect to be in
possession of the Pass where I shall make
myself as strong as possible and watch
your Lordship's approach to Seringapatam
It is understood and expected by the whole
Country and my own Corps that I am
going to the Mysore I shall endeavour to
communicate with your Lordship across
the Country by which means you will
have early notice of my Situation.

a true Copy
/Signed/ C. H. Malet.

a true Copy
/Signed/ R Galley

a true Extract
/Signed/ J Kennaway

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

My Lord,

I am extremely concerned to

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acquaint your Lordship that Tudge cannot
marched only three miles South from
Kiddypilly this morning and that I am
have no sort of confidence in his declarations
of being ever more expeditious than he had
hitherto been unless Captain Kennaway
should be able to prevail on the Nizam
to oblige him / Tudge cannot / to obey orders
— arguments have ever attended to / my
endeavors tho constantly exerted to hasten
his advance have no effect whatever. I
informed him to day that as I had
acquainted your Lordship daily of the
nature of our progress it was time for
me to ascertain and to let you know
why it had been so slow, instead of
giving me an answer he sent me a
letter to your Lordship Translate of w
which is enclosed by which it appears
he wishes your Lordship all allowance
to favor the junction by depositing a
Detachment of sufficient force to cope
with the Enemy to the distance of two
days journey from Bangalore. the

time,

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time, place, and final route I am to
proceed in a day or two for your
Lordships information – I shall not
trouble your Lordship with all the
arguements I have used to prevent
this application, it may be sufficient
to say my cash was that he was to
expose his Military Character or
the bravery or Spirit for enterprize of
the Nizam's Cavalry in the eyes of the
World by calling aid so unnecessarily.

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

Wm. Ward

Signed Wm Stewart
Aspt.

Camp at
Yempilly 18
Cos from Guntoor
Cossah 27 m.
March 1791.

P.S.

Mahomed amar Arab is ex-
=pected in Camp in a day or two.

Translate of a letter from Tudge
Wenk to Lord Cornwallis delivered to
Lieutenant Stewart to be forwarded on the
27th of March 1791. after form of beginning –

By the favor of God the
advanced army has reached as far as
Yempilly; I am determined from this
time also to reach you by constant
Marches

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Marches: Tho' the Enemy has no power to think
of this greater yet you are also well acquainted
with his wiles and deceit and that he will
not be backward in seeking opportunities:
therefore I write you in the way of councill
and should you approve of it, I think it
would be proper for you to depute a
Detachment two days journey towards
this side in order that we may joyn the junction
The Detachment deputed to be sufficiently
strong in itself to beat the Enemy should
he think of attacking it.

A true Translate
(Signed) Wm Stewart
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The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

After I had dispatched my
Address of yesterday to your Lordship hearing
that Ludgenauth had determined to halt
here to day I recalled the Bosid and acquain-
ted the Rajah as that was the case it
would be needless to forward his letter. In
reply

8. reply he said he would alter the date; Each
My Lord, guess my astonishment this morn=
=ing on Your having sent it to get this day
inserted instead of yesterday in order that the
words "from this time to reach you by
constant Marches" might be more consis=
=tent; he openly threw off the mask &
under the pretence that Tippoo being
now near Bangalore, instead of thirty
Cos from it, might alter the Nizams
orders for the mode of advance of this
army and that he was determined either
to halt near this or under protection of
Hills and jungles near Rachoty until
he should receive further orders from the
Nizam or Near of your Lordships being
willing to depute a Detachment to Ar
Chanta=wanny (with two days journey
from Bangalore to favor the junction.
at this timely junction I received letters
from Captain Kennaway mentioning
his success in procuring orders from the
Minister to hasten Judge ment, to
whom I took no time in representing

with

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with all the arguments I was master of, the disgrace and impropriety of halting for any reserve whatever; he replied that tho' he was only an accountant yet he was as ready to die in his Masters Service, and if he should hereafter be ordered to join you at all hazards of fighting the Enemy he would obey, but that the Minister in having made use of an allusion in his last letter which he interprets to mean "business is transacted by a knowledge of circumstances on the Spot" he cannot in the Work of altering his above mentioned determination

I shall not intrude on your Lordships time all the arguments I have used to expel his unworthy fears: It may be sufficient to say that I am in sanguine hopes of Captain Kennaways further success at Tranquel, that I shall invite the Rajah to my Tent this afternoon for the purpose of deliberately explaining at large the different parts of a Remonstrance I have drawn out against the likely pernicious and disreputable effects of his intended conduct

that

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8 that I shall constantly communicate with your Lordship on occurrences here and transmit you as soon as Judge Ince's sentiments determines on the mode of his above mentioned application for a Detachment to come to Chinta-vanny paith a Translate of his letter acknowledge of your Lordships being inclined to comply with such a requisition may be of great consequence in hastening the junction — Tho' Judge Ince's letter of yesterday has been annulled I have thought proper to enclose the Translate of it along with mine of the same date for your Lordships notice to shew his unsteady disposition.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W.m Stewart
a.d.c.

Camp at Tirupiccoy
18 Coss from Gurjy
coll.d 22.d March 1791

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

My Lord,

It is with the most
sincere pro[illegible] concern I am under the necessity,
after having argued against the measure
since

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8 Sirs Yours yesterday and remonstrated on paper on the Cowardly appearance of his Conduct in the eyes of the World and tried every possible means to prevent its adoption, I transmitting the enclosed Translate of a letter from Tiedge Count calling for a Detachment of your Infantry and Guns to favor the junction which ought to have been effected several days ago with ease & which may still be do. Tho' I do not entirely despair of Captain Kennaway's success in procuring further injunctions for the immediate advance of this Army, for which I shall still argue strenuously, yet my Lord, I have thought it proper to take this opportunity of soliciting constant intelligence of the Enemy's Situation, and an account of the Detachment should you send any and the names of the particular places it may encamp at on its way to the Rendezvous, also on what day. —

Camp at Jumpilly
18 Cos from Gunjycotta
23d March 1791

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed J. M.c Leod
a.d.c.
Translate

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8 Translate of a letter from Lieut. Colonel Kelly delivered to Lieutenant Stewart to be forwarded to Lord Cornwallis on the 22d of March 1791 at 11 O'Clock after Noon of beginning

By the favor of God the advanced army has reached as far as Yengilly — my intention to join you is fixed. after my arrival here I learnt that the Enemy in addition to 5000 Horse formerly deputed has now sent 10,000 Infantry & 6000 more Horse towards Gurramconda and that hereafter he intends, leaving some Troops in your quarter, to come here in person with Cavalry and Artillery to oppose this advanced army. If the Enemy come only with Horse he will be furnished back if with Artillery & we shall have skirmishes; I can fight him that manner with his Horse. If the Enemy comes with Infantry and Guns I should have Infantry and Guns too — you are also well acquainted with the wiles and deceit of the Enemy and that he will not be backward in seeking for opportunities. Therefore in the way of council I write you to send a Detachment of Infantry and Guns from your

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your army to Chinta-manny paich called
also Chinta-coorney paich and to inform me
of the particular day on which it will reach
that place that the advanced army may
also arrive there on that very day, and so
afterwards join you. acquaint me of what-
-ever you may think advisable that I
may act agreable thereto. For the pre-
-sent I shall await the arrival of your
answer at Yampilly. to what more shall
I write.

a true Translate
/Signed/ Wm Stewart
Asst.

Captain Hennaway
Resident at the Nizams Court.

Sir,

I have been studying to Judge aright,
yesterday and to day the want of confidence
which I have in this declarations and
account of his frequent breach of promise
as his letters to Lord Cornwallis in part
shew, also of his disobedience of his
Masters orders in respect of making long
Marches and lastly of his disgraceful
Rebt

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Sir

Halt at this place which may for some time cover a numerous and most respectable army of Cavalry with shame, and reflect the epithet of cowardice on his own reputation, with the view of procuring as far as possible a voucher in writing for the due performance of his promise of being attentive. Mummy fixed on the day that may be eventually fixed for the arrival of our Troops at that place, or of his proceeding to Bangalore immediately on receipt of orders from the Nizam to advance at all hazards of fighting the Enemy without waiting for our Troops or an answer from Lord Cornwallis. The enclosed paper is a translate of the voucher he gives me and I am happy to say in his justification that he pledged himself to lead half this army to Bangalore and Shod the Enemy's line if ordered so to do. He confessed my accusations were in part true and such as were not so he declared with good humour I had reason to place a bridle on as I had done. I acquainted him this Morning the 4th inconsistency

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inconsistency of his conduct in proposing 1st that he should such protection of Hills and passes here in instead of advancing agreeable to his orders to where there was no risk and 2d that he should trust entirely to such protection without sending a Circar in front or a part of his Light Horse / which I was informed was actually the case / to watch the Enemy and obtain intelligence of the Roads and Country &c, I do not flatter myself that my advice is attended to, however I am happy to find it is now in contemplation to send on tomorrow a large body of the new Levies who are mostly Mahrattas to the distance of twelve Cos to act in concert with some of the Neighbouring Zemindars. The Judge declared his intention of not making more than two marches between this & Chinta-Munny pait nor I cannot get him to put it in writing for the Governor Generals information till Mahomed Ameer Arab / who is expected here tomorrow / shall be consulted — Having also warned the Rajah that the propriety of his detaching a large body of Light Horse so will depend very much on their keeping a good look out to prevent a surprize the effects of which might be dangerous to them; he replied that they would march all night and never halt above a few hours at one place

place and would take every precaution to
without my troubling myself about them.
I have the Honor to be
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Wm Stewart
Aprt.

Camp at Tempiery
25th of March 1791

P.S. Copy of my address of this date to the
Governor General is enclosed for your
information. /Signed/ W.S.

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G
Governor General Wa: Wa: Wa Camp

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose
for your Lordships information Translate
of a Letter from Tudge vicent to your address,
Copy of my Letter of this date to Captain Dow
Kennaway and a Sixth copy of my address to
your Lordship of the 23d Instant.

Tudge vicent a Spaniard with 3000
Mahratta Horse shall be sent 12 Cos from
Sirnee tomorrow with all his people acquain-
=ted with the Country and that the Garrison
=are to station their Troops for intelligence
& Cos further on. — It appears to be the Rajahs
intention to make a long March from hence
to some safer place, not determined on yet, where

he

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he may be safe against an attack at night
and the next day to fight his way to your
Detachment at Chinta-munny paich as
should any be ordered there to meet him; as
however should no Detachment be sent
by your Lordship, he says he cannot move with
his present ordered advance to Bangalore.-
Every day, My Lord, now appears a new age
of Misery to me and my anxiety to ex-
-pedite the junction induces me incessantly
to press Sludge went to advance without
any reference whatever. I expect letters
soon from Captain Kennaway to clear
up the reason of our strange halt at
this place for which I have not yet been
able to discover any good one.

Camp at Tampilly
25th of March 1791.

I have the honor to be
with the utmost Respect.
Sir. Your
[signed] Wm Stuart
a.d.c.

Translate of a letter from Rajah Sludge
Went to Lord Cornwallis delivered to Lieut-
-enant Stuart to be forwarded on the 25th
March 1791 - at 11 o'clock.

After form of beginning
Prior to this I wrote you to send

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a Detachment of Infantry to Chintamunny
=pait that this advanced Army might in
March and arrive at the same Cant on the
very same day as it, and complete the jorne=
=Yond: I also write you now that without
doubt or falsehood, whether the Enemy
may lie in the way to oppose me or not,
I will arrive on the above day. — If
prior to the receipt of your answer to
my letter I should receive orders from
the Nizam to go to Bangalore notwith=
=standing the Enemy's being in the way to
oppose me I will by long marches act in
accordingly. Write them without delay.

A true Translate
Signed / Wm Stewart
Asst

A true Copy
Signed / Graeme Mercer
Actg Asst

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

Soon after I had sent off my
address of the 25th Instant I received a note
from

1652. Fort St George 11 April 1679.

From Mr Abel Coffin enclosing a Letter he
which had just been received from Teidge
Merchant dated the 22d Instant for my perusal
and intimating that he would wait upon
me himself in a Month or Three afterwards.
The Letter, which enclosed a Copy of his 4th
address to you of the same date, consisted
of about Eight Sheets of Coarse Paper &
as your Lordship may conceive from the
conversations which have lately passed
between him and Lieutenant Stewart
respecting the advance of the Nizam's
Army was filled with minute details of the
danger of the attempt unless your Lord=
=ship should send a division of your
army to Chinta=munny paich, of his having
written you to that effect, & of his determi=
=nation to remain where he was till
he should receive your answer notwith=
=standing the orders he acknowledges to have
received from Thence to move on his disobedience
of which he excuses by alledging that when
they were given Tipoo was at a considerable
distance from Bangalore & that his arrival
in

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in the vicinity of your Army might induce
His Highness to give others more applicable
to the Enemy's present situation.—

The first question mentioned
Opinion proposed to me after we began to en-
converse on the subject of the above dispatch
was, what was my opinion of Lieutenant Colonel
plan and what I advised being written to him
in reply, to which I answered that I had
all along entertained doubts of his being
a proper person for the Command which
the manner he had exposed himself in,
in the writing before us more than ever
convinced me of as well as that how the thing on
the point of advancing or not, ought to be
left to his discretion since if a man could
so far give up his understanding to his
fears as to believe a report of Tippoo's
having moved with his whole Army
Infantry Cavalry and artillery three
distance of ninety Coss in three days in
order to arrive at Bangalore at a certain
time and reason upon it as a fact as he had
done, what Trust or Confidence could be
reposed in his discernment on any other
occasion— that I therefore advised his being

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written to immediately either to inform
your Lordships that in two days after the
receipt of the Ministers commands he
should push forward to join you at Banga-
lore by a prescribed route that you might
take your measures accordingly, or that
within the same space of time he should
proceed by two or more marches to Chinta
Munny paik, which the Bridge Mount
had represented as being a strong hold &
only twenty Cos from Bangalore, & there
wait your Lordships further instructions.
I added to Meer abul Cossim that these
were my sentiments of my skilled &
opinion for the Ministers information
that of the two I thought that the first
was preferable and that on no account
could I approve of the proposed halt
at Jumpilly.

I sent my Moonshy in the
morning to the Durbar to learn the result
of Meer abul Cossims report of the conversation
that had passed the preceding Evening. The
Minister himself was not visible but Meer
abul Cossim informed my Moonshy that
the two propositions had been sent to the

Nizam

8 Nizam in writing, who had signified in reply
that Ludge should be directed to con=
=form to them or not as he saw proper. &
To prevent if possible the dispatch of this
order I drew out a written representation
which I immediately sent to the Durbar
stating my objections at length to any
option being left to Ludge Went after the
unequivocal proofs he had given of a want
of firmness and resolution, further than was
expressed in the two modes I had proposed
to Meer Abdl Cossim in person; that I
should deem any direction any power being
conferred on him as an approbation not
only of his present determination to halt
dilatorily back of his past improper
delays, and that should any orders be given
to him contradictory to those which I had
sent and transmitted to your Lordships
and to those which I had been repeatedly
assured had been sent to him to move
on, the Nizam's Government must be
considered as responsible for any obsta=
=cles that may oppose themselves to a
speedy termination of the War from Ludge
Will continuing to evade a compliance

with

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with your Lordships repeated applications to
him to join you. as Translates of it shall be
sent to you by the first convenient opportu=
=nity.

Meer abul Cossim acknowledged
the receipt of my note and promised to lay
it before the Minister as soon as Henry Dent
who was then with him should take his
leave. I requested an answer to it twice in
the course of the next day and also yesterday,
and thought this a proper opportunity of ac=
=quainting the Minister, by way of gaining
him to my purpose, of the receipt of the
friendly answer from his Majesty to the
Nizam's Letters; with the same view I also
informed him of General Abercrombys
having gained the Peyndah Ghaut which
brought an advanced division of his army
to within 25 or 30 Cos of the Enemy's Capital
Meer abul Cossim came to me yesterday in
Evening with the displeasing information of
the order I had labored so much to prevent
having been dispatched alledging from the
Minister's excuse for his not being able to
give Us Ld Cornwallis's positive and congratulated
instructions to move on, the vicinity of the
Enemy's to your Lordship's Army and the

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personal risk he should run if any check
should be received by the Nizam's Army in
consequence of such instructions being given:
I again endeavored to shew how ill grounded
the Ministers apprehensions were and how
much satisfied I was that we had more
to fear from Tardge Khans irresolution &
than from the Enemy's attempts; I pointed
out to him the decided advantage which
would result to the War from the junction
of the Nizam's Cavalry and how much it
ought to be wished when so great a prize
was at stake. I desired he would again
press these considerations with the Minister
which he promised to do yet I am sorry
to acquaint your Lordship that in such
a State of alarm do Tardge Khan's late
advices respecting the Enemy and your
Lordship's situation appear to have left
their minds, that I do not apprehend
he will be directed to advance 'till
he shall receive information of your
being disposed to make a movement
to favor the junction, which being I am
afraid the only chance we have of
effecting it I sincerely hope the
best for

Reduction

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Reduction of Bangalore may shortly enable you to engage for.

Hurry Punts army have moved on and their depredations on the Road have obstructed the regular arrival of the Dawk from Camp these two or three days past which I shall not be sorry for if it has equally operated against the transmission of the objectionable letter already mentioned. Hurry Punt himself is indisposed which has prevented his waiting a second time on the Nizam but I understand he is to attend tomorrow when I am to meet him. He has expressed a wish for the Nizams moving which the Minister sent me word of and I have advised the Nizam's making a merit with the Mahrattas by complying with it.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect

Sir Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

[Signed] J. Kennaway

Camp the 29th March 1791.

True Copy

[Signed] Graeme Mercer

Acting Agent

William

1659. Fort St George 8 April 1791

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

Sir,

I send my Lett.r of the 29.th Instant in which I had the Honor to enclose for the information of the Governor in Council Copies of any advices from Lieutenant Stewart up to the 25.th I have received accounts from that Officer dated at Nundy Shatoon the 26.th inst. which Intelligence he had brought him from Captain Hannay Lieutenant Stewart received Intelligence of Colonel Kharnis Detachment having assumed the Guicowd Brigade in Negociation for the Surrender of Gurramcondah — Hanny Right to move from Bangal the 25.th April —

that three of our Troopers at Meddy Murregoo were Cossim from the Nizam's Cavalry the Troopers excused themselves from giving us satisfactory answer to the Causes of the Horses sick by the fear of punishment from their Officer if they should be communicative with Strangers but their report which agreed in every material point with a Letter sent from the Zemindar of Ghaut at whose pallem they then were, to his Vakeel in Lieutg Wentz Camp was that the Corps they belonged to the 4.th Regi= =ment of Bengal Cavalry with 5 or 6 Battalions of Sepoys had ascended the Ghaut & would pass

Wither

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within Eight cos of that place on their way to
Bangalore. The Troopers had been sent on so
before to provide forage and Grain to go to the
Army at Bangalore from which the Detach-
=ments expected four more Battalions to favor
their junction. The Tahsildar further informed
Mr. Stuart that a delay of six or eight days so
would probably take place in their dispatch.
From this Intelligence, and the reports of His
own Hircarahs as well as the Tahsildar & Sepoids
that Tippoo had sent no Troops to the so
Northward of Colar so late as the 23rd Instant
that he was not acknowledged in the Country
and that all the Villages were in our favor
Lieutenant Stuart immediately urged so
Judge Want to Siege so favorable an opporte-
=nity of effecting his Junction with Lord
Cornwallis and dispatched Letters to the so
Commanding Officer of the Detachment in-
=forming him of the Situation and Numbers
of the Nizam's Cavalry the anxious wish of
His Lordship for their junction and the so
application that had been made for a
Detachment from the Grand Army to
favor it. He also requested a particular
Account of the Strength of the Detachment,
their intention and present Situation

and

& and what halts they would probably make on
their march to Bangalore. On the 27th he was
informed that the Detachment was commanded
by General Musgrave to whose address
or Officer Commanding he immediately
dispatched Letters of nearly the same
import as the day before last further
informing the General of what he had
heard respecting the likelihood of his halt
near Muddy Murrego for 6 or 8 days
for the purpose of Collecting supplies and
enclosing an agreement which Lieutenant
had readily yielded in writing and under
his Seal to Mr Stewarts representations.
The purport of the engagement was
that if General Musgrave with Six
Battalions of Infantry and a force of Cavalry
would approach Muddy Murrego and
halt at the distance of not more than five
or Six Coss from that place the Nizam's Troops
would join him in three or four days from the
day of receiving his answer agreeing to the said
halt that if his force was not so large as
above stated, he requested the General would
send him further information respecting
it.

Two thousand Mahrattas
were had marched on the 27th from Lieutenant Wants
Camp towards Gurram-coonda for the
Surrender

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Surrender of which negotiations were carrying on thro' Tidjy Munk Mahomed Ameen Arab and Vuky Mahomed the late Killadar of Sedhout whose reward from the Nizam it was understood Abdul Khader the Killadar of Gurram-coonda was anxious to make the standard of his own claims.

Hurry Punt has informed me that he intends to move from hence on the 1st of Shawbaun or 2d of April and that his Force in Cavalry consists of about twelve thousand.

Pangul 31 March 1791

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

W. Kirkpatrick

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary Military Department

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Commandant at Chandamaphurry reports the Particulars lately to happen in that Neighbourhood on account of the disputes between the Polligary Rajah and his Son Seamy Rah

I beg to acquaint you for the information of the Honble Board, with an extraordinary request of the Polligary Rajah to me by Letter yesterday — to dispatch to him without delay 150 of his Peons who are so stationed in this Garrison — in order, he says, to oppose parties of Polligars, forming by his son,

Seamy Rah

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Timma Naick, to disturb his Country — He mentions the Chittore Polligars, as concerned, and Narsim Rauze, of Bonnauze Pollam, both I believe without foundation, particularly the former, or I should in this, have heard something of it. — with regard to the latter, in consequence of a Family dispute of some kind standing, both lately removed, the son, Timma Naick, a few months since took refuge with him at Narnaveram But I have not learned that Narsim Rauze interfered further, at least unfriendly to either party though this doubtless, might possibly have been the case without reaching me.

I have of course refused compliance with the Rajah's requisition, & particularly cautioning him on pain of the displeasure of Government against allowing his Family disputes, or any whatever, within his Districts to cause a disturbance of the country; — To his Son, and Narsim Rauze, I likewise wrote on the subject — But beg leave to submit, if a caution to these people from the Hon.ble Board may not be deem'd Requisite. —

I am just now told that some

little

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8 Little irregularities have lately been committed in one or two Villages of Calastry by Petty Poligars South East of that place, under sanction of Tummia Naick's Name.

Chandragerry 7th April 1791.

Sam Wa: Wa:
Signed/ C: in Masters
Captain

Received Letter from the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke mentioned in Mrs: No 69 returning the Bills granted to him on Bengal for victualling a Detachment of Native Troops to the South in consequence of the innocent Utensils having been already paid to his Purser — enclosing a Bill for victualling three Officers.

I am the Commander of the Hawke

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mrs: Nos 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59.

To the Military Paymaster & General — enclosing the abovementioned Bills / the amount of which has been already dis= = charged / cancelled — and directing him to advance Captain Connel the Sum of Pagodas 2Bs 25.. £ 9 0 for the Passage Money of the three Officers.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Lieutenant & Fireworker James Hall — directing him to proceed immediately, with the Detachment of Artillery put under his Command, to Tellore, and, on his arrival there, to consult with Mr Dighton upon the best Mode of joining Captain Andrew Read's Detachment

To Lieutenant & Fireworker James Hall.

also

8 — also to advise that Officer of the Progress of
this March and follow such Instructions as he
may receive from him.

To the Collector at Nellow — with
advice of the Instructions given to Lieutenant Lee —
— worker Hall — directing him to inform that
Officer of the Route he may think most advisable
for him to pursue.

To the Paymaster at Angole —

To the Collector at Nellow

the Pensions hitherto granted to the two Caun —
— bars Poligars Basker Naig and Seram Ally —
to cease from the End of this Month.

To the Secretary at Bombay —

To the Paymaster at Angole

enclosing a Letter for the Honorable Commodore
Cornwallis.

To the Commissary General
of Grain and Provisions directing him to in —
— spect into and report upon the state of the
Bullock Saddles lately arrived from Ben —
— gal on account of the Company.

To the Secretary at Bombay

To the Commissary General of Grain and provisions.

To the Commandant at —
Madura — to make enquiry into the —
Charges adduced by Lieutenant Bony
against the Paymaster and report to —
Government whether they are well
founded.

To the Commandant at Madura

To the Accountant General —
directing him to draw out an Account —
Shewing

To the Accountant General

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which there appears to be 30 less than in the Return which has been transmitted to Government.

Received Letters as entered in 6: 6: Nos 64. 65. 66.

From the Calastry Rajah / vide No 64 / stating that he has sent Capanair with a Detachment to Sitteramporr to quell the Disturbances raising in that District by his Son Timmenaid.

Substance of the Letters from the Calastry and Venkatagherry Rajahs

From Do / vide No 65 / requesting that orders may be immediately sent to Nursein Rauze not to give any protection to his Son Timmenaid who has marched with a Body of armed Men to take Possession of the District of Sitteramporr.

From the Venkatagherry Rajah / vide No 66 / stating that Venkatarow has left Venkatagherry and is now residing at Calastry.

Sent the following Letters

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To

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To

Major General Musgrave

&c: &c: &c:

Sir

To Major General Musgrave — Should be considered as Place of too small Importance for the Command of a Lieutenant Colonel.

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 5th Instant, and to inform you that as by the General order of the 25th May 1790, Establishment considered the Head Quarters of the 1st Battalion, they deem it of too small importance for the Command of a Lieutenant Colonel, as otherwise they should have been disposed to attend to your recommendation.

I have the Honor to be,
&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St George
9th April 1791.

To John Huddleston Esqr
President &c: Members of the
Board of Inland Revenue

Gentlemen,

To the Board of Inland Revenue — Resolutions of Government respecting the Villages in the Sanjore Country Mortgaged to the Dutch the arrears due by the Aumils to Captains Rooney and Everitt at the time of the resumption to be discharged by Mr Torin.

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 4th ult. and to inform you in reply to the former, that as Major General Abercrombie has represented that he is not at Liberty to give up any part of the Land Mortgaged to the Danes by the Rajah of

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of Tanjore without orders from Europe, we have come to the Resolution of refusing the 2. latter to the Court of Directors, and of allowing the Government of Tranquebar to remain in the Possession of the Mortgaged Villages, until the orders are received from England on the Subject. —

We approve the Recommendations contained in your Letter of the 7.th Instant and have written accordingly to the Resident at Hydrabad. —

We have not any objection to your giving Directions to Mr. Lorin to discharge the two Months arrears due to Captains Everett and Dighton by the Nabob at the time of the Assumption. —

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

To the Honble William Cornwallis

Commodore Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in the East Indies

To Commodore Cornwallis — Instructions required respecting the Mr. Lorin Sent out from England. —

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 12.th ultimo, and to inform

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Fort St George 9 April 1671

To inform you that four Victuallers from England &c arrived in these Roads on the 6th Instant under the Command of Lieutenant Uzeild — We shall be glad to know your wishes respecting them as soon as may be convenient.

We have the honor to be,
with Esteem,
Sir,
Your
Signed Cha: Bakeley
Wa Council

Fort St George
9th April 1671

To Captain John Kennaway

Resident at Hydrabad.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that they have received from the Rajah of Vencatagherry a Letter, in which he repre-sents that the Nizam's Officers at Cuddapah, & Seed Syed Addeen Khan Bahadur, had sent a Party of fifty horse and fourteen foot to de-mand the Peishcash due to Cuddapah, & amounting to 3932 Pagodas, and that on part of that sum he had paid 2000 Pagodas — as the Rajah is a Tributary of the Carnatic, it appears somewhat extraordinary that the Nizam's Commandants should deal with so much Precipitation and so little Ceremony — have levied a Peishcash due from Vencatagherry to the

Lordships

To the Resident at Hydrabad — representing to him the Rajah of Vencatagherry's Complaint of the Nizam's Officers having levied a Peishcash due from that Rajah — measures to be taken to prevent the Commission of Robberies in the Nellore Country by the Nizam — to be informed of the Satisfaction given by the Rajah to the Nizam's Officers — to transmit to the Agent at Fort St George his Answer.

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Zemindar ship of Cudapah, and I am therefore directed to request you will be pleased to represent the Subject to his Highness the Nizam, For, in the Event of any Change of Circumstances, which might restore the Possession of Cudapah to Sirpoo, the Rajahs of Vencatagherry would be exposed to a double Assessment.

Frequent Robberies having been committed of late upon the Nellore Country at the Instigation of the Commaun Poligars, I am directed to request you will apply to the Nizam for an order to his Phousdar at Cudapah to restrain the Incursions of his Poligars into the Dis= =tricts of Nellore. When the Board look to the bad Consequences of suffering these Robberies to pass with Impunity, as well as to the heavy Losses which the Country must sustain at this time of making the great Collections, they trust you will lose no time in urging this matter at the Soubah's Court.

Timanaic having rebelled against his

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10 his Father, the Rajah of Calastry recently & instigated thereto by the Poligars and Zemendars in the Neighbourhood of Nellore and Ledaca, as the Board request you will also make this matter a Subject of Reference to the Nizam, and obtain from his Highness a positive order for discouraging these Practices.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed W.C. Jackson
Secretary

To His Excellency Major General Abercr
Governor &c. &c. &c.
Bangalore

Sir,

I have read the Honor to receive your Letter of the 2d Instant, and am obliged to you for your polite attention in forwarding the Packet for Lord Cornwallis.

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

To the Governor of Bangalore - relative to enclosing Dispatches for Lord Cornwallis forwarding the Packet addressed to the Governor General.

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10th April 1791

Sent two Letters to the Rajah of Calastry as entered in C. C. Nos 67, 68, the former

Duplicates of two Letters to the Rajah of Calastry

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Former directing him to send Vencatarow to the Presidency - the latter recommending him to use conciliatory Measures in order to induce his Son Timmenaic to return to his Duty & obedience.

Sent Letter to Bomrauze / as entered in C.C. No. 69 / directing him in the most positive manner not to afford protection or given Encouragement to Timmenaic

Substance of a Letter to Bomrauze

Recieved Letter from the Calastry Rajah / as entered in C.C. No. 70 / receives Intelligence that his Son Timmenaic having joined Narsimrauze meditated an attack on Vencatagherry and that the Party who attempted the Fort of Canoor have been repulsed.

Substance of Letter from the Calastry Rajah.

11th

Recieved the following Letter from Earl Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member of Council

Gentlemen,

From Earl Cornwallis - advice of the arrival of the Army at Chunabpatam - & proceeding after purchasing the Grain for Federal Miles Rajah Tidings Wants refused to advance unless a Detachment is sent to meet him & large supply of Provision Articles in Camp.

I left my Camp to the South-ward of Bangalore on the 28th Ult.o and that day fell in with the rear of the Enemy's Line of March at Elevancum, and all this our Infantry could not come up in time to gain any material

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material advantage, we pursued them closely for
Several miles, and obliged them to relinquish the
object which they appeared to have in view
of getting between our army and the Corps of
the Nizam's Cavalry which was expected to
join us from Gunjicottah. Tippoo retired to
Pedibalaboram leaving behind him one brass
nine pounder which broke down and he
had since moved towards Shevagunga. In
pursuance of the plan which I mentioned
in my letter of the 27th Ultimo I came on
by the way of Doonelly to this place, where
I shall probably remain a few days as
our Situation here is well calculated
for preventing the Enemy from dis-
turbing the March of our allies. I am sorry
however to add that Rajah Tudge Saib on
the pretence of the most absurd and ill founded
reports has halted at Dimpilly, which is
only Eighteen Cos on this side of Gunjicottah
and has declared that he will not proceed
unless he should receive positive orders for
that purpose from his Master until I inform
him that I will send a Detachment to meet

him

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11. Sirs ab[ou]t this time my pack. The fall of Banga=
=lore and the march of our army to the
Northward with the assurances I have given
Sirs that I will most attentively observe
the Movements of the Enemy, will probably
relieve him from his fears and induce
him to come forward, if he seriously in=
=tends to join us, but I have acquainted
him that if I hear of any more delays
and excuses I shall proceed with our
own Troops to the execution of my future
plan of operations. We have been
most plentifully supplied with forage
since we left Bangalore, notwithstand=
=ing the attempts of the Enemy to burn it
and this day some Bunjarries of this
Country brought to Camp above 4000
Bullocks half of them loaded with
Rice and the other half with Grain, Doll
Ghee and other Buzar Articles.

I have the honor to be
Sirs &c. &c.
/Signed/ Cornwallis

Camp at Chin=
=abalaperam
the 2d. April 1791.

ordered

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Ordered That the following

Minute thereon Answer be immediately returned.

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis &c.

&c: &c &c

My Lord,

To Earl Cornwallis congratulating him on the Capture of Bangalore stating that Letters alluded to in his last have not been received — in view of the Departure of Lieutenant Colonel Ross and Lieutenant Roupell to join the Army, and of the arrival of the Fourth Hussars from England —

We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 2d Instant in Duplicate. That of the 27th Ultimo to us which it appears has not reached us, nor have we received any other advices since your Letter to the acting President of the 2d Ultimo of which an Extract was laid before us —

Being informed however by your communication of the 2d Instant of the fall of Bangalore we take the first occasion of offering to your Lordship our sincere and warmest congratulations on an event so glorious to the British arms, whether we consider the manner in which it was accomplished or the importance of the acquisition itself. We forbear to say more than that our minds are fully impressed with a sense of these advantages, & that we

Cordially

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Cordially participate in the happy prospect so before you of bringing this war to a speedy & and Honorable Conclusion.

We submit to your Lordship whether it may not be advisable to send by the first safe conveyance copies of such Letters as you may have written to us since the arrival of the army before Bangalore, as we can now hardly expect to receive the Original.

In consequence of a Letter so. from the Adjutant General by your Lordship's orders we directed Lieutenant Colonel Ross to proceed with the Detachment from Amboor, also Lieutenant Ruffell of the Engineers whom he recommended to accompany him.

We have the honor to inform you that four Victuallers arrived here on the 6th Instant from England, We shall detain them till we hear from your Lordship or the Commodore, whom we have advised of their arrival.

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11th April 1791.

We have the Honor to be
with great Respect.
Wr. Wr.
Signed / Chas Oakeley
Wr Council
Received

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Recd the following Letter

from the Secretary to the Government at the

Fort William.

To W.C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary at Fort St George

from the Secretary to the Government at Bengal — expressive of the Regret of that Government at not having received from us any accounts of the operations of the army.

Sir,

I am directed by the Members of Government to mention their regret at not having received any advices from the Governor in Council of Fort St George, or from yourself, by the armed Eliza, or the Hannah, the former having sailed from Madras on the 15.th and the latter so lately as on the 18.th Instant, relative to the operations of the Grand Army, altho' private accounts have arrived, by the Vessells abovementioned, of a very interesting nature in respect to the Siege of Bangalore, yet varying in some particulars, so that the Board are left at an uncertainty with respect to the Truth of a part of the Intelligence.

It is very much wished by the Members of the Council, who are extremely Solicitous to receive the earliest authentic Accounts of the operations of the War,

that

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11 that you would be good enough to forward us such advices, by Sea, without omitting any opportunity, and in Duplicate, by Land, and they are persuaded that, in future, this Expectation will not be disappointed.

Fort William
7th March
1791

I have the Honor to be
Sir & &
Signed / E. Hay
Secretary to the Govt

Ordered that the following Letter be written to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council in reply.

Minute thereon

To the Honble Charles Stuart
and the Gentlemen of the Council
of Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal - explaining the reasons of their not having had any authentic accounts of the operations of the Army - Forwarding Copy of a Letter just received from Lord Cornwallis - congratulating on the Capture of Bangalore.

Our Secretary has laid before us Mr Secretary Hay's Letter to him of the 24th ultimo conveying to us expressions of your regret at not hearing any authentic Accounts of the operations of the Army altho' private Letters received by the Anne and Eliza and Hannah, contained advices of a very interesting nature in respect to the siege of Bangalore.

We beg you to be assured that we are extremely anxious to convey the earliest intelligence

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" intelligence of every kind that comes to us Specially
relative to the operations of the army and we
touch in this respect there has not been any re-
failure on our part - since the arrival of the
army at Bangalore two authentic accounts re-
only have reached us - one was a letter from
Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley dated
the 8th March of which he immediately forwarded
a copy in duplicate to Mr Stuart. The other
is a public Letter from his Lordship to the
Board which is of a later date, by eleven
days, than the fall of Bangalore, and of
this letter we have the honor to enclose a
Copy by the first sea conveyance that offers
since its receipt. - His advices on the Capture
of that place and all the other Letters which
he has written, have doubtless miscarried.

That private Letters frequently re-
arrive from Camp without any public or re-
-gular accounts is owing to the established Dappal
of the Post Office, which leaves the Army when-
-ever there is an opportunity, but his Lordship
hath either not written by this conveyance
or his Letters have been unfortunate, for re-
many Dappals have arrived without any
advices whatever from him.

The first express that reached us re-

from

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From Pallow relating to the late success of the army was transmitted that same day by Sir Charles Oakeley to Mr. Stuart and the next day he sent a duplicate by a Ship that sailed for Bengal, and further accounts were forwarded the succeeding day by Captain Wilson of the Ship Mary, We hope, under the circumstance of our having to this time received no other official advice of the Capture of Bangalore than what is contained in the enclosed dispatch of the 2d Instant that these Communications will be received as a proof of our desire to afford your Honble Board all the Satisfaction in our power. with regard to private Letters, we must necessarily be cautious of admitting them as the grounds of public correspondence, They sometimes contain facts - Opinions and observations frequently, and it is only with regard to events of public notoriety, that they can safely be trusted. yet so anxious now are that you should receive intelligence when we can obtain any Specially ourselves that one of our Secretary to communicate with yours, upon such private Accounts as might come to his knowledge and appear worthy of transmission.

We beg leave to offer our cordial Congratulations

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Congratulations to you on the Capture of Banga-
lore which is an event most glorious to our
Arms & whether it be considered with regard to
the manner of its accomplishment or the im-
portance of its consequences.—

We have the Honor to be
Wth Wa
/ Signed / Chas Oakeley
Wa Council

Fort St George
11th April 1791.

Recived the following Letter
from the Adjutant General of the Army.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary of the Political and Military
Department of Fort St George

From the Adjutant General—Major George Hall appointed to the Commissary General of Stores and to join the Army immediately—promotions recommended in the artillery in consequence of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Hawkins and Captain Clapperton—

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to address you and to request that you will signify to the Board his Lordships desire that Major George Hall the Commissary General of Stores shall be directed forthwith to proceed to Ban-
galore with the utmost expedition and from thence to join the army with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment or by the earliest opportunity that may offer afterwards in case Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detach-
ment shall have marched before Major Hall arrives

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Arrives at Amboor.

I have the Honor to be,
W: W:
/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
adjt Genl of the Army/.

Head Quarters
Camp at
Allgutta
5th April 1791

P.S. I send enclosed a Memorandum of Letters already addressed to you in duplicate in case they have not arrived as we have had no communications from Madras of a later date than the 5th Instant.

/Signed/ H: M:
A.G.

Memorandum of Letters addressed to the Secretary of the Political and Military Departments of Fort Saint George by the Adjutant General.

Letter of the 12th March by order of Major General Medows reporting the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Monhouse on the 7th March and recommending the following promotions and appointments.

Major David Smith to be Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery vice Monhouse, Date of Rank 7th March 1791.

Captain John Hippner to be Major, vice Smith, date of Rank 7th March 1791.

Lieutenant

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11 Lieutenant W. B. Isaacke to be Captain, vice Slipper date of Rank 7th March 1791.

Lieutenant Fireworker Frederick Prescott to be Lieutenant vice Isaacke, date of Rank 7th March 1791

Captain George Hall to be commissary General of Stores vice, Moorhouse, but without the nominal Rank of Lieutenant Colonel as the General was of opinion this nominal Rank was an absurdity in Military System. The General at the same time recommended that the usual allowance should be continued to the Commissary General of Stores.

Letter of the 20th March, by order of Major General Medows reporting the death of Major Slipper on the 18th and recommending the following promotions.

Captain George Hall to be Major of artillery, vice, Slipper, date of Rank 18th March 1791.

Lieutenant J. A. Tanner to be Captain, vice Hall date of Rank 18th March 1791.

Lieutenant Fireworker John Nelson to be Lieutenant vice Tanner, date of Rank 18th March 1791.

Letter of the 23rd March by order of Lord Cornwallis signifying his Lordship's desire

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11 ...ving that Lieutenant Colonel Ross the Chief Engineer might be ordered to proceed to Arnboor with the ...
...utmost expedition and from thence to join the ... Army with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detach= ...ment and also that if a Captain of Engineers ... could be ordered so as to arrive in time to ... March with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham one might be directed to proceed to Arnboor ...

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
adjt Genl of the army

Dispatched Letter to Major George Hall /as entered in M: B: N 67/ ... directing him to proceed immediately to Arn= To Major George Hall =boor and from thence to join the Grand ... Army either with Lieutenant Colonel Old= =ham's Detachment or by the earliest opportu= =nity that may offer in case that Detach= =ment should have proceeded on its March. —

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: No 68 69. —

From Major George Hall — From Major George Hall will pay strict attention to the orders of ... Government abovementioned. —

From

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From the Master Master General the Master Master of the Southern Division applies for Permission to visit the Presidency.

From the Master Master General

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 12th April 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

John Hudleston Esqr.

The Honble Major General

Mess.rs Abercrombie upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The acting President observes to the Board that in consequence of the orders of the Honble Court respecting the sale of places during the Administration of Mr. Holland, in every Office generally suspected to have been corruptly disposed of or which appeared by its Importance sufficient to justify a suspicion, has been brought forward, and the party so holding it questioned as to the means by which it was obtained. He had no idea of proceeding to any other transactions than those specified by the Committee of Secrecy, unless

The acting President's Minute recommending that the Agent for the Bullock Contractors be called upon to declare whether or no the late Renewal of the Bullock Contract was obtained by any corrupt Proceed

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unless circumstances should appear to make it requisite, but as the informations which have come out upon the points already examined, do warrant the belief that the views of that administration extended to every Servant of the Company whose situation seemed to prevent a fit object for them, the acting President has been led to enquire into the mode by which the Bullock Contract was renewed and finding that no advertisement was published or any other means taken to ascertain whether more favourable terms might not be procured he thinks it proper that the acting Person in behalf of the Contractors Mr Cockburn should be required to take an Oath similar to that which has been tendered to the Gentlemen who were appointed to Offices of emolument during the late Administration.

To Mr Thomas Cockburn

To the agent for the Bullock contractors enclosing an affidavit respecting the renewal of the Bullock Contract and requiring him to make oath thereto.

Sir,

In consequence of orders from the Court of Directors, the Board have lately been

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been at some pains to ascertain the truth
of a Charge against the late administration
of Mr Holland respecting the Sale of Places—
they meant in the terms of those orders to
have confined their enquiry merely to
places but the informations that have
come out, render it equally necessary to
extend the object to every transaction in
which it is probable that Mr Holland
may have been influenced by pecuniary
views to act contrary to his duty.

The Renewal of the Bullock
Contract was a measure of considerable
importance at the opening of a war which
was likely to demand a very extensive
supply of Cattle, and as the manner in
which this transaction was conducted may
induce a suspicion that Mr Holland was
actuated by improper motives the Board think
it their indispensible duty to require of you
as the acting Contractors, the same declaration
upon Oath that they have required from those
Servants of the Company who obtained lucrative
offices under that administration.—

I am &c &c

Fort St George
12th April 1791.

Signed W. C. Jackson
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Mr. Huddleston agrees in opinion with the acting President.—

Mr. Huddleston agrees entirely in opinion with the acting President.— Ordered that the Letter to Mr. Cockburn be copied fair & dispatched.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board enstructions required in consequence of their having received no proposals for making up saddles to the Southward (upon the Expence of the Charge to the Company for making up Gunpowder in addition to the fixed Rate Causes assigned for the frequent failure of the 12 Pounder Gun Carriages—recommendation thereon.—

Agreeably to your Orders to make up 500 Saddles for the use of the Cavalry, We sent Directions to Masulipatam and Vellore to advertise Proposals & Contract for delivering a certain number at each different place, and as we have been advised that no tenders were made in consequence, We request to be informed whether it is now necessary to provide the whole number to the Southward, where proposals have been made for furnishing as many as may be require.—

Having called upon the Military Storekeeper to furnish a Statement of the Expence incurred to the Company by the manufacture of Gunpowder, exclusive of the price paid for it to the Contractor—Mr. Porcher informed us that he found himself unable

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unable to give Correct Information upon the Subject from his Recent Appointment, - We in consequence applied to the Acting Commissary General of Stores, whose Report We have now the honor to Enclose. -

On the 11th of October last We informed you of your Request to the Commander in Chief that a Board of Officers might be ordered to assemble in Camp, in order to ascertain the Cause or Causes of the repeated failure of the 12 Pounder Gun Carriages of during the present War, and as We were willing to postpone a full Consideration of the Report we received in consequence, until the return of our absent Members from Camp, of which we now see no prospect before the Expiration of the Season, We beg leave to submit that part of it, which recommends a Reference to the Woolwich Foundery, towards ascertaining the Weight and proportion of Metal for the Brass Field Pieces, in order that the same may be noticed to the Honble the Court of Directors, in case you shall deem it expedient -

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Tho. Musgrave
J Capper
George Hall

Fort St. George
5th April 1791.

Report

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Report of the Expence that the Company are at present charged with in addetion to the fixed Rate for manufactering Gunpowder.-

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People paid by the Company.	Paid by the Month	Paid P Diem	Total	Named	Expence P Candy of Gunpowder Extra.		
	Fan.s cash	Fan.ks			P.	F	Ch
		Pag.s					
1 Serjeant Superintending			12	Pr. Sadar			
1 Do. ... assistant			6	George Rose			
1 Native Powder Maker			5 7	Basavabitta			
1 Peon			½	Andicapair and Gagamanik			
1 Do.			½		4	16	
The quantity of Powder made P days is 17 Barrels of 60 ℔ each.- or ℔ 1020 - the Expence thereof incurred to the Company in addetion to the price paid the Contractor P Candy is						29	16
						14	48

NB 1 Syrang, 1 Seidal, 18 Lascars } Stationed at the Powder Mills to remove Powder to the Magazines and occasionally to assist in mixing the Compositions &c.-

(Signed) G. Hall
A Com.y Gen.l Stores

Extract

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Extract from the Resolutions of a Board of
officers, assembled by Order of Major General
Medows, Commander in Chief, Camp at
Errode 6th November 1790.-

Resolved, that it is the
opinion of the Board, there is a defect in the
Twelve Pounder Guns themselves, which no
Construction whatever of the Carriage can
obviate, and this lies in the disproportionable
quantity of Metal, which they deem to be
nearly 200 Neat Pounds less than there should
be in a Twelve Pounder, and that the admixture
of Tin and Copper, are not in due proportion
The Reason the Board assign for the first
of these Remarks is, that within their
observation when Carriages were of
sufficient strength to be equal to every
Service, they have, after a very few rounds,
observed the Gun to oval different ways and
at length drop at the Muzzles.-

They are led to make the
second Remark from a Comparative View
of some Guns sent out from Woolwich
with Captain Alston with those sent
by the Honble Company: A Reference to

the

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the Woolwich Foundery would immediately ascertain the proportion of each Metal, and the Board beg leave to recommend this as preferable to that used in the Honble Company's Guns —

a true Extract

Signed Dan.l Sree

Secy Mil. Bd.

The Board do not think it is at present necessary to provide the whole Number of Saddles directed to be made up by their Orders of the 31st December — agreed therefore that the Military Board be instructed to Contract only for such as were originally intended to be provided to the Southward. —

Minute thereon.

as Lord Cornwallis has stated that the Quantity of Gun powder found in Bangalore will be ample for the service of the present War the Board do not see any occasion for a Continuance of the Contract with the Military Storekeeper on the present footing — agreed therefore that Mr Porcher be directed to deliver Gunpowder for the present upon the same Persons as he furnishes the Military

Do.

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Military Stores &c. Ten per cent upon the actual Cost, provided he swear to that Cost, and that the Powder has been made up at the lowest Rate in his Power.—

Minute thereon. Agreed that the Military Board be desired to deliver in a Statement shewing the quantity of Powder in Store, and what in their opinion may be further wanted for the next twelve Months under the Circumstance of so large an Requisition at Bangalore.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Honorable Court of Directors to make a reference to the Woolwich Foundery for the Purpose of ascertaining the Weight and Proportion of Metal for the Brass 6 Field Pieces, as proposed by the Board of Officers assembled in Camp.—

Do.

Read the following

Letter from Earl Cornwallis.—

Sir Charles Oakeley

Senior Member, & Council of

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Having received Information

from

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From Lord Cornwallis marches to the Northward reasons & assigned proposed Plan of Operations has appointed Lt Colonel Duff to command in Bangalore garrison left in that Place Military Stores found there.—

From Lieutenant Stuart, of the actual March of Rajah Teiguvant, and being sensible of the great Importance of securing the Junction of so considerable a Body of Cavalry, and of the Probabilities that Tippoo would use every Means in his Power to harrass and obstruct their March, I have determined to move to the Northward, in the Direction in which they may be expected, and am further induced to adopt this Measure from the Assurances which I have received, that the friendly Polegars in that Part of the Country have collected a large Quantity of Grain and a great Number of Cattle, for the use of the Army within fifty Miles of this Place.—

After the acquisition of Rajah Teiguvents Cavalry, I shall hope to cover so large a Tract of Country as to prevent the distressing Effects at least of a partial Fire-brand and to ensure the March of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment from Ambour without being obliged to go to the head of the Passes to meet them.—

Whether I shall be able to attempt the Reduction of Seringapatam before

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before the Rains, or whether I must limit my
Views to a Seige and an Establishment in
this Country will depend on Circumstances
of which it is impossible for me, at present
to form a precise Judgement — I can however
most truly assure you, that nothing but
absolute Necessity shall make me abandon
my former Plan. —

I have, with a View to expedite
the Requipment of the heavy Artillery
appointed Colonel Duff to command in
Bangalore, into which Place I have put the
76th Regiment and three Native Battalions. —

The Quantity of Military
Stores of all Sorts that We have Found in
it, is astonishing and there is in particular
more Gunpowder than we can possibly
have occasion for during the present War. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Cornwallis

Camp at
Bangalore
March 27th 1791.

agreed that a Copy of the
Minute thereon above Letter be transmitted to the Hon^ble the
Court of Directors a Number in the Packet
by the Hawke. —

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Minute thereon. The Board have already congratulated his Lordship on the Capture of Bangalore and it is now agree to write a Letter of Congratulation to the Governor & Major General Medows on the same Occasion.

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Kennaway & enclosing Mr. Browns accounts and Vouchers for January—remarks thereon.—

I have the honor to forward Copies of two Letters from the Paymaster of the Ellore Detachment under date the 12th and 19th Instant with his Accounts and Vouchers for his Disbursements for January the last of which not having time to examine I have not opened tho I apprehend most of the Bills for Extra charges included in them were submitted to me previous to the accounts being made up The delay in their final transmission has partly arisen from my having returned them to Mr. Brown when they were first sent to me on a Representation from the Commanding officer that they had

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had not been inspected by him Mr Brown
submitted them to Captain Read agreeably to my
request, at the same time alledging in his
defence that he had taken the precaution to
furnish Captain Read with authenticated
Copies of them when they were sent home, but
that he did not apprehend it was the Intention
of the Board that the Commanding officers
Inspection and Controul should extend further
than to extraordinary and Incidental charges
in which opinion I conceive he is right and
I have expressed myself to Captain Read
accordingly.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed John Kennaway

Paongal
March 1791.

P.S. In looking over Mr Browns account
current with the Paymaster General there
appears an error of Five Hundred Pagodas
in summing up the Article of Charges General
of which I have given that Gentleman
Information.—

Minute thereon. Ordered, that the accounts
accompanying the above Letter, be sent to the
Military Paymaster General.—

Read

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Read the following Letter
and Enclosure from the Resident at Travancore,

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President in Council
Fort St. George.—

From the Resident at Travancore with an account of Receipts and appropriation of the Money received from the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin.—

Honble Sir,

I do myself the honor to transmit you herewith my Account Current of the Receipts and appropriation of the Money received from the Rajahs of Travencore and Cochin.—

I have the honor to be
most respectfully.—
Honble Sir,
your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Signed/ George Powney
Resident

Trevandaporam
31st March 1791.

No. 1

Dr. The Honble Company in Account Current with Mr. George Powney Resident at Travancore } Cr.

1791 Jan.y 23.	To Bill received from the Rajah of Travancore in part of this Second advance and remitted to the acting President in Council at Fort St. George on Bavance Santhuna Dosp. P. N. Pag.s 30160 which @ 110 P. N. Pag.s pr 100 Star Pagodas	27418 7 48		1791 Jany 7.	By Cash Received from the Rajah of Cochin on account of his first quarter of Tribute R. 17500 @ 375 R. pr 100 Star Ps	4666.30	
				23.	By Bill received from the Rajah of Travancore in part of his 2. advance P. N. Pags 30160 @ 110 P. N. Pags pr 100 Star Pagodas	27418 7 48	
Feb.y 4	To Cash remitted to Mr. Corbett Paymaster at Paulghatcherry in different Speeee	10,000 " "		27	By Cash Received from the Rajah of Cochin one years advance for the rent of the Island of Chetwa R. 40,000 @ 375 R. pr 100 Star Pagodas	10666.30 "	
March 9.	To Cash remitted Do. Do.	10000 " "		March 9	By Cash Received from the Rajah of Travancore in part of his 2. advance P. N. Pags 10,000 @ 110 P. N. Pags pr 100 Star Pagodas	9090.38 "	
		47418 7 48					
To Balance		4424 14 "					
	Star Pagodas	51.842 21.48			Star Pagodas	51.842 21.48	

E E Trevandaporam 31. March 1791

(Signed) George Powney

Resident

Pd. Bill 19 April 1791

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Minute thereon

Ordered, that a Copy of the Account Current be sent to the Military Paymaster General.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Ugald Agent for Transports.—

To the Honble Governor and Council

Madrass

Honble Sirs

From the Agent for Transports reports the Necessity of landing certain Stores from the Brig Liberty on account of the Leaky State of the Vessel.—

I beg leave to Inform you the Brig Liberty under my directions Is so Leaky as to cause the pumps to be Kept going every Hour, and sometimes oftner, and which has been the Case almost the whole Voyage that I am under Apprehensions should the Service Require Her proceeding to Sea, there might be a Resques of Her being obliged to bear away for some other port than that Destined for.—

Flr Flower 550 Barrs
Peas 155 Do
Rice 77 Tierces
Do 2 Do

Therefore I submit to the Approbation of the Honorable Governor and Council to take out of Her her Day provesions amounting to the Quantity named in the Margin or what part of It may be found Necessary to Lighten Her to be all to come at the Leak / If Possible / on the Inside to stop It: they will please to Honor me with their Directions.—

I have the Honor to be with all Respect.—

Brig Garland Madrass Road
12th April 1791.

/Signed/ Agt. Ugald
Agent for Transports

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Agreed that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to take charge of such Stores as may be landed from the Victuallers passing his Receipt to Lieutenant Wyald & for the same.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper.—

To the Honble Major General William Medows President and Governor in Council.—

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

I take the Liberty to lay before you my Demand for 533 Barrels of Gun Powder made in the Month of March last Amounting to Sr. Pags 2752. 24. 34. together with the Receipt of the Acting Commissary of General of Stores for the same, and trust you will be pleased to direct said Amount to be paid

From the Military Storekeeper applies for Payment of his Bills for Gunpowder made up last Month.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George

8th April 1791.

(Signed) Jos DuPre Porcher

Received

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Received from the Powder Contractor in the
month of March 1791.

Gun Powder	lb	60 Barrels	533.-

Fort St. George
4th April 1791.

(Signed) George Stall
D.C. Comy Gen.l Stores

Agreed that a Bill on Bengal
at the Exchange of 375. Arcot Rupees for 100
Star Pagodas be granted in favor of Mr. P
Minute thereon. Porcher for the Sum of 2752-24-34. being
the Amount of his Demands for Gun Powder
furnished in the Month of March.-

Read the following Report of the
Hospital Board.-

Hospital Board
8th April 1791.

Report of the Hospital Board recommending that Mr. Swearenght and Berry be promoted to the Rank of C. to the 2d Battalion of Artillery vice Anderson left in Bangalore that Mr. Ramsay be appointed Medical Storekeeper at Nellore vice Swearenght that Mr. J. Preeve be appointed an assistant Surgeon on this Establishment and that Mr. J. Duncan be appointed to Condapelly vice Berry who has joined Captn Reid's Detachment.-

Pagodas

As tho' the Surgeon General
has not thought proper to Com-
-Communicate with the Hospital
Board since the Army left
Vellore, notwithstanding the
Orders of Government, yet they
are Credibly informed that
he has been under the
necessity

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Government will adopt the Recommendation of the Hospital Board, so soon as it be ascertained that Mr. Alexander Anderson has been left at Bangalore.

Necessity of leaving Mr. Alexander Anderson Surgeon to the 2d Battalion of Artillery in charge of the Sick and Wounded at Bangalore. Should this prove the case, the Hospital Board recommend that Messrs. Seawright and Berry Senior assistant Surgeons be promoted to the Rank of Surgeons that Mr. Seawright be appointed to the 2d Battalion of Artillery vice Mr. Anderson and that Mr. Ramsay assistant Surgeon be appointed Medical Storekeeper at the General Hospital Vellore vice Mr. Seawright.

If there be any Want of assistant Surgeons at the General Hospitals, the Board recommend that they be taken from the native Corps - Mr. Price cannot be appointed - Government having resolved to make no further provisional appointments, unless at the express Instance of the Commander in Chief -

Mr. John Price having been recommended from Bengal where he has been examined and approved by the Hospital Board at that presidency, and there being still several Vacancies on the Establishment the Hospital Board recommend that he be appointed an assistant Surgeon until the pleasure of the Court of Directors

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Directors be known, and stationed
at the General Hospital —

Mr. King, assistant &
Surgeon, having joined the Detachment
under the Command of Captain
Reid, The Hospital Board recommend
that Mr. John Duncan, assistant
Surgeon, be appointed to the
Garrison of Condapelly, to
fill up the Vacancy occasioned
by Mr. King's Removal. —

approved.

Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician general
A. Racine Acting chief Surgeon
Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon.

Read the following Letter

From the Board of assumed Revenue —
To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

The frequent Occasions, upon which
we

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From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that Nardeen Rauze Dewan to Bomrauze be removed from his office and that Canoot rauze son and Heir of Bomrauze be plaid in the Management of his Father's Country.—

we have found it necessary to remark the malconduct of Bomrauze, have already obliged us to address several letters to your Honble Board upon this Subject. We feel however less difficulty in troubling you again, because we can at the same time suggest the means of redressing the evil. as Bomrauze is by nature an ideot, the only person from whom to expect Responsibility, is his Dewan Nersim Rauze: this man we Confirmed in his situation; because we found him in possession at the Commencement of the Assumption, but his uniform inattention to the Company's authority, his insolent disturbance of some Circar Villages, and backwardness in the payment of his Peishcush at length compelled us to place Bomrauze Pollam under the immediate Controul of Mr. Kindersley who, we hoped by his presence might be able to hold Nersim Rauze in more effectual Check. How much of these expectations have been disappointed appears from the Balance of Rists which remain yet undischarged and from the protection and Countenance which he has afforded to a Rebellion against the Rajah of Calastry. We have no difficulty in ascribing his Conduct to

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residence

to a motive of conciliating favour with the Nabob in case of a Revolution; for we have
reason to believe that the long residence of his
Highness's Sepoys in Bomrauze Pollam was
owing to the Connivance of this man and to the
money, which was paid, if not Voluntarily, &
without much Objection— For these reasons
we think it our duty to propose that Nersein
Rauze be immediately removed, and we recommend
this measure the more readily, because we can
offer an arrangement, by which the Company
will suffer no loss, nor the Country sustain
damage— Cawat Rauze, Son and heir of
Bomrauze, offers the Security for a Responsible
man for payment of the remainering Sicca Rupees
being put in possession of his father's Country:
he pays in ready money 8000 Ps and at the
end of this year the Remainder, which after
some necessary Remissions will amount to
about 6000 Ps as there is no Objection to
Cawat Rauze's right of succession, the many
partizans, who will support his cause when
they see him protected by the Company, will
facilitate the means of his gaining possession

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The natural defences of a Pollam with the wild and unruly manners of Poligars must render this at all times an interesting consideration; but it is of double importance in the present situation of the Company's affairs — The presence of 30 Regular Sepoys with Peut Cawcel Rauge in possession and Maintain the tranquility of the Country without A danger of Opposition. To the preceding Remarks, we must add this Conclusive argument that, independent of the Objections against using Force, any mode of Collecting the Revenue by Tasseldars from the Collectors would, from the invariable aversion of Poligars to foreign interference and from our general ignorance of these Countries be rendered extremely precarious and deficient. —

Whatever may be your determination upon Bomrauge Pollam we beg leave particularly to have your attention to a letter of the Catastry Rajah in which he represents that his Rebellious Son had received encouragement and of protection

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protection from Narsim Rauze, and requests that measures may be taken for securing his person.—

Fort St. George
12th April 1791.

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) J Rudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour.

Minute thereon. Agreed, for the reasons stated by the Board of Assumed Revenue the Narsim Rauze be immediately removed from his office of Dewan and that Cawel Rauze Son and Heir of Bomrauze be placed in the Management of his Fathers Country and in order to effect this object without opposition that Mr. Kindersley and Captain Macleay be directed to proceed to the Pollam and that the latter take with him such Force from the Garrison of Chandernaghery, as may be deemed sufficient to place Cawel Rauze in quiet Possession.—

Read the following Letter from the acting Paymaster in the Tinnevelly District.—

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President &c. Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Conformably to the 2d Para

of the Regulations containing instructions

for Field Paymasters, I have the honor to

acquaint you, that Lieutenant Henry Webber

Commanding a separate Detachment of two

Companies of the 15th Madras Battalion of

Native Infantry on field service in this

District has recently drawn an allowance

for a Black Doctor, which is not provided

for by the Regulations, though as he

represents, that he has from thirty to

forty of his People sick of the Hill Fever

and is at a Distance from other Medical

Aids, the necessity of the Case should seem

to Warrant the Extraordinary Charge.—

I have the honor to be with

the greatest Respect.—

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Thomas Snodgrass

actg Payr of the Mch Dist.

From the Military Paymaster in the Vizagapore District applies for the Sanction of Government to discharge a Bill presented to him by Captain Webber for a Black Doctor.—

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agreed

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Agreed that Lieutenant Webber be allowed to draw for a Black Doctor, while he remains in his present situation.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From the Garrison Storekeeper on the subject of the Balance due by Messrs. Corbett and Boyd to his Employ and the amount due from the Shepherds on the Balance of their Accounts.—

Honble Sir,

Having repeatedly called upon Messrs. Corbett and Boyd, for to discharge the balance due by them to my Employ amounting to the Sum of Four Thousand three hundred and Eighty One Pagodas, three fanams and sixty five Cash — I have now to inform you, they have neither offered to liquidate the same by instalment or otherwise nor have they even acknowledged the receipt of any Letters addressed to them under date the 17th and 26th of January & 25th Ultimo, it therefore now rests with your Honor in Council to take such

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such steps as shall appear to you necessary, for to recover the amount of the balance due from these Gentlemen to the Honble Company and with respect to the balance of Three hundred and twenty Nine Pagodas and Nineteen Fanams due from the Shipherds, in account of Cash advanced to them for the purpose of purchasing Cattle from the Honble Company, I am of opinion, that it may be recovered, as these People have property and by coercive measures, might be brought to discharge their debt.-

Enclosed I have the honor to send you abstract Account of Mr. Morris Contract Rice retailed on account of the Honble Company from the 1st. to the 31st. Ultimo inclusive.-

I have the honor to be

Madras
6th April 1791.

Sir &c.
/Signed/ J. Greenhill
Garrison Storekr.

Minute thereon.

As the Board have received no reply to the Letter which was addressed to Mr Boyd in Duplicate, on the subject of the

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the Balance due by him and Mr. Corbett to the Honorable Company it is agreed to notify to him the Displeasure of the Board at this neglect and to require his immediate Answer.—

Agreed also, with a View to P

Minute thereon. recover the Balance, that it be signified to Mr. Corbett, that unless he take immediate measures for discharging it he will be P removed from his present Employ.—

The acting President is P requested to send for the Shepherds, and

Do. to inform them that if they with hold the Balance due by them to the Company any longer, they will be made to suffer.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provesions—

To Mr. Wm. C. Jackson

Secretary to the Military Department—

Sir,

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provesions recommendation respecting the Grain at Chengleput proposes that the Storekeeper at Madura be allowed to air the Grain in Store there.—

The Storekeeper at Chengleput reports that the Thatched Granary on the Outside of the Fort is very much out of P repair and that the Grain in Consequence is destroyed by the Bandicoots, that to repair

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the Granary would require almost as much as building it anew and on that account and its being injudiciously placed within twenty yards of the Crest of the Glacis he recommends the Grain to be removed and Stacked within the Fort as also 20 Garce of Paddy Stocked on the Glacis without the Precaution of a Stone Platform. — The quantity in the Granary and Stocked, is about 70 Garce, and, as the removal will be attended with Expence I submit to the Consideration of the Board whether it will not be better to Sell it off. — The Stock of Paddy now in Chingleput is very great 636 Garce. —

The Storekeeper at Madura represents that the Grain in Store there is laid up in one large Store, and that he Cannot report the actual State of it without taking the whole out to be aired which he recommends may be done — but as an expence of about One hundred and forty Pagodas will be thereby incurred I request to have the Sanction of the Board previous to Complying with

his

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his Recommendation. —

Madras
9th April 1791.

Sam. Dav.
(Signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Cy. G. G. Proceedings

Agreed that the twenty Garce
of Paddy at Chinglepat be sold off and
Minute thereon. that Mr. Cockburn be directed to dispose
of such Part of the other Grain in Store
at that Place, as can be sold to advantage. —

Agreed that Mr. Vaughan be
Do. permitted to rec.e the Grain in Store at
Madura. — :

The acting President proposes
that the Committee for investigating the
The Committee for inves- Nabob's Debts be dissolved, and that all
tigating the Nabobs Debts dissolved. Expence incurred on that Account do
immediately cease. —

Ordered accordingly. —

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The Letter from the Accountant
Letter from the Accountant General respecting Subsidy due from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Company reconsidered. — General dated the 28th. February, and entered
in Consultation the 1st. Instant, having
been reconsidered, it is now resolved to
inform Mr. Mowbray that, as the Arrears
of

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Resolution upon the same.

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of Subsidy due to the Company by the Rajah of Tanjore at the Time the Operation of the new Treaty took place, do not appear to have been brought forward, or any Provision made for the Liquidation of them at that Time or since, he be desired to compose and state the Items of which this Debt is composed, and ascertain from the Records whether the late Rajah had been allowed Credit in any Account for the whole or any Part of the Grain and Provisions supplied or taken from this Country during the late War.—

The acting President informs the Board that his Highness the Nabob has applied for a Bill upon Tinnevelly for the Sum of 20,000 Pagodas on Account of this one fifth.—

Application made by the Nabob for a Bill upon Tinnevelly on account of this one fifth.—

Ordered that the Board of Revenue be directed to draw upon Mr. Sorin for the above Sum in favor of his Highness.—

Minute thereon

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The acting President reports the Death of Lieutenant Pagan Shaw of the Invalids.—

Death of Lieutenant Ragan Shaw of the Invalids.

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Sir

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In Consequence of a Letter from the Adjutant General of the 5th Instant, the following Promotions have taken place.—

Memorandum of Promotion in the Artillery Corps published in General Orders—

Artillery

Major David Smith to be Lieutenant Colonel vice Moorhouse—Captain Hall to be Major vice Smith—Lieutenant Isaacke to be Captain vice Skipper—Lieutenant Tanner to be Captain vice Hall—Lieutenant Fireworker Prescott to be Lieutenant vice Isaacke—Lieutenant Fireworker Nelson to be Lieutenant vice Tanner.—

Major George Hall to be Commissary General of Stores vice Moorhouse but without the Nominal Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.—

Chas Oakeley

Wadeston

Ens. John Gibbon &c

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Fort S.t George 14 April 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

acting President

Thursday 14 April 1791

John Huddleston Esq.r

The Honorable Major

General Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consul-

-tation read and approved.

Drafts of the Let-
ters to the Court of
Directors to go p.r
Hawke read and
approved.

The Secretary having

prepared the General Letters to the
Court
Honorable of Directors to go by the Haw-

-ke, the same are now read and approved

and ordered to be copied fair. —

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Diary

Received the following

Letter from the Persian Interpreter to the

Governor General. —

To H. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at

Fort St George.

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General - with the Copies of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Earl Cornwallis and of his Lordships Reply —

Sir

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to transmit to you, Copies of a Letter received from Tippoo Sultaun, and of his Lordships answer to it

His Lordship desires that Copies of them in English and Persian, for which purpose a Persian Copy is also enclosed, be forwarded to the Residents at Poonah and at Hyderabad. —

I am
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) G. F. Cherry
Persian Interpreter
to the Gov. General

Camp
West of Deaunella
29th March 1791. —

Sworn

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From Tippoo Sultaun

Received 25th March 1791

Some time ago, your Lordship
desired that several Matters should be re-
plied to in writing and sent to you. I em-
brace this opportunity of writing, that on
Matters of great Importance, the Secrets
of the Heart cannot be known, but by the
verbal Communication of a person of Con-
sequence, nor can affairs be adjusted. —
Therefore if your Lordship pleases I will
nominate a Person of Confidence and ves-
ting him with full Authority, will send
him to your Presence, in order that by —
personal Conversations our ancient Friend
ship may gain daily Strength. Your —
Lordship must consider me desirous of
your Friendship and must act in a
manner that Peace may take place between
us. the Disagreements existing be remo-
ved and the Happiness and Quiet of Man-
kind be established. —
Dated 22 Rubany Saul Sutty 1218 Mahomed or
the 20 Rejeb 1205 Hegery 27. March 1791. —

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To Tippoo Sultaun

written 27 March 1791

I have received and have under-
stood the Contents of your Letter, recapitulated
that received the 27 March 1791:

The Moderation which al-
-ways marks the Character of the British
Government, and my own personal dis-
-position and feelings unite in making me
wish most earnestly for the Restoration of
the Blessings of Peace, as soon as ajust
reparation can be obtained for the Injur-
ries and Losses that the Company and
its allies have suffered. —

If the two Circars alone
were ingaged in the present War, I
should not object to receive the Person of
Confidence, whom you desire to send to
me, and I should listen as favorably to
your Propositions as the Duty of my
Station would admit. But as direct &
and expeditious a mode of negociation
is not now in my power, for, when
I found that by your disregard to all
my

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my conciliatory offers, I must necessarily
be forced to engage in a War, I entered –
into the most Solemn Treaties with –
Nizam ally Khan and with the Peshwa,
declaring that we would assist each
other and that no one of the Powers would
listen separately to any Advances from
the Enemy, without submitting the
Terms proposed to the general Condidera-
-tion and approbation of the different
Parties of the Confederacy –

I cannot therefore consis-
-tent with Honor and good Faith, receive
in the first Instance a Person of confi-
=dence from you, for the purpose of ad-
=justing the Separate Terms of Peace bet-
=ween you and the Company, but if you
should think proper to transmit to me
in writing the Propositions that you
are willing to make as a foundation
upon which Negociations may be
opened for the restoration of Peace and
Friendship between the Company,

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the Nizam and the Peshwa on one side, and your Circar on the other, I shall on my part give them the most serious consideration and after communication with the other Members of the Confederacy I shall convey to you our joint Sentiments upon them. —

True Copies
(Signed) G. F. Cherry
P.S.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75.

From Mr. T Gahagan — applying for a Copy of any Letter the Board may have received from Mr. Binny on the Subject of his Roads — and requesting that any representation that he may have given in may be withheld until an opportunity shall be afforded him of replying thereto —

From Mr T Gahagan Surgeon —

From the Acting Collector at Madura —

From the Acting Collector at Madura reporting on the Charge preferred against Major Hale

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Sale by Mr. Vaughan of Cowjeing Inson upon certain Classes of People for the Privilege of Supplying the Garrison of Madura with Articles of Merchandize.

From the Master Attendant stating that the Hanoverian officers embarked for Europe on the Hawke are accommodated entirely to their Satisfaction — and that there is ample Room allotted for the Privates.

From Major George Hall stating that severe Indisposition prevents his proceeding to Amboor agreeably to the Orders received under date the 11.th Instant.

From Mr. W. Cowan — formerly Lieutenant in his Majestys 36.th Regiment — requesting that a Passage may be provided for him on one of the Ships about to Sail for Europe —

From the Paymaster in the Mchapoor District — stating that he has under the authority of the President of Ganjam discharged a Bill presented to

From the Master Attendant.

From Major George Hall —

From Mr. W. Cowan —

From the Paymaster in the Mchapoor District

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to being by Captain Westropp for Interpre-
ters and Guides for the Months of Janu-
ary and February —

Sent the following Letter

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

To Major General Me-
dows congratulatory
on the Capture of Ban-
galore —

Honble Sir,

Having been informed
by Lord Cornwallis of the Sale of Banga-
lore, we take the earliest Occasion of
offering to you our sincere and war-
mest Congratulations on an Event so
glorious to the British Arms, whether
we consider the manner in which
it was accomplished, or the Impor-
tance of the Acquisition itself

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Charles Bakeley
&c. Council

Fort St. George
to
12 April 1791.

To

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To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at

Fort William. —

To Bengal — with Copy of advices just received from Earl Cornwallis. —

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to trans=
=mit Copy of a Letter which we have recei=
=ved this Morning from Lord Cornwallis,
together with Copies of his Lordship's Letters
to the Residents at Hyderabad and Poona —

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

Signed Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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12th April 1791 —

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To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal — with Copy of a Letter from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General giving cover to Copies of Earl Cornwallis's Correspondence with Tippoo Sultaun —

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to

enclose for your Information, Copy
of a Letter this day received by our
Secretary from the Persian Translator

to

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to the Governor General with Copies of the
Letters to which it gave Cover. —

Fort S.t George
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We have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
Signed Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council

Received the following Let-
ter from the agent for the Bullock Contractors. —

To W.m C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors — enclosing the affidavit required by Government respecting the Proofs by which the Contract renewal of the Bullock Contractors was obtained. —

Sir

I have this day received your
Letter of the 12.th Instant and have the
honor to return the declaration therein
enclosed Sworn to Conformably to the
requisition of Government. —

Madras
13.th April 1791

I am
&c.a &c.a
Signed Tho Cockburn

Thomas Cockburn maketh Oath
and saith, that he, this Deponent, did
not directly or indirectly, either by himself
or

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or Agent, give unto Mr. John Holland or unto Mr. Edward John Holland, or unto Rayniah the Dubash of Mr. John Holland, or unto any person or persons, upon their, or either of — their account, any Sum of Money, Bond, Bill, note of hand, Agreement or Verbal — promise for payment of any Sum of Money at a future day, as and by way of purchase or valuable Consideration for granting to the said Deponent and to Lieutenant Colonels Moorhouse and Campbell a renewal of the Bullock Contract, executed on the 24th. of February 1790, nor was any Sum of Money ever required of this Deponent, or of the said Lieutenant Colonels, Moorhouse and Campbell, to the knowledge of this — Deponent, for, or on account of, a renewal of the said Contract, either previous to or subsequent to this Deponents executing the same.

/Signed/ Tho.s Cockburn

Sworn to before me
this 13th. day of April 1791

/Signed/ Jas. du Pré Porcher
Mayor

Despatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Nos 76.77.78.79.80.
81.82.83.84.85.86.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.

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To the Military Storekeeper —
returning his Bill for Gunpowder furnished
last Month signed for Payment the Contract
for that article to be discontinued — such as may
be required previous to the new arrangement
taking place, to be furnished by him on the
same terms as other Military Stores —

To the Military Storekeeper —

To Mr. W. Webbe — informing
him of the Abolition of the Committee for the
Investigation of the Nabobs Debts —

To Mr. W. Webbe —

To the Military Board — only such
Saddles to be contracted for as were originally
intended to be provided to the Southward —
stating the Manner in which Gunpowder
is to be provided previous to the new Ar-
rangement taking place — a Notification
will be made to the Court of Directors of
their opinion respecting the Twelve Pow-
der Guns sent out to this Country —

To the Military Board

Saddles

To Mr. J. Gahagan Surgeon —
Copy of Mr. Bennys last Letter to Government —

To

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To the Accountant General —

To the Accountant General — directing him to draw out an account shewing Items of which the amount due from the Rajah of Tanjore on account of Subsidy is composed and to ascertain from the Records whether — the late Rajah had been allowed Credit for the whole or any part of the Grain and Provisions supplied or taken from his Country during the late War. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — a Bill to be drawn on the Collector at Tinnevelly for 20,000 Pagodas in favor of the Nabob agreeably to his Highness's — Request pr. de Consult 12.th Instant. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad — with Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis advice of the arrival of the Army at Chenibalapooram and of the — Movement of the Enemy towards Shivagunga. —

To the Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad. —

To D.o with Copies of a Letter from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General giving cover to Copies of

To D.o

Lord

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Lord Cornwallis's Correspondence with Tippoo Sultaun —

To the Agent for Transports

To the Agent for Transports

instructions have been given to the Garrison Storekeeper to take Charge of such Stores as may be landed by his order from the Brig Liberty —

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Garrison Storekeeper directing him to take charge of such Stores as may be landed from the Victuallers, paying his Respect to Lieutenant Uzzell for the same. —

To the Muster Master General

To the Muster Master General

Mr. Burton's application for leave to visit the Presidency, cannot, at present, be complied with. —

To the Acting Paymaster in the Ackapore District — Lieutenant Webber

To the Acting Paymaster on the Ackapore District

to be allowed to draw for a Black Doctor while he remains in his present situation —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — directing him to report upon a Claim preferred by Sergeant Brockie for the amount due to him on account of the Difference of

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

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of Serjeants Pay from Europeans to Native Corps—

To the Commissary General

of Grain and Provisions—the twenty Garce of

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

Paddy at Chinglepet may be sold off agree-

-ably to the Recommendation contained in

his Letter of the 9.th Instant directing him to

dispose of the whole or any part of the 636 —

Garce of Paddy in Store at that Place if it

can be done to advantage—the Storekeeper

at Madura to be instructed to air the Grain

in Store—

To the Commandant at Chan-

To the Commandant at Chandernaghorry—

-dernaghorry—measures to be adopted for

putting a Stop to the Troubles and Disturb-

-ances in the Calastry Country and Bom-

-mazee Pollam and for placing Cavel —

Rauze in the office of Dewan to Bommauze

in the room of Narsenia Rauze directing —

him to give an Explanation of the Difference

in the Return of the Calastry Peons which

he transmitted to Government and the

Certificate delivered by him to the Rajah—

To the Board of Accounts

To the Board of Accounts Revenue—

Revenue inclosing, for their Information,

Copy of the abovementioned Letter to the

Commandant

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Commandant at Chandunagherry —

To Mr. Hugh Boyd notifying the Displeasure of Government at his Neglect in not complying with the repeated orders relative to the Balances due to the Company from himself and Mr. Corbett.

To Mr. Hugh Boyd —

—ing the Displeasure of Government at his Neglect in not complying with the repeated orders relative to the Balances due to the Company from himself and Mr. Corbett. and stating, that Mr. Corbett has been informed, that unless he take immediate Measures for discharging it he will be removed from his present Employ. —

To Mr. H. Corbett notifying the Resolutions of Government abovementioned. —

To Mr. H. Corbett —

To the Paymaster at Madura

To the Paymaster at Madura. —

Colonel Manting accepted as his collateral Security — enclosing the Bond to be executed by him. —

Received the following Letters from the Governor of Pondicherry. —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Madras &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

From the Governor of Pondicherry acknowledging the receipt of the Packet from Tanjore late by him transmitted to him —

Sir

I have received the Letter with which you honored me under date the 31st. of last Month I am infinitely sensible of the goodness

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goodness you have had in transmitting the Packet addressed for me that was sent to you from Tan-
-jore and beg you will accept my sincere acknow-
-ledgements for it —

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

Signed/ Defreine

a true transl.n

Signed/ T. Chase

French Transl.r

Pondichery
the
5.th April 1791.

Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in 66 N.os 71.72.73.

From the Calastry Rajah/ vide N.o 71

Substance of Letters

stating that Narsim Rauze is laying waste
the Sellaram poor District and all the Coun-
-try near Calastry —

From the Calastry Rajah —

From the Packet to the Calas-
-try Rajah — communicating Particulars of
the Disturbances committed by Narsim
Rauze, and the Chittore and Cammum Poli-
-gars in the Districts of Caumoor and —
Sellaram pore —

The Packet to &c.a

From the Nabob/ vide N.o 73/

stating his Intention of writing an Answer
to His Majestys Letter on the Return of Lord
Cornwallis

and the Nabob

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13 Cornwallis to this Place. —

14 Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in MS. Nos 95.96.97.98.

From Lieutenant Boisdauine
requesting that an order may be sent to Cap-
tain Benoit to receive him on board the Hawke
as a passenger for Europe. —

From the Secretary to the
15 Board of Inumed Revenue — enclosing Bills
for 20,000 S.t P.a Pagodas upon the Collector at
Tinnevelly, drawn in favor of His Highness
the Nabob. —

From the Agent for Seamen —
ports — requesting to know if Her Majesty
is to be charged with the Expence of Landing
the Provisions from the Brig Liberty. —

From the Commissary Genral
of Grain and Provisions — applying for a Ware
Godown for the reception of the Bales of
Sad Ware received from Bengal on the
Companys Account. —

Received the following

Letters. —

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor &c. &c. in Council

Fort St. George

From the Widow of the late Colonel Kelly applying for the Payment of such Pension as she may be entitled to.

Honble Sir

My Present necessitous situation will I hope in some degree plead my excuse for troubling your Honorable Board with a request that you will be pleased to issue out an order for the payment of such pension as I may be deemed intitled to as the Widow of the late Colonel Robert Kelly — and on this occasion I am flattered with the hope that the late Colonel Kelly's long and Zealous exertions in the Service of his Employers as well as the embarrassed state of his affairs at the time of his Decease will be taken into the consideration of your Honble Board. —

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c. &c.

Madras
15th. April 1791 —

Signed/ Miriam Kelly —

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Fort St. George

From Mr. W. Stott with Proposals for providing Military Stores dated that he has made his Calculations on the supposition that the different Articles are to be exactly the same as those heretofore furnished —

Honble Sir

Being encouraged by the Advertisement Published by order of your Honble Board, I beg leave to lay before you proposals for providing Military Stores, and will engage to furnish them at the Rate affixed against each article in the four Lists that they accompany, provided your Honor will be pleased to accept of them —

I flatter myself what when you consider the degree of Responsibility, and Risk incurrd in such an undertaking, and the attention, and assiduity that will be necessary to fulfill the Contract, with Satisfaction to your Honor, and Credit to myself, you will not think my Proposals unreasonable, particularly if you compare the Rates, I now take the Liberty of proposing to provide at, with those the Company have hitherto paid with the allowd Commission —

I beg

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I beg leave however to observe that not having seen the Musters now preparing by the Military Store Keeper, they not being yet, as I have been informed, Ready for Inspection, I have formid my Calculations upon the Articles as hitherto provided by the Military Storekeeper. But should the Musters, you wish to provide by, be different from those hitherto used, I beg leave to Request, your Honor will be pleased to return to me my present Proposals. —

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

/ Signed / William Abbott

Fort St. George
15th April 1791 —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart —
acting President

John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major —
General William Medows Absent upon Service —

Friday the
15 April 1791

Minutes of Last Consultation

Read and approved. —

Read the following Letters
from the Military Board. —

To —

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

From the Military Board recommending that the amount due to the Contractor for Repairs be discharged.—

Sir

The Contractor has presented to us his Bills for Sundry Repairs made at Madras, and as they have undergone the regular forms of Examination, We beg leave to recommend that their Amount / being Pagodas 883: 8: 48/ be discharged.—

We have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ Tho.s Musgrave
J. Cappur

Fort S.t George
15.th April 1791.

Agreed that a Bill on Bengal at the Exchange of 385 Arcot Rupees pr. 100 Star Pagodas be granted to the Contractor for Repairs for the Sum of Eight Hundred and Eighty three Pagodas Eight fanams and forty Eight Cash /883. 8. 48/ being on account of work executed by him.—

Minute thereon.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

From the Military Board recommending that in future all Ammunition Tumbrels be tined with Sheet Copper—that the 18 Pr. Gun Carriages at Chingleput be brought to the Presidency—and that the Pound for renewing

Acting President in Council

Sir

Great Delays and inconveniences have frequently been experienced, and particularly

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Receiving Proposals of Contract for Military Stores be extended—Gun Powder received in Store unserviceable ~~are~~ were recommended to be sold at public Outcry—

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particularly during the late Campaigns from the present mode of Caulking the Tumbrils, which when shaken in rough roads, open in the Seams and admit the water, not only in crossing rivers, but likewise in rainy weather, And as packing and unpacking the Ammunition is always attended with danger, and is often almost impossible for many days together & which may be productive of very serious Consequences. We take the liberty to recommend that Tumbrils be, in future, lined with Sheet Copper, which has been found, on experiment, to remedy effectually the above inconveniences and it will appear from the enclosed Estimate, that the additional expense bears no proportion to the advantages that will be derived from it—

We think it necessary to represent to you that the Carriages of the four Iron 18 Pounders at Chinglipet are in an unserviceable State from having been necessarily exposed to the Sun and Weather, till lately, on the Glacis of Chinglipet. We request therefore that you will permit them to be brought hither that they may be repaired and that the

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Guns may be in readiness. —

The Military Storekeeper upon being called upon, has informed us that all the Musters will not be completed until the 25.th Instant, and as it will require a few days to arrange the several Articles for the public Inspection upon the Island, We beg leave to propose that the period for receiving proposals of Contract, be prolonged to the 1.st May next. —

The acting Commissary General of Stores has laid before us a Report of proof of 533 Barrels manufactured at Madras, which being considerably above proof, We have directed them to be received upon the Company's Books. —

There being a considerable number of unserviceable Arms remaining in store, We recommend their being exposed to public Sale at the Sea Gate. —

We have the honor to be
Y.r & c.a
Tho.s Musgrave
/ Signed / J Capper
Estimates

Fort S.t George
to
15.th April 1791.

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Estimated Expense of Lining an Ammunition
Tumbril with Sheet Copper.

Sheet Copper	Lbs 39 @		5: 16: 45
Tutenague	Do. 3 @ 3 f.s P.r		9: —
Borax	Do. ¾ @		6. 60.
Copper tacks	Do. ¼ @		4: 40.
Charcoal	Loads 6 @ 1/ P.r		6. —
Workmen	days 16 @ 3½ P		56. —
		Pag.d P.	26. 65.

E.E.
Signed P George Hall
Act.g Com.y Gen.l Stores

a true Copy
Signed Dan.l Ince
Secry M.B.

Minute thereon —

Agreed that Ammunition Tumbrills be in future lined with Sheet Copper —

Do. Agreed that the Carriages of the four Iron 18 Pounders at Chingleput be brought to the Presidency —

Do. As the Military Board have reported that the Masters are not ready, it is resolved, to extend the Period for receiving Proposals of Contract for supplying the Company with Military Stores to the 5.th Day

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Day of May next, and in Order to prevent any further Disappointment, it is agreed, that a Stop be put to the Provision of Stores until all the Musters are completed for the Inspection of such Persons as may be inclined to make Proposals.—

Ordered that the unserviceable Arms remaining in Store be sold at Public Outcry by the Military Storekeeper.—

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Travancore.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Travancore the Rajah denies having paid or promised to pay any Sum of Money to Mr. Holland for the purpose of procuring the Company's aid at the time he was threatened by Tippoo—enclosing a Letter from the Rajah to his Vakeel permitting him to answer any Questions that may be put to him on the Subject—

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter dated the 2d Ultimo In compliance with the Honble Boards directions, I took the first Opportunity of acquainting the Rajah of Travancore of the Rumor that prevailed of his having actually paid, or promised to pay a Sum of Money on account of Mr. Hollond, for the purpose of procuring the Company's aid at the time he was threatened by Tippoo; at the same time informed the Rajah it was

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the intention of the Board to ascertain the truth of this Report, that he must as he valued the Company's favor declare, what Sums were demanded of him publicly, or privately — during Mr. Hollond's administration, —

I beg you will inform the — Honble Board, that the Rajah disavows of his having paid, or promised to pay any sum of Money on account of Mr. Hollond, for the purpose of procuring the aid of the Company, and avers that no Sums were demanded of him privately during Mr. Hollonds Administration — with respect to the public requisition, he referred to me, as he never received any but through me. —

The first demand that was made on the Rajah through me, was in a Letter from Mr. Hollond dated the 9th of January 1790. — the exact sum was not specified but it was not to be less than one Lac of Pagodas — On account of this demand, I did not receive any part until the end of march following — the Rajah then paid One Lac of Rupees of

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it, which I immediately committed to Mr. Torin.—

The Rajah has given me a Letter to his Vackeel at Madras, which I do myself the honor to enclose—it contains an express permission to him, to answer any question put to him on the Subject of Money Transactions with the Rajah during Mr. Hollond's Administration.—

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

Travandaporam
6.th April 1791.— /Signed/ George Powney
Resident.

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort S.t George

From the Resident at Travancore—inclosing second Letter from the Rajah to his Vackeel.—

Having to day desired the Rajah of Travancore to give me the Translation of the Letter he wrote to his Vackeel, I find it does not correspond with what he said he would write to him on the subject of giving him a permission to answer any Questions which might be put to him on the subject of Money Transactions with him during Mr. Hollond's Government.

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Government, I have therefore insisted upon his giving me such a Letter dictated in the terms of the Boards orders, and which I herewith transmit, in the hope it will arrive in time to prevent the one I sent yesterday being delivered.—

I have the honor to be
Y.r &c. &c.
(Signed) George Powney
Resident

Travandaporam
7.th April 1791.—

Agreed that the Letter for the Packet of the Rajah of Travancore be delivered to him by the Secretary; and that Copies of the foregoing Letters be sent to the Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the Administration of M.r Holland.—

Minute on the two foregoing Letters.—

To the Honble. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President in Council,
Fort S.t George.

From the Resident at Travancore with a probable Estimate of the Revenues of the Travancore Country—requests that it may be deposited in the Secret Department—

Honble Sir.

I have at length been able to procure a probable Estimate of the Revenues of the Travancore Country, which I do myself the Honor to transmit herewith.— I do not offer it as an accurate work, as it is impossible to effect

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effect such a one without the Consent of the Rajah, but I have left no pains untried, to render it as complete as the means that were in my power would allow it, without giving offence to the Rajah —

I beg to request the Statement if the Rajah should come to the Knowledge of my having transmitted such a Work, some of his Servants might incur the Suspicion of having communicated to me the materials, and they would suffer accordingly —

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

Trevandaporam
7th April 1791 —

/Signed/ George Powney
Resident

Ordered to lie on the Table —

Minute thereon. —

Dr.

Tel the Rajah of Travancore has completed the Payment of the Second Lack of Pagodas —

Agreed that the Probable Estimate of the Revenues of the Travancore Country be for the present deposited in the Secret Department. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from
his Highness the Nabob / entered also in C.C. No. 7 L

Translation from the Nabob Wallajah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Dated 27th Rajeb 1205 Hegery
2d April 1791 —
Received 2d April 1791 —

from the Nabob requesting that Government will interfere to prevent the prosecution of a suit instituted in the Mayors Court against Ram Row for the Payment of a Bond for 36000 Pagodas granted from him by Paupiah also that they will oblige Paupiah to deliver up certain original Papers —

I am to acquaint you with a Circumstance that much surprises me, and which if not checked in time may prove most injurious to the Public affairs. Paupiah the Dubash of the two Hollonds, perceiving he could not effect his evil purposes by any other Means, has prevailed upon Eyapah Modeliar to commence a Suit in the Mayors Court against my Mootsaddie for the Sum of 36,000 Pagodas the amount of the Bond granted by Rain Row to Eyapah in the Month of December 1789 — I assure you, that no value was ever received for this Bond either from Eyapah or Paupiah, and upon Reference to the proceedings of the Committee of Investigation appointed by Government, it will there be found, that Eyapah has upon Oath

before

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before the Committee declared, that the Bond or note upon which he is now suing was of no force or virtue, that he never paid to Ramloo any Money on account of it, nor had he ever seen Ram Row's face,- in fact it was to secure abribe at a time when the two Hollands being armed with the powers of this Government & Panjiah on their part threatened me with the sequestration of my Country and extorted this Bond for the amount from Ram Row and it is included in the Number of those Bonds and Papers, on the Subject of which I addressed Government the 15th. and 31st. August 1790. Requesting they might be delivered up to me, as having been fraudulently and forcibly obtained, and without advancing any value whatever, extracts of my two Letters I have enclosed for your further information, and after you have examined it together with the Proceedings and Report of the Committee, I beg you will be pleased to take the Matter into your consideration and be pleased to prevent any further proceedings

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Proceedings against my Mootsiddee in the Mayors Court, which has no jurisdiction over me or any of my Servants or Dependants as my Mootsiddee is threatened to be thrown into Jail. - Besides, the cause of the two Hol-londs and Baupiah having been decided by the Committee appointed by the Governments of Bengal and Madras, the Mayors Court having nothing to do with it. I further Request you will be pleased to order Baupiah to de-liver up to the Circar all the Bonds and Notes in his possession, agreeable to the List delivered in to the Committee. —

What can I say More?

a true translation

Joseph Garrow
P. T.

Extract of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallaw-jah Bahauder to Governor Williams Dated 3d. Zelcaud 1204 Hegera or 15th. August 1790

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Besides the Sum of 4.4.8.792

Bag.s stated in my former Letter I have since discovered

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discovered that Bangiah is in possession of a Bond of Ramalow my Merchant dated for Pagodas 36,000 Dated 5th December last, a Carrarnamah under the Seal of my Son Omdat ul Omrah Bahauder for 100,000 Pagodas and a Note of Hand of Ram Row for 50,000 Pagodas, also a Bill of Exchange and Cararnamah of Kevel Tauny the Agent of Bhooderjee for Pagodas 50,000, all which, availing himself of his Masters temporary Power, he extorted, as he also did a Carrarnamah from the Shevagungah Vackeel for one Lack of Rupees. These Papers should all be returned to the Circar - Apprehensive that in order to deceive and defraud, he may offer these papers to the Company by way of Bail or Security, I think it proper to apprise my Friend that they are void of no value and should therefore not be accepted —

Extract from the same to same dated 20th Zelhage 1205 or 31st August 1790

I also request my Friend will make an immediate demand of the Surrender of the Bonds Carrarnamahs and Notes for which no value was received - as I have formerly specified

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specified, and to transmit them to me. —

As Ram Row's note of Hand to Teapiah Moodelair for the Sum of Thirty Six Thousand Pagodas /36,000/ expressly stated that if the Money were not repaid in two Months, he /Teapiah/ should be at Liberty to sue Ram Row in the Mayor's Court, the Board have no Power to prevent the Effect of any Suit in that Court against him — nor can they assist his Highness in obliging Paupiah to deliver up the Original Papers said to be still in his Possession. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Nabob by the acting President

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob /as entered in C C N.o 75/

Dr.

Translation from the Nabob Wauluujah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Dated Chandragiry 12th Shaban 1205 Hegery
11th April 1791

Received 15th April 1791

From the Nabob requesting that the amount of Mr. Buchanans Tuncah upon the last years Revenues of the Tinnivelly District may be discharged from the Company's Collections. —

In my Letter to Government I have stated that Mr. Johnston and others had taken Sneaks on my Country which would be paid

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paid after the termination of the War, but it was not
my Intention that the amount of the Sunnak
of Mr. James Buchanan who is my Servant of
Six Thousand Chuckrams upon the last years
Revenues of the Tinnivelly District should be
taken from him - It seems Mr. Torin has
reported to the Board of Revenue that he is col-
lecting this Money. I request therefore you will
be pleased to send him Orders to cause it to
be paid to Mr. Buchanan - This has no con-
-cern with my one fifth share. -

What can I say more?

A true translation

Signed Joseph Garron
B.n S.r

At the particular Request of his

Highness, and as the Sum is small, it is
agreed to desire the Board of Assumed Revenue
to give Instructions to Mr. Torin to discharge
the Amount said by his Highness to be due
to Mr. Buchanan in consequence of a Sunnak
granted to him upon the last years Revenues
of the Tinnivelly District - Resolved, however,
that it be notified to his Highness, that as

Mr.

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Mr. Buchanan Stands precisely in the same Predicament with others to whom the Nabob is indebted, and who by an express Declaration contained in his Letter of the 4th October last, were to receive no Payment from the Revenue during the War, the Board would not have thought themselves at Liberty to comply with the application but for the reasons above stated - and that on any future occasion, when his Highness may think it necessary to make a similar Request, it is hoped he will consent that the amount shall be deducted from his One fifth, otherwise it will not be in the Power of the Board to pay attention to it -

Read another Letter from his Highness the Nabob as entered in C6 N.o 761 stating that he has directed his agent Mr. Binny to acknowledge to the Committee for investigating His Highness's Debts, the Justness of Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham's Claim on the Circar. -

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob -

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors. -

Resolve thereon -

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President &c. Council

at

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Ganjam Condemned Stores advertized for Sale by Publick Auction—their Difference recommended to be written off to Profit and Loss—advice of having countersigned Captain Westropps Bills for Interpreters and Guides—

Honble Sir and Sirs

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you, Returns of Stores, of Garrison Ordnance, and of light and heavy field Artillery in deposite here, together with the Journal of the Committee of Stores for the Month of March.—

I have the honor also to forward to you a List of Condemned Military Stores, which at the recommendation of the Committee of Stores, I have advertized for Sale by Publick Auction and now request your Permission to write off to profit and loss the Difference which may accrue on the Sales.—

Captain Lieut Westropp having urged to me by the accompanying address the great Expediency of the Charge

and

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and having a Strong personal Conviction of its utility, I have taken upon myself to countersign his Bills for a Monthly draught of Thirteen Pagodas for Interpreters and Guides, which I trust you will Corroborate by your Authority —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect —

Y.r m.o y.r

Signed J. Hy Crawford

Ganjam
2. April 1791

To Henry Crawford Esq.r
Resident at
Ganjam

Sir

I perceive that the Bills for the four Hircarrahs and the Interpreter, for these last two Months have been rejected, I assure you, Sir, I have paid these people out of my pocket, and it is impossible for the Service to go on without them, as, Sir, you must well know, from the Situation we are in, there is not a Month but it is necessary for several Detachments to march out at a

moments

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moments warning for the protection of the Country, and the Consequence would be of the worst kind were we to wait to look out for Hircarrahs to conduct them to the place threatened or perhaps attacked nor, indeed, would it be possible to find men, at the moment, that could be trusted on such an Occasion. I therefore keep up the Hircarrahs that the Service may not Suffer, and as the protection of the Mookeny Country and Havally lies wholly upon me, I would rather pay them myself, if no other means can be found of keeping them up, than suffer in my reputation from any depredations that may be committed, and I hope, Sir, I may appeal to you to do me the Justice to say that the Country has been perfectly guarded from the depredations of the Bandilly with Sanadoo in the Hills ever since I have had the Honor to Command.—

As for the Interpreter and Writer you must, Sir, be well acquainted with the necessity there is for them in my Station where it is my Duty to Correspond with

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with the Natives daily, most of whom only understand the Worriah Language, and I assure you, I pay much more than I charge the Company in my Bills on that head.—

I have therefore to request, Sir, that you will not Suffer me to be a Loser by doing my duty, or the Honble Company's Service to Suffer, particularly, as I have been very attentive to reduce the expence in every department knowing how much the Reve=nues are wanted for the present arduous undertakings.—

I have further to observe to you, Sir that it is impossible, from the Dis=tance and other Circumstances, to get the Gen.l Orders direct. and I find already the Service cubed and my Situation embarra=ssed by not being allowed to be at a little ex=pence for Intelligence, the Consequence of which may be attended with great loss to the Country, however I will at all times, and in every case use my utmost endea=vors to carry the Service on in the manner

the

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the least expensive and most effectual.—

I have the honor to be

Gunjam
16th March 1791.

Sir &c &c
/Signed/ Lionel Westropp

/ Atrue Copy /

/ Signed / Thomas Snodgrass
Secy

Agreed that Mr Crawford be
permitted to write off to Profit and Loss the dif-
ference which may accrue on the Sale of the
condemned Military Stores.—

Minute Thereon.—

Agreed that Captain Westropp's
charge for Interpreters and Guides be approved.

Read the following Letter from
Mr George Hoar, Paymaster to the Army.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President in Council

From the Paymaster to the Army applies for supply of Cart to enable him to comply with the Bullock Contractors Indents and to discharge the Arrears due to the 2d Battalion of Native Infantry—

Honble Sirs,

In consequence of a requisi-
-tion from Colonel Oldham to enable him
to comply with the Orders of Lord Cornwal-
-lis, copy of which I have the honor to
enclose

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enclose, and beg leave to recommend to you, to send off immediately from 10 to 15000 Pags that the Colonel may meet his Lordship's wishes, as well as furnish Captain Campbell, the Contractor now here, with supplies, who has represented the want of Cash to purchase Cattle which abounds in this Country, and also for the payment of the 23d. Battalion, now part of our Detachment, who his Lordship left at Amboor for the protection of that Garrison, and is now three Months in Arrears—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Swoys Jackson's Letter of the 8th Instant and shall conform to the Orders with all expedition after joining the Grand Army—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ Geo: Hoar

Paymasters to the Army—

Padraig durgeon at the Head of the Bay

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Lieutenant Colonel Oldham

Commanding the Troops near Amboor

Sir

I have this moment received your Letter dated the 5th Instant and it has given me great pleasure to learn from it, that your preparations for moving to join the Army are in such great forwardness, and so well arranged. I have to add to the directions contained in my former Letters, that my wish is, that exclusive of the Rice which you may have brought with you to move with your own Corps, you should use your utmost exertions with the carriage of every description in your possession, during the interval between your receipt of this Letter, and any arrival in your neighbourhood, in bringing forward as much Rice as possible, in Bags to Vencatagherry as you may save much valuable time to the Army and a great deal of labor to our carriage Cattle that will be sent for it, and that have by no means yet recovered from the effects of the distress that they suffered from the scarcity of forage at Bangalore - and as we have lately

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lost a considerable number of Cattle of different kinds, I desire that you will use every means in your Power, and that you will in my name, instruct the Contractor to collect as many draught and Carriage Cattle from Vellore and Ambour or any other places in that part of the Country as may be practicable previous to your receiving an order to march

Accompanying I send you a Duplicate of my Letter of Yesterday's date.

I am
Sir
your &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

Chintamunny Pat
19th April 1791

A true Copy
(Signed) Geo. Hoar
Paymaster to the Army

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be instructed to forward to Mr. Hoar the Sum of five thousand Pagodas, for the Purpose of discharging the Arrears due to the 23d. Battalion of Native Infantry.

Ordered that the Sum of Ten thousand Pagodas be immediately advanced to the agent of the Bullock Contractors for the Purchase of Cattle

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Cattle for the Grand Army.

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Hugh Boyd.—

To W: C: Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

From Mr. Hugh Boyd offering on the terms of his Bond to deliver Rice to the amount of the Balance due from him to the Company—

Sir

I have just now received your Letter under date the 13th instant, on the subject of the Balance due to the Honble Company by Mr. Corbett and myself: notifying to me the displeasure of Government at my neglect, in not having replied to their Letter addressed to me in duplicate, and requiring my immediate answer.—

It gives me the highest concern to have at all incurred, even by any unintentional neglect, the smallest displeasure of Government. My omission of reply to their Letter, I confess was extremely culpable; but I beg leave to assure them it did by no means arise from any inattention to the Subject of discharging the aforesaid balance, or from any wish of procrastinating it.— On the contrary, I have been and am extremely anxious to discharge it, and hoped long before this to have done so

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in the manner they consented to receive it, by the delivery of good Rice, to supply the said deficiency. Some circumstances of hardship contributed to cause that deficiency; the inferior quality of a large quantity of Rice sent hither at a high price, and which rejected here, was sold at a very considerable loss to Mr. Corbett and myself.—

Government were pleased to give time for this deficient Balance, and to consent to receive it in Rice. Mr. Corbett has delivered a moiety of it: and I have delivered not an inconsiderable part. The remainder I did hope to have delivered some time ago: but I have been extremely unlucky in not receiving a remittance in that Article from Bengal as I expected. But they that you will represent my request to Government, & that they will be pleased to accept the delivery of the remaining balance of Rice, as they formerly consented, which I promise to discharge in the next week, without further delay or mistake:— and that they will also please to excuse the unintentional

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neglect of which I confess I have been guilty.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.ra &c.a

Fort S.t George

to

15th April 1791

[Signed] H. Boyd

Mast.r Attend.t

Agreed to inform Mr. Boyd that

The Board will consent to receive at the Price

specified by him, the remaining Balance of Rice,

provided it be delivered at the Market Price.—

Read the following Letter from

the Paymaster at Palamcotah.—

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the

Secret and Political Department

From the Paymaster at Palamcotah applies for Permission to enclose a Spot of Ground for the Culture of Cinnamon and to purchase a Cart Bullock for the use of this Employ—

Sir

You will oblige me by informing

Government that from the attention paid by

my Predecessor, to the Culture of Cinnamon, the

whole of the Paymasters Garden is filled with

flourishing plants of last year, to the Number

of some hundreds— Since my accession to the

Appointment, I have ventured, the experiment

of

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of planting about 100 young Trees on a small spot of common paddy ground belonging to my Compound, and I am induced from the success which has been experienced, to request thro you the permission of Government, to enclose a few paddy fields, which lead from this small plantation, to the round the East face of His Highness the Nabob Garden, that are of a similar soil, and in which I doubt not, but the ensuing 2 years seed, will flourish with equal vigor. Additional reasons for this request, are the entire occupation of my present Garden by last Years Cinnamon plants and the great quantity of seed now upon the old Trees, that must be put into the Ground immediately when Ripe, and for the Reception of which, I have no fit Spot unoccupied.

The Expence of inclosing and preparing the soil, will not exceed 50 S.Pags and I have 100 plants ready to place in it that at present are much cramped for room.

I have pointed out the fields to the Collector who has empowerd me to say that

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that he knows not an Objection to their being converted into a Cinnamon garden, as much an appropriation, can injure, neither the inhabitants, or Revenue—

I take this Opportunity of informing Government that I experience much inconvenience in my Office from the want of a Cash Chest, and that I have now an Opportunity of purchasing One for 55 S.T Pag.s The Chest formerly there, belonged, to the late Pay-master, and has been removed—

I am
Sir
Your Obd.t
Hble Servt
(Signed) Geo. Sul. Martin
Pay.r Gen.l

Palamcottah
2.d April 1791.—

Minute thereon—

Agreed that Mr. Martin be permitted to enclose the Ground stated by him as eligible for the Culture of Cinnamon.—

The Board are well pleased to observe from the above Letter that the Cinnamon Plantation at Palamcotah is in so flourishing a State—and it is agreed to direct Mr. Martin to send to the Presidency by

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by the first favorable Opportunity a Specimen from the Plant, that it may be forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors —

Agreed that Mr. Martin be permitted to purchase the Cash Chest for the use of his Employ —

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Resident and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

From the Military Store Keeper requesting to be allowed to make up a Gunpowder till the End of this Month in order that he may not lose by the disposal of the Materials he has already purchased —

Honble Sir —

I was last night favored with your Commands, through Mr. Secretary Jackson under Date 13.th Instant. —

I take the Liberty to inform you, that I have made up since the 1.st of the present Month 265 Barrels of Gun=powder, and request your Permission to continue the Manufacture of this Article to the End of the Month, having prepared

all

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all the necessary Materials, which without
this Indulgence will be entirely lost to me

I have the Honor to be

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&c &c

(Signed) Josias Du Pre Porcher

Minute thereon —

Porcher That the Board do not comprehend
how he can be a Loser by the Materials which
he has prepared for the Manufacture of Gun
powder; whom, as he has been already in-
formed the Company are not only to defray
the Expence, but to allow him ten pr Cent
upon the actual Cost.

Read the following Letter
from the Agent for the Bullock Contractors.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors applies for the Ballance due on his Constituents Bills for September and October and for an advance on account of the Months of January and February —

Acting President of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Certificates of the Amount
due upon the Contractors Grand Army Bills
for September and October last having been
Received

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Received herewith you will be pleased to Order payment of the Balance Viz.t

For September	P.s 17,250. 15. 8.
For October	14292. 22. 40.
	31542. 37. 48.

And a payment on part for Bullocks employed with the Grand Army on account of the Months of January and February 1791 ... 50000. " "

Pagod.s 81542. 37. 48.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ Tho Cockburn
for the Contractors

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13.th April 1791.

Ten thousand Pagodas have been Ordered for Mr. Cockburn, and it is now resolved that ten thousand more be issued from the Company's Treasury on Account of the Bullock Contract - and that Bills on Bengal at the Exchange of 385 S.a R.s p.r 0/0 Star Pagodas be

Minute thereon ---

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be granted to the Bullock Contractors for the Sum of Sixty one Thousand five hundred and forty two Pagodas - Thirty Seven fanams and forty eight Cash / 61,542-37-48 / being the remainder of the Balance due to them for the Months of September and October 1790, and a Payment in Part for Bullocks employed with the Grand Army in the Months of January and February 1791.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Robert Johnston Hudleston enclosing a Bill for the purchase of fifteen Horses—

To
William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your a List of fifteen Horses lately purchased for the Honble Company's Cavalry - The average price is Pags 91. 31. amounting in the whole to 1375 Pagodas.

I have
Sir
&c. &c. &c.
Signed / R. J. Hudleston
Lieut Cavalry

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ordered

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Minute thereon—

Ordered that Lieutenant Fiddleston's Bill for the Purchase of fifteen Horses be discharged by the Military Pay-master General—

Do.

Ordered that no further Purchases be made for the present.—

The acting President informs the Board that he finds by a Letter which has been produced to him that Major General Medows had omitted to give in the name of Mr. William Davies with the List of those Gentlemen whom he last recommended for the appointment of acting Ensigns, and as he is satisfied it was the Generals Intention to recommend this Gentlemen he proposes that he be now appointed.—

The Acting President recommends that Mr. W. Davis be appointed an Acting Ensign & states the reason which induced him to give in his recommendation—

Ordered accordingly—

Mr Davis appointed accordingly—

Ordered that Major Offen-

-ay-five other Officers and thirty three Priv-

-vates of his Majesty's fifteenth Hanoverian Regiment

Officers and Privates of the 15th Hanoverian Regiment to embark on the East Fitz Williams—

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Regiment be embarked on the Earl Fitz-
William.—

Ordered also that forty two
Invalids and discharged Men belonging
to the Company be sent to Europe on the
Earl Fitz William.—

The General Letters per Hawke
having been Signed— Ordered that the Pa-
cket be closed.—

" Chas Oakeley
" J Hudleston

Invalids and discharged Company Troops embark for England on the Earl Fitz William—

Packet per Hawke closed—

Ex.d John Ogilvie Ex.r

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

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 9th April 1791

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department — Venkatasawmy formerly Vackeel to Serfogee Maharaja Company's Districts dependant on Nagore or Negapatam —

Venkatasawmy who acted as Vackeel to Serfogee, is not at present in Negapatam, or in the Company's District dependent on Nagore; he was residing in the former place, near four Months, for the Benefit of his health; but about 50 Days since / on Alarm of the Enemy's Horse / quitted Negapatam, and was said to go towards the Neighbourhood of Mannacail; should he return here, I shall immediately exhort him to depart to the Presidency, agreeably to the Orders of the Honorable Board. —

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / Robert Clerk
Depy Secy

Received the following Letters

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From the Commandant at Masulipatam — complaining of the Quarters allotted to him. —

Sir,

With submission I presume to address you on the subject of the Quarters allotted to me as —

/ Commanding

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Commanding Officer of the Troops in this Garrison

I am well aware Sir, that a Multiplicity of business of the most Interesting nature, must at this present Crisis demand your Chief and principle attention, so that my giving you even the trouble of reading this — may be deemed Improper, nevertheless permit me Sir to presume to request your attention but for a few moments from affairs of greater moment —

There is but one Field Officers Quarter in this garrison, and which is always given to the Engineer the House allotted to me, is an old rotton House upwards of one Hundred years old, Rented by the Company from a Moorman, at eight Pagodas pr. Month, it is returned as a Captains Quarter, wanting a thorough repair, our Captains Quarter in the Barracks, is infinitely superior to it, and which I would without hesitation prefer, was it not on account of my Family, Sir Archibald Campbell was so well convinced of the necessity there was of a better Quarter for the Commanding Officer, that he assured Colonel Montgomery, when but a Captain Commanding here that a proper House should be built for him, Indeed it is so wretched a Quarter, that I was obliged to pour it some months ago and have been obliged to rent a House, for some months past at the rate of Twenty

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five Madras Pagodas pr. Month, without any allowance from the Company, which bears hard upon me.

The House which I at present pay rent for, belongs to a Mr. Chamier an Armenian at Madras, and who wishes to dispose of it may I therefore presume to flatter myself, that thro' your kind Influence the Company may be Induced either to purchase Mr Chamiers House, or to grant me House Rent equal to what I now pay Monthly.

I have the Honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most
Obedt. Hble Servt
J. Patterson

Masulipatam
12th April 1791

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting Governor &c. &c. &c. & Council
Fort St George

From the Governor at Tranquebar will take the earliest opportunity to lay before his Danish Majesty the objection made by this Government to the Mortgage to the Danes by the Rajah of Tanjore on account of the Loan of 20000 Pagodas.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of 8th past, which states your Determination of referring the Question respecting the Tanjore Mortgage to Europe.

I shall likewise take the first Opportunity to lay before his Danish Majesty the Claim your Government makes on the Mortgage for

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for the 20000 Star Pagodas and want His Majesty's Instructions, which I shall not fail to acquaint you with as soon as I receive them.

I have the honor to remain
&c &c

/ Sgnd/ P. Anker

Fort Dansborg
14th April 1791

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

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hyderabad has received Intelligence of the fall of Bangalore — Rajah Sudgewunt arrives at Rachootie — Captain Read has agreed to remain with the Rajah till he should join the grand army.

Sir,

Since my last Letter of the 31st ultimo containing an account of the progress of the Nizams Cavalry under Rajah Sudgewunt as received from Lieutenant Stuart, I have had little news from that Gentlemen except the important Intelligence of the reduction of Bangalore and the Governor Generals Intention to move Northward for the purpose of facilitating the Junction of the Nizams Cavalry and that Sudgewunt continues to proceed in a guarded manner from his apprehensions of an attack from the enemy in full force, as well as his uncertainty respecting the motions of the Governor General.

On the 1st and 2d Instant he marched about 8 Cos on the Road to, and within 6 Cos West of Gurram coonda on the 3d he made a march of

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nearly 9 Cos to Rachoalie as this last was a devi-
ation from the route he had formerly laid down,
and of which he had sent Information to Lord
Cornwallis, Mr Stewart objected to it, but was
silenced by the reasons advanced by Pridge went,
of the Country by that route being better adapted to the
Operations of Cavalry, should they be attacked before
their Junction, than the hilly and wooded tract they were
then in, and that receding a few Cos from the appointed
route would make no difference in his Junction,
whenever he should be informed of his Lordships
advancing towards Chinta-munny Pass Rachoalie
is about 29 Cos from Chinta-munny pass, and
Mr Stuart had little hopes of the Rajahs advancing
farther till he heard of our Army making a movement
towards him—

Captain Read who had left Amboor
with a party of Sepoys and Troopers to collect intelligence
in the Country to the Northward of Bangalore, arrived
in Pridge wants Camp on the 1st Instant, and Mr
Stewart anxious to avail himself of the assistance
of an Officer of so much experience, and knowledge
of the Country and its Inhabitants, by pointing out

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to Captain Read the greatness of the object and the use he might be of towards effecting it had prevailed on him to remain in Camp till the Cavalry should join our grand Army.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c
Sign'd John Kennaway

Sarangul
7th April 1791

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

From the Officer Commanding at Tuckinopoly — with a Return of Horses purchased by the Resident at Travancore specifying such as have died on their March to Tuckinopoly — has sent the Person charged with the Murder of a Private of the 74th Regiment: and the Evidence to Negapatam from thence to embark for the Presidency

Sir,

I have the Honor to inclose you for the information of the Honorable Board, a Copy of a Return of Horses received from Palamcotah — only Twelve out of the Forty now alive, Two of whom are dangerously ill, and I am afraid Four others will hardly recover.

I ordered the Prisoner John Thompson Drummer in his majestys 74th Regiment to Negapatam to be conveyed to Madras by the first Vessell, to take his trial for the Murder of Michael Howley late private of the 74th Regiment and the Evidences, as appears by the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry on the Subject in January last, and which I had the Honor to transmit to you and this you to receive the Boards Orders to send them to the Presidency.—

Viz! James Bryan Private of the 74th

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71st Regiment — John Carrol Robert Lushing, and Robert Bird Privates in my Regiment —

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Thos Bridges

Return of Horses sent from Mr Powney Resident at Travancore to Benjamin Sonn Esqr Collector at Tinnevelly.

No	Colour		Remarks
1	Rusty Chestnut	—	Blaze Face and four feet white
2	Dark Iron Grey	—	Two fore feet white and white spuk in the Right Eye.
3	Grey	—	Two Saddle marks on each side
4	Brown Arab	—	Small White of back Star in Forehead
5	White.	—	
6	Dark Chestnut	—	white Stuck down forehead
7	Bay Arab	—	white Star in forehead and four feet white and Two white spuk in the back.
8	Flea Bitten Grey	—	
9	Grey	—	Short Black Main.
10	White	—	
11	Chestnut	—	Blaze Face four feet white
12	Cream	—	white Stuck down forehead and white Tail and Main
13	Roan Arab	—	Blaze Face and two hind feet white
14	Mouse	—	white in forehead.
15	Cream	—	One hind feet white and white Spot in his left Side.
16	Iron Grey	—	Small Star on the Fore head
17	Chestnut Arab	—	Blaze face and one hind feet white
18	Sandy	—	white Star in the Forehead and white Spot on the back.

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N.	Colour	Remarks
19	Black	Cross on his Right hip
20	Blood Red	Blaze face and fore feet white and white Side on the left Side
21	Dark Brown	White Star in forehead
22	Bay	White Star in forehead and one Hind foot white
23	White	
24	Mouse Arab	White Struck down forehead
25	Dark Grey	Blaze Face
26	Black	Two Fore feet white and Red Tail below the Fetlock
27	Brown arab	white Star in fore head and Two fore feet white below the Fetlock and 1 Hind foot Dº
28	Grey	Two hind feet white and top of the Tail
29	Iron Grey	Blaze face and one fore foot white and two Hind feet Dº
30	Mouse	One Hind foot white below Fetlock and one fore foot white
31	Pye Ball Grey	
32	Bay	Blaze Face
33	Dº	Two Cross Saddle marks
34	Grey arab	Cross on left Hip and Red Tail
35	Chestnut	Star in forehead and two fore feet white
36	Bay	Blaze Face One fore foot white and one Hind foot white near Fetlock and Grey Tail
37	Grey	
38	Black	
39	Dark Iron Grey	One fore foot white below the Fetlock and Two hind feet Dº
40	Bright Bay	Four feet white.

Cochin
20th January 1791.

/Signd/ George Bowyer
Resident.

A Copy

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15th

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The following Horses were reported to have
Died on the Road from Cochin to Palamcotah

No 8-15-16-21-24-28-38-

The following Horses died at Palamcotah.

No 3-11-19-23-26-31-35-40

Tinnevelly
15th March 1791-

A Copy /Sgnd/ Benj.n Torin
Collector.

No 6-10-12-17-20-22-25-27-29-
Reported to have died on the Road from Palamcotah
No 14-30-32-39- died from the 5th to the 12th of April
since they arrived in Trichinopoly.

Trichinopoly
12th April 1791

/Sgnd/ Thos Bridges
Colonel Comg.

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary - Military Department

Fort St George

From the Commandant at Chandernaghery - the Tanket Poligar desisted in sending armed Men to assist Simma Naik accommends that the latter and Marsimnaig be ordered to the Presidency -

Sir,

- My Letter of the 7th Instant to you will have informed the Honorable Board of the Calastry Rajahs accusation of Narsim Nauze and some of the Poligars of this Neighbourhood as supporting his Son, Simma Naik in a disturbance of his Country - and I am sorry now to add that it is

/not

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not without foundation, Narsim nauze having certainly
I find used his influence to that effect. By parties
from different Poligars, he and Timma Naik have
a body of 8 or 900 Peons now assembled near Nanna-
=neram, avowedly to support the latter — and the night
before last I detected the Paukall Poligar in dis-
=patching about 100 more to them — He however, I have
alarmed, being near me, so as to oblige him to recall
his people, and to promise solemnly he will not again
transgress — I have likewise written to Narsimnauze
and Timma Naik threatning the displeasure of Government,
and severest punishment, if they persist in disturbing the
Country — I hourly expect their reply — But think, should
they not desist immediately, that their being ordered to the
Presidency might have a good effect, without necessity to
recourse to an armed force, which I fear, continuance
of this dispute, may ultimately render expedient from all
the Poligars of this neighbourhood, at least, being —
eventually involved by one or other of the Parties — It is
the Rajahs district of Paumoor, towards the Neigh-
-bourhood of Ongole, that has been attacked, not, as
thro' mistake, in my last I wrote, South East of Calastry

I have the honor to be &c &c

C. Maysey Captain
&c.

Chundregerry
11th april 1791.

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15 S.S. This instant (6 P.M.) Narsim Rauze's reply to my letter of the 7th is arrived it chiefly consists of a Defence of Timm Naiks Conduct, but denies any improper interference on his part. Of this however I have a clear proof in one of his letters of invitation to the Paukall Poligar, which if requisite I shall transmit to the Honorable Board with his reply to me and that of Timma Naik; They detained my Messengs two days, and only dispatched them yesterday, on Tim naiks moving with his Party about 1200, out of the Bommauges District into that of Calastry - In a Cobbs Letter I had positively commanded Narsim Rauze not to permit Tim Naik out of his District in an Hostile manner - until he heard from Government on penalty of his being answerable for the consequences To this he has as yet sent me no Reply, tho' he might ere now -

Jam Yr Hble

C. Maltby Com.

Sent the following Letter to Mr

William Abbot

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15th

To W. William Abbott

Sir,

Thursday the Day limited by
publick Advertisement for receiving Proposals of Contract
for providing the Honorable Company with Military
Stores, the Board met to take into Consideration such
Proposals as had been received — They proceeded to open
guns but finding that the Military Board had not been
able to provide all the Musters and that the Trunnels
and Gun Carriages are to be in some respects different
from those to be in some respects different from those
now in use they immediately closed up your Letter,
which I now return agreeably to your desire, that
you may have an Opportunity of correcting it upon
the further advertisement which will be issued for prolong-
ing the term of receiving offers —

Fort St. George
15th April 1791

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

16th

Solicitation of two Letters
from the Rajah of
Calastry.

Received two Letters from the Calastry
Rajah as entered in C. C. Nov 17 78 the former
stating

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16th Stating that Vencatarow has left Calasty the latter complaining that his Son Timmanaick still continues to raise Disturbances and commit Depredations on the Sitteranpore and Calasty Countries and requesting that positive orders may be sent to Nanseman not to permit him to remain at Adavanam

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in L. B. Nos 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119.

To the Military Storekeeper informing him that the Board do not comprehend how he can be a loser by the Materials which he has prepared for the Manufacture of Gun Powder since the Company are not only to defray the Expence but allow him 10 P.C. Cent upon the actual Cost.

To the Military Storekeeper.

To the agent for the Bullock Contractors informing him that it has given the Board much Satisfaction to find that the Removal of the Bullock Contract was not obtained by any improper means.

To the agent for the Bullock Contr.

To the acting Collector in the District of Madura

To the acting Collector in the District of Madura &c. acknowledging the Receipt of his Report

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16th Report of the 10th Instant directing him to call upon Major Sale for an Explanation regarding the Payment to him of the Monthly Sum of 35 Chuckrums from the Toddy Farmer — and the Establishment of an Attrack Godown which is expressly prohibited by several Generl Orders —

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave — informing him of a further purchase of fifteen horses for the Native Cavalry, and desiring he will give orders for their Proceeding to Vellore with as little Delay as possible —

To the Board of Inland Revenue

To the Board of Inland Revenue informing them of the Board's Resolution of discharging Mr Buchanan's Demand of 6000 Chuckrams (as passed in Counci the 15th Instant) and directing them to give the necessary Orders to the Collector in the District of Tinnevelly —

To the Board of Trade directing them to allot a Godown to Mr Cockburn for the purpose of depositing the Saddles &c under his Charge belonging to the Company —

To the Board of Trade

To the Resident at Ganjam — with Permission to write off to Profit and Loss the difference arising on the Sale of condemned Military Stores — approving his having countersigned Captain Westropp's Bills

To the Resident at Ganjam

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16th Bills for Interpreters and Guides.

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah with

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah

Permission to inclose the Spot of Ground applied for in his Letter of the 8th Instant directing him to forward to the Presidency by the first favorable opportunity, a Specimen from the Cinnamon Plant.—

To Mr. Hugh Boyd informing him

To Mr. Hugh Boyd

that the Board have agreed to receive at the Time specified in his Letter of the 14th Instant, the remaining Balance of Rice provided it be delivered at the Market Price—

To the Widow of the late Colonel Kelly

informing her that upon producing the necessary certificate signed by the Commander in Chief and upon her making the Oath prescribed in the Deed of Settlement with Lord Clive respecting the Property of which her late Husband was possessed at his Decease she will become entitled during Her widowhood to participate in the Fund commonly called Lord Clive's Bounty.——

To Lieutenant William Doevan stating that

To Lieut. Wm. Doevan

the Application contained in his Letter of the 12th Instant must be preferred through the Channel of the Commander in Chief.—

To Lieutenant R. J. Pudleston informing

Peri-

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P. Lieut. A. I. Puddicombe 16th of the 2d Regt Native Cavalry — Him that he is not to purchase any more Horses without further Orders —

To the Garrison Storekeeper directing him to allot a spare Godown to Lieutenant Uzielli for the Accommodation of such Provisions as he may have occasion to land from the Brig Liberty —

To the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke —

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Hawke to receive on board his ship as Passengers for Europe Lieutenant Samuel Hunter the Company being at no Expence thereby. —

Do. with a List of Shanter Party

Do. Passengers ordered to embark on his Ship for Europe —

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Earl Fitzwilliam —

To the Commander of the Company's Ships Earl Fitzwilliam to receive on board his Ship as Passenger for Europe Lieutenant Augustus Floyer the Company being at no Expence thereby —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board communicating the Resolutions of Government upon their Letter of the 14th Instant as passed in Council the 15th and enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Ganjam —

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore directing him to endent to Mr. Kinderley the Collector for the Sum of Five Thousand Pagodas and to forward the same to Do

Mr.

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16th Mr. George Moar now with Lieutenant Colonel Oldhams Detachment —

To the Commandant at Chandergherry directing him to secure the Person of Narsem Rauze

To the Commandant at Chandergherry —

and send him under a Guard to the Presidency —

To the Paymaster to the Army informing him of the orders sent to Mr. Kindersley to forward to him the Sum of 5,000 Pagodas for the purpose of discharging the arrears due to the 25th Battalion of Native Infantry and stating that 20,000 Pagodas have been sent to the Bullock Contractors Agent in Camp to enable him to purchase Cattle for the Grand army. —

To the Paymaster to the Army —

To the Master Attendant directing him to proceed on board the Earl Fitzwilliam and make a proper provision for the accommodation of six officers and thereby three privates of his Majestys 15th Eldoral Regiment and for forty two of the Honble Company's Troops ordered to embark on that Ship for Europe. —

a To the Mr Attendant

Sent Letters to the Nabob (as entered in C. C. Nos. 79. 80.) the former enclosing Bills on the Collector at Tinnevelly for Pagodas 20,000. on account of His Highness's Sixth. The latter informing His Highness that the Board cannot interfere in the Prosecution

Substance of two Letters to the Nabob —

of

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of the suit instituted in the Mayors Court by Tyapah against Ram Row and stating the conditions upon which they have resolved to discharge the Amount due to his Servant Mr. Buchanan —

Sent the following Letter

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

To Lord Cornwallis advice of Lieutenant Colonel Ross having left this place for Camp and of Major Hall's Indisposition

In consequence of your Lordships desire communicated to us through the Adjutant General we have directed Lieutenant Colonel Ross Chief Engineer and Major George Hall Commissary General of stores - to proceed to Camp by the way of Amboor - Lieutenant Colonel Ross left this place some time ago but we are sorry to inform your Lordship that Major Hall is at present confined by Indisposition we hope however he will be able to proceed in a few days. —

We have the honor to be with great Respect —

Fort St. George
16th April 1791.

My Lord
Your Lordships most Obed.t & humble Servt.s
Chas Oakeley
&c Council —

J.

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To Colonel Capper
Mr. Benjamin Roebuck
Mr. George Moubray
& Mr. Joseph Garrow.
Committee for enquiring with the Charges against the Administration of Mr. Holland —

Gentlemen

To the Committee for investigating the Charges against Administration of Mr. Holland Copies of Letters from the Resident at Travancore. —

I am directed by the Board to enclose Copies of two Letters from the Resident at Travancore and to inform you that the Letter from the Rajah for his Vackeel has been delivered. —

Fort St. George
17th April 1791

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

Substance of a Letter from the Calastry Rajah.

Received Letter from the Calastry Rajah as entered in C.C. No. 81. / stating that his Son Timanair assisted by Narsimrauze has advanced with a body of armed men within Three Cos's of Calastry —

Substance of a Letter to Timmanair

Sent Letter to Timmanair as entered in C.C. No. 82. / informing him that if he do not immediately dismiss the Armed people now with him and make due Submission to his Father he will feel the Effects of the Companys severest Resentment —

Received the following Letters

from the Secretary at Bengal. —

To

1791 Fort St. George April 1791

To

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Secretary at Bengal with dispatches to be forwarded to the Honble Court of Directors by the Warren Hastings

I am directed to transmit to you the Dispatches of this Government from the Military and Foreign Departments addressed to the Honble Court of Directors together with two Letters addressed to the Secretary at the Index House, which you are requested to forward to England by the Warren Hastings, —

I have the honor to be

Fort William
the 31st of March 1791

Y.e Y.e

/ Signed / E. Hay

Secy to the Govt

P.S

I have the Honor to inform you that further Dispatches remain to be sent from my office, which are to meet the Warren Hastings at Fort St. George — you will be duly advised when I transmit the last — They will be forwarded as soon as possible, —

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secy at Bengal with further dispatches addressed to the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded by the Warren Hastings

I am directed to Transmit to you Further Dispatches of this Government from the Military & Department addressed to the Honble Court of Directors together with a Letter addressed to the Secretary at the India House, which you are requested to forward to England by the Warren Hastings—

I have the honor to be—

Sir
Your most
obedt Servt
(Signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt

Fort William
the 31st of March 1791

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

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with further Public Dispatches to be forwarded to England on the Warren Hastings—

I am directed to transmit to you the Dispatches of this Government from the Public Department addressed to the Honble Court of Directors together with two Letters addressed to the Secretary at the India House which you are requested to forward to England by the Warren Hastings

I have the honor to be—

Sir
Your most
obedt Servt
(Signed) H. Chauvel
Sub Secy

Rec.d

Fort William
1st April 1791.

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18th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. —

From the Subsecretary at Bengal with Bill of Lading of Rice and Grain shipped on the Sagerna Sloop —

From the Subsecretary at Bengal.

From Do. Military Stores sent round for the Supply of this Presidency

From Do. with a Return of Bullocks

From Do. Drawers &c. shipped on board the Prence William Henry

From Do. Also the Commander's receipt for a Bale of Hay for the use of 112. Sheep for Lord Cornwallis —

19th From the Mr. Attendant stating that proper accommodation is provided for Major Affleck and the Officers and Privates of His Majesty's 75th Regiment and for the Honble Company's troops who are to embark for Europe on the Earl Fitzwilliam. —

From the Mr. attendant —

From the Military Storekeeper stating his concern that he should have misunderstood the late orders of Government respecting the Mode of Providing such Gunpowder as may be required previous to the New Arrangement taking Place. —

To the Military Storekeeper

From the Postmaster at Angole Stating

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19th Stating that he has received Accounts from Mr. Lennox of Ganjam of his having forwarded his Security Bond the end of last month. —

From the Paymaster at Ingeli.

From Major Offency — enclosing a Certificate of the Amount due to him on account of Gratuity and requesting that it may be paid immediately —

From Major Offency.

From Mr. Surgeon Gahagan stating that he intends addressing the Board in Reply to Mr. Bennys late Letter on the Subject of his Rank and requesting that a Copy of his Memorial may be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by the Warren Hastings. —

From Mr. Surgeon Gahagan.

From the Chief at Pulicat — Return of Five Soldiers who have been taken into the Hospital having arrived at that place from the Northward so unwell as not to be able to proceed on their march to Madras. —

From the Chief at Pulicat.

From the Garrison Storekeeper stating that he has been under the Necessity of renting a Bankshall on the Black Town for the Company's account for the Reception of the Provisions &c. landed from the Brig Liberty. —

From the Garrison Storekeeper.

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions recommending that a notification be made to Captain Clendoning of the Resolution of Government that the Army Rice remaining at Tanjore should be served to —

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

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19th to the Troops and Followers in that Garrison on part of their

Pay —

From the Commander of the Company's

Ship Warren Hastings applying for Permission to

accommodate at a seperate table one of the Hanoverian

From the Commander of the Company's Ship Warren Hastings

officers ordered to embark on his Ship for Europe —

who is a little deranged in his Mind —

From the Town Mayor requesting

for the part of Major General Musgrave to be informed

From the Town Mayor —

were and under whose Charge the fifteen Horses are

that have been lately ordered to be sent to Vellore. —

Sent the following Letter to the

Town Mayor. —

To Captain Gomand

Town Mayor.

Sir

By the Town Mayor stating the irregularity of his addressing the Board on the part of Major General Musgrave —

I am directed by the Board to inform you that they consider it irregular to receive any communication from or Major General Musgrave through you as Town Mayor —

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson

Secy

Fort St. George

19th April 1791.

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Fort St. George 19th April 1791.

At a Consultation. Present

Sir Charles Oakely Bart.

acting President—

Tuesday the 19th April 1791

John Hudleston Esqre

The Honble Major General Medows

Absent upon Service —

Minutes of Last Consultation read and

Approved, —

Read the following Letter from Colonel

Marting—

To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military and Political Secretary

Sir,

I beg leave to trouble you with this

From Colonel Marting Requesting to be reimbursed the amount of Cash actually advanced by him to the Nabobs Troops in the Shevagunga District at time when it was expected they would have mutinied on account of the Arrears of Pay due to them.

address and request you will be so good as to lay its contents before the Honorable Board for their judicious determination—

In February and March 1790. His Highness the Nabobs Troops in the Shevagunga Province for the want of pay were in great distress and in a State of Mutiny being in arrears for several Months—

At one time they got about the Tent of the Phouzdar named Motoober Cawn Bahander who is now at Madras and dug several holes in the ground to bury

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bury him and some others upto the middle a Custom they
have on similar occasions, as Captain Edward White with
his Detachment was encamped nearest kept the Men
at this first Attempt a little in awe, and by the promises
which the Phouzdar made to them; which promises
he could not comply with; the Men went away to their
duty some time after as nothing could be given for the
support of the poor people and no prospect to any Cash
forthcoming for them and the Honorable Company's
Troops with whom they were doing duty receiving their
pay and Batta monthly those Companys who were
in Garrison in Tripatore one evening just at the Gate
time marched out with their Arms and Drums beating
and went towards the Phouzdars tent with an intention
to insult him and force him to pay them — Captain White
immediately with whatever people from his line was first ready
marched to the Assistance of the Phouzdar — On
on the appearance of the Company's Sepoys dispersed, a few
that were catch'd were disarm'd, a Jemidar and four Guards
of the Honorable Company's 16th Battalion was ordered to
remain at the phouzdars tent for his protection which
Guards were daily relieved —

Captain White having his ammu-
=nition in the Fort of Tripatore, and being encamp'd
near

1801

Fort St. George 14th April 1801

Near the Fort to prevent any mischief from entering into the heads of the distrysd Nabobs Troops thought proper to Order a party of about 50 Men to take charge of the gate of the Fort which party were daily relieved from the Line.

About the end of March 90 Orders came for Captain White to march with his Detachment to join the Army at Trichinopoly which he accordingly did — such as are any ways acquainted with Troops may judge of what could be expected from a body of men thus used when left at their direction —

I remained near Tripatore a long with the Phouzdar daily Delays coming to us from the out Garrisons of the distresses &c. &c. and of the impossibility of holding out any longer —

The Phouzdar seeing matters melancholy and distressful situation and no hopes of any supply of Cash. abandoned himself to Grief and despair Matters being thus I judg'd of the consequences of a general Meeting / which if once begun is not easily appeas'd / waited on the phouzdar. and told him that if he would give his Receipt for the Amount. I would raise money on my own Credit to pay and regular the Troops which was agreed upon and I pledged my Word and Honor to the Troops that I would see them paid their Arrears

/ upon

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upon which they remain'd quiet and waited for my promise

I wrote immediately to my friend Mr Kinder-

-ly at Madras for his assistance and permission to draw

on him for the Sum of 15000 Pagodas — Mr Kinders ly agree

-d to it the money and the Troops were paid up to the

end of April by the Circar Moodseddies agreeable to the

Durbar Custom — a Battalion of 500 strong and a Company

of Artillery were kept and all others discharged The

Account particulars is kept in the Dauffter at Tripatore

in the Charge of the Moodseddies and its duplicates

sent to the Durbar, —

Had I not acted as I did the Confusion

would have been very great myself and the phougdar

would have been terribly insulted our lives endangered

and the Forts shamefully evacuated and had I not

undertaken the management of the business prior to the

Confusion. It would not have been in my power to

effect it for in such case the demands of the Troops would

have been greater than I could possibly comply with for

they had a right to receive their Batta for several months

which I did not pay to them persuading them to be contented

with their pay —

By the resolutions I took and the mode

I adopted peace and good Order was kept the expences

Regulated

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Regulated and very much reduced —

In my situation there were only two alternatives the 1st was to make my escape if I could effect it for the Troops were watchfull on my motions leave my servants and baggage behind and let every thing go to the ut most confusion The 2d was to come forward with my own Credit and pay the Troops as I did; as the former would very much affect my Character I chos'd the latter, which must be judg'd by every impartial Heart to be a laudable action —

Knowing the ways of the Durbar respecting payments I fell upon a plan of securing my property accordingly made a demand on the Shenaganga Man for the payment of the Sum which I had advanced for the use of the Circar Mardapah Shirvagar who is the Manager for that province gave for answer that he had no money at the time, but that if I would grant him a Receipt for the amount on the present years Peish cush he would grant to me his Agreement in writing to pay the said Amount at the end of the year without Interest — This was agreed on: I granted him my Receipt in Persians according to form dated the 15th July 1790 equal to the 2d of Zilcad 1204 Fezaree for the sum of Star Pagodas 16,903. This transaction took place prior to the Honble Companys Assumption of the Revenues of the Carnatic —

In-

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Fort St. George 19th April 1794

In the point of public view it is to be supposed that I had actually received the Amount from the Shevagunga Man, and by virtue of my Receipt it might be carried to an Account as if such Sum had been Anticipated by the Durbar which is no new thing.—

After the Arrival of Mr. Alexander Macleod the Collector for these Districts I made him Acquainted with this Transaction. He said there was no doubt of my recovering my property but that it was Necessary and proper he should refer it to Government.

By the Above explanation the Honble Board may judge that it has not been a business of speculation but absolutely a business of Necessity—

As the Money is forthcoming and at this juncture Government may want it for public use and as my only wish is to secure my property if possible I will with great deal of pleasure accept of the Honble Company's Bond for the Amount at whatever Interest and payable at whatever period the Honorable Board may think proper to order. by this Method the public will have the use of the money and my property advanced on so Laudable an Occasion secured.

I request you will be so good as to represent this business in a proper light to the Honorable Board.

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Board and beg for your friendly support thereon.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Ramnad
6th April 1791

(Signed) H. Marlay—

Minute thereon

Resolved under all the Circumstances of Colonel Marlays Case. that his Demand upon the Revenues of the Shevigunga Province be charged from the Current Revenue and that the Amount be brought to Account by the Collector under the Head of Charges Extraordinary—

Resolved, that Colonel Marlay be informed of the above. and that he be desired to get back

Ditto— the Receipt given on the 15th July 1790.

Read the following Letter from

Major Cuppage—

To the Honble Sir. Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

From the Commandant at Palighaut Cherry declaring that he has never interfered in the smallest degree in the management of the Revenues and that he has confined strictly to the orders received from Major General Medows enclosing Copies of those orders and of his Correspondence with Mr. Gilbert—

Honble Sirs

I have the Honor to received Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 31st ultimo I am much concerned to learn from it that the Honble Board are much displeased

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displeased with my conduct I have the honor to enclose
you a copy of my written Instructions from Major General
Medows and I beg leave to assure you that my conduct has
been solely actuated by the tenor and spirit of these orders
not have I in the least force on this District in any respect
further than has been my duty —
upon me the command of this Garrison and lost no
time in arranging matters as far as was practicable
to carry in effect with as little delay as possible the
tenor of my Instructions in about a fortnight after my
Arrival Mr. Corbett came from Coimbetore Accompanied
by Trimal Row Amildar of Coimbetore and without
making any communication directly or indirectly to me
demanded of the Rajah in the most abrupt manner the
Surrender of his Country to him with the whole of the
Accounts belonging to it the Rajah Accompa-
-nying with the unexpected demand which occasioned such
An alarm that a total stop was put to the supplies from the
Country Mr. Corbett continued to urge the Demands on the
Rajah and Trimal Row went so far as to insult him
being quite ignorant of what grounds Mr. Corbett was
proceeding for he had never made me acquainted with
his being nominated Collector of Palghautcherry /I
/Spoke

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Spoke to him in the presence of Captain Bannorman on the Subject. when he told me his demand had been made more for forms sake than any thing else as I was sensible his nomination was a mistake and oreginated from General Medows having neglected to communicate to the Board the footing on which these Countries were placed. I told him that the principal intention of my being sent here was to establish a Magazine of Provisions and that if these people were interfered with this very important object never would be accomplished Mr Corbett not only Appeared but said he was highly sensible of this, and acquiesced with me in the propriety of the Rajah's being immediately sent for and have such explanations take place as to induce him the Rajah / to continue throwing in supplies the Rajah waited on me immediately when in the presence of Captain Bannorman and Trenial Row Mr Corbett told the Rajah that what passed was a mistake and that it was far from the intention of the Company to take his Country from him I recommended it to Mr Corbett to make the circumstances known to the Board which I certainly thought he had done it Appearing so essentially necessary in a few days the rice was sent in as usual and continued being so till the 20th of March when Mr Corbett Again without any kind of previous instructions to me

Renewed

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Renewed his demand of Country accounts &c.a to be delivered by the Rajah who immediately communicated to me the Requisitions on the 22d the accompanying Letter from Mr. Corbett. I received N.1 my answer to it is N 2. to which I request your particular attention I certainly did tell the Rajah that I was the superior at this place and however improper still continue to think myself so—

I must beg leave to assure you Honble Sir that I have confined myself regularly and strictly to the Duties of my Military Station and in fulfilling them I had so far from conceiving myself as meriting the Encreased of the Honble Board I have vainly flattered myself with the hopes of their approbation. I positively did not having interfered either directly or indirectly in the management of the Revenues of the Countries Dependant on this place which appears to have been insinuated without adhering to truth by Mr Corbett the Zamorin the Rajah of Cochin the Rajah of Palghaudcherry and the Vellanadterry Rajah Are those who depend on this place Captain Bannerman Was charged with Letters from General Medows for the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore and for some of the above Rajahs acquainting them of my having been sent here to command and requiring them implicitly to comply with all my requisitions for the benefit of the General cause

These

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cause these circumstances induced me to imagine I was to
be considered the superior here. The Dewan who was
Vested by General Medows to make Arrangements in
these Districts has been absent with General Abercromby
ever since my arrival but his Agent here made me
Acquainted with the different Assessments which I desired
might be fulfilled with as little delay as possible the
Rajah of Palghaut chiefly resides in the Neighbourhood
of this place the others keep Agents here with none
of whom have I had any transactions except that of
urging the necessity of losing no time in sending in
their Quota of supplies Mr Corbett must be well Acquain-
ted that I have neither demanded or received any
Accounts or sums of money from the Countries The
Palghaut Rajah on his first visit to me presented me
with a course Shawl & a Nazer of five silver Rupees
with a few plaintains yams & some Butter Captain
Bannerman had also a Shawl except this I pledge
you my word as a Soldier and as a Man that this is
the only donation he has made me.

In obedience to your Orders I will
Comply with Mr Corbetts requisition for Troops but shall
still recommend it to him to put off taking possession
of the Palghaut Rajahs Country till he receives

Their

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their instructions from you as taking such a step will No doubt put a total / to the Supplies being put in and tend greatly to alienate from the Interest of the Company the growing attachment of the many / Premises in this Neighbourhood—

I must intreat the Honble Board for instructions as a further guidance to my conduct — in particularly in regard to my detaching Sepoys at the requisition of the Zamarin &c. &c. to assist in sending in the Rice all of them do at times make such requisitions some few days ago I detached Lieutenant Nash with a party of the 16th Battalion and some of the Travancore Sepoys at the requisition of the Vallanatterey Rajah whose Country lies a considerable distance from this and he represented that the countenance of a few of the Companys Sepoys would lend much to enable him to purpose his Agreement Peevan as some refractory Mopolies at present much impeded the collections &c. as Mr Secretary Jacksons Letter positively forbids my detaching a Sepoy but at the requisition of Mr Corbett I feel embarrassed how to act and beg to be instructed —

It is with much self satisfaction and pleasure that I reflect that after as cries of

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Twenty one years faithful Services to the Honble Company during which period I have been vested with trust and Commands of importance to the Public in the discharging of which I have been accustomed to public approval but am now for the first time censured Conscious of the propriety of my conduct and the justice which regulates the actions of Government I hope on the perusal of the above facts — you will cause me to exonerated from an deserved Censure. —

I have the Honor to be

S.r &c.a &c.a

[Signed] J. Cuppage

Major Comm.g —

Palghautcherry

9th apr.l 1791.

P. S.

From my intentions and attention to the Orders and Instructions I received from Major General Medows I have been enabled to lay in a Magazine of Rice sufficient to serve Twenty Thousand Men for three Months and the quantity is measuring daily besides other Articles of provision in store for the Garrison —

J. Cuppage

N.o 3. is the Copy of a Letter I have just written Mr. Corbett —

Dear Sir

I am favored with yours of the 22.d Instant containing a Paragraph of a Letter from the Secretary to

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the Board of Revenue and also requesting my particular assistance in obtaining the information of the Accounts and Crops &c. of the part of the Palghautcherry District depending on the Palghaut Rajah —

I was in hopes that you had long ago communicated to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue the particular circumstances regarding this Country the tenor of my instructions from the Commander in Chief puts it out of my power in any respect to comply with your request as it would totally do away one of the principal intentions of my mission to this place Viz. to establish a Magazine of Provisions for the Army and to which your interference formerly by enquiring the Accounts of the Country had nearly put a stop to —

You have already or may be informed by Brigade Major Bannaman who was principally employed by Major General Medows in corresponding with the Rajah of Travancore and his Dewan regarding the disposal of these Countries the Dewan accompanied Colonel Hartley to this place and is now with General Abercrombys to attend to these managements the mode adopted by General Medows was that for the present the Dewan was to reinstate the several Rajahs in their Countries and to be answerable to the Honble Company that none but the proper owners were.

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were to be so placed and that he in consequence should be responsible that the resources of these Countries should be brought forward for the public service In consequence of this the Zamorin the Rajahs of Paly kaut and Cochin &c. &c. were established in their Principalities This authority was vested in the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore signed by General Medows and sealed with the official seal as Governor —

The several Rajahs have been disposed some to pay money others to furnish provisions in fulfilling their engagements as far as respects provisions I can say they have in general exceeded my expectations in regard to money I am unacquainted but I believe remittances have been made to general Abercrombys Army. —

The Commander in Chief in his instructions to me says "that your Applications and "requisitions in all matters depending upon the civil "Administration of the Countries for the protection of which "the Troops under your command are posted are to be "made to the Collector at Coimbetore, and at Paly kaut Cherry "to the Zamorin who holds his country for the Company "at the recommendation of the Rajah of Travancore —

From the above circumstances and

Reasons

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Reasons it is at present I decline complying with your request of giving the Assistance your require and I recommend it to you not to interfere with the Rajah or his people either directly or indirectly for the certain consequence of your doing it will that of creating a General Jealoucy and alarm so as to totally put a stop to the expected and promised supplies for the deficiency of which, if you further intermeddle you alone must be held responsible — If after you represent these circumstances to the Presidency you should receive Orders to fulfill your present intentions you may depend on my co. operating with you but after reinstating the Rajahs in their Countries to again dispossess them without sufficient caused Appears to me so like a breach of faith and so contrary to the principals on which the present war is carrying on that I am confident when Government are made acquainted with particulars that the Palghaut Cochin &c. Rajahs and the Zamorin will retain their account possessions and be cherished by the Company —

Should you think it Necessary to represent these circumstances to the Presidency I request the whole of this Letter may be sent and no

particular

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Particular paragraph—

Sam.

Y. & S.

Signed / J. Cuppage

Major Comm.g

Palghautcherry

30th March 1791

Dear Major

I had just received the following Paragraph of a Letter from the Secretary of the Board of Revenue

"you will be particular and as early as "possible in reporting on the District of Palghautcherry "regarding which the Board have as yet received no. "information whatever"—

after what passed in the presence of the Rajah it will be necessary he is acquainted that the Board require the Accounts of many particulars relative to this district which his assistance will be requested in procuring the distribution of the Corps &c. &c. I/ you will make him acquainted with this if can there make Application to him and his Managers without any impediment—

I request your particular Assistance in obtaining this information as the board seems to think I have already delayed it too long.—

Yours very truely

/Signed/ Wm. Corbett.

Collector—

Palghaut.

22d March 1791

A true Copy.

/Signed/ Cuppage Major.

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Sir.

I have just received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson an extract of which I enclosed to you. In obedance to its contents I have the honor to inform you I will comply with any written requisition you may make for Military aid. —

As Government are still in informed with many circumstances relative to these Countries with which it is indispensible necessary for — them to be made acquainted and which I doubted not but that you had long ago stated but as I find you have not I recommend it to you to defer taking any steps till such time as the situation of the Country is explained altho' I suggest this to you yet you will of course act from your own judgement —

Never having interfered in any respect relative to Revenue matters or collections I cannot of course furnish you any Accounts as I am not acquainted with the quantity of Rice &c. &c. each of the several Rajahs have placed in store the Countries depending to this place belonging to the Zamorin the Cochrin Rajahs the Palg-haut Rajah and the Rajahs of Vallanterry — On your assuming the management of this District I beg you will be so good as desire your people to be particular in communicating from time to time

I should

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Should there be any attempts made to resist your Authority too much caution cannot be adopted on this score as you know every Nair in the Country carries Arms. —

I am.

Y.r ca. Y.r

Signed J. Cappage

Major Comm.g

Palghautcherry
19th March 1791

To Wm. Corbett Esqre

Collector Y.r ca. Y.r Palghautcherry

Major John Cappage

Sir

I have the honor of being directed to communicate to you that Major General Medows Commander in Chief relying on your Courage good conduct and exertions for the public service has pitched on you to command at Coimbatore and Palghautcherry and that you are to proceed to Coimbatore without loss of time to carry into execution with as much secrecy and dispatch as the nature of the service will admit the following orders and instructions Relative to the service in those parts. —

The Troops ordnance and Military Stores now in Coimbatore with the reception hereafter — Mentioned are to be moved to Palghautcherry and the Troops now forming the Garrison of Palghautcherry with

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the several staff Appointments there are to be ordered to
Join the detachment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel
Wartly in the Tulz—

The fort of Coimbitore is to be Garrisoned
by the Topass Corps under Lieutenant Chalmers and is
to be commanded by him the Corps is two hundred and strong
formed into two Companies as ordered on the 7th of
last June the ordnance and Military Stores found in
Coimbitore at the time it surrendered are to remain there
unless it shall appear to you advisable on adverting
to the quantity and Quality of the Gunpowder to draw a
proportion of it to Palghautcherry the sick of the Army
left in Coimbitore expecting the detail belonging to the
2d Battalion of East artillery are to be sent to Trichinopoly as soon as possible either by the route of Cavare or
Dindegull as from circumstances you shall judge most
Advisable and safe Mr Trotter Surgeon and Mr Bingham
Assistant Surgeon and field Apothecary to be sent with
the above detail to Trichinopoly Mr Warthen Assistant
Surgeon now in the care of the Native sick at Coimbitore
may remain there or be attached to the 16th Battalion
until further orders as you may judge most proper

The 14th and 16th Battalions of Native
Infantry being now at Coimbitore it follows from the above
Arrangement that the Garrison of Palaghautcherry will
be

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be formed by these two Corps and the detachment of the 2d. Battalion of Coast artillery at Coimbetore from the last of Returns of the Infantry Corps received for September / their Total strength may be reckoned twelve hundred including officers and by a return of the Artillery detachment — I received within these few days it appears to be thirty three Europeans including Lieutenant Fireworker Madden and Fifty nine Gun Lascars four Matrosses of this number are reported to be in the hospital and twelve of the — Lascars —

By the latest accounts in any degree to be depended upon of the sick left in Coimbetore belonging to Corps with the Army in the Field Two hundred and one European and one hundred Natives are said to be recovered remains in the hospital about Seventy Europeans and Forty Natives —

The Commissary of Stores will be directed to furnish a Return of the Ordnance and stores which will fall to be removed under these instructions —

By a return already received from this Officer on the same subject it appears that there are no more than Forty four draughts Bullocks belonging to his Department in Coimbetore and that in addition to this Number Nine hundred and fifty one / 951 / draughts and one Thousand and Ninety / 1090 / Cornage Bullocks.

/ beside.

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besides one thousand six /1006/ Gunny bags will be required to remove the Ordnance and stores to be drawn from Coimbetore provided the whole is conveyed at one time —

Having thus stated for your information several matters of detail by order of the Commander in Chief with as much precision as time and circumstances admit of at present. I am further instructed to signify that the mode to be adopted for providing the Draught and Carriage Cattle and gunny bags required for transpor=ting the ordenance and stores is to have your earliest consideration and that you are to make application on this head to Mr. Corbett the Collector appointed for Coimbetore who is also to be considered the paymaster and storekeeper at Palghautcherry in the further orders are signified. —

If the total number of Draught and Carriage Cattle and the Articles required for transporting the Ordenance and Stores can be procured at a very short notice the Commander in Chief will have no objection to the whole being conveyed at one time when the Troops distined for Palghautcherry March from Coimbetore but I am directed to express that he conci=ves it to be more advisiable for the Collector on your application to provide with the least possible delay one third or even one fourth of the total numbers and

that

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that the ordnance and stores shall be moved in the course of three or four trips, as it may be the means of the Troops marching with greater facility and in greater strength should the Enemy's attempt the final execution of these orders. at the last period which is to be hoped they will have ascertained with any degree of certainty the alteration to be adopted in the disposition of the Troops Ordenance and stores at Palghaut Cherry and Coimbatore

But as it becomes difficult at this period to judge of the extent to which it may be practicable to procure the Cattle and their precise time they will be in readiness for the service to be performed the Commander in Chief leaves it to your judgement to make the necessary arrangements for carrying his orders into effect at such time and in such manner as may appear to you to be most conducive to the public interests attending to the following principals which you are to consider it your indispensable duty to preserve and enforce by every means in your power viz.t. That the whole shall be conducted with secrecy and dispatch as far as is practicable and with the most rigid attention to Oconomy in the disbursement of the public money.—

I am further directed by the Commander in Chief to communicate his instructions as follows.

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follows which you are to consider subject to such after orders or alterations as may be directed according as circumstances may require by Major General Abercromby or the Officer / being senior to you in rank / commanding the force employed in the field. from the presidency of Bombay, only that as the operations of the War conducted at present under the immediate direction of Lieutenant Colonel Hartly may require an addition of force which may be furnished most conveniently from the Troops under your command the Commander in Chief has authorized Lieutenant Colonel Hartly to call upon you for one Battalion of Native Infantry and desires that you comply with that Officers requisition to the above extent provided circumstances shall allow of your detaching that force from the Garrison of Palg-haut cherry—

It is the Commander in Chiefs orders that Palghaut cherry be defended to the last man and to the last moment unless you receive directions to the contrary and that your applications and requisitions in all matters depending on the civil administration of the Countries for the protection of which the Troops under your command are posted are to be made to the Collector at Coimbatore and at Palghaut cherry to the Gamastur.

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Zamorin who holds his Country from the Company at the recommen-
-dation of the Rajah of Travancore —

I am also instructed to signify that
the Fort of Coimbetore is to be considered as a post of protection
against Cavalry or other force of the Enemy that may appear
before it without having the means of attacking it with
any probability of success in opposition to the resistance
to be made with effect by Infantry alone in many si-
-tuations that may occur the Commander in Chief therefore
directs you give the necessary Orders that Coimbetore may be
maintained as a part in every situation when it does
not become absolutely necessary to evacuate it and I am
directed to add on this subject that altho' the Topas Peps
only had been specified in these instruction as the D
Garrison of Coimbetore the Commander in Chief leaves to
you a latitude on which you are to take the sentiments
of Major General Abercromby previous to the adoption
of the Measure to place in Coimbetore such of the Bhygars
in that Quarter whose fidelity can be depended on
and who may be use-fully employed for the safety
of the place and of the numerous Inhabitants its extensive
Pettah is capable of containing —

In the present situation of the service
the Commander in Chief is of opinion it will be sufficie-
-ent and as much as is easily practicable to lodge in

Coimbetore

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Coimbetore a supply of Grain equal to from three to six Months for the Garrison of that place —

Your utmost exertions are expected by the Commander in Chief to be used in placing in Palg-hautcherry a Magazine of Grain and other Articles of Provisions necessary for Troops sufficient to supply this Army in the most ample manner and that every discription of Store and supply that may be provided for the use of the Army from the Malabar Coast. or other ways within the reach and protection of the force under your Command shall be arranged and preserved in the most usefull manner at Palghautcherry —

I am desired by the Commander in Chief further to signify notwithstanding you are placed under the Orders of Major General Abercromby that you are to report every material occurrence and send Monthly Returns of Troops Ordnance Stores and provisions at Palghautcherry and Coimbetore to the Address of Earl Cornwallis or Officer Commanding this Army in the Field and that they be transmitted to this Camp accordingly when safe opportunities offer —

The Commander in Chief having formed the 5th and 8th Brigades into one Brigade of six Battalion to be commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Oldham - one Brigade Major and one Quarter Master of

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Master of Brigade who became necessary under under the formation of the six Corps in two Brigades having no particular duty to perform in the present disposition of the Troops Brigade Major Bannerman and Brigade Quarter Master Cuppage are directed to proceed under your Orders to Assist in the several arrangements and duties of so much importance to the operations of the Army which will fall to be conducted at the Post of Palghaut cherry in particular which the Commander in Chief directs you will consider as the Head Quarters of your Command. —

I have the honor to enclose copies of General Orders to the address respectively of the Officers now commanding in Palghaut cherry and Combatore with seperate Letters to these officers and am directed to acquaint you that Lieutenant Colonel Bridges Command-ing at Trichinopoly is ordered to furnish a Company of Sepoys as an escort as far as Caroor from which Station Captain Parr is instructed by a Letter herewith enclosed to supply a sufficient guard for Mr Corbett and you to Combatore the escorts in both cases are to be returned to their Corps and the Commander in Chief desires that you will proceed with the least possible delay to the execution of the orders contained in this Letter. —

&c.

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As the Troops under your Command destined for Palghaut Cherry are to be held in readiness for Field service the Commander in Chief permits of their drawing Field allowances untill further Orders and signified —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

/signed/ Henry Malcolm

Head Quarters Camp Agt Genl of the Army

at Nanserpett

28th Decr 1790.

P.S. I have the honor to enclose the Commissary of Stores Return of Ordnance and Military Stores left by the Army at Coimbitore. —

A true Copy. J. Cuppage Major

Agreed to inform Major Cuppage that the explanation he has given of his Conduct appears satisfactory and that the measures adopted by him re-lative to his present Command are approved —

As the Board were entirely unac-quainted with the Nature of Major Cuppages Instruct-ions from the Commander in Chief and with the footing on which the District of Palghaut Cherry was placed they of course conceived that Mr Corbett had the exclusive Management of the Revenues of all the Countries to the Collection of which he had been appointed at the Recommen-dation

Minute thereon

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-dation of Major General Medows — But as it now Appears that Palicacherry is under the Government of a Rajah on whom Major Cuppage principally depends for supplies for the use of the army It is resolved Separate to that District for the present from the Authority of the Collector and to insist him / Major Cuppage / with full power to act agreeably to the Orders with which he has been — furnished by the Commander in Chief —

Agreed to direct Major Cuppage to transmit to the Presidency as particular an account of the several Rajahs in his Neighbourhood, as may be in his power to procure — shewing their former Connection with the Mysore Government — the annual Amount of their Revenues — and the Quantum of tribute exacted from each by Tippoo. —

Read the following letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz —

To the Honoble Sir Charles Oakeley. Bart.

Honourable Sir & Sir

I have delivered the Contents of the Honble Boards letter to his Excellency concerning the 25,000. Pagodas which the Honble Board have forced for the Maintenance of the late Rajahs Family — His — Excellency was pleased to say that — that sum was still too great

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz the Rajah still continues dissatisfied with the arrangement made for the Maintenance of the Family of the late Rajah —

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great. when his Excellency Applied to the 2. Gentlemen Collector for a considerable Sum in Order to pay to his Servants their Salaries. the 2. Gentlemen sent Word to his Excellency that they were ready to send 25,000 Pagodas Viz.t 20,000 Pagodas to his Excellency and 5000 Pagodas for the use of the late Rajah's Family. His Excellency replied that he would accept of the 20,000 Pagodas for the benefit of His servants but that he could not take 5000 Pagodas for the late Rajahs Family If they would send 1000 Pagodas for them he would Accept of that Sum. It seem's that these Objections made by his Excellency will hardly cease. Whether the Honble Board will send the Allowance to the late Rajahs Family directly to them or how this busineſs shall be done the Honble Board will be pleased to signify their pleasure and Accordingly send their order.—

I am respectly

Y.rs &c.

/Signed/ C. T. Swartz.

Minute thereon

As the Rajah of Tanjore continues to make Objections to the Allowances fixed for the Family of the late Rajah it is resolved if his Excellency persist in his Refusal to receive the Allowances that they be advanced by the Collector to the Reverend Mr. Swartz and by him paid to the Parties concerned —

Read.

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Read the following Letter from the

Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir

We have been honored with your —

Commands of the 9th and 12th Instant —

From the Military Board opinion upon an application made by Captain Trapaud to have a seat at their Board — apply for an exact Account of the Gunpowder found at Bangalore — recommending that some Person be appointed to the Charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory during Major Wells absence and that the off: Reckonings relative to the estate of the late Captain George Mackay be discharged —

Captain Trapaud has submitted to our Consideration the propriety of his holding a Seat at our Board in the Absence of the Chief Engineer Agreeable to the Orders of Government under date 27th February 1788. —

As it has not been our province to Consider a question of this Nature on any former occasion — We beg leave to refer it to your decision remarking that the Order quoted by Captain Trapaud, was issued to accommodate Colonel Ross who was at that time engaged in superintending the Building of the Cantonments at Walajah bad — But we consider it only as a temporary Order which if allowed to be permanent, and to Apply generally to all the other Members of the Board would in a great measure destroy the spirit and Intention of its original Institution as if the Next in succession or Deputy of every other Department was allowed a Seat in the Absence of the principal it would soon become a Board of Deputies and thus would this great

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source of Check and Controul upon the Military accounts be entirely subverted — for these reasons we can by no means recommend that Captain Trapaud should have a seat at the Military Board in the absence of the Chief Engineer neither do we think that any deputy should be allowed to act for his Principal without the express permission of the Governor in Council. —

We have communicated to the Military storekeeper your intentions respecting the future Provision of Gunpowder and we shall transmit in our Next address an Account of the quantity of that article at present in store — with respect however to the quantity which will probably be required for the next twelve Months we beg leave to remark that we are unable to make such a Calculation with any degree of precision while uninformed of the exact quantity and quality of the powder found in Bangalore more particularly as we cannot judge of the nature of the Service for which it may be required during that period.

Major Hall having been ordered to join the Grand army We think it necessary to submit the necessity of some person being appointed to take Charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory for beside being Requisite for the immediate care of the stores, the signature of an officer both in the ordnance and Artillery Department

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Department is necessary to establish the Vouchers for delivery of stores—

Mrs Ann Shawe as Executrix to the Estate of the late Captain George mackay having solicited the discharge of his off reckonings due at the time of his decease amounting as per Military Paymaster General Book's to Pagodas 431. 32. 4. We informed her that her Application could not be admitted previous to the Adjustment of a Claim of 201 Pagodas which it Appeared on Enquiry that the Company possessed upon that estate Mrs Shawe having in consequence consented to a deduction of that sum being made we beg leave to recommend that the remaining Balance may be discharged. —

We have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
16th apre 1791

Tho.s Musgrave
/Signed/ J. Capper

Resolved to inform the Military Board that Captain Trapaud is not eligible to a seat at their Board for if the principle were once admitted that the members of it could have their places supplies by deputy during their absence from the Presidency it might be of great detriment to the service since the object of the Original Institution would be lost and matter of moment some times left to the discussion of officers of inexperience — that

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So

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so long therefore as there shall be sufficient Number to constitute a Board no Deputy be admitted unless it appears / as was the case with the acting Commissary General of Stores / that the service would be benefited by his opinion and advice at the Deliberation of the Military Board. —

Minute thereon

Agreed to desire the Military Board to write to Colonel Duff the Officer Commanding at Bangalore for a statement shewing the Quantity and Quality of the Gunpowder found at Bangalore that in the meantime the Military storekeeper continue to make up powder upon the terms already stated. —

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The Board will Approve the Military Board's Nomination of a person to take Charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory at the Presidency during the Absence of Major Hall —

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to discharge the off Reckonings of the estate of the late Captain George mackay after deducting the sum of Two hundred and one Pagodas being the amount of the Company's claim upon that Estate. —

The acting President lays before the Board the following Papers. —

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Richard Gomond Esqr

Sir,

From Captain Pennell to the Town Mayor advising him of having sent on shore three of the Privates embarked on the Hawke for europe and enclosing his Surgeons Certificates of the Necessity of the Measure—

I find by the enclosed Letter from my Surgeon that the following men are incapable of proceeding on the Hawke without endangering their lives as he cannot suppose they can live to night if they remain on Board under these circumstances I have sent them on shore and hope you will approve of the Step I have taken.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ Richd Pennell.

Ship Hawke
Madras Roads
April 16th 1791

Captain Pennell

Sir

The following Hanoverian Troops received on Board this day are in my opinion unfit to stay in the Ship being so extremely emaciated that I even despair of their living the Night.—

Yours respectfully

/signed/ W Bevil. Surgeon.

Hawke
April 16th 1791

Names. Richter
Weightman
Bathman
Wilderbrat—

To

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To William Duffin Esqr.

Head Surgeon

Sir,

Mr. Surgeon Baillie's Report respecting the three men landed from the Hawke —

I have examined the four men returned from the Hawke and find them perfectly equal to the voyage Batheram a stout healthy man but a little confused in his head — Richter and Weightman convalescents only pains in their lower extremities Wilderbrent one or two Venereal Sores. otherwise in good health. —

Yours.

Y.e a.t Y.e

Signed / G. Baillies

19. April 1791

Agreed that Copies of the above Papers to be sent to the Honble Court of Directors by the Fitz William and that it be recommended to them to call upon the Commander of the Hawke for an explanation of his Conduct in deviating from the orders with which he had been furnished by the Board; —

Minute on the foregoing papers

Read the following Report of the Hospital Board —

Hospital Board.

15th April 1791

From the Hospital Board respecting their recommendation that Messrs Berry & Trevenen might be granted to the Rank of Surgeons.

The Hospital Board have

the —

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The Hospital Board to
Repeat their Order to the Surgeon
General to Communicate —
Regularly with them under pain
of the reverse displeasure of
Government —

Approved —

The Necessary General Order
will be published —

The Honor to inform Government
that a letter from the Field —
Apothecary Mr Ponton dated
the 29th ultimo states that Mr
Anderson Surgeon and four
Assistants were left in Banga-
lore to attend the Field Hospital
They therefore hope their —
Recommendation of the Gentlemen
Silverwright and Berry will
be acceded to. —

James Anderson
Physician Genl.

Signed / W. Raine acting Chief Secy to Govt
W. Duffin
Acting Surgeon

Read the following Letter from the
Resident at Poonah —

To the Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.
Acting Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From the Resident at
Poonah Reporting the
Progress made by
Major Sartorius in
advancing his Trenches
before Darwar —

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to acquaint you that
the Command of the Bombay Detachment acting Against
Darwar.

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During having devolved on Major Gardiner since the Death of Colonel Charles Fredrick, he recommended the operations against that Fortress on the Night of the 17. and by the morning had advanced his Trenches 370. yards without the loss of a man. The Major expresses great hopes of success of his Artillery should not fail him—

I have the honor to be very Respectfully—

Poona
4th April 1791

Honble Sir.
Your most Obed. Hble Servt.
[Signed] C.W. Malet—

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to Lord Cornwallis—

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis just received

† Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that after the Number of disappointments which I met with from Rajah Teigaum-rents inexperience and irresolution. Yesterday effected a Junction with a Body of Sixteen Thousand of the Nizams Cavalry who appear to be much pleased at finding themselves with us and very ready to Act like the Troops of all the Country Powers they have-

† From Earl Cornwallis's advice of his having effected a Junction with the Nizams Cavalry hopes to reduce Seringapatam without any material Interruption from the Rains.

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have no Idea of Military discipline, but I believe they are in general as well mounted as any of them, and I cannot entertain a doubt of their contributing most essentially to the success of our future Operations—

I am now on my way to receive the Reinforcements and supplies that are ready for us at the Head of Pedda Durgam Pass, and, after accomplishing that object, I hope to be in the Neighbourhood of Bangalore, to draw out the heavy Artillery from thence, about the end of this or within the first Ten days of the beginning of next month— I shall then proceed immediately towards Seringapatam— and as General Abercromby has been exceedingly active in collecting a supply of Military Stores for us at the Top of the Ghaut I trust notwithstanding the Lateness of the Season I shall be able to reduce that Capital before I receive any material Interruption from the Rains. — X

I am.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis—

Camp at Hodally
20. miles N. of
Mulwagle
April 11th 1791.

P. S. I depend on your sending Copies of all my Letters relating to the Operations of this Army to Mr Stewart—

The

1838.

Fort St. George 19th April 1791.

The Board are happy to send that Lord Cornwallis has effected a Junction with the Nizams Cavalry and that his Lordship entertains hopes of reducing Seringapatam without any material Interruption from the rains. Agreed that a copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Honourable Court of Directors — to Bengal — Bombay Poona and Hydrabad. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore. —

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting Resident in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

From the Resident at Travancore with a Bill on Juggernaut Timber for 39000 P.s No. Pag.s has received an application for Aid from Major General Abercrombys with which he means to comply. —

Finding there was a prospect of a few days delay in the payment of 40,000 Pagodas as promised by the Rajah at the end of this Malabar Month, and calculating the time it would take to transport it to the Presidency I thought it would be equally favorable as to the Period of your receiving it. without the Risk to endeavor to persuade the Rajah to give me a Bill for the Amount at sixty days sight I have effected to get one but only for thirty thousand Porto Nova-

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Navs Pagodas and which I do myself the honor to transmit herewith - The draft is on Jagurnaud Fawker a Sowar at Madras - The Letters of advice accompanies it —

The remaining ten Thousand Pagodas of this payment I am now receiving there will then be a Balance of Twenty Thousand Pagodas which is to be completed in 15 days - The above sums with what now remains in my hands / Pagodas 66 26 / I will endeavor to procure a good opportunity and send the whole to Tillecherry for the use of General Abercrombys Army having just — received a Letter from Major Auchmuty his Military Secretary informing me by the general desire that any money I could send him would be very acceptable Should no good opportunity offer before the Season is too much advanced I can then transmit it to Mr.

Torin: —

My Letter from Major Auchmuty is dated 16th Ultimo on the Top of Pondicherum Ghaut - The army was nearly ready to advance - to Co. operate with Lord Cornwallis on his approach to Seerangapatam - General Abercromby could procure no Intelligence whatever of the operations of the grand Army - but from this quarter —

I have the honor to be with every Sentiment of Respect —

&c. &c.

/ Signed / George Powney / President

Trevendaporam
9th April 1791.

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The Acting President informs the

Board that the Bill on Sagermaul Tankey for thirty

Thousand Porto Nove Pagodas has been Accepted —

The Board Approve Mr. Powney's

Intention of sending money to Tellicherry for the use of

General Abercrombys Army provided it can be done in

the time he mentions —

Read the following Letters from

his Highness the Nabob / a entered also in C. C.

Nos. 83. 84. —/

Sunnuds thereon —

Translation

From Nabob Mauluyan to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 13th Thaubaun 1205 Vegery.

or.

18th April 1791.

Received 18th April 1791.

From the Nabob — requesting that his fifth of the Collections from the Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly Districts may be paid to his Servants at those places. —

I have received your Letter of the 10th Thaubaun 1205 Vegery Answering to 15th April 1791. informing me of your having Sent me a Set of Bills on the Collector at Tinnevelly for Twenty Thousand Star Pagodas on account of my fifth agreeably to the Application made to you through my son Amdul ul Umrah Bahauder — and I am Obliged thereby — Request the favour of my Friend to furnish me with Orders for.

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for my fifth share in the District of Trichinopoly to be paid there to my Son Hufsaumal mulk or to Cunand Ram and the Amount of my proportion at Tinnivelly to Jaffer Cawn or Bahwany Punthar Soucar that my People at these places may not be destressed for money to Answer the necessary expences — after providing for those expences my Servants will permit the Remainder to me — your orders to the Company's Collectors on this Subject be pleased to send to me as soon as possible. —

What can I say more? —

A true Translation

Signed Joseph Garrow
Dpy Tr.

Translation

From the Nabob Wallajah to Sir Chas Oakely Bt

Dated 8th Shawaun 1205 Hegry

or

13th April 1791.

Requesting that the Amount due from His Highness to Mr Benjamin Sulivan may be discharged from the Balance due to him from the Tinnivelly Country to last Year. —

Received 18th April 1791 —

I have occasion to Address you on the Subject of Mr Benjamin Sulivan some years ago —

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I granted him a Tuncah for a balance of account on the Puryanvahal District in the Tinnavelly province for Thirty Seven thousand Pagodas — After deducting what he has received there remains a balance of Pagodas Thirty two thousand two hundred and Fifteen I therefore request as large outstanding balances are due to me from the Tinnevelly Country to the last year, you will be pleased to direct the Tashildar of that Country Mr Foxen to Collect the Amount remaining due on Mr Sullivans Tuncah from the said balances and to pay it to him that by payment of his money Justice may be done him — This does not concern any one else. —

What can I say more.

Verse Translation

/ Signed / Joseph Garrow
Persr

Signed

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Fort St. George 19th April 1791.

Agreed that the Board of Revenue be directed to instruct Mr Torin to pay for the next four months reckoning from the 1st of May twenty Thousand Pagodas a month to Jaffer Cawn his Highness's Agent at Tinnevelly on Account of the Nabobs one Fifth and to instruct Mr Andrews to pay to Annand Row for the Same period and on the Same Account ten Thousand Pagodas a Month—

Minutes on the two aforegoing Letters from the Nabob

Agreed to state to the Nabob that if his Highness had specified the particulars of the outstanding Balances due to him from the Tinnevelly Country, the Board would have been able to judge whether the Collection of them would interfere with the Current Revenue, and of course to determine how far it might have been in their power to comply with his request in regard to Mr Sulivan without injuring the

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Fort St. George 19th April 1791.

The present Claims of the Company for the Exigences of the War. —

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Henry Robative of the Invalids and of Ensign William Bellers of the 16th Battalion Native Infantry. —

Death of Lieutenant Robative of the Invalids and Ensign Bellers of the Infantry —

Chas Oakeley

J Huddleston

Ed John Ogilvie Esq

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Diary

Received the following Letters

To William Collins Jackson Esq^r

Military Secretary Fort S^t George

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army, with Copies of four Bills for European Staff in the Artillery which he has discharged by Order of the Commanding Officer tho' not allowed in the Military Board's Estimate.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 28th of February and 9th of March, which give me the satisfaction to find that I have the approbation of Government in respect to what I had the honor to write, in those Letters to which you do me the favor to reply. Mr. Macgregor's Bill will be charged in my accounts for February already Dispatched to Captain Kennaway, to whom, I beg leave to assure you, I have very circumspectly referred every doubtful Disbursement the nature of which required to be represented, knowing it to be my duty to make the Resident at the Nizam's Court acquainted with such expenditures at the same time that I should do myself the honor to lay them before the Board. —

On this occasion, I beg to enclose for the information of Government, Bills paid by Order of the Commanding Officer for European Staff in the Artillery which are not mentioned in the Estimate, nor any where

taken

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19th taken, notice of as allowable by the Instructions I have been furnished with. These have also been stated to Captain Kennaway, but his opinion respecting them is not yet Communicated. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signd W. Brown Payt.

Camp near Coopoole
7 April 1791

William Brown, Esq:
Military Paymaster

Sir,

Please to Order the payment of Five Star Pagodas to Wm Gould Serjeant Major of the 3 Companies of Gun Lascars, attached to the Detachment of the Artillery Commanded by Lieut. James Go. Scott for the Month of January 1791

Camp near Coopoole 1st Febry 1791. —

Signed J G Scott
Lieut. Comdt Artillery

Andrew Read
Signed Capt. Commanding

A true Copy
Signed Wm Brown —

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To William Brown Esq^r

Military Paymaster

Sir,

Please to Order the Payment of five Star Pagodas to William Gould Serjeant Major of the 3^d Companies of Gun Lascars attached to the Detachment of Artillery, Commanded by Lieutenant James Geo. Scott for the Month of February 1795. —

Camp near Copoole 1^st March 1795

/Signed/ J G Scott
Lt^n Comm^g Artillery

/Signed/ And^w Read
Captain Commanding

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Brown
Pay^r

Abstract of Pay to the undermentioned, Non-Commissioned Staff of the Vacant Company of the 2^d Battalion of Artillery Commanded by Lieutenant Scott for the Month of February 1795

To 1 Serjeant Major	———	S. 5
To 1 D^o M^r Serjeant	———	4
To 1 Drill Serjeant	———	4
To 1 Drill Corporal	———	2
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Camp 1^st February 1795 Star Pay^r

/Signed/ J G Scott
Lt^n Comm^g Artl^y

To Wm Brown Esq^r
Military Pay^r

/Signed/ And^w Read
Capt^n Comm^g

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Brown
Pay^r

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To Wm Brown Esqr.

Military Paymaster General

Abstract of Pay to the undermentioned Non Commission Staff of the Vacant Company of the 2d Battalion Artillery for the month of March 1791

	Pay
To 1 Serjeant Major	5
To 1 Quarter Master Serjeant	4
To 1 Drill Serjeant	2
To 1 Drill Corporal	
Star Pay	15

Camp 1st March 1791 (Signd) J G Scott
Lieut. & Comm.g Artillery

(Signd) Andw Read
Capt.n Comm.g

A true Copy
(Signd) Wm Brown
Pay.r

To Wm Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary Fort St George.

From the Commandant at Chundernaghery - Timma Naick enters Calastry - gets Possession of his Fathers Seal and confines him.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint the Board with a Report made me just now, that Timma Naik with a body of about 2,000 Peons having entered Calastry yesterday Morning, his Father, the Rajah, immediately submitted, without resistance, and, his Seal delivered up to Tim Naik, he is now kept in close Confinement.

Only

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19th Only yesterday, I had, by threats &c drawn a positive promise from Narsim Rauje's Manager, that every support which had been given by his Master to Timma Naik, should immediately be withdrawn,

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

Chandergerry
16th April 1795

/Signed/ C Massey Captain

P.S. So improbable it is, I cannot, but with difficulty, add a report which prevails — That Timma Naik has had his Highness the Nabob's sanction, and even the support of a few of His Highness's Sepoys, on this occasion. — Sam, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant
/Signed/ C. Massey

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

From Major General Medows approves the Board's Resolution of erecting a Monument in the Church of Fort St George to the Memory of the late Lieutenant Colonel Monhouse.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I had the Honor of yours of the twenty second of March yesterday, and am obliged to you for having appointed Mr Hoare to succeed Mr Colt. —

Every attention was certainly due to the late

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19th late Colonel Moorhouse as an Officer and as a man,
and I approve of all things of the Company meeting a
memorial in the Church of Fort St George to the merits
of so distinguished a Character; But the removing the
body I have ever thought one of the amiable weaknesses
of human nature, that may in the present case
particularly be attended with great delays, difficulties
and inconvenience.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Wm. Medows
Govr

Camp near
Malwakul
the 16 of April 1795

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary of the Political and Military Departments
of Fort St George

From the Adjutant General
Surgeons and Assistant
Surgeons to be ordered to
Ambor with the Army

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to address
you and to request you will express to the Board that on
account of the great want of Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants
with the Army his Lordship has judged it advisable to send
Orders to Lieutenant Colonel Oldham and to the Officers Comm-
manding at Vellore and Ambor that Mr. Trotter Surgeon
and Mr. Boiswell Assistant Surgeon may be directed to join
the Army with all expedition in the event of their having
proceeded to their Stations as directed in the Orders of the
22d Ultimo - or that they may continue with Lieutenant
Colonel Oldham's Detachment in the event of his Lordship's
Orders having reached Lieutenant Colonel Oldham before
they

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19 they had set out—His Lordship for the same reasons has directed Mr. Blackadder Assistant Surgeon at Vellore and Mr. Ferguson Assistant Surgeon at Arnee to join the Army without delay and the Sicks at the Cattle Station to be sent to Vellore.—

Lord Cornwallis desires me likewise to request of you to inform the Board that his Lordship wishes Two Surgeons and six Assistant Surgeons in addition to the above named Gentlemen to be ordered to Amboor with the least possible delay that they may take the earliest opportunity of joining the Army in the Field.— I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most

Head Quarters
Camp at Modiamoor
16th April 1795

Obedt Servt
Henry Malcolm
Adjutant General of the Army

W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the Govern.or in Council
Fort St George

From Captain Kennaway stating that his late accounts from Lieutenant Stuart report Rajah Tudge Gwent to be still at Rachorlee receives Intelligence of the Killedar of Darore having entered into a Capitulation for the surrender of the Fort, and of the Killedar of Kopaul having offered Terms

Sir,

I have my last of the 7th Instant in which I had the honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Board of the march of the Nizam's Cavalry under Tudge Gwent to Rachorlee, I am sorry to inform you that my advices from Lieutenant Stewart up to the 7th Instant have been still from that place. The prevarication and deceit with which Tudge Gwent has hitherto conducted himself in his

Communications

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19th Communications with that Gentleman, and the unmanly Irresolution he had lately shewn from his fears of the Enemy in spite of the Encouragement and assurances of support held out to him by repeated Letters from the Governor General, have entirely sunk Mr Stuarts hopes of prevailing upon him to advance further, unless our Army should approach so near as to prevent a possibility of his being attacked. —

Captain Read after assisting Mr Stuart with the utmost Zeal, in his attempts to urge Tiedge Wunt, to advance, was preparing to set out on his return to the Polygars in that neighbourhood. —

The latest accounts I have obtained of the motions of our Army are from a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Lieutenant Stuart dated the 31st Ultimo, from his Camp at Dinanelly wherein his Lordship declares his Intention of proceeding to Chinta-Munny-pait the place appointed by Rajah Tiedge Wunt for the Junction, and his resolution if any after delays should occur on the part of the Rajah, of his proceeding to the execution of his future plans with his own Army —

By a Letter from Mr Ubthoff of the 4th Instant I am informed of the Killadar of Darwar having entered into a Capitulation for the surrender of the Fort, and of his having actually left it, altho' the Mahratta Flag was not yet hoisted The Killadar of

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19th of Kopul is likewise treating, but the terms he demands have not yet been agreed to.—

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Signed John Kennaway

Caangul
11th April 1791

W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary to Governor in Council Military Department

Fort St George

From Capt.n Kennaway—
Rajah's Judgement promises
from the 9th Instant to march
36 Cos in four days—Copies
of Lieut.t Stuart's Letter
to direct Him to urge the Rajah
to advance by long
Marches.—

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you,
I have this Instant received a Letter from Lieutenant
Stuart dated the 8th Instant at 11 P. M. informing
me that he had been desired by Rajah Fazlee Meerzah
Mahommed ameen Khan to acquaint the Governor
General that the Nizam's Army would march 8 Cos
the day following & the next, & the 12th
fourth day of its setting out, to effect the Junction
which if they have kept their words will have taken
place to day— I likewise inclose Copies of his Lordship's
Letters to Lieutenant Stuart of the 2nd and 3d Instant.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Caangul
12th April 1791

Signed John Kennaway

Fort St George 4 April 1791

19th

To Lieutenant Stewart

Sir,

Your Letter of the 29th March has just reached me and I have had the more pleasure in receiving it as it has prevented my Dispatching Letters of a very dissatisfactory tenor in regard to Rajah Tudge Wuntz conduct both to Captain Kennaway and yourself.—

I am willing to hope that the Rajah will advance without loss of time and in that case I shall be ready to receive him not only with Civility but with kindness you may likewise assure the Rajah that having already driven Tippoo to the Westward I shall regulate the movements of this army in such a manner as to prevent any interruption to his march and that as soon as I can be informed of his near approach I shall take care that he shall be exposed to no danger in forming a Junction with this Army.—

Camp at Chinnaballa
Joram April 2 1791

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

To Lieutenant Stewart

&c

I have this instant received your Letter dated the 31st and am very glad to find that the Rajah had

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16th

had actually made two Marches before he heard that I had moved to the Northward and I trust that in the course of the following day he will have been further encouraged by your receiving information from Captain Read of my being at Doonally

My intention is to March either tomorrow or the next day towards Gungegunta and thence mennyjaut which latter place is only 3 easy marches from hence I would not however wish to arrive at that place until the Rajah gets very near to it as I think I more completely cover his march by keeping to the westward of his route between his Detachment and the Enemy -

As we now both of us know in what direction to send our letters intelligence may be transmitted in the most expeditious manner and when you state this to the Rajah and assure him of the perfect security of his march I must desire you to urge him in my name and in the strongest terms to make no unnecessary delay as at this season of the year the loss of a few days would probably be attended with the most mortifying consequences -

I am &c &c

(signed) Cornwallis

Camp at Chinnee
Ballaporam
3rd April 1791

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19th P.S. Since writing the above I have received your letter No 28 of the 31st to prevent further cavil you may assure Rajah Sudgo Wunt that this Army will be at Chintoo mummy pait on the 7th or 8th Instant for that.

True Copy

(signed) Grame Mercer acting Asst.

Sent the following Letters—

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis—
expressive of Satisfaction
at the hopes he entertains
of being able to reduce
Seringapatam without
any material Interruption
from the Rains inclosing
copy of Mr Mallets letter
containing account of
the surrender of Darwar

My Lord,

Sir Charles Oakely has laid before us your Lordship's Letter to him on the 16th Instant—We are happy to find by it that you entertain hopes of being able to reduce Seringapatam without any material Interruption from the Rains.— We have regularly transmitted Chiefs of your Lordships Communications to Bengal

We have the honor to transmit for your Lordship's Information Copy of a Letter which was received this Morning from Mr Mallet—

We have the Honor to be with great respect &c &c &c

(signed) Charles Oakely

&c Council

Fort St. George
19th April 1791.