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Diary

30th — Rec'd Letter from the Nabob &

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

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(as entered in C.C. N°95) repeating his Request

that Government will prevent the prosecution of

the Suit instituted in the Mayor's Court by

Tyapah Moodely against his Servant Row Row

30th Rec'd the undermentioned &

Letters as entered in M.B. N°s 219. 220. 221.

From the Commandant at

From the Commandant at Palgautcherry

Palgautcherry recommending that in future

all Letters for Tellicherry or Genl Abercrombys

army be sent by Way of Palgautcherry —

From Captain Maffey — calling my

From Captain Maffey

immediate Attention to the orders of Government

communicated to him under Date the 23d Instant

From Lieutenant Duff — advising

From Lieutenant Duff of the Bengal Establishment

of his Arrival at Badamee on his March &

forwarding the Carriages —

30th Dispatched the undermentioned —

Letters as entered in M.B. N°s 222. 223. 224. 225. 226.

227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237.

To the Commissary and Comptroller

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of army accounts. —

General of army accounts — with Papers received

from the Resident at Hyderabad respecting the

accounts of the Detachment serving with the Nizam's

army —

To

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To the Commander of the Company's Ship Warren Hastings to give suitable accomodation to five Officers and fourteen Privates of His Majestys 11th and 15th Hanovrian Regiments and sixty five Charter Party Passengers ordered to embark on his Ship for Europe — directing him not to land the Electoral Troops in England but 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 Proceedings

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Warren Hastings.

To the Resident at Ganjam — informing him of the Boards Resolutions of allowing Anna Jones a monthly Pension of one Pagoda during life and of admitting her three Children into the Female Orphan Asylum as soon as they arrive at a proper age — directing him to pay the abovementioned Pension regularly —

To the Resident at Ganjam

To the Military Board — Major Maule to have a Seat at their Board during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Ross. —

To the Military Board.

To the accountant Genral directing him to draw out a comparative Statement shewing which of the Proposals of Contract for supplying the Cloathing is the most advantageous to the Company

To the accountant Genral

To

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To Major General Musgrave 30th

To Major General Musgrave requesting he will give orders that the Horses of lately purchased at the Presidency by Lieutenant Hudleston be sent under charge of Cornet Keppen who is to proceed with them to Vellore and deliver them to Major Murray. —

To Major Murray at Vellore

To Major Murray Commandg the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry directing him to remain at Vellore for the purpose of recruiting the Regiment — and informing him that some Horses lately purchased at the Presidency will be sent to him under charge of Cornet Keppen

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore directing him to make such Repairs to the Cavalry Saddles sent to Vellore from the Presidency as Major Murray may deem necessary. —

To the Collector at Trichinopoly

To the Collector at Trichinopoly — directing him to sell off to the best advantage to the Company such Grain as he has collected from the Renters for the purpose of replacing the Paddy drawn from the Granaries by the army. —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — informing him of the above-mentioned orders having been given to the Collector at Trichinopoly. —

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To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

the Sum paid to Colonel Marting to be carried to the Debit of His Highness the Nabob but not as a part of his one fifth - the Peishcush for Shevagunga to be fixed during the Assumption at Rupees 220,000 advice of the abovementioned orders having been given to the Collector at Trichinopoly.

To Mr. William Raine Head Surgeon

To Mr. William Raine informing him that his Present Salary as a Member of the Hospital Board will be continued, and that he will be allowed the full Batta of a Lieutenant Colonel in addition during the Period of his Services in the Field.

To the Paymaster to the Army

To the Paymaster to the Army stating the allowances granted to Mr. Raine

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster Genl. advising him of the abolition of the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops and directing him to receive charge of the Papers and go on with the Investigation agreeably to the Instructions to be found upon the Proceedings of the Committee one or two Writers will be allowed

Do. —

to

30th to assist him in this Business.

To the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops

To the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the King's Troops informing them of the Abolition of their Committee and desiring them to deliver over to the Military Pay=master General all the Papers belonging to their Office.

Received Letter from the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops (vide MB No. 238.) stating that they have complied with the abovementioned orders of Government.

Sent the following Letters.

From Dt.

1st May

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

Committee for enquiring into the Charges against Mr. Hollonds Administration.

To the Committee for investigating the Charges against Mr. Hollonds Administration informing them of Mr. Colts having taken the Oath required of him.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you that as Mr. Oliver Colt has lately taken the Oath required of him, it will be unnecessary for you

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1st You to proceed on the Examination before directed respecting him.

Fort St. George
30th April 1791

I am
&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

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

Our Secretary has laid before us Mr. Secretary Hays and Mr. Sub Secretary Tombellis Letters to him of the 30th and 31st Ultimo 1st and 11th Instant - all your Packets for England have been forwarded with ours by the Warren Hasting which was dispatched Yesterday.

To Bengal thus several Dispatches for England have been forwarded by the Warren Hastings, all occurrences relating to the War have been minutely detailed to the Honble Court of Directors enclosing Copies of Earl Cornwallis's Correspondence with the Native Chiefs &c. lately received from the Persian Translator.

We are apprehensive from the subject of Mr. Hay's Letter of the 11th Instant that you continue in the belief of our not having regularly communicated to you the advices we received of the military operations, but the explanation conveyed by our Letter of the 11th Instant will we trust, have satisfied you that we have not been inattentive in this particular, and with respect to the Court

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1st of Directors, as it is very natural they should look to us for a direct communication upon all points relating to the war. we have considered it an essential part of our duty to advise them regularly of every occurrence that has been reported to us.

We enclose for your Information Copy of a Letter which our Secretary has received from Mr. Cherry, Persian Translator to the Governor General, with Copies of the Papers to which it gave Cover.

Fort St. George
30th April 1791

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

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley &c.
Council

2d Received the following Letters

To Mr. William Collins Jackson
Military Secretary.

From Mr. Vent. Corbett requesting that Mr. Boyd may be called upon to discharge the Balance now due to the Company on account of the Rice Agency as he has already paid his half and they were not jointly and separately bound.

Sir.

I have duly received Yours of the 13th April and in consequence have given the necessary instructions to my Agents Messrs. Chase and Parry to account for my proportion of the balance demanded and farther I hope the severity of the Honble. Board will not extend when they are acquainted that I have already as

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2d. I conceive honorably discharged the Balance — due by me on that account — But should the — Honble Board continue to think it just for me to make any further payment — I shall obey their injunctions only hope they will grant me till I receive notice of their determination to prepare for the Payment if the Remainder, which I would wish to be permitted to pay at Palle= =gautcherry — but should I not meet this favor my Agents will settle the whole —

I am unwilling to trouble the Honble Board with a long detail of the — think it becomes encumbent on me to clear my own conduct in the present case of every suspicion of protraction and evasion — I beg leave to acquaint the Honble Board that on M.r Boyd and myself dissolving our concern it was mutually agreed each should be — seperately accountable for his share of the — Debt to the Honble Company, not being jointly and seperately Bound. by my settling my own proportion, I concluded it was all that would be expected — and I request the Honble Board will permit me to refer them to the Garrison Storekeepers Accounts during the time of M.r

John

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2d. John Turing, when it will appear, I paid my half of the Balance then demanded and got his receipt for the same, I could bring several Vouchers if necessary that Mr. Boyd con=sidered himself as solely responsible for the Sum then due, and request as a favour Mr. Boyd may be called upon to say if he did, or did not consider himself as solely responsi=ble for this Balance, and if he was not in=formed I had paid my half, and if he did not make some small payment on Account of this Balance in his own name should Mr. Boyd acknowledge the Debt to be his Own=/ and I cannot suppose he will do otherwise / I should hope he being on the spot would be= the first person to feel the severe mark of their displeasure which is threatened if he fails in the payment, on the merit of which I appeal to the Honble Board on whose justice I truly for==relief, determine that altho no ways bound I am responsible for the debt, I must and shall instantly obey their orders, only request the indulgence mentioned in the former part of this Letter. I

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I have only to add that (in any hope should I be forced to pay the Balance the Honble Board will be pleased to consider that I had some reason for supposing I should never be called upon— But it is— implicit obedience or the Forfeiture of every prospect in the Service— a cruel situation to one Conscious of a faithfull Servitude of twenty Years— I have no hope remaining but only solely on the Known Justice and Equity that ever guids the Honble Board who may probably after a thorough consideration of so unparalleled and unfortunate a Situation be induced to acquaint me of their wishes, or at least permit me to make a reference to the Honble Court of Directors and that the payment be suspended till their pleasure is known.

I request you will please to inform the Honble Board that my Agents are prepared to answer the demand in case my representation should have no weight in mitigating

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2nd Mitigating this sentence.

Coumbatore
28th April
1791.

I am &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Ven.d Corbett.—

From Major General Abercromby with Letter for Lord Cornwallis congratulary on the Capture of Bangalore and expressing his Apprehensions that the advanced State of the Season will prevent the Cooperation of his Force with the Grand Army.

Camp on the Poudachenum Chaut.
7th April 1791.—

Sir

I have the honor to request that you after reading the enclosed Letter you will be pleased to forward it to the Right Honorable the Governor General.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) Rob.t Abercromby.

My Lord.—

I have received your Lordship's Letter of the 24th Ultimo and congratulate you on the fall of Bangalore; it would have been much more pleasing to me, however if the State of your Cattle would have admitted

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of an immediate Approach to Serengapatam, as the Bombay Troops, in that case, would have been a powerfull Reinforcement, and a free Communication on this Side for a Supply of stores, and Provisions might have been of essential Consequence I am now appreheu= =sive the advanced State of the Season will not admit of it, as a Reinforcement for Bom= =bay must leave this before the End of the Month and all our force must cantoon by the End of the next, as the Ghaut will soon= after wards be impossible I shall remain as long, however, as possible where I am, in hopes of hearing further from you, and knowing your wishes respecting me: as I have frequently written you discretion I am ready to move at a short notice if I can be of Service to you and the Communication is secured with about three Weeks Provision and a strong field Train Seringapatam can= =not detain me long - a battering train is at= Chuar.

Mr. Malet writes, that the Bhow

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2nd. Bhow is to join my Corps—I fear his Approach cannot be expected in him for me to advance, unless the Communication with you is soon opened and we can get firm footing in Mysore to remain the Monsoon.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt.
(Signed) Robt. Abercromby

Camp
April 6. 1791.—

W. C. Jackson Esquire
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for the Information of the Board a Copy of my Dispatch of this date to the Governor General, and to request that the Contents of Captain Kennaway's Letter may be communicated to General Medows and General Musgrave agreeably to that Gentleman's desire.

From Captain Kennaway &c. containing an Acct. of the Surrender of Cajeool on the 17th Ult.

As I am informed that the Enemy's Detachment by which I sent the Original of my Letter to Lord Cornwallis, is at present obstructed

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Obstructed, I have also to request that a Copy of this dispatch may be forwarded to his Lordship from Madras.

Paanguel 21st April 1791

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

P. S.

I have this Instant a Letter from Lieutenant Stewart dated the 13th Instant in which he informs me of Judge Manto junction with Lord Cornwallis 27th Cos. North of Chinta-mummy past having taken place on that day and that the Armies were to move the next Morning towards Colonel Oldhams Detachment

(Signed) JK

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

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter I have just received from Capt. Read dated the 17th Instant giving an Account of the Surrender of Kopul to the Nizams Arms on that day.

I should be wanting in justice to Captain Read if I were to avoid expressing to

Your

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Your Lordship my conviction that this important acquisition is to be entirely ascribed to his persevering and unwearied efforts which have so gallantly born up against and at length surmounted obstacles of the most disheartening nature arising from the badness and scarcity of almost every material requisite for the Siege of a Common Fort much more so for that of so strong a place as he has been employed against.

My satisfaction at this event has been in some degree abated by the circumstance of Captain Read having guaranteed to the brave Garrison he has reduced the terms of the Capitulation, because I am afraid it will be no more in Durjah's power than it has been in Purseram Bhows with respect to Dareswar to prevent its being violated, I shall request Captain Read that he will on no Account think of entering into a like engagement on any future occasion and shall immediately apply for the most positive orders being sent to Durjah Jah to take an example from the breach of faith in the

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2d. Marattas to the gallant Budrul Zeman and avoid bringing a like disgrace on the Nizams Government the Detachment the Detachment will be immediately directed to proceed to Gunjycotah.

I have not heard from Lieutenant Stewart since the 10th. Instant and trust Judge = Wenits junction with your Lordship has long ere this been effected Inclose a letter to your Lordships address from Mr. Ulthoff of the 12th. Instant and have the honor to be with the utmost respect. —

Your Lordships most Obedient & faithful Humble Servant
Signed John Kennaway

Paanguel
21st. April 1791

True Copy
(Signed) Gromy Mercer
Act. Agent

To
Captain John Kennaway
Resident at the Court of his Highness
the Nizam

Sir.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Enemy's Troops composing the Garrison of Copool marched out this Evening, and the place was taken possession of by those Rohillahs of Lurah Sahibs Troops the Terms

are

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2d. are all private property to be permitted to be carried away, all public to remain for the use of the Circars those terms I have guaranteed at the request of Darah Dah as the Garrison de = = manded it. They are to be escorted to Hooley hunnaor a place distant about thirty Cos. —

As I am anxious to dispatch this Express to you, and am otherwise a good deal engaged, permit me to request you will be so obliging as to acquaint the Honble General Medows Government and Major General Mr. Musgrave with the above, the Garrison marched out, and the place was taken possession of about five Oclock this afternoon.

I have the honor to be
Sr. and Sr.

(Signed) And.w Read
Capt.n Commd.g

Copy of Letter from Battery 17th April 8 oClock P.M. 1794.

True Copy
(Signed) Grand Mercer
Act.g Aj.t

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
President &.a Council.
at Fort St. George

From the Resident at Ganjam Tranquility restored in the Zemindaries of Vizianagur & Pattapaghery Disturbances in the Goomsur Zemindary enclosing an Account Sales of condemned Military stores — Invoice wanted of stores consigned to that Factory on the Ketch Active.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

I have the honor to acquaint you

that

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2nd That the differences between the Rajahs of Vizeanagur and Pittapaghery having so far subsided, as to remove the apprehension of any overtacts of hostility between them, I have been enabled to withdraw the Company which had for some months been stationed in the vicinity of those Zemindaries.

Some disturbances in the Goomsur Zemindary has induced me to detach a Company thither, to overawe the refractory, and to secure the Revenue Collections but I trust, that these troubles are of a temporary nature, and that tranquility will soon be restored. I have the honor to communicate to you an account of Sales of condemned Military Stores, which agreeably to the intimation conveyed in my letter of the 20th instant have been disposed of by Public Auction.

In my letter of the 4th. January last, I requested to be furnished with an Invoice of Stores which were received at this Factory by the Ketch Active John Harker Commander and were accompanied by a letter from

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from Mr. George Hall acting Commissary General of Stores dated 9th October 1790 This Invoice not having yet been received, precludes these Stores from being entered upon the books of the Factory, may I request therefore, that you will give orders that an Invoice be forwarded hither.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Ganjam
the
19th April 1791

&c. &c.
(Signed) W.m Crawford

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c. &c.

From the Comptroller General of Army — Accounts with statements of Balances outstanding on his Books and of Sums expended and his last Report —

Honble Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you the Quarterly Report, of Outstanding Balances, and the Sums of Money actually &c. Expended.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Harper
Lt &c.

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Refunded by different Individuals since the last Report to Government.— Viz.t.—

	Pag.s	f.s	6.ths
By Doctor Gahagan as.p Letter from him to Mr. Secretary Jackson of the 23d March last	100.	..	..
By Masulipatam Paymaster	1.	33.	76
By Ellore Paymaster	122.	37.	..
By Vizagapatam Paymaster	3.	29.	32.
By Pallamcotah Paymaster	48.	18.	10
By Lieutenant A. Dyce Barrack Master of the Southern Division	638.	1.	32
By Lieutenant Thomas Clerk Barrack Master of the Northern Division	328.	31.	16
Pagodas	1247.	25.	6.

Controller General's Department 3d May 1791

(Signed) J. Capper Cy.t

Statement of Outstanding Balances

Due from the Shepherds as per Garrison Storekeepers Books	521.	19.	..
Do. from Messrs. Corbett & Boyd	4381.	3.	56
Do. from Captain J. Campbell formerly Barrack Master of the Centre Division	12460	..	..
Do. from Mr. Willis in the Guntoor Circar Accounts	27404	10.	17
Do. from Officers during the Guntoor Expedition	6611	5.	24.
Do. from Mr. Johnstone late Pay-master of the Garrison of Trichinopoly	7572	24.	16
Pagodas	59108	35.	58.—

Controller General's Department. 3d May 1791.—

(Signed) Capper Cy.t

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At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

John Audleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General

Medows Absent upon Service.

Tuesday the 3d. May 1791.

Minutes of Last Consultation

read and Approved.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council —

From the Military Board recommending that some proper officer be ordered to the Presidency to take Charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory. and that a Committee be appointed for adjusting on the part of the Company the Claims of the Army to Prize Money — report on the Charge for European Staff for the Artillery of Capt.n Read's Detachment recommendation respecting the Ammunition left by Lieut.t Redde at Cuddalore enclosing a return of Gunpowder in store & List of Stores furnished by the storekeeper in March —

Sir.

We have been honored by the receipt the 4th of your Letter of the 16. 20. and Two of the 25th Instant. —

When the Commissary General of stores was ordered to Camp, We thought it our Duty to request you would please to nominate some person to take charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory, flattering ourselves that when Major Hall was removed from

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from the Presidency, some person might be sent either from the Army or some of the out Stations, who from a Knowledge of those particular Branches of the Service, might be deemed properly qualified for such an important Trust—When Major Hall is sufficiently recovered to join the Army, and Lieutenant Coupland is also gone who is now under Orders to march, the only Officers of Artillery, then left, will be Lieutenant Lewis whose Character we are almost entirely unacquainted with but, however well informed, or trust worthy he may be, We cannot, by any means think of Recommending that a young man, who has but only three years in the Country should be appointed to Superintend the Arsenal and Laboratory whilst he, at the same time he commands the Artillery, is the sole Officer of that Corps at the Presidency—

altho' We thus freely offer our Sentiments to you, upon this important Subject, in justice to the inferior Officers of

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the Ordnance Department, We must beg leave to say, that We do not mean to deprecate their Merit, and it is possible that some persons may be found amongst them, who would discharge their Duty not only with Zeal and Fidelity, but likewise with sufficient ability; but as none of them are so much Known to the Members of our Board, We trust you will excuse our not taking upon us, so much Responsibility as to recommend that they should be appointed to preside over Departments, in which they have hither to acted only in very Subordinate Stations.

We are happy on all occasions to pay a ready and implicit Obedience to your Commands, and could we hope to execute those you have been pleased to send us, respecting the prize Money of the Army, to your Satisfaction, Ardeous as the Task would be and foreign, as it Appears to us, to the business of our Board, We should not hesitate a Moment to apply for the List of Stores and other Documents, agreeably to your Directions But

being

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being already employed in making new Con=
=tracts for Cloathing the Army, for the store
Departments, for Cleaning the Streets of the
Fort and Black Town and for Keeping in =
repair the public Works added to the Current
Business which of itself is sufficient to
occupy almost all our time, We trust you =
will permit us to suggest a different mode
of Settling those Accounts now under Con=
=sideration.

Prize Agents have already been
nominated by the Captors who are all Military
Men, We are, therefore, of Opinion that on the =
part of the Company a Special Committee may
be Appointed, consisting of the Heads of Offices
of Disbursement, who having Accounts and =
Returns Regularly transmitted to them by
their respective Deputies, will no Doubt do
justice to the Company; and at the same time
Satisfy all reasonable Claims of the Captors,
and should any Doubts arise between these
two Committees, We shall be ready on all =
occasions, to offer our Advice and Opinion

as =

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as mediators between them should this propo-
=sal meet your Approbation, We beg leave to
recommend that the Stores Grain, Cattle and o-
ther Articles be estimated upon the spot, but
as some of them may again fall into the hands
of the Enemy, We humbly apprehend it will
be almost impossible to make a final Settle-
=ment until the conclusion of the War. 2

When the Estimate of the Monthly
Expenses of Captain Read's Detachment was
under our Consideration, We did not deem it
necessary to allow any European Staff for —
such a Small Detachment of Artillery nor
do we now see any reason for Admitting the
Charges made by Lieutenant Scott. 2

Lieutenant Riddel having
advised us of his being ordered to proceed
with his Detachment to Tholanjeur, and as
his Store of Ammunition has been left in —
charge of Two Sick Men at Conjeveram, We
submit the necessity of removing it hither, or
to Chinglepet, unless it shall be your Intin
=tion to station another Detachment at that
place

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Place.

Enclosed We transmit for your Information, a Return of Gunpowder remaining in Store on the 21st. Instant, also Copy of a List of Stores provided by the Military Storekeeper on march being, a portion of those ordered on the 21st. February - which having been duly examined, We have directed to be received upon the Company's Books.—

We have also examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory, — which are regularly brought up to the End of the preceding Month.—

We have the honor to be

S.a &c.a

(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave
Capter

Fort St. George
29th. April 1791

The Board are of Opinion in the present Situation of Affairs that there is no Alternative but to commit the Superintendance of the Arsenal and Laboratory at the Presidency to one of the inferior Officers of the Ordnance Department — the Choice to be

Minute thereon

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be left to the Military Board, and it is
hoped, that under this Circumspection he
will discharge the Duties entrusted to him
with Fidelity, until the Situation of the war
shall admit of the Appointment of a more
proper Person - In the meantime, it is agreed
to write to Major General Medows on the Sub-
=ject, and to request he will take the first
Opportunity of sending an Officer to the Pr.
Providency to supply the Place of the Com-
=missary General of Stores.

As the Military Board have
stated that the various Duties in which they
are employed renders it impracticable for them
to go into the Investigation and Adjustment
of the Claims of the Army to Prize Money —
It is now resolved that the Arrangement of this
Business be transferred to a Committee of
three Persons - Viz.t Mes.rs Josias Du Pre
Porcher - Joseph Garrow and Robert Woolf —
Inst, as these Gentlemen cannot be supposed
competent to decide on the Value of Military
Stores, or what Articles ought to be received and
what rejected by the Company - it is further

A Committee
appointed for ad-
=justing the Claims
of the Army to
Prize Money.

resolved

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Resolved, that the Military Board be directed to call for the Lists ordered in a former Letter, and having struck out such Stores as are now = less and caused a reasonable Value to be affixed on the Remainder, to send the Lists to the Committee.

Ordered, that the necessary Instructions be prepared for the Committee

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Proceedings of the Hospital Board recommending that the Sick of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry at Ellore be sent to Masulipatam: that Mr. Morton be ordered to join his Corps at the Presidency that Mr. Conolly may draw an allowance for a Palanquin and that Messrs. Murdock Campbell & Gaspar De Bruge be appointed Assistant Surgeons—

Hospital Board
2d May 1791.—

The Sick of the 2d Regiment of European Infantry that were left at Ellore, being ordered to this = town, the Hospital Board recommend that they be sent to the General Hospital of Masulipatam, and that Mr. Morton the Assistant to that Regiment be ordered to join his Corps at the Presi= dency.

Read

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Read a Letter from Mr. Conolly, Assistant Surgeon represen-
ting the unavoidable necessity he is under of keeping a Palanquin to execute the additional Duty to which he has been lately ordered, in consequence of Mr Harriss removal, and requesting that Government will be pleased to grant him the usual allowance for that purpose.

As Mr. Conolly is liable to be frequently called upon to visit — Patients in different parts of the Black Town The Hospital Board con-
cur in his request not unreasonable and recommend it be complied with.

On the present want of Assistant Surgeons with the uncertainty that always

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always attends their arrival from Europe and there being no native Corps from whence any can be drawn the Hos= =pital Board recommend that Messrs. Murdock Campbell and Gaspar Le Bruyn who have pro= =duced Certificates of their Qualification be admitted as Assistant Surgeons on this Establishment until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known —

Sam. Anderson. —
Physician General
William Duffin —
Head Surgeon —

W. Huddleston delivers in the following Minute. —

Mr. Huddleston's Motives respecting the Admission of Assistant Surgeons on this Establishment who are not appointed by the Court of Directors —

Minute on Hospital Board Letter of the 3d. May 1791

It has not been without the greatest reluctance that I have concurred in

the

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the various appointments that have been made similar to those now recommended by the Hospital Board—that they have been necessary I do not presume to deny, but the necessity appears to me to have arisen from the alteration made some time since in the medical establishment by which every Battalion of Sepoys is furnished with an Assistant Surgeon an Alteration which produces a great Increase of Expence without in my opinion, any essential use, or benefit to the service since it is well known that in Sickness the Sepoys will not have recourse to our Surgeons or our medicines, and in wounds in the field they are on the same footing now as before the Alteration took place, for they were always taken care of such cases,—I have therefore no apprehension that the Service will suffer from our having suppressed the Assistant Surgeons that were lately required by Lord Cornwallis from the Native Battalions in Garrison, and instead of complying with the present recommendation of the Hospital Board I should be glad that the door were entirely shut against such appointments but as shall on any be judged necessary practicable

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practicable in the present situation of affairs I shall only beg leave to propose that it be established as a positive regulation that no person shall be admitted in future into the Company's Service as an Assistant Surgeon who cannot produce a licence from the Honble Court of Directors for his coming to India, and that besides that restoration no one shall be appointed to that station without having previously undergone a regular examination by the Hospital Board and without a declaration under their hands, that he has been regularly educated as a Surgeon and is perfectly qualified to act in that profession.

(Signed) J. Huddleston

Mr. Stirling, President agrees entirely in Opinion with Mr. Huddleston—resolved therefore that the Hospital Board be advised accordingly—and that the appointments of Messrs. Campbell and De Bourg, be not made

Minute of the Board thereon—

Ordered that the Sick of the 72d. Regiment of European Infantry at Ellore be sent to the General Hospital at Masulipatam,

Minutes on the Proceedings of the Hospital Board—

and—

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and that Mr. Morton be directed to join his Corps at the Presidency.

The Board are of Opinion that Mr. Conolly, when his Rank in the Service is Considered, is in Receipt of very ample Emolument - no allowance for a Palanquin can therefore be granted.

Read the following Letter from the Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the Administration of Mr. Holland.

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

Honble Sir.

From the Committee for investigating the Charges against the Administration of Mr. Holland recommending that Mr. Ram be directed to name the person who paid a Sum of Money to Paupiah in consideration of his Appointment & that Siggarow be called upon to make certain declarations relative to his release from Confinement during Mr. Hollands Administration.

In compliance with your orders to make enquiry respecting the process by which Mr. Ram was supposed to have obtained his appointment of resident at Tanjore during Mr. Hollands Government, we have called upon Tanjore Soobarow, the person who has acted with Mr. Ram as his Dubash, upon the supposition that he might be the person alluded to by Mr. Ram as having given money for a recommendation from Paupiah to him; upon enquiry from

him

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him we cannot find that he ever gave any own for such recommendation, we are therefore at a loss to know how to proceed further on that enqui=ry, or to form an opinion of the person meant by Mr. Ram, We therefore request that Mr. Ram may be called upon to declare the name of the person to whom he has alluded in his letter to Government, that we may be enabled to proceed with some certainty and not loose our time in fruitless enquiries.

We have been given to understand that Juggarow generally known by the appella=tion of the Vizagapatam Dubash, had been kept in confinement at Madras for some time pre=vious to the succession of Mr. John Hollond to Government and that during his ad=ministration he was released from Confine=ment and permitted to return to Vizagapatam on payment, as we have been informed of a considerable Sum of Money, as a Present to Mr. Hollond.

We have thought it our duty to mention this information as it hath come to us- your Honble Board may possibly think it ne=cessary

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necessary that this Circumstance should be en-
inquired into - in which case, in order to avoid
those delays which would occurr in sending the
natives from any distance, to the Presidency;
that we may as soon as possible finally close
our proceedings, which we anxiously wish
to do, we beg leave to Suggest, that the Chief &
Council at Vizagapatam be directed to call
upon Suggarow without delay, to declare whe-
ther or not he paid any Sum for his release and
permission to return to Vizagapatam, and what
explicitly to declare what were the negociations
carried on to effect this purpose, and with, and
by whom to whom the money was paid, when
and where; to be particular as to the dates and
places of payment - his Deposition to be taken
on Oath, and that he be required to mention
the names of such persons as he might have
borrowed money from here for this purpose -
or such as were employed in carrying the -
Money, Servants, or others, that those who are
now at Vizagapatam may in like manner be
examined to the truth of his assertions, on oath,
and such as may still be at the Presidency,

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may be called before us.

We have been thus particular in stating the points to which he should be examined that time may be saved, and the probable necessity of an after reference, should be examination not be fully compleat avoided.

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

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} Signed { Harper
Benj.n Roebuck
Joseph Garrow

Minute thereon

Ordered, that Letters be written to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam and to Mr. Ram, as recommended by the Committee.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Accounts & Revenue.

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

Hon.ble Sir.

We have the honor to inform you that we have received a Letter from the Collector

From the Board of Accounts & Revenue ordering that the Banks of the Pallery in the Tanjore Collectorship District be repaired previous to the Setting in of the rains & that the Collector be permitted to take possession of two Districts contiguous to Tanjore and Guddoors required for repairing the Nabob's Horses at Tinnevelly now supported by the Collector of Carnatic Rauze & requesting that Nagpatam Rauze may not be sent to the Presidency.

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Collector at Trichinopoly, in which he transmits an account of Repairs, which are necessary to the banks before the filling of the Rivers. This Charge always Originates with Government, because it is Requisite to make the Repairs before the end of the Year, and cannot therefore be included in the present Renters Moochulka. We Recommend that the amount of Mr. Andrews's Statement Viz.t 60,000 Rupies should be allowed for, tho' Government be exposed to the immediate Charge, Yet the advantages which the Country must derive from such an improvement will enhance the Rent of the ensuing Year; this advance is the more necessary, because we have Reason to believe that these useful assistances have been very much withheld under the Rabobi Administration. Should your Honble Board adopt our Recommendation we shall insert a Clause in the Moochulkas of the next Year, by which the Reimbursement of this money will be secured to the Company in the event of the Rabobi Country being returned under their management and on the other hand, should it be found expedient to annul the

Assumption,

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a presumption, that Sum will be charged to his Highness's debit as an advance to be recovered from the future Renters. Thus the Company will have the Satisfaction of introducing without expence to themselves a Solid benefit to the Country, which, tho' absolutely necessary, we fear has been much neglected throughout the Carnatic.

Mr. Andrews has also requested our permission to take possession of two districts Contiguous to the borders of Tonjore: the one produces an Annual Revenue of 75,000. the other of 30,000 Rupees The Rhedy engages to perform this Service; and, as we believe the force which Tippoo Sultaun has been able to save for this defence, to be very small We have Sanguine hopes this Object may be compassed without much Opposition or Expence It is particularly understood that these Lands, when conquered are to be held for the Company, and not to be annexed to the districts of Tonjore.

We have received a Letter from Mr.

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Mr. Torin, who informs us that 50 Horses of his Highness the Nabob's Troops are at Tiri=
=nevelly, They have bun hitherto supported by a large supply of Grain, which was laid up before the assumption; and by a small=
=advance of Money from the Rajah of Travan=
=core. As this Stock is now exhausted the Horse Keepers have become mutinous; and the Collector has been under the necessity of advancing a months pay to pacify them till the instructions of Government could be received.

We take the liberty of inclosing Copy of a Letter, which we have received from Cawel Rauze, and of recommending it to your attention.

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

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(Signed) { J. Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

Translation

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Translation of a Gentoo Letter from Rajah Cauvaty Rauz to John Hudleston Esqr. &ca. Gentlemen of the Board of Revenue no date but received 29th. April 1791.—

Mr. Hindersley and Captain Massey having arrived at Narnaverum, removed Nursimma Rauze from the management of the affairs and put it into my management agreable to your order. as I have given you a Tup by the Sowcar and the Money ought to be paid to him according to the Agrument I entered with him, All this while that Nursimma Rauze having managed the affairs, whom the abovesaid Gentlemen have put under a Guard, and sent him to Madras, you have favored the management of the Country to me newly if you will detain him there, how can the Accounts will be settled and pay the Money to the Sowcar my Father have only but one Daughter, whom he has given in marriage to the said Nursimma Rauze my Parents and Sister thought that I have caused him to be sent under Guard, and say that unless I get him returned to Narnave=

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= oam they will not drink Water and loose their life,
if such grief is happened in the Family after you
have been pleased to put me into the management
it will be disgrace to me that Duruvemma Rauze
is sick man wherefore if you will be pleased to
grant him leave to return, I will keep him
prisoner here, and take the Accounts of Wapoid
Baukey from him; If he has done any mispe to the
Company or to the Committee, I hope you will
confer the favor on this Dumotan and excuse
him, besides which, so much as a Lack of Pa-
Pagodas was borrowed at Madras of Duruvem
=ma Rauz comes to Madras, the Creditors —
will take this opportunity and prosecute him
in the Mayors Court, but will never be released
and it will be great disgrace to us, wherefore
the Gentlemen of the Board will be pleased to
send orders immediately to stop him from carry=
=ing to Madras, As you are Charitable Gen=
=tlemen, I hope you will be pleased to grant
any above request.

A true Copy
(Signed) J Webbe Secy

The Board approved, for the

Minute thereon reasons given, the Execution of the repairs necessary

to

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to the Banks, previous to the filling of the Divers
Mr. Andrews, however must be instructed
to pay particular Attention to the Expenditure
of the money forwarding regular Accounts of
the Disbursements properly checked, to the Board
of Assumed Revenue.

Agreed that Mr. Andrews be
permitted to take Possession of the two Districts
contiguous to the Borders of Tinnivelly, provided
it can be done with little Risk.

Resolved that a Letter be written
to his Highness the Nabob, stating the Circumstances
respecting the fifty Horses at Tinnivelly, and
suggesting the Propriety of delivering them over
to the Commanding Officer that they may be sent
to Vellore for the Company's Cavalry.

Ordered that the Guard, escorting
Narsim Rauze to the Presidency, be directed
to return with him to Vellore, and deliver him
up to Mr. Kendersley who will keep him in
safe Custody so long as it may be judged ne-
cessary.

Read the following Letters &c

from

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from the Nabob entered also in C. C. Nos. 96. 97. 98.)

Translation

From the Nabob Walajah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Dated 21st. Shabaun 1205 Hegery

or

26th. April 1791.—

Received 12th. April 1791.—

I have received your Letter of the 1st. Shabaun 1205 Hegery answering to 6th. April 1791. with respect to what you wrote me about the Sum of 21,360 Pagodas for charitable expences according to Treaty, exclusive of the Jaghires of my Family—the case is this—the Yoomidars Charities are paid from the Talookas agreable to the Perwanahs of the former Soubahdars, as well as my own, and do not belong to my Treasury

From the Nabob requesting his request that the District of Setteras may be given up to him in lieu of the established allowance for charitable Expences.

It appears by the Accounts that of the aforesaid Sum of 21,360 Pagodas for the Yoomiah dars the Sum of 11,270 Pagodas is to be paid from the Mahals of my Family Jaghires which the Jaghiredars will pay agreably to their Sunnuds from their respective Talookas, and of course their Income therefrom will be so much deficient—I therefore

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request you will be pleased to surrender the Jumma Talook of Sutwear in lieu of that Sum, to the end that the Yoomiahdars may get the full amount of their Yoomiahs, and at the same time the compleat Sum of Two Lacks and thirteen Thousand Star Pagodas be received by me Family according to Treaty.

I am assured that my friend will cause payment of the established Charities from the other Districts, so that the Poor may receive their Right (which is distinct and de=parate from the public Revenues) at this time whilst there are revenues still remaining in the Countries, and not be distressed for want of their usual subsistance.

What can I say more
Abu translation
(Signed) Joseph Garrow
B.e P.r

Translation

From the Nabob Waulajah to Sir Chas. Oakeley Bt.

Dated 24th Shabaun 1205 Hegery
or
29th April 1791
Recd 30 April 1791

From the Nabob requesting to be furnished with Sundry Accounts

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I have to request you will do me the favour to send me the Account of the Collections made from my Country whether from the present Year's Revenues or from the Balances of the last Year from the period that my friends assumed the Revenues of the Carnatic up to the present time — together with the particulars of the Rents and the Jamahbundies of each District respectively that I may inspect into them, — and after having done so I shall have occasion to say something to you upon the Subject.

What can I say more

A true translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow
Pr. Tr.

Wg

Translation

From the Nabob Waulaujah to Sir Chas. Oakeley Bt.

Dated 26th Shabaun 1205 Hegery
or
1st May 1791

Received 1st May 1791

Enclosed I send you a State=ment of the monthly Pay of the Circars Writers who are employed to investigate the Accounts of the Countries.

From the Nabob requesting that the Expence of the Writers employed in the investigation of the Accounts of the Countries may be depayed by the Collectors and carried to Account of the Sebbendy Charges of the Districts. —

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I request you will be pleased to furnish me with orders to your Collectors directing the pay of these people to be paid them from the 15th. Fermaudi Sofaney or 19th. February 1791 and carried to Account of the Subsidie Charges of the Districts.

What can I say more
Above translation
(Signed) Josh. Gurnow
Bde. Sr.

Statement of the Monthly Pay of the Circars Writers who are employed in the Several Districts of the Carnatic to investigate the Accounts.

In the Districts of—

Nellore and Servapilly	St. Pag. 160..
Ongole	80..
Pulnaud	80..
Vellore &c.	130..
Tirumulay &c.	130..
Munnargoody &c.	120..
Wormar Pollum	60..
Arrealore	60..
Trichinopoly	60..
Madura	200..
Ramnaud	120..
Shivagunga & Mellorenaud	80..
Tinnevelly	80
	200
Sta. Pag.	1500

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The Board have already assigned Sufficient Reasons to his Highness why the Districts of Sedasear could not be given up for the Purpose of Supplying the Deficiency occasioned by the Payment of Yoomiah from his Jaghire Lands. — As the Reasons which then operated, still exist, It is agreed to inform the Nabob that his Demand will be referred to the Decision of the Honorable Court of Directors.

Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from the Nabob

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be directed to furnish the Account called for by the Nabob.

Resolved that his Highness be informed that Orders will be given to the Company's Collectors to pay the Monthly

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Monthly Sum of fifteen hundred Pagodas (1500) Pagodas to the Circar writers &c employed in the Inspection of the Accounts of the Countries so soon as it be known that it will be agreeable to the Nabob to have the above Sum deducted from his one fifth, as it cannot with Propriety be carried to Account of the Subsidy Charges of the Districts. &c

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper

To the Honble Major Genl. Medows.

From the Military Storekeeper with a Statement shewing the Difference in the Prices of Articles furnished by him upon Oath, with those furnished upon the former System.

President and Governor &c in Council

Honble Sir

Fort St George

In obedience to your Orders

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Orders under date 26th Ultimo I have the honor to lay before you a Comparative Statement, shewing the difference in the Prices of the Articles furnished by me on Oath, with those furnished upon the former System.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Mr. Storekeeper

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Military Stores Furnished by the Storekeeper in the Month of March 1791

Price Charged by former Military Storekeeper

				Total Pags. Fs. Cs.	Pags. Fs. Cs.
General Sleeping Tent Complete		1	@	348.20.50	Each 348.20.50
Field Officers	D°	12	@	110 " "	D° 1320 " "
Officer		42	@	60 " "	D° 2520 " "
Sepoy new Const^n. 30	Old Construction		@	Pags. 31.18.Cs.	
	add^l. Expence for new Const^n.	1.10.40	@	35.28.40	D° 1073.27 "
Necessary		10	@	12.18 "	D° 125 " "
Cartridge with Belts Old Construction		1000	@	72.18 "	Fs. 725 " "
Cartridge Pouches			@		
with Belts new Const^n. 200	Old Construction	72.18.Fs.			
	add^l. Expence for New Const^n	5 " "	@	77.18 "	D° 155 " "
Shoulder Belts		1500	@	20 " "	D° 300 " "
Belts for Hatchets		290	@	30.31.40	D° 89.19.30
D°. for Hanr Bills		290	@	22.18 "	D° 65.9 "
Pouch Belts Spare		500	@	16 " "	D° 80 " "
Bayonett Scabbards		1500	@	6.9 "	D° 93.27 "
Sword Scabbards		100	@	21.19 "	D° 21.19 "
Leather Slings		100	@	7 " "	D° 70 " "
Sticks	Pair	32	@	15.35 "	D° 15.35 "
Slings		50	@	21.9 "	D° 10.22.40
Braces		1000	@	2.3 "	D° 20.30 "
Slings for fire cases with Tassels		50	@	43.27 "	D° 21.31.40
Brass fire cases		20	@	2 " "	Each 40 " "
Leather Buckets Double		50	@	45 " "	Fs. 22.18 "
Bullock Collars with strong Iron Rings			@		
new Const^n. 300	Old Construction	Pags. 6.9.Fs.			
	add^l. Expence for new Const^n	1 " "	@	7.9 "	Fs. 24.27 "
Country hides		50	@	33.12 "	D° 16.24 "

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Prime Cost Charged by the present Military Storekeeper		Differena	Remarks.
	Total		
Pag.. - f.. 6s.	Pag.. f.. 6s.	Pag.. f.. 6s.	
@ 256.. 18..20. Each	256.. 18.20.	92. 2. 30	
@ 82.. 21. .. Do..	990.	330..	
@ 43. .. .. Do..	1806.	714	
@ 27.. 10..40 Do..	817..21. ..	256..6.. ..	
@ 9.. 14..70..Do..	93..22.60.	31..19.20.	
@ 36..35..60..Do..	368..21.40.	356..20..40	
@ 41..35..60..Do..	83..29..40.	71.12..40.	
@ 10..37..60..Do..	163..20..20.	136..21.60..	
@ 15..37..60..Do..	46..4..40.	43..14..70.	
@ 11..26..40..Do..	33..30..50.	31..20..30.	
@ 7.. .. .. Do..	35..	45..	
@ 4..26..20..Do..	69..15.60.	24.11.20.	
@ 12..21.. .. Do..	12..21.. ..	8..10..	
@ 1.. .. .. Do..	10..	30..	
@ 8.. .. .. Do..	8..	7..35..	
@ 8..21.. .. Do..	2..30..20..	1..27..60..	
@ 15.. .. .. Do..	7..21..	3..1..10..	
@ 1.. .. .. Do..	10..	10..30.. ..	
@ 32.. .. .. Do..	16..	5..31..10..	
@ 1.. 5..20..Each..	22..21..	17..21..	
@ 26..34..10..Ps..	13..17..20..	9.. .. 60..	
@ 5..10..10..Do..	15..31..10.	5..37..10.	
@ 25.. .. .. Do..	12..21.. ..	4.. 3.. ..	

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Price Charged by former Military Storekeepers.

					Total
Gunny Carriage bags for Powder	200.	@	43.18..	Do.	87.. ..
Do. for Ammunition	200.	@	43.18..	Do.	87.. ..
Do. for Shot	200.	@	20.. ..	Do.	40.. ..
Dungree Sand bags Small	75.	@	7.31.40	Do.	5.32.50
Handspikes Purchasings	50.	@	26.18..	Do.	13.. 9..
Do. Traversings	60.	@	40.. ..	Do.	24.. ..
Sponge Staves Trincamala Wood	100.	@	35.. ..	Do.	35.. ..
Yoke Pins	790.	@	3.. ..	Do.	23.25.15
Steel Bills	50.	@	6.. 9..	Do.	3.. 4.30
Esses Irons	50.	@	6.. 9..	Do.	3.. 4.40
Punches for Tubes Steel	50.	@	3.17..	Do.	1.26.40
Steel Spikes	41.	@	1.14..	Do.	.. 20.40
Spring Spikes	20.	@	3.17..	Do.	.. 25..
Copper Tubes Empty 18 Pdr.	1000.	@	3.18..	Do.	35.. ..
12 Pdr.	1058.	@	2.. 9..	Do.	23.29..
6 Do.	1282.	@	1.18..	Do.	19.. 8.25
3 Do.	305.	@	1.13.40	Do.	4.. 7..
Hammers	1100.	@	1.21.40	Do.	17.20.40
Pickers	3650.	@	.. 10..	Do.	10.. 5..
Hand hatchets with helves	1006.	@	22.. 8..	Do.	223.20..
Copper Hoops with Rivets for Powder Bar. 5657 pz. Ca.	18.12.11.	@	96.27..	₱ Candy	1801.24.35
Barrels Empty for Powder Tinfoiled	800.	@	132.. 9..	₱	1058.. ..
Do. for Ammunition	600.	@	71.11.20	Do.	427.31.40
Rattans for Do. Bundles	210.	@	34.18..	Do. Bl.	72.16.15
Cotton Match Sky. 82 pz. Md.	10.15.	@	53.12..	₱ Ca.	28.. 9.50
Country Do. Do. 200 Do. Ca.	2.12½	@	4.22.40	Do.	9.. 13.15
Cotton Rope white Sky. 500 pz. Do.	1.16⅜	@	1.. ..	₱ 2¾ Viss	105.. 3.20
Blue Rope Sky.	186.	@	.. 9..	Each	46.18..
Cotton lash Md.	9.6¼	@	1.. ..	₱ 2½ Viss	29.21.50
Longcloth Brown Pieces	200.	@	62.18..	₱ Corge	625.. ..
Do. White Do.	100.	@	60.. ..	Do.	300.. ..
Waxed Cloth Double Pieces	200.	@	2.13.40	₱ piece	475.. ..

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		Prime Cost Charged by the present Military Storekeeper	Total.	Difference	Remarks.
a	31..24..60 ℔		63..7..40	23..34..40	
a	24..37.. .. D°		49..32.. ..	37..10.. ..	
a	13 30..60.. D°		27..19..40	12..22..40	
a	5.. .. 20.. D°		3..31..55	2.. .. 75	
a	21.. .. .. D°		10..21.. ..	2..30.. ..	
a	28.. 10..40 D°		16..39..70	7.. 2..10	
a	25.. .. .. D°		25..	10..	
a	.. 31..40.. D°		5..38..70	17..28..25	
a	3..21.. .. D°		1..31..40	1..15.. ..	
a	4.. 2..60.. D°		2.. 1..30	1.. 3..10	
a	1.. 5..20.. D°		.. 23..50	1.. 2..70	
a	1.. .. .. D°		.. 17..20	.. 3..20	
a	1.. 10..40.. D°		.. 10..40	.. 14..40	
a	.. 38..20.. D°		9.. 4..40	35..37..40	
a	.. 34.. 5.. D°		8.. 24..30	15..4..50	
a	.. 30..35.. D°		9.. 12..15	9..38..10	
a	.. 27.. .. D°		1..40..30	2.. 8..50	
a	1.. .. .. D°		11..	6..20..40	
a	.. 6.. .. D°		5.. 9.. ..	4..38.. ..	
a	14..29..20.. D°		147..35..45	75..26..35	
a	76..15..40.. ℔a		1122..6..5	379..18..30	
a	115.. .. .. ℔°		920..	138..	
a	62.. .. .. D°		372..	55..31..40	
a	30.. .. .. ℔B¹		63..	9..16..15	
a	40.. .. .. ℔a		21..8..30	7.. 1..20	
a	3..36..60.. D°		7..35..45	1..19..50	
a	40.. .. .. D°		72..10..40	32..34..60	
a	.. 5..60.. Each		25..19..40	20..40..40	
a	40.. .. .. ℔a		18..21.. ..	11.. .. 50	
a	48.. .. .. ℔orge		480..	145..	
a	49.. .. .. D°		245..	55..	
a	1..34..60.. ℔pins		365..20..	109..22..	

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			Price Charged by former Military Storekeeper	Total
Loose Coir	Ca 2..	@	17.18.. ₰Ca	35.. ..
Coir Cordage 1½ Inch Coils 47 p/z	D° 2..	@	20.. .. ₰°	40.. ..
Europe Junk	Cwt 92.. ..	@	3.9.. ₰Cwt	299.. ..
Wax	Ca 2.2.4.	@	90.. .. ₰Ca	189.25.75
Files	433..	@	2.. .. ₰Dozen	72.6..
Tar	Barrels 20	@	7.. .. Each	140.. ..
Grease	Copper 4.	@	5.18.. ₰°	22.. ..
Iron flat Bars 115 p/z	Ca 12.6.16.	@	16.27.. ₰Ca	206.20.20
Linseed Oil	Gallons 154.	@	1.. .. ₰Gall.	154.. ..
Charcoal	Loops 740.	@	1.. .. ₰36 Loops	20.20..
Flower	Mds. 100.	@	.. 3.. .. Each	8.12..
Firewood	Billets 3600.	@	2.22.40 ₰ Mill.	12.2.55
Bratties	6600.	@	.. 1.60 ₰°	3.7.40
Curtain for Grape Boatties	1..	@	.. .. ..	9.11.20
Green Cloth	Piece 3..	@	.. 35 20 ₰ piece	2.33.60
Bethelas	D° 4..	@	1.. .. ₰°	4.. ..
Teak Gunnon Planks	11..	@	12.6.60 Each	136.2.20
Red wood Piece 1 p/z	Ml. 11.19..	@	6.22.40 ₰Ca	3.32.20
Sheathing Boards	60.	@	40.. .. ₰°	24.. ..
Trinkamala Joists	3	@	7.27.. ₰°	2.8.60
Salt Petre	Ca 2..	@	15.. .. ₰Ca	30.. ..
Glue	lb 25..	@	.. 1.40 ₰lb	3.4.40
Cotton	lb 50..	@	35.. .. ₰Ca	5.18..
Camphire	lb 70..	@	7.15.60 ₰ M°	20.29.55
Sail Needles	500..	@	1.14.. ₰°	6.34..
Sewing Needles	975..	@	.. 22.40 ₰°	6.. 3.30
Europe Twine	lb 22½	@	1.. .. ₰3lb	7.. 13..
Bengal Twine	lb 76..	@	40.. .. ₰Ca	6.. 2.70
Cotton Tape for Ammunition Pouches	Yards 32..	@	1.. .. ₰24 y°	1.12..
Scissors	Pair 130.	@	10.. .. ₰°	13.. ..
Knife for Cutting Paper	1	@	.. .. ..	4.50
Rasps	12..	@	3.. .. ₰Doz°	3.. ..
Tent Pins	100.	@	1.1.40 ₰°	1.1.40
Mallets	2..	@	.. 3.. Each	.. 6..
Tallow	lb 10..	@	.. 4.40 ₰lb	1.9..

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		Prime Cost Charged by the present Military Storekeeper	Difference	Remarks.
	Total.			
@	11 " " Ha	22 " "	13 " "	
@	14 31 40 D°	29 21 "	10 21 "	
@	2 31 40 Doz	253 " "	46 " "	
@	62 " " Ea	130 29 20	58 38 55	
@	1 36 60 Doz	67 27 45	11 20 35	
@	4 31 40 Each	95 " "	45 " "	
@	3 " " D°	12 " "	10 " "	
@	15 " " Ha	184 41 15	21 21 5	
@	" 36 60 Gall	134 31 40	19 10 40	
@	1 " " Bskt	13 29 45	6 32 35	
@	" 2 10 Each	5 2 20	3 9 40	
@	2 " " M	9 8 30	2 36 25	
@	" 1 30 F°	2 6 60	1 " 60	
@		7 10 40	2 9 60	
@	" 38 20 Spun	2 30 60	" 3 "	
@	" 31 40 D°	3 " "	1 " "	
@		122 32 "	11 12 20	
@		3 21 10	" 11 10	
@		21 12 "	2 30 "	
@	65 " " F°	1 39 70	" 10 70	
@	15 " " Ha	30 " "	" " "	
@		2 27 40	" 19 "	
@		2 35 40	" 24 40	
@	6 " " M	16 33 50	3 38 5	
@	1 2 " F°	5 10 "	1 24 "	
@	" 18 60 D°	4 14 65	1 30 45	
@	1 " " Bkt	7 21 "	" " "	
@	30 " " Ea	4 23 40	1 21 30	
@	1 " " Doz	" 37 25	" 16 55	
@	6 10 40 F°	8 5 20	4 36 60	
@		" 4 "	" " 50	
@		1 36 60	1 5 20	
@		" 30	" 13 40	
@	" 2 60 Each	" 5 40	" " 40	
@	" 3 10 Ea	" 31 20	" 19 60	

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Price Charged by former Military Storekeepers

						Total
Dusspurs		11	@	6	Each	1.30
Gunny Twine	M.	2	@	21	Ms	2.3.50
Paddy Husk	Loads	10	@			2.40
Lamp Oil	Measr	1	@			6
Coconut Baunshes		80	@			13.25
Soops		24	@	50		15
Brooms	Bundles	34	@	10	Each	4.20
Pots and Pans		57	@	50	Do	35.50
Red Cotton	lb	1	@			15
Chests		41	@	27	Each	30.27
Box		1	@			18
Cask		1	@			2
Gunpowder made as 60lb Barrs 533 pz		Ca. 63.19.5				
Trail Garrison Carriage New Constn for Mustee 6 Pdrs 1	Old Construction	@ Pa. 73.25.56				
	add. Expence for new Constn	6.25.34				80.15.10
Field Carriage with Limber for Iron Gun new Constn for mustee 18 Pdr 1	Old Construction	@ Pa. 350			Ea	397.20.60
	add. expence for new Constn	47.20.60				
Limber for Iron Gun new Constn for mustee 24 Pdr 1			@			166.4.65
Do	Do	Do	Do	12 Pr	1 @	134.26.35
Do for Brass Gun	Do	Do	18 Pr		1 @	167.3.20
Do	Do	Do	Do	12 Pr	1 @	154.21.50
Do	Do	Do	Do	6 Pr	1 @	129.11.47
Carts with Platforms			10	@	30.18 Each	305
Mortar bed new Construction for mustee 3½ Inch			1	@		16.15.26
Mortar bed new Construction for						
Mustee 4½ Inch 1	Old Construction	@ Pa. 9			Ea	
	add. expence for new Constn	2.10.60		@	10.10.60	10.10.60
Iron Chain for Iron Gun 18 Pdr			10	@	70 Each	700
Brass Boxes large for naves of Field Carriage 3 Pdr			4	@		16.2.30

Pagodas 16.603.33.71

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	Prime Cost Charged by the present Military Storekeeper	Differences	Remarks.
Total			
@ .... 4 .. Each	1 .. 2	28	
@ .. 18 .. 10 .. 40 .. Ha	1 .. 34 .. 50	11	
@	.. 2	.. 40	
@	.. 4 .. 40 ..	1 .. 40 ..	
@	.. 10	3 .. 25 ..	
@	.. 12	3	
@	.. 2 .. 10	2 .. 10	
@	.. 28 .. 40	7 .. 10 ..	
@	.. 12 .. 40	2 .. 40	
@	30 .. 27	.. .. ..	
@	.. 18	.. .. ..	
@	1 .. 22 .. 40 ..	19 .. 40 ..	
@	80 .. 15 .. 10 ..	.. .. ..	
@	295 .. 5 .. 60 ..	102 .. 15	
@	144 .. 13 .. 50 ..	21 .. 33 .. 15 ..	
@	116 .. 39 .. 50 ..	17 .. 28 .. 65 ..	
@	145 .. 6 .. 60 ..	21 .. 38 .. 40 ..	
@	134 .. 15 .. 15 ..	20 .. 6 .. 35 ..	
@	112 .. 12 .. 5 ..	16 .. 41 .. 35 ..	
@ .. 21 .. 31 .. 34 .. Each	217 .. 40 .. 20 ..	87 .. 1 .. 60	
@	11 .. 12 .. 40 ..	5 .. 2 .. 66 ..	
@	10 .. 10 .. 60 ..	.. .. ..	
@ .. 27 .. 4 .. 55½	271 .. 4 .. 75 ..	428 .. 37½ .. 5 ..	
@	13 .. 30	2 .. 14 .. 30 ..	
Pagodas	12136 .. 21 .. 5 ..	4462 .. 18 .. 61 ..	

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
M.t Storekeeper

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Ordered that Mr. Porcher be

directed to draw out an Account shewing the

Minute thereon annual Cost to the Company for the last five

Years, for the Possession of Military Stores by

the Storekeeper.

Read the following Letters from

the Military Paymaster General.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

Acting President

Fort St. George

Honble Sir.—

I am honored with your Com=

=mands of this days date intimating that it is

your pleasure the Committee for the examination

of His Majesty's Accounts shall be abolished

and the duty of that Committee performed by me

as Military Paymaster General.— I have in

consequence made the necessary arrangement

for carrying your Orders into Execution.—

From the Military Paymaster General additional Esta=

=blishment of Servants required for the De=

=partment of In=

=vestigation of the Kings Accounts &

applies for the reim=

=bursement of money disbursed by the late Committee on Account of Office Rent.—

I beg leave to represent to you

that it was at the urgent request of my Predecess=

=ors that a Committee were appointed for this

purpose who declared his inability to attend

the duties of his other Employs and fulfill the

objects

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objects of the Committee—Those Writers a Peon and a Mootchie have been hither to employed in this Department, and the Duties cannot be fulfilled by favor I hope I shall have your Orders to employ these Servants.—

Since the period of the Recommencement of the Committee being [illegible] 1790 I have furnished at my own expence an Office in which the Business has been conducted I therefore have to request you will be pleased to allow me to make a Monthly charge of 25 Pagodas a Month for Office Rent.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c.—

(Signed) Benj.n Roebuck
M. P.G.l—

Pay Office
Fort St. George
30th April 1791.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President
Fort St. George

From the Military Paymaster General states that eight months off Reckonings for the Year 1788. are due to the Captains of Native Infantry.—

Honble Sir.

On reference to the orders received in this Office during the time of my Predecessor I find that an Extract of Consultation of the 30th Janry 1789. was transmitted to the Paymaster General

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Gen.l Authorizing him to pay the Off.ce Reckonings up to May 1788. by Bills on the Subordinates — and that No order has been received into the Office to make the Payments up to a later date I cannot account why the G: O. of the 4th. Feby. should differ from the order transmitted to the Paymaster which it certainly does. —

Eight Months Off.ce Reckonings for the Year 1788. are due to the Captains of the Native Infantry. —

I have the honor to be
Y.r &c. &c. —

(Signed) Benj.n Roebuck
Dep.y P.G.l

Pay Office
Fort St. George
28. April 1791. —

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters. —

Resolved, that Company's Bonds bearing an Interest of Eight p.r Cent p.r Annum be granted to the Captains of Native Corps on Account of an Arrear of Eight Months off. Reckonings due to them in the Year 1788. —

Resolved that the Military pay.r Master General be directed to lay before the Board an Account, shewing the actual Expence of Office Charges drawn by the late Committee

for

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for investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops serving in India. —

Read the following Letter from

Major General Musgrave. —

To the Honble the Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honble Sir

I have been honored with your Secretarys Letter informing me that Major Wynch has been permitted to resign the Command of the Guntoor Circars. —

From Major Genl. Musgrave recommending that Major Roberts be appointed to the Command of the Guntoor Circar. —

As there is no field Officer on the spot to succeed Major Wynch, I beg leave to Recommend to your Honble Board Major Roberts, an Officer of Considerable merit and length of service, and well qualified to be invested with so important a Command

I have the honor to be

with respect &c. —

&c &c &c

(Signed) Tho. Musgrave

1st May 1791.

Agreed that the Contents of the above Letter be communicated to Major — General

Minute thereon.

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General Medows.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Wrangham

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

From the Acting Collector at St. Madura with Copy of a Letter from Major Sale respecting the receipt of Custom from the Taddy Farmer and the Establishment of Arrack Godown in the Fort of Madura—

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant — which, owing to my being in the Marawa Country on business, did not reach me till the 23d.—

I returned to Madura Yesterday and in compliance with the directions contained in your Letters, called upon Major Sale for the Explanations required by Government.—

I have now the honor to inclose Copy of Major Sales letters to me on the Subject.—

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

Madura
27th April
1791.

(Signed) J Wrangham
Acg. Collector
To

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To John Wrangham Esqr.

Acting Collector

Madura

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day, together with the Copy of a Letter addressed to you from the Sr. Military Secretary, wherein I am called upon for an Explanation regarding the payment to me of the Monthly Sum of 35 Chuckrums from the Toddy Farmer; and also to justify my Conduct in admitting the Establishment of an Arrack Godown, prohibited by the General orders of the 10th. December 1786 and 10th. May 1787.—

With respect to the Arrack Godown it has continued in the same manner as I found it when I had the honor to take command of Madura, and as there never has been any Arrack sent here by the agent for supplying the Army with liquor (which was also the case during the time I commanded at Amboor, which was from September 1784 until the end of January 1788. when I had

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the Arrack Godown the same as I found it here I did not think I was acting contrary to the Orders of Government, or I should not have continued the business, had the agent Supplied the Garrison with Arrack, I most un=derstood he should never have presumed to establish any other Godown, for selling liquor but adhered to the Orders of Government.—

With respect to the 35 Chuck=rums that I receive monthly from the Toddy Farmer, it has always been the Custom for the Commanding Officer to receive, and as I look upon it to be annexed to the arrack I hope the Honble Board will do me the Justice to believe that I have not acted in this business with the smallest intention to give offence, or meaning to disobey the Orders of Government, or that I have for=feited my word and honor in what I said in my Official Letter of the 10th. ultimo, by declaring that I never had received from any Inhabitant either in kind or Money the

Smallest

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Smallest Gratuity, for admitting them to
sell any one article on which they dealt &c
within the Walls of the Fort, as I did not &c
conceive either the Arrack or Toddy, could be
thought to be included in that declaration

The case being as above stated

I hope my Conduct will not be censured
by the Honble Board for acting, as I have
done, as I have not intentionally deviated
from the General Orders, but have conti =
=nued to go on as I had been accustomed.
to do, when the Agent did not Supply the
Garrison with Arrack. —

Could I have imagined that
the mode I was following with respect to
the Arrack Godown and Toddy, would ever
have given the least offence to Government —
I should have relinquished it, at my first &c
coming here, but from the Established &c
Custom of this Garrison for many Years, I
was induced to continue the business as

I

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I found it, and hope the Honble Board will acquit me of wilfully disobeying the orders of Government or Intentionally giving Offence.

I have the honor to be—

&c. &c.

Madura
27th April 1791

(Signed) Robt. Sale—

A true Copy
Signed P Wrangham

Censure of the Board upon Major Sale's Conduct—

It is with concern the Board have to remark a great Impropriety of Conduct on the Part of Major Sale that calls for very severe Reprehension—The Establishment of an Arrack Godown, was in express Contradiction to the Orders of Government, and Yet, major Sale brings forward what he calls an established custom to supercede a General Order, when he could not be ignorant, that the Latter was published for the particular Purpose of prohi=biting the former, under the Severest Penalty The Solemn Declaration too, contained in Major Sale's Letter of the 10th Ultimo, does not

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not by any means accord with the Circumstances
by himself acknowledged in his subsequent
Letter to Mr. Wrangham - under these Circum=
=stances the Board would deem themselves -"
justified in a more pointed Disapprobation
of his conduct than they are inclined to adopt,
under a Consideration of his Length of Service
and the general good Character he has hither
to borne. -

Agreed that Major Dale be &c
informed of the above and directed immediately
to interdict the sale of every Discription of &c
Spirituous Liquors at Madura - That it
be also notified to him, that a Discovery of &c
his conniving in whatever Degree, at the &c
Disposal of any Articles within the Limits
of his Command, from which he can possibly
derive any Advantage, will be instantly -
followed by a Removal from his present -
Command, or by such severer Punishment
as may be deemed suited to the occasion -

Ordered

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Ordered that Lieutenant &c.

Lieutenant Hudleston's Bill for feeding &c. Horses to be discharged

Hudleston's Bill for feeding &c. Horses, from the 27th. March to the 30th. April last, amounting to Pagodas 180.. 28.. 72.. be discharged.—

G. Balmain Esqr.

.. Chas. Oakeley.

.. J. Hudleston

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Diary

3d Sent the following Letter

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Earl Cornwallis — with Letter to his address from Major General Abercromby

My Lord

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship a Letter to your address received this Day from Major General Abercromby.—

We have the Honor to be, with great Respect

&c &c

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c Council

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Earl Cornwallis — with Letter to his address from Captain Kennaway containing an account of the Surrender of Hopet C.—

My Lord,

We have the Pleasure to transmit enclosed Copy of a Letter to your Lordship's address just received from Captain Kennaway advising of the Surrender of Hopet C.—

We have the Honor to be with great Esteem

&c &c

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c Council

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To

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

Gentlemen

To Bengal - advice of the surrender of Kopul - inclosing copy of Major General Abercromby's Letter of the 6th April

We have the Pleasure to inclose Copy of a Dispatch just received from Captain Kennaway containing an account of the Surrender of Kopul

We have also the Honor to transmit for your Information Copy of Major General Abercromby's Letter to the Right Honble the Governor General of the 6th ultimo.

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

Fort St George
2d May 1791

To Captain Alexander Read

Sir

To Captain Alexander Read on the manner of employing the Detachment placed under his Command

The Detachment formed by the 6th General orders of this date, is put under your Command for the purpose of keeping open the Communication with Bangalore during the operations of the army to the Westward, and I am directed by the Honorable the President in

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3.d in Council to desire you will make this your
principal object, using such precaution for
the security of the Detachment as in your
Judgment shall appear necessary,

If you have advice of any of
supplies collecting for the army you will
of course move so as to facilitate their arrival
at Bangalore, and in order to enable you to satisfy
such of the owners as many require immediate of
Payment you will receive five thousand /5000/
Pagodas from the Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions to whom you must account for
the expenditure. —

You must apprise the Commissaries
in Camp as soon as possible of this part of your
Instructions that they may send proper persons to
Bangalore to take charge of and give receipts to
for the Provisions that may be delivered — and you
will not fail to communicate constantly with the
Lord Cornwallis and with the Board upon
every point of the present service, strictly of
observing such orders as may be sent you from
time to time by his Lordship. —

You must take every opportunity
of forwarding the Tappals to and from Camp. —
and

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3d and write as often as you can to the Deputy Postmaster at Amboyna advising him of the safest route for the Packet

Sam[l] Hughes

Fort St George
2d May 1791

Sign'd/ W[m] C Jackson
Sec[y]

4th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. for the Month of May Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

From the Commandant at Tricknopoly

From the Commandant at Tricknopoly – with a Letter addressed him by Mr Nicol Macin in which he recommends that Mr Abernethy assistant Surgeon be ordered from Caroor to do Duty at Warriore in the Room of Mr Hawkes. –

From Mr Secretary Hay

From Mr Secretary Hay – with 4 Duplicate Dispatches to be forwarded to England in case the originals which accompanied his Letter of the 11th April should not have come to hand. –

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

From the Commissary General of Grains & Provisions – enclosing Sundry Returns of Grain Bullocks and perishable articles of Provisions for the months of March and April. –

From

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Recd from Mr R. Malcolm

at Masulipatam

From Mr Robert Malcolm returning

Mr Dobbyns collateral Security Bond duly executed

From the Commissary & Comptroller

From the Commissary & Comptroller Genl of army accounts

General of army accounts enclosing a Letter

received from the Commandant at Rajahmundry

requesting to be reimbursed the amount of his

Monthly Bills for a Palanqueen

Sent Letters to the Nabob as entered

Substance of Letters to the Nabob.

in C.C. No. 99 100 / the former requesting his

Highness will order his Horses at Tinnevelly to

be delivered over to the Officer Commanding

in that District - the latter stating that his

application for the Surrender of the District

of Setaeur cannot be complied with - informing

him that the Account he has lately applied

for will be furnished without delay and

that the Collectors will be directed to pay the

Circar Writers employed in the Inspection

of the accounts if it be agreable to have

the amount deducted from his one &

Eighth. -

Sent the following Letters

To

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To the Right Honorable
Earl Cornwallis K. G.
Governor General &c &c &c
My Lord,

To Earl Cornwallis — with Copy of the Last Letter to his address received from Major General Abercromby

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Major General Abercromby to your address — the origenal of which was transmitted to your Lordship by last Night's Tappal. —

We have the Honor to be with great respect
&c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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To Alexander Davidson Esqr.
Chief &c Council at
Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

To Vizagapatam — Questions to be put to Juggarow regarding his Release from Confinement at the Presidency during Mr Bolton's &c administration. —

We desire you will call upon Juggarow, without Delay, to declare whether or not he paid any and what Sum of Money or valuable Consideration for his Release from Confinement at the Presidency during the administration of Mr.

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Sir Mr John Holland and Ser Permission to return to Vizagapatam - explicitly to state what were the negotiations carried on to effect this Purpose, and with, and by whom - to whom the money or other Consideration was paid, when and where - and to particularize the Dates and Places of Payment -

Juggarow's Deposition must be taken on Oath before the Chief, and you must require of him also to mention the names of such Persons as he might have borrowed money from here for this Purpose, and such as were employed in carrying the money, Servants, or Others.

If it should appear from the Evidence of Juggarow, that there are any Persons now at Vizagapatam who were concerned in the Transaction, we desire you will also call them before you, and take their Depositions on Oath -

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We are
&c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
& Council To

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To Mr. George Andrew Ram

at

Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr. Ram - to name the person by whom money was paid to Paupiah after he had obtained the Office of Resident at Tanjore. -

In your Letter to me of the 2d. January last, you have stated, that "you "were told, that a Sum of money had been "paid by another Person to Paupiah, " "after your appointment to the Residency "at Tanjore had taken place - Suppposing this other person to mean Sobarow your Dubash the Committee of Enquiry " called upon him, but obtaining no " satisfactory Information on this point - I am directed by the Hon"ble the " President in Council to desire you will mention the Name of the " Person thus alluded to. -

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) W.m C. Jackson

Sec.y

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To

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

Honorable Sir

To Major General Medows
an Officer wanted at the
Presidency to superintend the Arsenal &
Laboratory &c. Reasons
assigned to Captains of Native
Corps for the year 1788 to
be discharged - referring
the Recommendation
in favor of Major Abbots
to command in the
Gun boat Circar. -

We have the Honor to inform
you that, at the request of Lord Cornwallis
we have directed Major George Hall, the
Commissary General of Stores, and
Lieutenant Coupland of the artillery
to join the army, and that in consequence
of the absence of those Officers, there will
be no one left to superintend the
Arsenal and Laboratory at the
Presidency; we are therefore included
to recommend that you will be
pleased to send as soon as an opportunity
may offer a proper Person from the
army, who, from a Knowledge of
those particular Branches of the
Service, may be deemed properly
qualified for such an important
Trust. -

Our Secretary has laid before
us the adjutant General's Letter to him
of

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Yrs of the 27th February last, respecting an arrear of Eight Months Off-Reckonings due to the Captains of Native Corps in the year 1788; - as we find on Enquiry that the Representation of the Captains is correct, we have directed the Accountant General to issue Bonds for the amount, bearing an Interest of Eight Pr Cent Pr Annum, and we request you will direct the same to be signified to the Officers Concerned.

Major General Musgrave having recommended Major Roberts as a very proper person to succeed major Wynch in the Command of the Guntoor Circar, we beg to know whether you approve the Recommendation. -

We have the Honor to be,
with Esteem,
Yr Hble

Fort St George
3d May 1791

[Signed] Charles Oakely
Yr Council
To

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To Mr Josias Dupre Porcher
Mr Joseph Garron
and Mr Robert Wolf

Gentlemen

To mssrs Porcher Garron and Wolf appointed a Committee for adjusting the Claims of the army to Prize money — Instructions for their Guidance —

The Honorable the President in Council having come to the Resolution of referring the Claims of the army to Prize money during the present War to be adjusted by you, he has directed me to inclose Copies of all the Papers upon Record relating to the Subject, and to desire you will take the necessary Steps for arranging the Business with as little Delay as possible —

You will observe that in consequence of the Boards having been under some Difficulty in determining with regard to the Claim upon Guns and other Military Stores during the War, they had referred this Point to the Right Honble the Governor General, who has given it as his opinion "that it would be more equitable between the Parties (the Company and the Captors) to modify and restrain

" Part

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4.th „Part of the Demands of the Army on account
„of Prize money have to postpone the Payment
„of the Part to which the Claim should be
„clear, till the Conclusion of the War, and
„that previous to the admission of any Charge
„against the Company, on account of Military
„Stores that have already been, or may hereafter
„be captured, a List or Lists should be laid
„before the Military Board, and all articles
„in their opinion useless for the Company's
„Service, be struck out of the Lists – that all
„articles of Military Stores fit for the use of
„the Company captured in Places garrisoned
„Pretained, should be considered as the Company's
„Property from the time of their Capture, and
„a Moiety of their Value estimated at a
„Moderate Rate be paid, as soon as convenient
„from the Public Fund to the Prize Fund of
„the Army"

In consequence of his Lordships
opinion, the Military Board have been directed
to procure a List of the Military Stores captured
from the Enemy, which they will deliver to you
after having struck out such as are useless,

(and

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4th and affixing a Reasonable Value upon the Remainder, a Moiety of which will be paid by the Company.—

With Respect to the Grain captured in the Southern Countries & now under charge of the Commandants at Caroor, Dindigul & Palicachery, the Board understand from General Meadows that it is agreable to the Prize agents, that the Quantity & Value be ascertained by the Commandants on the Part of the army, & by the Storekeepers on the Part of the Company— and that the army should have credit for half the Value to be ascertained— To this mode the Board also agree in behalf of the Company, and they have in consequence directed the several Commandants and Storekeepers to correspond with you, and to comply with such Directions as they may receive from you on this Subject.—

As soon as you have obtained the necessary Information regarding the Military Stores and Provisions captured from the Enemy, the Hon"ble the President in Council desires you will lay before him an account shewing

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4th shewing the exact Sum due to the army for the last Campaign

as the Service now entrusted to you is of considerable Importance the President in Council relies upon your zeal to bring it to a speedy Conclusion.—

I am

Sir

Your

(Signed) W C. Jackson

Sec.y

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3d May 1791

To Major Sale

Commanding at

Madura

Sir

To the Commandant at Madura Censure on his Conduct in performing the Establishment of an Arrack Godown &c. in receiving Sums of Money &c. to sale Bazar &c. Articles in the Fort of Madura

Mr. Wrangham, the acting Collector at Madura having transmitted to the Board a Copy of your Letter to him under date the 27th ultimo, I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you, that it is with Concern he has to remark a Culpability of Conduct on your Part that calls for very severe Reprehension.— The Establish-ment of an Arrack Godown at Madura, was

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4th was in express Contradiction to the
repeated orders of Government; and yet
you bring forward what you call an
established Custom to supersede a
General order, when you could not be
ignorant that the latter was published
for the particular Purpose of prohibiting
the former, under the severest Penalty.
— The solemn Declaration too, contained
in your Letter of the 10th ultimo, does not
by any means accord with the Circumstances
by yourself acknowledged in your
Subsequent Letter to Mr Wrangham.
Under those Circumstances the Board
would deem themselves justified in a
more pointed Disapprobation of your
Conduct than they are inclined to adopt,
under a Consideration of your Length
of Service, and of the general good Character
you have hitherto borne. —

The Honorable the President in
Council directs however, that you do
immediately interdict the Sale of every
Description of spirituous Liquors at
Madura

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4th Madura, and hereby notifies to you, that a Discovery of your conniving, in whatever degree, at the Disposal of any articles within the Limits of your Command, from which you can possibly derive any advantage, will be instantly followed by a Removal from your present Command, or by such severer Punishment, as may be deemed suited to the Occasion. —

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I am
Sir
Your
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Sec.y

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16

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

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's army - informing him that the Charge of European Stuff for the artillery must be discontinued in future

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — with Extract of a Letter from Ganjam. directing them

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them to Jamaica, without loss of time the Invoice therein required.

To the Military Board. application will be made to Major General Medows to send a proper person to the Presidency to superintend the Arsenal and Laboratory adving of the Appointment of a Committee for adjusting the claims of the army to Prize money - approving their opinion respecting artillery Staff for Captain Read's Detachment - the ammunition left by Lieutenant Riddell at Conjeveram to be removed to the Presidency or to Chingleput as they may judge best.

To the Military Board

To the Military Paymaster General. to lay before the Board an account shewing the actual Expence of Office Charges drawn by the late Committee for investigating the accounts of the King's Troops.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Do

To the Accountant General. Company's Bonds bearing an Interest of 8 P. Cent P. annum to be granted to the Captains of Native Corps

To the Accountant General

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4th Corps an account of an arrear of Eight months of Rations ings due to them in the year 1787.—

To the Commandants and Storekeepers at Paligautcherry Coimbetore Carroor & Dendigul

To the Commandants and Storekeepers at Paligautcherry — Coimbatore — Carroor and Dendigul — directing them to attend to such Instructions as they may receive from Mssrs Porcher Garrow and Wolf, as well as from the Military Board, respecting the Military Stores and Provisions captured from the Enemy and now at the Places abovementioned.

To the Military Storekeeper

To the Military Storekeeper to lay before the Board an Account shewing the annual Cost to the Company from the 1st April 1786 to the 1st April 1791 for the Provision of Military Stores by the Storekeeper.—

To the Board of Aforesaid Revenue

To the Board of Aforesaid Revenue the Instructions to be given to the Collector in the Trichenopoly District respecting the Expenditure of money in Repairs to the Banks of the Rivers the Districts contiguous to the Borders of Tanjore to be taken Possession of, provided it can be done

It done with little Risk — application will be made to the Nabob for delivering up his Horses at Tinnevelly stating that Narsim Rauze will be sent to Vellore where he is to be kept in safe Custody as long as M.r Hindersley may think necessary — and directing them to draw out sundry Accounts applied for by the Nabob. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore to put Lieutenant Cuthbert Wilson's Detachment upon the same footing with respect to Pay as the Garison of Vellore

To the Resident at Hyderabad

To the Resident at Hyderabad. — acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter & containing advice of the Surrender of Coimbetore

To Lieutenant Ahrens late of the 11th Hanoverian Regiment informing him that he will be provided with a Passage to Europe by the first convenient opportunity. —

Substance of Letters from Narsim Rauze and the Rajah of Vencatagherry

Received Letters from Narsim Rauze and the Rajah of Vencatagherry as entered in C.C. Nos 101 102) the former expressing his concern that his Conduct, in assisting Timma Naig, should have

incurred

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& has incurred the Displeasure of Government and requesting that he may not be sent under a Guard to Vellore — the latter stating that he will render Captain Malcy every Assistance in his Power —

and requesting that an order may be sent to the Calastry Rajah to deliver up a Slave belonging to him who has taken refuge at Calastry —

Recd the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakley Bart.

Governor & Cr. & Cr. & Cr.

From Colonel De Wangenheim — applies for Clothing for the Hanoverian Invalids in Garrison at arrive —

Sir

As according to every appearance, it seems not to be probable that the Number of 71 Invalides from the Hanverian Regiments, Stationed at Arnee, will be sent to Europe this Season; and they being according to the Reports I received from the Officer commanding them, so much in Want of Cloath, as to be scarcely able to cover themselves, I do not only take the Liberty, most respectfully to acquaint you with this Circumstance, but

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6th but at the same time request, that you will
be pleased, of ordering, that those men may
be furnished with the necessary Cloathing
I have the honor to remain with
great Respect -

Madras
6th May 1791

[Signed] Wangenheim
Colonel

The Honble Major General W.m Medows
President &c. in Council at
Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir

From Major General Abercromby with a Paper of Intelligence respecting South Pollitics

I have the honor of a letter from the
Board of the 27th March acquainting me, with
the dispatch of the Scorpian Snow, with Eight
Pieces of Salt Beef, for which supply I beg leave
to return them my best thanks -

I have the honor to inclose a paper of
Intelligence, and am

Camp on the
Poudacherrim Ghaut

Hon'ble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
[Signed] Robt Abercromby
Hon'ble

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Honble Sir

In Consequence of your late intimation to Mr —, I waited on Mr — yesterday Evening & communicated to him the particulars of your intelligence — The greater part he says is correct as far as relates to the Intelligence, but he does not believe from the present well known Disorders of France, however strong its desires, yet that she can possibly bestow attention on foreign Concerns, or send any Armament whatever to retrieve her affairs in this Country & that she has neither force or Resources sufficient on the Spot to effect it — At the Mauritius he observes there are only two Regiments & those have been a considerable Time in the Country, one of them formerly at Pondichery and although the national Disputes are in a great measure appeased in the Isle de France, yet he imagines that no attempt of the Kind is to be apprehended from this quarter without a very considerable and unexpected assistance from home. The latest Intelligence from France to which Mr — is privy, is dated in July & in this no mention is made even of an intention to send Vessels of War to this Country.

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8th The only Ships that had then left France for India was a Merchantman Le Ceilon and she from the length of time missing is now supposed to be lost

— Jeerbhoy informed me that the Captain of the French Frigate intended quitting the Coast on the 15th and that he was a little alarmed some time ago by a report which arrived at Mahéwia Goa of a Certainty of a War between France and England —

Our Mahé Neighbours are rather more quiet at present than at the first Institution of their National assembly and seem to be perfectly convenced that Tippoo is dealing Destruction among the English wherever he meets them —

A true Copy

(Signd) I Auchmuty
Military Secretary

To Sir Charles Oakley Bart.
President in Council

Head Quarters
on the Londicherrim Ghaut

Noble Sir and Sir

From Major Murray — applies for instructions Regarding the Horses belonging to his Regiment at Trichinopoly — and the purchase of horses and requesting Mun by whom in the Regiment to be paid — & Troopers &c. received from the Nabob unfit for Service — horses taken by Officers from the Regiment wanted. —

I have been Honored with your answer to my letter of the 26th of April — by leave to inform you of their being 88 Horses belonging to my Regiment left at Trichinopoly should be glad of your order for my Dispatching a Officer for them as they will

be

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5th be much better with me — I further request your instruc-
tion Commencing the Payment of the Regiment &c. &c.
there are old men that belonging to the Regiment at
Madras and arrive I hope they will be ordered to
join me here, I further would be glad of your &
instructions as to purchasing Horses and Recruiting
men for the Regement — General Meadows's order
in Camp where fully Complied with the best
Horses and men was left — at this time I have
Sworall native officers Commissioned and
Non Commissioned as well as Privates unfitt for the
Service lately Recruited from the Heyknys the Nabobs Service —
three and 3 Horse with Major Toone and one with the Captains
Brudnell & of the best in the Regement I shall be
glad they where Demanded and sent up with Corn &
Hyppens — I have the Honor to be. —
&c &c

Camp Near Vellore
3 May 1791. —

/Signed/ W. Nunay
Major Commandy 1st Regiment

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakley Bart.
President in Council at
Fort St George

From the Collector in the Trichinopoly District — cause of his non — compliance with the Paymaster's Indents for Cash to their full Extent

Honble Sir

I had yesterday the honor of receiving a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson dated the 21st Instant informing me of the Military Paymaster General's

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5th General having represented that I had not complied with Mr Garrow's Indent for February of 50,000 Pagodas at which I had a considerable Sum in the Cash Chest, I shall first premise that the information obtained by the Military Paymaster General from whomever it might be, is very erroneous the actual circumstances being as follows – On the 18th of March I received the original of the inclosed Copy N°1 from Mr. Garrow, in consequence thereof I paid him on the 26th March, 16000 Star Pagodas being all the Cash I then had in the Treasury nor was I enabled until the 3d of this month to make him any further advance when I paid him more 6000 Star Pagodas, on the 13th Instant I received a Letter from Mr. Garrow Copy of which is inclosed N°2 and in reply informed him that I had no Money from the Collector of Tinnevelly which I was at authorized to pay on his account, but that in the Course of the present Month I trusted it would be in my power to pay him off the Balance; at this period there had arrived from Mr Torin a considerable Sum which I was directed by him to procure Escort for and forward to the Presidency agreable to orders from Government which he had

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5th had received, this perhaps may be the Sum to be considered as withheld by me from Mr Garrow, but as previous to this time I had paid in 21,000 Pagodas which must have been nearly equal to his immediate Military Payments, and having a prospect of completing his Indent in the course of the month from the resources of Trichinopoly I do not conceive I should have been justified in detaining the Cash consigned to the Board of Revenue, on the 19th Instant I paid Mr Garrow the further of 11000 Star Pagodas, and have this day sent him 13000 Star Pagodas which makes up 45,000 Pagodas of his Indent, I could have wished to have paid it in full in the course of the month, but from the backwardness of some of the Renters put it out of my power, and if the Board think proper to order my general Cash account to be compared with the dates of Mr Garrow's Receipts they will find that I have been scrupulously exact in withholding no money received from the Revenues while any Balance was due to the Paymaster. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ R Andrews
Robt

Trichinopoly
30th April 1791

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Sir Robert Andrews Esqr

Collector &c

Dear Sir

To make the necessary Payments to this Garrison, including the Families of the Sepoys, and 2 Battalion Lgt Cavalry to Pay the Garrisons of Carore and Thiagar, and Disbursments issued on account of the Detachment of the army who lately marched from this place and who were paid up to the 1st March, — will require Fifty thousand Pagodas, I mean to clear them to the end of this month, — the particulars of my Indent I shall transmit to the Military Paymaster General. —

I am
&c &c / Signed /
Edward Garrow
Paymaster

Trichinopoly
18th March 1791

Robert Andrews Esqr.

Sir

On the 18th ultimo I Indented for Fifty thousand Pagodas, for to make different Payments

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8th Payments in the month of march, and have received to this day as follows.-

	Gold fo.s		Star Pag.s
26th March	360543 3/11	@ 29 5/16 P Pag.s	12300 " " "
P. no.	4922 5/8	14/8 P.s P.s	3700 - - -
8th April	148750	29 3/4 P Pr	5000
		Payd as 21000	- - -

There remains to be paid on account of that Indent 29000, Star Pagods, and as I am under the necessity of Borrowing money to clear off the arrears due to the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Oldham I wish to know if you have any money belonging to the Collector of Tinnavelly in your possession which I am ready to give him a reciept for, or if you can comply with my last months Indent, - your reply to this will enable me to make necessary applications as directed by Government

I am

Sir

Your Obedient

humble Servant

[Signed] Edward Garrow

Paymaster

To

Trichinopoly
13th april 1791

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To William Collins Jackson, Esqr

Secretary

Fort St George

Sir

From the Resident at Poonah with Extract of Letter received there from Bussorah advising of the termination of all Disputes between the Courts of Great Britain & Spain

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of 2nd Instant, and to enclose an Extract of European News, this Instant received from Bombay, for the Information of the Madras Government.—

I am

Sir

Your

Poona

19th april 1791

/Signed/ C.W. Malet

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant H.T. Colecraft to the Pro Consul at Aleppo dated Latakia 12 January 1791— received at Bombay via Bussora the 18th at Poona the 19th april

I left London on the 12th November was detained 10 Days at Vienna waiting for a Passport and have been on my Passage thence ever since 40 Days, a Convention / of which I shall bring you a Copy has terminated for the present all our Disputes with Spain—

The new Parliament was to meet very soon

Lord

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5th

Lord Hood struck his Flag on the 15 November and orders were given for disarming the Fleet – The largest and best provided We ever had at Sea.

Mr Ritchie the Consul at Venice died a few Days before my Departure. –

true Extract

/Signed/ William Page
Secy to Govt

a true Copy

/Signed/ J. W. Lankhead
P. Assistant at Poona

Sent the following Letter

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Earl Cornwallis with Copy of Europe news just received from Mr Malet

My Lord

We have the Pleasure to enclose for your Lordships Information an Extract of Europe news just received from Bombay via Poona. –

We have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/

Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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To

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To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal - with copy of Europe news just recived from Mr. Malet. -

We have the Pleasure to inclose for your Information an Extract of Europe news just recived from Bombay via Poona. -

We have the Honor to be

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& &c

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c: Council

At a Consultation
Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
acting President

Friday
6th May 1791

John Hudleston Esqr.
The Honorable Major General Medows
absent upon Service. -

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. -

Read the following Letter from the military Storekeeper. -

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The Honble Major General Medows

President & Governor &c in Council

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From the military Storekeeper — with a Statement showing the annual amount of Stores supplied the Company by the military Storekeeper for the last five years. —

Honble Sir,

In Obedience to your orders under date the 3^d instant I have now the honor to lay before you an account of the annual amount of Stores provided for the Company from the 1st april 1786 to the 1st april 1791. — and am with great Respect

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Honble Sir
your obedient humble Servant
&c &c
(Signed) Jos du Pré Porcher
M^y Storekeeper

An account of the annual amount of Stores supplied the Company by the Military Storekeeper from the 1st april 1786 to 1st april 1791

	Military Stores		Gun gis		Carria		Gun Powder		Total	
	Pag^s	F. C	Pag^s	F. C	Pag^s	F. C	Pag^s	F. C	Pag^s	F. C
From 1st april 1786 to 31 March 1787	60,904	5 20	23428	24 18	"	"	"	"	84,332	29 38
D^o 1st D^o 1787 to 31st D^o 1788	104857	25 71	32070	9 "	5928	"	"	"	142855	34 71
D^o 1st D^o 1788 to 31st D^o 1789	93888	34 5	33801	17 18	7875	31 6	13556	6 10	29	
D^o 1st D^o 1789 to 31st D^o 1790	127873	24 12	45756	18 16	20399	27 70	194028	34 18		
D^o 1st D^o 1790 to 31st D^o 1791	241723	21 55	51981	30 33	24913	19 44	318618	35 52		
Pagodas	629248	3 3	187037	27 5	59117	6 40	875403	48		

(Signed) Jos du Pré Porcher
M^y Storekeeper

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Proposals & Contract for the Supply of Military Store now opened. —

The Board now proceed to open various Proposals for the supply of Military Stores (in Conformity to the late advertisement) as entered in a separate Book, and having considered the whole Subject maturely, the acting President delivers in the following Minute. —

acting President's Minute

The several steps taken by the Board, in consequence of the Minute Entered, in Consultation the 22d December relative to the provision of Military Stores, have all tended to ascertain the real cost of those articles, and at the same time, to moderate the advantages to the Military Storekeeper on this important branch of the Company's expenditure. —

The acting President's minute proposing that in future all articles of Military Stores excepting Gun Carriages and Gun Powder Barrels be furnished upon oath by the Storekeeper — and that he be allowed a monthly Salary of 500 Pagodas & the following Emolument stating the saving that will accrue to the Company from this arrangement. —

The Comparative Statement delivered by the Military Storekeeper between the actual cost of the Stores provided by him for the month of March, as charged upon Oath, and the Price of the same Stores charged at the rates allowed by the late System, exhibits a difference, in the total, of nearly 37 P Cent in favor of the latter. — This Comparison includes almost all the articles furnished by the Storekeeper

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Storekeeper and Sam aforesd by Mr. Porcher, that upon those which are not comprehended in it, the difference would be still greater — taking it however at 37½ Cent, the amount of the provision of Stores for the last three years will stand as follows.—

	amount of Stores provided by the 4th Section, including Storekeepers Commission	actual Cost of the same Stores according to the rates charged by the present Storekeeper on Oath. —
	Ps	Ps
from 1st April 1788 to 31st March 89	1,55,66,10,29	25,406—32,,51
from Do 1789 to Do	90,19,4,028,,34,,18	122,238, 5, 39
from Do 1790 to Do	91,3,13,618,,35,,52	200,729, 37, 61

Tho the Company sustained the whole burthen of this immense difference, it do was not wholly a profit to the Storekeeper — He was at some expence for Interest on the money he borrowed, to carry on his business, and the mode of Payment, adopted by Government, being chiefly that if Bengal Bills, at the exchange of 375 arcot Rupees for 100 Pagodas, a loss of perhaps from 7 to 10 ℔ Cent was sustained in the discount. But, allowing these deductions, the profits must have been still enormous, and it is no wonder that there should have been a considerable degree of eagerness to acquire the possession of

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an officer, which, in point of emolument, was far superior to that of the Government itself — Mr. Lind the late Storekeeper, appointed by Mr. Holland, provided Stores from the 11th August 1789 to the 28 February 1791 and, by the foregoing account, some judgment may be formed of his Profits.

When I proposed that the different Classes of Stores should be made up by Contract, one of the advantages that presented itself to my mind, was, that of pecuniary convenience, arising from the advances which must, in this case, be made by the Contractor, but, in the present favorable circumstances of the War, and under the appearance of less embarrassment in the public finances than we had reason, at that time, to conjecture, I am of opinion, that the Company may avoid even the expence of a Contractors profit, which, allowing it to be 10 or even 5 P Cent upon a monthly supply of Stores, would be very Considerable. —

The Military Storekeeper is certainly able, with the assistance of Government to make up all, or the greatest part of the Stores, as well and as cheap as any Contractor, and, if an adequate

Salary

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Salary be allowed for his trouble, the Company have a claim to his best zeal and exertion for their benefit but, as a further security against temptation, his monthly Disbursement might still be made upon oath. —

This, in a word, is the System I would at present propose as the least expensive to the Company. Mr Porcher the present Military Storekeeper has given such proof of his desire to assist the views of Government, in the present reform, that I think him fully deserving of the trust reposed in him, and beg leave to recommend that he be employed in making up Stores, on the Company's Behalf, subject to the restriction I have above mentioned, in regard to his accounts — and, that, in ot consideration of this additional trouble, his Salary be raised to 300 Pagodas P Month, which is to be the whole emolument of his Office. —

By this plan the saving to the Company upon the present War expenditure of Stores, will be upwards of a Lack of Pagodas annually, and, in time of peace even, when the provision is smaller, the relief will still be considerable. —

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In the multitude of articles which come under the Denomination of Military Stores, there are only two, which I have inclined to except, out of the Store Keeper's provisions — one is Gunpowder Barrels which are now made up by a man whom the Military Board / Vide Military Board's Letter in Consultation the 21st January 1791) have particularly recommended for his Ingenuity, and the other is Gun Carriages which require not only attention but mechanical knowledge, to construct them in a proper manner — I observe, among the proposals for this latter article, one from Mr. Topping, a Gentleman, who, among other proofs of science, has distinguished himself much, of late, by his Improvements in Gun Carriages, and I would recommend, therefore, that his Proposals with the other tenders which have been delivered in for this article, be referred to the Military Board, for their opinion. —

I recommend the same reference also with respect to Gunpowder Barrels, as I perceive the present Master of them has proposed, with others, for their future Provision. —

/Signed/ Charles Oakeley
Mr.

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Mr Hudleston begs leave to enter the following Minute in Support of the acting Presidents Propositions

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Mr Hudleston most heartily concurs with the acting President in every part of the foregoing Minute, and with the sincerest pleasure congratulates his Employers on the abrogation of a System by which for a series of years nearly one half of their expenditure on the most expensive department has been absorbed by Official Emolument — and the advantage of the Individual may be truly said to have grown out of the public Calamities — In order that the real extent of this system, and the benefits of the proposed change may be fully laid before the Honble Court of Directors I strongly recommend that to the Statement now furnished by Mr Porcher be added the articles which at present it does not include, and particularly the important article of Gunpowder together with the Salary of 1500 Pagodas Pannum, which completed the aggregate of Emolument annexed to the Office of Military Storekeeper — and the Statement thus completed I hope will be sent as Number in our next dispatch —

Mr Hudleston's Minute in support of the acting Presidents Propositions —

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Mr. Huddleston now looks forward with confidence to that general reform in the Public expenditure which hitherto seems to have been considered as merely theoretical, and hopes to witness the period when the whole emolument of every Servant shall be derived from a liberal and adequate public Salary proportionate to the labor and Importance of his Trust —

/Signed/ J Huddleston

Resolutions in consequence

Resolved that Mr Porter be informed of the Board's Determination, and that they expect in consequence the fullest Exertion of his zeal in discharge of the Trust reposed in him — that they think on a Comparison of the Rates at which his Stores have been provided, that some Reduction in the Prices may still be effected, particularly in the article of Tents, and that it will be his duty to make them up where the articles can be had cheapest, and with the same Economy, as if he were providing on his own account. —

Resolved also, in Conformity to the acting Presidents Propositions that the Proposals for

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for Gun Carriages and Gunpowder Barrels be referred to the Military Board for their opinion. –

Read the following Letter from Captain Alexander Read. –

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

From Captain Alexander Read representing the want of Officers with his Detachment of Dooly Boys wanted – the Lascars in Garrison at Vellore refuse to take the field without additional Pay – order necessary to be sent to the Commandant at Bangalore regarding his Detachment

Sir I request you leave to represent that 80 Europeans under Lieutenant Stamford coming from Trippassore, and there being, as I am informed, 100 more recovered men of every European Regiment in the army, at Vellore, to join me, it is extremely necessary, for the preservation of obedience and good order, that more officers be appointed to take charge of them, without which, I shall apprehend great irregularities, and in the event of any thing serious some confusion. –

Since the camp equipage of my Detachment is to be furnished from this Garison, it is necessary to acquaint you that no dooly coolies can be procured here,

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here, that 160 at least, are required for the Europeans and that, of the Lascars, in this garison, who have been mostly entertained on condition of not being ordered hence, only 19 (though I have offered 30 Fanams each additional pay) can be prevailed upon to take the field, which is not a third of the number required

I humbly hope that Government will approve of the encouragement I have promised, take into consideration the consequences of the above deficiencies, if not provided against, and the necessity of my Detachments being equipped for moving with expedition. —

I have the honor to inclose the pleasing account I have received to day of my peoples success in collecting supplies, which increases my anxiety to be enabled to march as soon as possible, that I may cover them in advancing to Bangalore. —

Permit me to remind you of a letter to the officer commanding Bangalore directing him to take charge of what supplies I may deliver, until agents from each department shall

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shall arrive from Camp for that purpose, and that he give such pecuniary aid, as may stand in need of, and he have in his power. —

I am with great respect

&c &c

Vellore
5th May 1791

[signed] Alex.r Read

The Board apprehended Difficulties of the nature Captain Read mentions, arising from the numerous Drains of every kind that have been made for the army — It is resolved, however, that Major General Musgrave be desired to state whether any and what Number of Officers can be spared from the 3d Battalion of European Infantry at Vellore for the service of the Detachment. —

minute thereon

Resolved also, that the Civil Paymaster General be directed to engage and send to Vellore on or before the 9th Instant, for the use of the Detachment, one hundred Dooly Boys, or as many as he can procure — The Establishment allows only eight Doolies to one hundred men, so that the Number mentioned in Captain Read's Letter is much greater than he will want.

Do

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from Captain Read.

The Board are apprehensive that Captain Read's offer of additional Pay to the Lascars may be a bad Precedent to others serving in the Field. He must be instructed therefore in this respect, to act with as much caution as possible.

Do

Agreed that a Letter be written to Colonel Duff, or Officer Commanding at Baramahal, directing him to afford Captain Read such assistance as he may stand in need of, and to procure such Supplies as may from time to time be collected for the use of the army.

Read the following Letter from Captain Macleay Dr.

To the Honorable Charles Oakeley Esqr
Governor &c
Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Macleay has seized the Person of Narsim Rauze and sent him under a Guard to the Presidency

I have the honor to acquaint you that conformably to order of Government to me of the 18th Instant I now send the person of Narsim Rauze under charge of the bearer, an Havildar, with a Naigue and 12 Sepoys, and 10 Peons to the Presidency. —

Yours

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From this young man's late misconduct, I should not presume to offer a word in his favor, however proper his present behaviour, — yet, in justice to him I feel myself bound to remark to you, Sir, that he has conducted himself, since the arrival of Mr Kindersley and myself here, on this occasion, with the utmost propriety and becoming submission to the commands of Government — Indeed, were it otherwise, I am sensible my little Force would avail nothing here — I, this evening see him home, beyond Naggary and then return immediately to my Station — Mr Kindersley towards Karre — Owing to the smallness of my own force to form the escort, Mr Kindersley, from his party, furnishes me 1 Naigue and 9 Sepoys —

I take the liberty to request the Party may not be detained at the Presidency

I have the honor to be
with great respect
&c &c

Namavaram
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/Signed/ C Malsey
Captain

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The Board's approbation of Captain Mosby's Conduct —

The Zeal which has marked Captain Mosby's Conduct in the Execution of the Service entrusted to him, and the different Measures which he judged it necessary to adopt, are entirely approved. —

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Major Wynch. —

Mr William Collins Jackson
Military Secretary

Sir

From Major Wynch — has requested the favor of Captain Cassidy's Commission by order of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam Copy of their Instructions on the subject annexed

I Herewith have the honor to transmit you Copies of a Letter received yesterday from the Secretary to the Masulipatam Board, and my reply, which you will be pleased to lay before the Board.

I have the honor to be

Guntoor
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Sir
Your
[signed] A Wynch
Major Comm.g

To Major Wynch
Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar

Sir

I am directed by the Chief and Council to inform you, that disturbances having lately been

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been raised on this district, to the detriment
particularly of the Zemendary of Mugulatore,
which Mr Chamier having discovered by an
intercepted letter, written by ameer Saling amm
two of the Ringleaders, to have been excited by
this man, he in consequence thereof, caused the
person of the said Ameer Saling amm under restraint,
and Seized his papers. By some of these papers, of
which Mr. Chamier has sent copies to the Chief, it
appears that, Edamapundy Commiah, has also
been an instigation of the same disturbances; and
as the Chief and Council understand, that this
man, who was formerly turned out of this district
by order from Government, is now at Guntoor, &
they have requested of Mr. Cochrane and the Committee
to give directions for securing his person, & papers,
and keeping them in safe custody, untill the
pleasure of Government be known. —

The Chief and Council are the
more inclined to this measure, as it appears by
some of the papers now in their possession, that
a Scheme has been formed, for putting cer-
tain persons therein described to death; which
Circumstances together with the Devastation

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that have been committed in this Country,
make it in the opinion of this Board, the duty
of every person, to use there utmost endeavours,
for discovering the principal parties con-
cerned, as well as the full extent of there in-
tentions, and they have upon this ground, directed
me to request of you, in case Mr. Cochrane
should not think proper to comply with the
there application, that you will secure the
the person of Edanapundy Commiah, as
well as the papers he may have in his
possession, until Government shall de-
determine with respect to their disposal. —

Both Letters are inclosed under cover to you
in order that you may have it in your power,
to prevent Edanapundy Commiah's being
apprised of what is intended, or making his
escape before his person can be secured, and
when you have taken proper precautions for
this purpose, the Chief and Council request,
that the letter for Mr. Cochrane and the Committee,
may be delivered to that Gentleman. —

I am &c &c
Signed/ A. Scott Secy

Masulipatam
29th April 1791

True Copy
Signed/ A Wynch

To

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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief & Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Secretary's
letter of yesterday's date – It came
to hand about three o'Clock P.M. and
I immediately took the necessary steps
for apprehending Edanapundy Comiah, &
after which I delivered the letter addressed to
the Committee, to Mr. Cochrane agreeably to
your request, and have the pleasure to inform
you, that I had him apprehended with
all his papers, and have delivered him &
them over to Mr. Cochrane with a proper
Guard to take care of him, 'till the pleasure
of Government be known. –

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most

Obedt Servt

/Signed/ A Wynch

Major Comm.d

true Copy

/Signed/ A Wynch

Resolved

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Resolved that Mr Cochrane be
minute thereon directed to send Eidanapundy Pommiah
under a Guard, with all his Papers, to Mr Chamier
the Collector at Mugladore. —

Read the following Letter from the Committee for inquiry into the Charges against the administration of Mr Holland

To The Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council &c

Honble Sir

From the Committee for investigating the Charges against the administration of Mr. Holland — requesting that Shamier Jaghiredar of Amee may be ordered to the Presidency to be examined before them. —

In the course of our investigation, respecting the transactions which passed during Mr Holland's Government relative to the Amee Jaguer, we find it necessary to call upon the present Jaguerdar Shrinivas now for certain information to elucidate the subject. We therefore request that you will be pleased, to order the Jaguerdar to repair to the Presidency with all expedition

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expedition, that he may be examined before us.—

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We are with great respect

Sir &c

J Casamajor
Benj.n Roebuck
[signed] Geo. Maubray
Joseph Gamow

Minute thereon

Resolved, that Shreenivasa Row
the Jaghiredar of Arnee, be ordered to proceed
immediately to the Presidency.—

Read the following Letter from
Major General Musgrave.—

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Hble Sir

From Major General Musgrave recommends that Ensign Pierce be appointed to officiate as Deputy adjutant General at the Presidency during the absence of the adjutant General and his Deputy.—

Conformable to the desire of the
Honble Board, conveyed to me in their letter
of the 20th of April "that I should recommend
an Officer who may act solely in the
Department of Adjutant General"
I beg leave in obidience to their commands
to recommend Ensign Pierce of the 2 Battalion
of European Infantry as an Officer of
adequate

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adequately qualified to perform the duties
of that Station during the absence of the
Adjutant General and his Deputies on
the field. —

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(signed) Tho.s Musgrave

Ensign Peirce to officiate as Deputy adjutant General at the Presidency during the absence of the adjutant General and his Deputy with an allowance of 80 Pagodas P.r Mensem

Resolved at the recommendation of
Major General Musgrave, that Ensign Peirce be
appointed to officiate as Deputy adjutant General
at the Presidency during the absence of the adjutant
General and his Deputy, and that he be allowed to
draw Eighty Pagodas P.r Mensem for his Trouble

Read the following Letter from the
Paymaster at Trichinopoly. —

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Fort St George

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly — Return an account Sales of Horses sold by public Outcry — instructions required relative to the Payment of the Sick of the Royal Detachment left at Trichinopoly — Star Pagodas 1.r wanted for Payment of the Garrison. —

Sir,

I have received from the Commanding
Officer of the Troops a Number of Sick and Disabled
Horses, which have been Sold at Publick Outcry
agreeable to the Return Enclosed and the orders of
Government

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Government signified to me in your Letter of the
20th ultimo

When the army left this Neighbour-
hood last December many sick from the 4th
different Corps of Bengal Troops were thrown
into Trichinopoly without any Provision being
made for them or Instructions left by Mr. Scott
the Paymaster or the Commandant of the Corps -
- great Numbers arrived here afterwards from
Caroore, Coimbatore, & other Places where they
had been left in the same Situation, and at
different times received advances from this Office
- I beg permission to be informed if the 4th
order of Government contained in your
Letter of the 27th ultimo is intended that the whole
amount of the advances made to the Bengal Troops
of every description shall be sent with the Vouchers
to Mr Scott, with a Bill on him for such Sums
advanced - from their first arrival here. -

The Officers in the Garrison of
Caroore have applied for Certificates for Half
Batta, as allowed at Trichinopoly. Have
not been favored with the orders of Government
on the Subject. -

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The Trichinopoly Fanams not
being Current at Tiagar Captain Flint has
requested that Star Pagodas only may be issued
to the Troops of that Garrision — The monthly
Expenditure will be about Pagodas 2000. and
as no Star Pagodas are now in Currency here
I would Submit it whether Mr. Cooper may
not be directed to make a Necessary monthly
advance. —

I have the honor to be
& &
/Signd/ Edwd. Garrow
Paymaster

Trichinopoly
3 May 1791

Ordered that the Return of Bases, with the Bills
Minute thereon
Sales, be sent to the Military Paymaster General

Agreed that Mr. Garrow be informed, that the whole
Do
amount of the advances made by him to the Bengal Troops of every
Description, must be sent with the Vouchers to Mr. Scott, on whom he
is to draw for the amount, and that Temporary allowance Bills
are to be granted to the Officers at Carnor. —

Resolved to inform the Board of Assessed Revenue
that as the Gold Fanam is not current at Tiagar, Mr. Cooper the
Collector is to be directed to make the necessary advances of Cash
for the Payment of the Troops at that Place, taking Mr. Garrow's
receipts for the same, and debiting the Paymaster of Trichinopoly
for

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for the money so advanced. —

Provisions in a perishing State, at all Out Garrisons excepting Amboor to be sold off. —

The acting President recommends that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to sell off to the best advantage for the Company, the Sundry articles of Provisions &c. in Store at the different out Garrisons in a perishing State, with the Exception of those at Amboor. —

Ordered accordingly. —

Mr. William Jones appointed a member of the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the army to prize money in the room of Mr. Joseph Garrow. —

The acting President also recommends, in consequence of the Indisposition of Mr. Joseph Garrow, that his Services be dispensed with, as a member of the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the army to Prize money — and that Mr. William Jones be appointed in his room. —

Ordered accordingly.

" Chas. Oakeley.

G. Balmain Esq.

" Huddleston

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To Mr Josias duPre Porcher

Military Storekeeper

To the Military Storekeeper - approbation of his Conduct - notification of the new arrangement for the Provision of Military Stores - Salary to be allowed him in consequence - economy strongly recommended. -

Sir

The Honble the Governor in Council having inspected your account of Stores provided for the month of March I am directed to signify his approbation of the Zeal and attention with which you have executed the orders of the Board, and to acquaint you that he has come to the resolution of continuing the Provision in your hands, subject to the present restriction by which you are required to deliver an account of the expenditure upon Oath.

In consideration of the additional trouble you will have in conducting this Business on Behalf of the Company, and with a view to excite your most entire Zeal and industry on the occasion the Governor in Council has been pleased to encrease your Salary from the 1st Instant

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to 500 Pagodas. & moreover, which you are to consider as the whole extent of your emolument as Military Storekeeper.

Though the Governor in Council is perfectly satisfied with your exertions it appear to him that some of the Stores, and particularly Tents, might by timely care and economy be procured on cheaper terms, and it will be your duty to ascertain the places where every article of Store can be made up to the best advantage and to act in the whole of this important concern with the utmost regard to the public Interest.

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

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To Major General Musgrave
&c. &c. Gentlemen of the Military Board

To the Military Boards - notifying the Resolutions of Government relative to the future Provisions of Military Stores - to report their opinion upon the Proposals received for furnishing Gun Carriages and Tin foiled Powder Barrels.

Gentlemen,

Having opened and considered sundry proposals made to us for the provision of Military Stores, and compared their prices generally with those

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Charged by the present Military Storekeeper in his account for March delivered to us upon Oath, we are of opinion that it will be for the interest of the Company to employ the Military Storekeeper to make up Stores in their Behalf in the same manner as he has done those for the Month of March, and we have come to this resolution accordingly.

There are two Articles, however, which we feel inclined to except out of the Storekeeper's provision - one is Gunpowder Barrels, which you formerly recommended might continue in the hands of the present maker, who has delivered us proposals for furnishing them by contract, and the other is Gun Carriages which requires mechanical knowledge as well as particular attention to construct them with all the advantages of which they are capable. We are pleased among other proposals to observe one from Mr. Topping who, we understand, has lately employed his mind upon this subject, and we shall be very willing, if his terms appear

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appear reasonable to avail ourselves of his abilities in the future construction of Gun Carriages . —

But before we come to any determination with respect to either of the Articles abovementioned, we think it necessary to take your opinion and for this purpose we refer the several proposals to your Consideration

We are

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Jc.a Jc.a Jc.a

(Signed) C. Oakeley
Govr Jc.a Jc.a

Substance of a Letter to the Jaghiredar of Arnee —

Sent Letter to the Jaghiredar of Arnee as entered in C.C. N.o 103 / 4 directing him to repair to the Presidency without delay,

7th Received the following Letter

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

From the Military Board - the Invoice of Stores for Ganjam will be forwarded - recommending that Mr Bishop be appointed to the charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

We have been honored with your Letter of the 2.d Instant.

When Stores were dispatched to Ganjam per Alert, the usual practise was

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7th was observed by the acting Commissary General of Stores, of sending a List thereof to the Accountant General, by whom all Invoices have not been received at Ganjam, we have directed an other List to be sent to that office.

In consequence of your Commands of the 3d Instant, we beg leave to recommend the appointment of Mr B. Bishop to the charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory.

We have the honor to be
Fo.a Fo.a Fo.a
(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave
" J. Cowper
" Geo: Mail

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President Fo.a Council
at Fort St. George

From the Resident at Ganjam Money advanced Lieut. Dawnie by order of the Supreme Council - Captain Welbraphs proceeds to Sea for the Recovery of his Health.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to you, Copy of a Letter which I lately received from the sub Secretary to the Government General

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7th General at Calcutta, and agreeably to which I have compleid with the Lieutenant Dowries requisition for 4000 four thousand Rupees.

Lieutenant Dowries proceeds on his March from hence this Morning.

I am concerned to acquaint you, that Extreme Ill health rendered it indispensably necessary, that Captain Lionel Westropp should quit this District, he accordingly Embarked three days since on the Brig Hannah John Taylor Commander.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

Gunjam
27 April 1791.

J.e J.e
(Signed) H.y Crawford

To R. D. Munro Esq.r
Chief and Council
at Gunjam

Gentlemen,

Lieutenant Downes being under Orders to proceed from hence to the Carnatic, in Charge of four Hundred

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7th Hundred and Sixty three Bullocks,
I am directed by the Governor General
in Council to desire, that you will
be pleased to afford him every
assistance in your power towards
forwarding the Service on which he
is employed, supplying him with
such advances as he may require,
and taking his receipts in Triplicate
for the amount, two of which to be
forwarded to the Secretary to this
Government. —

I have the honor to be
S.r &c.a &c.a
(Signed) P. Fombelle
Sub Secr.y

A true Copy
(Signed) Thomas Snodgrass
Secr.y

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
President and Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a
Fort S.t George

From the Commandant at Palegautcherry with Statement of Provisions &c.a to be furnished by the several Rajahs in the District of Palegautcherry - complains of the Mischievousness of the Rajah of Cochin - desires to know if he is to allow a Grain being removed from the District

Fort William
16.th March 1791.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to receive
M.r Secretary Dacheons Letter of the 20.th
April I feel much gratified by your
approval

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Approval of my conduct since
stationed at this place. I beg to re-
assure you that my study shall
be to act on principals of moderation
and prosperity. I shall have the
honor to state to you on a few days
as nearly as I can the Revenues &c. &c.
arising from these Countries.

I become more and more
solicitous to augment the quantity
of grain at this place as I imagine
the Army will very soon begin to
draw it from hence. The many
accounts I have lately received from
General Abercrombys Army state
almost the impossibility of Grain
being sent from Pillicherry to our
Armies in the Mysore Country after
the rains set in. In a Letter I had
from Captain Wehab this morning
he says "Once the Army crosses the
"Cavery I think there will be re-
"application made for your Grain
"as there will little be got from re-
"hence, the Rivers and I suppose the
"whole

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7.th "whole Country will be under wa-
"ter, and great would be the diffi-
"culty to get up Bullocks". If this
be the case the quarter is the proba-
bility that Lord Cornwallis will
look to this quarter for his supplies,
which makes me very anxious that
as much as possible should be provided.

I have much reason to be
pleased with the Zeal which appears
to actuate the Rajahs &c.a in this Neigh-
bourhood in completing the different
assessments laid on them by the Der-
van of the Rajah of Travancore; -
however the Rajah of Cochin is an
exception to this; a considerable time
ago I wrote to Earl Cornwallis com-
plaining of the conduct of the Cochin
man, but as his Lordship is so materi-
ally engaged I have not received his
instructions, which induces me now to
trouble you. An arrangement was made
by the Rajah of Travancores Dewan,
which I have in no respect interfered

in.

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in. The Agent of the Dewan (for he is with General Abercromby) presented me on my Arrival at this place, with a List of the quantities of Grain the Several Rajahs were to furnish & place in Store for the Army, it is enclosed.

The Rajah of Cochin after having suppplied 15,000 Marcals of Rice sent to inform me he had made an agreement with Mr. Powney the Travancore Resident to pay a certain Sum of Money and that the Dewan of the Travancoreans had no right to interfere with him, and explained to me the material difference which it made to him paying in grain or Money, that if they despoiled of the grain to the Merchants it would be forced much more than by delivering it to the Company.

I explained to the person sent by the Cochin man, that I had nothing to do in regulating the quantity, nor did I know the nature of the agreements with Mr. Powney, but I

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assured him that Grain was much more wanted for the supply of the Companys armies than Money I desired that Grain might be continued to be sent in and that as they had daily receipts from Mr Corbett the Storekeeper they could without much difficulty arrange the matter with Mr Powney. I used every persuasive argument I even threatened to detain him unless they would give me an assurance that they would continue their supplies but I could not prevail and the Grain on which I flattered myself with the hopes of getting placed on Store had I have the mortification to see daily removing from within four or five Miles of the Fort, it is sent by the Rivers to Cochin and from thence exported.

Apprehensive of being censured for allowing its being carried out of the District, I must beg for your instructions, how far it is proper for me to use coercive measures and prevent Grain being sent from this Country; at

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at a time it is probable the Army may require it.

I am totally ignorant of the arrangements Mr Powney may have interodinto with the Cochin man I enclose a Letter he sent me by the person who waited on me from the Rajah, but altho they have assured him of their readiness to comply with my applications, they have acted with such backwardness to the publick cause, that in my humble opinion merits at the least the severest censure.

If Mr Powney is vested with any exclusive authority over the Cochin Rajah which he does not say he is; I hope he will be directed to proportion of Grain &c. it can in no respect interfere with any agreements he may have made with the Rajah than that a certain sum equivalent to the value of the Rice, being deducted from the Money he may have stipulated to pay.—

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c. &c.

Signed J. Cuppage
Major Comm.g

Statement

Paighaut Cutcherry
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Statement of Grain &c.a to be supplied by the several Rajahs professing territory in the District of Palegh.d cherry.

		Measures of Rice
The Collicut Rajah or Zamorin		2,00,000
The Palegh.d Rajah		110,000
The Cochin Rajah		100,000
The Mannore Independant Nair		11,000
The Yooratory	D.o D.o	11,000
Congade	D.o D.o	11,000
Coolesparry	D.o D.o	8,000
Vallanatary Rajah		15,000
Total		4,96,000

The Collicut, Cochin & Palegh.d Rajahs to each furnish the following supplies required by Major Cuppage as a Garrison Store or for the use of the Army if wanted.

Marcal		67
Ghee	D.o	16
Gungely oil	D.o	16
Lamp Oil		1637
	Bundles	
Tobacco	D.o	500
Straw	D.o	500
Firewood		1637
Potts and Chatties		1637
Chillies	Marcals	400

Pepper

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Pepper	Marcals	35
Salt	Dc	670
Jagary Palmira	Indian	50
Jagary fine	Dc	50
Horse Gram	Marcal	1637
Doll	Dc	400
Green Gram	Indian	400
Betle Nutt	Dc	100
Tarmarick		

Palaphaudetherry
28th April 1791-

(Signed) I Cuppage
Major Comdg

To Major Cuppage
Commanding the Forces in
the Palgphaudetherry Distrct &c.

Sir,

The Rajah of Cochin, who has become Tributary to the Honble. English East India Company, has requested me to inform you, that he has given directions to the Cutcherry or Head man in the District which appertains to him, to supply upon an application from you, such articles as you may require, and his Country produces- He further begs me to request

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7th request that your applications may be made direct to his Curachgur and not through any intermediate channel.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obt Servt

(Signed) George Powney

Resident

To Will.m C Jackson Esq.r

Secretary - Military Department

Fort St George

Sir,

Having been joined by Lt Riddle on the 1st Instant, I proceeded and arrived here yesterday morning - The Rajahs I find extremely hospitable in the attention shewn him by Government and the prospect of being relieved from a constraint and anxiety which he has suffered for some time past. - His sons followers, since the calling away of Narsenrauze's people daily decrease, and have particularly fallen off on my approach. - while waiting for the junction of Lt Riddle, which I conceived immediately necessary to the Service, I took occasion

from Captain Jackson - advising his Arrival at Palacherry - the Number of Peons with Seemanair increases daily - as applied to the Rajah for Assistance -

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occasion to step to Chundregerry to furnish myself some Musket Ammunition - and at the same time dispatched the strictest caution to those Polegars Bungacer Nair 400 - Nargel Nair 150 - Mandel Nair 500 - The 1st are withdrawn, the two last still here whom I know to have had Peons with Timma Nair. - I am happy to observe that this likewise has had its good effect; the number of Peons now about Timma Nair being reduced to under 1,000. and, these I have hopes shortly of effecting the dispersion of, however against his endeavours which I perceive is, thro' ill advice, much bent on holding the Rajahs even by means of force to the concession lately extorted from him - He is at present very suspicious of me, conceiving it impossible that, without deception, I could have sent his friend Narrim Rauze to Madras - However my Orders shall be effected, and I hope soon, in the best manner possible.

I had before the arrival of

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M.r Riddle joined to my party a re-
Guard of Sepoys, left by M.r Henderley
at Narnaram, judging they might
for a few days be spared from that
place, and have taken with me the
Tent which he brought there - I hope
it will not meet the disapprobation
of the Honble Board. —

I have written to the Venket=
ghery Rajah to hold two Companies
of his Sepoys and 300 Peons in re-
readiness to wait my Orders, on his own
frontier, hoping however it may not
be requisite to call on them for this
Service, I chiefly do it, to signify the re-
Confidence Government has in him
on such an occasion.

I have the honor to be
Yo.r Fo.t

Calastry
4.th May 1791.

(Signed) C. Maseey Capt.

To the Honble Major General Medows
President and Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to acknow=
ledge the receipt of your orders under date 3.d
Instant

From the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money - etter on the Business entrusted to their Management requesting that their Indents for Stationary may be complied with. —

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7.th Instant appointing us a Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money and directing that we do immediately enter on the Execution of this Duty. —

In Obedience thereto we beg leave to inform you that we have directed the Commandants and Storekeepers of Carour Dindegal and Paliacatcherry to transmit us without Delay an Account of all Provisions which may have been Captured during the last Campaign, and now in their respective Garrisons, together with such Valuation of the same as they may have jointly agreed on. —

We take the Liberty to request that the Civil Storekeeper may be directed to comply with such Indents for Stationary as we may from time to time find it necessary to make. —

We have the honor to be with great respect

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Jc.a Jc.a

(Signed) Jordu Pre Porcher
" Robert Woolf

To

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To W.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary at

Fort S.t George

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - applying for Plans of Sirinjapatam.

Sir,

The Governor General in Council understanding that there are correct plans at Fort S.t George of Sirinjapatam, shewing the alterations and Improvements that have been or made of late Years both in the Fort and its Environs, I am directed to request that the Governor in Council at Fort S.t George will be pleased to give Orders, that this Government may be furnished with a Copy to be sent to Bengal by the first safe opportunity that offers. —

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Tombelle

Sub Secrey

Fort William the 20.th of April 1791.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. —

To

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To Colonel De Wangenheim

To Colonel De Wangenheim requesting he will order the Cloathing to be made up for the Hanoverian Invalids doing Duty at Arnee - the Stoppages Due on that account will be advanced from the Kings Pay Office -

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops - directing him to include in his next Indent of Cash the Amount of one years Stoppages made from the Hanoverian Invalids doing Duty at Arnee, and advance the same to Colonel DeWangenheim -

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General informing him of the abovementioned Arrangement respecting Stoppages for the Cloathing the Hanoverian Invalids at Arnee -

To Major Sonyn late of the Cavalry.

To Major Sonyn - directing him to send the Horses he has returned to join the 1st. Regement of Cavalry now at Vellore -

To Captain Brodenell late of this Cavalry.

To Captain Brodenell - Directing him to send to Vellore the Horse belonging to the 1st. Regement of Cavalry which he

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7.th he is reported to have retained. —

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly M.r Abernethy Assistant Surgeon to do Duty at Warriore until further orders — directing him to order the Serviceable Horses in the Trichinopoly & c.a Southern Districts belonging to the Company to be delivered over to the Officer who may be sent to receive them. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore.

To the Paymaster at Vellore. — The Officers and Men belonging to the 1.st Regement of Native Cavalry stationed at Vellore to be paid by him 'till further orders. —

To Major Murray — informing

To the Officer Commanding the 1.st Reg.t of Native Cavalry at Vellore.

him of the orders issued to Major Sonyn Captain Brudenell, the Commandant at Trichinopoly and Paymaster at Vellore — stating that no orders are at present required relative to recruiting men for the Regement in consequence of the dismounted Troopers have been sent to Vellore from the Presidency. —

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To the Military Paymaster & General and Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - informing them of the Allowance granted to Ensign Pierce during the time he officiates as Deputy Adjutant General at the Presidency. —

To the Military Paymaster General and the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To Major General Musgrave - with advice of Ensign Pierce's appointment and of the Allowance granted in consequence. —

To Major General Musgrave.

To the Commandant at Bangalore. —

To the Commandant at Bangalore - directing him to afford such Assistance as Captain Read may stand in need of and to receive into the Fort of Bangalore such Supplies as he may from time to time collect for the use of the Army.

To Major General Musgrave.

To Major General Musgrave - to report if any and what Number of officers can be spared from the 3d. Battalion of European Infantry at Vellore to do duty with Captain Read's Detachment. —

To

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To Captain Alexander Read

To Captain Alex.r Read at Vellore.

- enclosing the abovementioned Letter to the Commandant at Bangalore - advising of the Reference made to Major General Musgrave - one hundred Dooley Boys will be sent from the Presidency to do Duty with his Detachment recommending him to act with caution in regard to offering additional Pay to the Lascars to induce them to take the Field. -

To M.r William Jones - ap-

Mr. W.m Jones.

pointing him a Member of the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money in the room of M.r Joseph Garrow. -

To the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money. -

To the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money informing them of M.r Jones's Appointment. -

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

directing him to draw on M.r Scott for the Amount of advances to the Bengal Troops of every Discription now in Garrison at Trichinopoly transmitting all the

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The Vouchers to that Gentleman also to grant temporary Allowance Chitties to the Officers at Cannor - informing him that advances of Cash for the Payment of the Garrison of Saugar will be made by Mr Sloyer to whom a receipt must be given for such Sum as he may draw on that Account. ~

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - directing them to give the necessary Instructions to Mr Sloyer for advancing Cash for the Payment of the Garrison of Saugar. ~

To the Board of Revenue.

To the Board of Revenue - informing them of the instructions given to Mr Cochrane to send Codanapundy Conical under a Guard to Mr Chamier Collector at Muglatore - enclosing Copies of Papers explanatory of the cause of the Measure. ~

To the Honble B. Cochrane Guntoor.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane - directing him to send Codanapundy Conical with all his Papers under a Guard to Mr Chamier Collector at Muglatore. ~

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To Masulipatam.

To Masulipatam - with advice of the Instructions given to Mr. Cochrane.

To Do.

To Do. to call upon Captain Muat to refund the Sums drawn by him on account of a Linguist; and, in consideration of his having been employed on extra Duty, to reemburse him to the Extent they may judge absolutely necessary - accounting for the Sum so allowed as a Revenue Charge.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - with advice of the Instructions given to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam the Charge made by Captain Muat on Account of a Linguist.

To the Commandant at Palegautcherry.

To the Commandant at Palegautcherry - directing him not to allow any Grain to be removed from the districts under his Command until he has completed the Quantity ordered

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to be stored at Palegaudetherry - and informing him that the necessary Steps will be taken in consequence of the Rajahs of Cochins Backwardness in furnishing Supplies. —

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors.

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors - directing him to provide with the utmost Dispatch four thousand serviceable Carriage Bullocks and two thousand Draft Bullocks at Amboor, and the same Number of each at Trichinopoly advising the Board from time to time of the Progress made in the Execution of the order at both those Stations. —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - directing him to send to Amboor, with all possible Dispatch, eight thousand Rice Bags made of Northern Gunnies and the same Number to Trichinopoly. —

To Do.

To Do. to sell off to the best advantage for the Company, the Sundry Articles of Provisions &c. on Hire at

this

7th the different Out Garrisons, in a perishing State, with the Exception of those at Amboor.

To Mr. Secretary Hay.

To Mr. Secretary Hay- informing him that the original Dispatches for England which accompanied his Letter of the 11th Ultº were forwarded by the Warren Hastings- and returning the Duplicates agreeably to the Request contained in his Letter of the 18th Ultimo.

To Dº

To Dº with the Commander of the Rose's Receipt for the Packet & containing the Duplicate Dispatches abovementioned.

To Captain Massey at Calastry.

To Captain Massey- approving the Zeal manisfasted in the Execution of the Service entrusted to him- directing him to apply to the Rajah of Calastry for a Slave named Soobah belonging to the Vencatagherry Rajah who has taken refuge at Calastry.

8th Received the following Letter from Captain Massey.

Wm

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8.th

W. Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary — Military Department.

Fort S.t George

Sir,

From Captain Macsey - all the Poligars have recalled their Peons from Timma Nair - expects soon to procure from Timmanair the seal and Papers extorted from his Father

Since my address of the 4.th Instant to you for the Honble Board, I have the pleasure to acquaint you that without the necessity of using force, I have prevailed with Timma Nair to Dismiss the greater part of his armed people - Indeed the Poligars whom I had written to have in the mean time sent to recall their Peons from him I find - and I have received a reply particularly from the Maulet Nair in terms quite submissive to the commands of Government - which, having been very soon on my caution to him, I now enclose for the information of the Honble Board; His people I dispatched with proper caution last night. - Little else now remains for me here but to oblige Timma Nair to restore to the Rajah his Seal of the Office of Diwan, and the written agreements extorted with it from

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8.th from him, on this occasion, - This the Rajah is very anxious for and I hope to effect it in a Day or two.

The advice, chiefly of two bad people about this young man, I am convinced occasion much of his irregularities, and conceive that the removal of one or both of them entirely from his person may be conducive to an establishment of harmony between his Father and him; I purpose striving to effect it - their names are Cunchel Soobroo and Chunnoo Nair, the latter a near relation, both their Characters I have long known to be very bad. -

I have the honor to be

Cochin
6.th May 1791-

(Signed) C Macleay Capt.n

P.S. This instant a reply from the Venkitgherry Rajah informs me that his Troops shall be held in readiness as agreeable to the pleasure of Government as expressed in my letter to him. -

(Signed) C Macleay

Lieut

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Sent the following Letter to Bengal.—

To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Fort William

To Bengal with Copy of a Letter from Earl Cornwallis respecting Rice Bags and Bullocks to be sent to Amboor and Trichinopoly.

Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose for your Information Copy of a Letter & received this day from the Right Honble the Governor General

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley

Governor &c.

Fort St George 9th May 1791.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54.

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam — offering Mr. McTudor as his Collateral Security. —

From the Collector at Carroor — stating that the House in the Pettah which the Board have directed to be allotted for the accomodation of the officers

8th

Officers in that Garrison is now nearly full of the Companys Grain.

From the Commandant at Caroor.

From the Commandant at Caroor will pay Attention to the orders he may receive from the Military Board respecting Stores and Provisions captured from the Enemy.

From the Paymaster at Vellore.

From the Paymaster at Vellore with a Letter addressed him by Ensign Redman informing him that a Sum of Money had been stolen from a Box in the Main Guard of that Garrison on the Night of the 17th Ultimo amounting to Rupees 120. and Pagodas 49- Requesting to know who is to sustain the loss.

From Major General Musgrave.

From Major General Musgrave stating that the weak state of the 3d. Battalion of European Infantry in Subaltern officers will not admit of any being detached from it- and that he has ordered Ensign Stenhouse of His Majesty's 71 Regement to join Captain Mexander Read's Detachment.

From

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From the Post Master General.

From the Post Master General transmitting a List of Public Letters despatched to Camp on the 19th 20th & 21st ultimo it being supposed that the Despatches despatched from hence on those have been cut off.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with an Invoice of Sulphur shipped on the Anne Eliza for this Supply of this Presidency - also Sundry Bills of lading of Grain sent round.

From Lieutenant Downce of the Bengal Establishment.

From Lieutenant Downce advising of his Arrival at Ganjam with Bullocks from Bengal.

From the Commandant at Madeira.

From the Commandant at Madeira stating that he has furnished M. Vaughan with a Copy of the Charges preferred against him by Lieutenant Bong and of the Evidence in support of them.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB N.os 55. 56. 56.

To the Civil Paymaster General.

To the Civil Paymaster General - Directing him to engage and send

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8th send to Vellore with all possible Expedition One Hundred Dooley Boys to serve with Captain A. Read's Detachment

To Mr. Tudor

To Mr. M Tudor - enclosing a Bond to be executed by him as collateral Security for Mr. Gregory Paymaster at Vizagapatam.

9th To Major Maule - directing him to lay before the Board to be transmitted to Bengal Copies of such Plans of Seringapatam as may be in the Chief Engineers Office, shewing the Alterations and Improvements that have been made of late years both in the Fort and its Enverons.

To Major Maule of the Corps of Engineers.

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

John Hudleston Esqr.

The Hon'ble Major General Wm. Medows absent upon Service.

Tusday the 10th May 1791-

Minutes of Last Consultation read and approved.

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Lord Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
acting President and Council
Fort S.t George

Gentlemen,

Form Lord Corn: wallis - Bullocks and Northern Grain may be sent to Tanbaor and Trichinopoly.

It appears to me improbable, that after the Experience which Tipsoo will have derived from the Capture of Bangalore, he would suffer any considerable Quantity of Grain to be left in Seringapatam, so that, even if we are so fortunate as to take that place before the setting in of the Rains, the Army may be very much distressed for Provisions, and the wretched state of our Bullocks can give us little reason to expect that we shall be able to procure supplies by their means from a distant Quarter, & especially at so unfavorable a Season of the Year. &

If

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If it should be necessary to have recourse to our Magazines, it is not in my Power to ascertain at present whether we shall be able to receive supplies most conveniently from Amboor, or from the Southward - I must therefore request that you will give Orders to the Contractors to provide with all possible Dispatch four thousand serviceable Carriage Bullocks and two thousand Draft Bullocks at Amboor, and the same number of each at Trichinopoly, giving me notice from time to time of the Progress they make in executing the Order at both those stations, that I may take my measures accordingly - The Cattle may be removed from one of those Places to the other, as soon as I can decide where they will be much wanted -

You will also please to direct that eight thousand Rice Bags should be sent to each Place, with particular Orders that they should be

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be made of the Northern Gunny, and by no means of the Gunny of Bengal.

Camp near Bangalore April 30th. 1791.

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

(Signed) Cornwallis

Minute thereon

Immediately on the Receipt of the foregoing Letter, the Agent for the Bullock Contractors and the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions were directed to provide the Bullocks and Northern Gunny Bags required by Lord Cornwallis.

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

To M.r W.m Collins Esq.r

Secretary to the

Military Department

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - reports the Impossibility of procuring the number of Northern Gunny Bags ordered to be sent to Amboor and Trichinopoly - recommendation in consequence - further orders required regarding perishable articles of Stores at out Garrisons.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 7.th Instant directing me to provide and send to Amboor with all possible Dispatch Eight Thousand Rice Bags made of Northern Gunney - and the same number to Trichinopoly - and to be particular

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particularly careful that the Bags are made of Northern Gunny and by no means of the Bengal Gunny.

It is at all times my wish as it has ever been my endeavor to Comply with the Orders of Government, in the present instance however I am sorry it is totally out of my power, and I hope the Honble Board will be convinced that it proceeds not from any want of attention on my part to the probable wants of my Office.

Foreseeing that a great supply of Rice Bags would be required I sent a Commission to Mr Parsons at Ingeram / the last Gunny being made in the surrounding Countries / for 20,000 Pieces of the first sort on the 28th of October last, but Mr Parsons in reply informed me that, for want of Rain the productions of the Earth were dried up and a total failure in the manufacture - and that it was with difficulty Gunnies could be procured for the Consumption of the Place

- In

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- In hopes of being more successful at Ganjam I sent a Commission on the 11th November to Mr. Munro for 10,000 Pieces, who, being upon the eve of departure for Europe requested Mr. Crawford to undertake it - which he obligingly did, and gave me hopes of a speedy supply; but after every exertion on his power. Mr. Crawford informed me on the 21st ultimo that he how only been able to ship off 3450 Pieces (which are not yet arrived) and that the remainder of the Commission must lay over until August and September next - wishing to neglect no means of procuring so essential a supply I on the 29th November sent a third Commission to Mr. Sevoy at Vizagapatam for 10,000 Pieces more, but from the same cause (a want of Rain) tho' he sent people to every part of the Country, only 4000 Pieces could be procured - these I received and sent to Amboor for for the use of the Army. -

Finding every effect to procure what is generally considered the best

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best Gunny Sail, I resolved in order to
prevent absolute distress to the Service to
have recourse to Bengal, and, on the 13.th
December last sent a Commission for
100,000 pieces - but from the demand for
Tonnage at Calcutta no opportunity +
offered of shipping them for Madras +
until my Correspondent fortunately +
prevailed on Captain Larkins of the
Warren Hastings to receive 65 Bales the
greater part of which he was obliged to
keep upon deck at my Risk.

I trust the foregoing detail will
Evince to the Honble Board that no +
blame rests with me for not being able
to Comply fully with their orders, I +
shall however purchase every piece of
good Northern Gunney to be found here,
and the remainder must necessarily be made
up with Bengal Bags - which when new -
- well sewed and Doubled that is to say
4 Common Bags to a Bullock Bag will
I trust be found a good Substitute. +

As I understand good Gunney
is made to the Southward, and, as at +
this Season of the year much time is +
lost

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lost in sending Stores South, I leave taken upon me for want of Northern Gunneys and as the most expeditious mode of Provision to direct Mr Strange at Tanjore and Mr Garrow at Trichinopoly to make up 4000 Rice Bags each with the least possible delay - and to pay every particular attention not only to the Clothe but to the goodness of the Twine and Sewing - and having heard that Mr Kongoode got a supply of good Gunneys from the Palamcotta Countries, I have requested Mr Sorin to prevent a possibility of disappointment, to send a supply to Mr Garrow and I hope the Board will approve the measures I have taken. -

I have likewise to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th directing me to sell off to the best advantage for the Company the Sundry Articles of Provisions &c. in Store at the different out Garrisons in a perishing State - I have accordingly given Orders for the Sale of all the Ghee in Store except at Tuigar, Arnboor and

Trinaconda

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Immediately, where the whole depen-
dence of the Garrison must be on
public Store - the Order is not I s-
suppose meant to Extent to Grain.

I am
Sir & Sr
Your &c.
(Signed) Tho. Cockburn
Commy Gen. of
Grain and Provisions

Madras
10th May 1791.

Agreed to inform Mr. Cockburn
that if a Sufficient Quantity of Northern
Grain cannot be procured, the Defi-
ciency must be supplied by Bengal
Minute thereon Bags, made up in the manner he has
suggested - and that the Grain in Store
is to remain for the present. -

Agreed to inform Lord Corn-
wallis, that the Board are apprehensive
D°. from the above report of the Commissa-
ry General of Grain and Provisions
that Northern Grain cannot be
obtained in the Quantity wanted. -

Read the following Letter from the
Military Storekeeper. -

The

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The Honble Major General Meadows

President and Governor &c.a in Council

Fort S.t George

From the Military Store keeper with a Bill for Gunpowder furnished last Month. -

Honble Sir,

I am much flattered by the ap-
probation you are pleased to express
in your Letter under Date the 6.th Instant
of my Conduct and shall use my endeavour
Exertion to merit a Continuation of your
favorable opinion.

I am aware that the Article of Stores
may be provided to the Northward at
cheaper Rates than those I have charged
and have already taken measures accordingly.

Permit me to lay before you the
Receipt of the Deputy Commissary for Barrels 520
of Gunpowder made up in the last month with
my Bills for the same.

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

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(Signed) Jos.h de Pre Porchen
Ag.y Storekeeper

Received from Gunpowder Contractor in the Month of April 1791-

Gunpowder . . .	60 ℔ Barrels	520.

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(Signed) B. Bisshop
Dep.t Com.y Stores

The

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The Honble Company D.o

	Pags	Fs	Bs
Gunpowder made in April last Barrels 265 @ Cost 31. 16 " @ 43. 1. 28 Pags	Pagodas 1368	21	25

Errors Excepted

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(Signed) P. Jos. DuPre Porcher
Mg Store Kr.

The Honble Company . . . D.o

Gunpowder made in April last Barrels 255 @ Cost 30. 12. " Cost @ 24. 35. 23 3/4 Pags	958	18	10
Commission 10 P.C. P Pags	75	37	70
Pagodas	834	11	"

Errors Excepted

Fort St George
9th May 1791.

(Signed) P. Jos. DuPre Porcher
Mg Store Kr.

I Josias DuPre Porcher do make oath and swear that the above Article of Gunpowder is charged at the price it actually cost, and that I have exerted my utmost endeavours to procure it on the cheapest prices for the Company. —

(Signed) P. Jos. DuPre Porcher

Sworn to before me
this 9th day of
May in the year of
our Lord 1791.
(Signed) Hodgeston Justice

The

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Minute thereon

The Board observe with much Pleasure the very considerable saving that will accrue to the Company by the Change of System in the Provision of Gunpowder. — It appears by the accounts now delivered in by Mr. Porter that the Gunpowder furnished upon Oath, is not less than Eighty two ℔ Cent Cheaper to the Company than that was furnished at the fixed Rates.

Agreed that Bills on Bengal be granted to Mr. Porter for the Sum of one Thousand three hundred and Sixty Eight Pagodas - twenty one Fanams and twenty five Cash / 1368-21-25 / at the Exchange of 375 Arcot Rupees ℔ 100 Star Pagodas - and for the Sum of Eight hundred and Sixty four Pagodas - Eleven Fanams / 864-11 / at the Exchange of 385. — ℔

Bills on Bengal to be granted to the Military Storekeeper.

Resolved that the Gentlemen of the supreme Council be advised of the Bill drawn upon them at the Exchange of 375 Arcot Rupees ℔ 100 Star Pagodas, and of the reason for so doing.

Notification thereof to be made to the Supreme Government.

Agreed

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Agreed, in conformity to Mr. Hudleston's recommendation contained in his minute delivered in at the last meeting, that the Military Storekeeper be desired to prepare the most accurate Statement in his Power of the Cort of Military Stores charged according to the late system and the present Prices, including in it Gunpowder, and every other article provided by the late Military Storekeeper, as also the Salary he received, and the Salary as now fixed; and Shewing the actual Difference pr. Cent between the aggregate Expence to the Company upon the late and present Provision.

Comparative Statement to be drawn out by the Military Storekeeper.

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St. George

From Captain Kennaway in reply to the Reflections cast upon his conduct by Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery in his late address to the Board.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant enclosing

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enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieut=
enant Colonel Montgomery & the Board,
and their reply.

In explanation of the allusion
to my conduct contained in the Paragraph
of that Officer's Letter beginning with the
words "I find, it however incumbent
"on me" - and the two following ones I beg
leave to enclose Extract of Major Mont=
gomerys reply of the 24th of June to my
application for the Colonade I wanted, and
to refer to my Letter to Mr. Secretary
Chamier of the 25th June which contains
every Information I forwarded to the
Governor General, regarding a transaction
which Major Montgomery supposes me
to have mistaked, except his Letter to
me of the 24th and the Colonade, which,
for the reasons, mentioned to Mr. Secretary
Chamier in the Letter above quoted, I
were omitted. The necessary Extracts are
now supplied.

My answer of the 25th June to
Major Montgomery Letter of the 24th
contains the following acknowledgement

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"I have the honor to acknowledge the
"receipt of your Letter of yesterday's
"date with Enclosures, which I shall
"without delay submit to the Governor
"General to enable his Lordship to
"decide on such points contained in it
"as cannot be determined elsewhere"-
among the Enclosures so transmitted
was the Estimate which Major Mont-
gomery in his Letter to the Board ex-
presses his surprise at my having
sent, and his inability to figure to
himself any justifiable motive which
could induce me to transmit either
it or its subsequent explanation to his
Lordship in the light of Charges
preferred by him: not aware, perhaps,
that any public papers forwarded to
me, cannot, without very good grounds
indeed, be withheld from the authority
under which I act or of the construction
which I could not help putting on
these words of his Letter. "I now enclose
"you a rough abstract of the Expence
"of it / the Detachment / necessary at
present

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"present. What contingencies may here-
"after occur, it is not in my power now
"to state" This rough abstract, under the
above Explanation, contained, as you
will perceive in the Copy enclosed, one
rather general Item of Two Thousand,
Seven Hundred Pagodas, which, I
conclude led the Governor General to
express himself in the manner Lieuten-
ant Colonel Montgomery has stated to
the Board.

Lieutenant Colonel Montgo-
mery's Letter to the Board contains the
following Paragraph "With this view,
"and on a supposition that he / the
"Resident / might be vested by my
"Superiors with powers which were not
"entrusted to me, I proposed to him on
"leaving us the 5.th of September last,
"That the monthly abstracts of the
"Expence of the Detachment, should
"be forwarded to him previous to the
"Issue of Money for their discharge, that
"he might himself be able to judge of
"the propriety of such Expence, and
"thereby

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"thereby free me from a disagreeable res-
"ponsibility- altho' he deemed it connect-
"ary to give an answer to this proposal
"Jo.s" In reply to which I enclose 1.st three
Extracts of a Letter from the Governor General
to me of the 20.th of July Copies of which,
with others that related to Major Mont-
gomery, were forwarded to him under
date the 14.th August, and acknowledged in an
explanatory Letter under date the 18.th which
was transmitted to Lord Cornwallis. 2.d
Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery
to me of the 5.th September which contains
the proposal alluded to in the Paragraph
above cited; and 3.d Extract of my Letter
to Major Montgomery under date the 8.th
September in reply to the foregoing which
Letter of the 8.th was acknowledged by him
under date the 13.th of the same Month

The Copy of Major Montgomery's
Letter to the Paymaster of the 10.th of October,
on the supposition of my non-transmission
of which Major Montgomery says so much
stress in the Explanation he has given of

his

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his Conduct, I presume was sent by me with the other papers; if it was, it should I conceive, have been acknowledged by the Board in their answer; their silence & admitting of an inference that his supposition of its not having been transmitted, was just.

I have the honor to be
Jo.a Jo.a
(Signed) John Kennaway

Paarngul
27 April 1791.

Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery to Captain Kennaway dated Cantonment Ramgoindpore the 24.th June 1790.

In answer to your Letter of the 15.th in which "you request to be furnished "as soon as possible with Abstracts of "the exact Monthly Expence of the Detach- "ment under my Command to enable & "you to take measures for procuring the "necessary advances for its Payment" I now enclose you a rough Abstract of the expence of it necessary at present. - what Contingencies may hereafter occur

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accer, it is not in my power now to state. —

True Extract

(Signed) Grame Mercer

actg Asst

Rough Abstract of the Pay Batta and Charges of the Detachment under the Command of Major Hugh Montgomery for one Month.

	Mad.s	F.	C.	Mad.s	F.	C.
Pay						
8 Subadars 10 Jemedars, 40 Havildars, 40 Naigues 10 Puckallys, 680 Sepoys 40 Recruit Boys, 2 Vakeels of the 28th M.s Battalion of Sepoys	1455.	16.	"			
6 Subadars, 7 Jemedars, 43 Havildars, 40 Naigues 10 Puckallys 2 Vakeels 680 Sepoys 40 Recruit Boys of the 29th Mad.s Battalion of Sepoys	1420.	6.	40.			
3 Syrangs 12 Tendals 3 Puckallies 162 Lascars and 1 Vakeel of the Artillery	354.	28.	40.			
3 Syrang 4 Tendals 1 Comacopley 101 Lascars of Store	252.	38.	32.			
1 Captain 4 Lieutenants 3 Ensigns 4 Sergeants and 12 Drummers of the 28th Battalion	319.	10.	10.			
1 Captain 5 Lieutenants 2 Ensigns 5 Sergeants and 12 Drummers of the 29th Battalion	334.	"	10.			
1 Captain 2 Lieutenants 1 Conductor 50 Lascars of the Artillery	212.	5.	20.			
1 Major 1 Brigade Major 1 quartermaster 2 Batt.n adjutants 1 Paymaster and 2 Surgeons Assistants	275.	21.	"			
				4624	"	22.

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	Mas.	F.	C.	Mas.	F.	C.
Brought over	-	-	-	4624.	"	22.
Batta						
8 Subadars, 10 Jemedars, 40 Hawldars, 40 Naigues 10 Puckallies 680 Sepoys 40 Boys 2 Vakeels of the 28th M.I. Battalion	853.	1	20			
6 Subedars 7 Jemedars 43 Hawldars 40 Naigues 10 Puckallys 2 Vakeels 680 Sepoys and 40 Boys of the 29th M.I. Battalion	831.	24.	10.			
3 Syrangs 12 Sendals 3 Puckallys 1 Vakeel and 162 Lascars of the Artillery	222.	12.	30.			
3 Syrangs 4 Sendals 101 Lascars 1 Conicopoly of the Stores	143.	24.	"			
1 Captain 4 Lieutenants 3 Ensigns 4 Sergeants and 12 Drummers of the 28th Battalion	296.	5.	16.			
1 Captain 5 Lieutenants 2 Ensigns 5 Serjeants and 12 Drummers of the 29th Battalion	306.	37.	2.			
1 Captain 2 Lieutenants and 1 Conductor of the Artillery	140.	22.	32.			
1 Major 1 Paymaster, 1 Brigade Major and 2 Surgeons	272.	33.	18.	3051.	34.	18.

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	Star Pd.	F.	C.	Star Pd.	F.	C.
Brought over				7682.	34.	40.
2 Maistrys & 50 Dooley Boys Pay and Batta	162.	8.	32.			
1 Maistry & 24 Mamoty Coolies Batta and Pay	72	36.	"			
2 Maistrys & 30 Camoutties Do.	75.	36.	"			
Artificers of the 28th Battalion	33.	"	"			
Do. 29th Do.	33	"	"			
Do. Artillery & Stores	148.	16	40			
Do. Quarter Masters	50.	"	"			
Puckally Bullocks of the 28th Madras Battalion of Sepoys	33.	"	"			
Do. 29th Do.	33	"	"			
Do. Artillery &ca. &ca.	50.	25.	16.	691.	38	8
Extra Charges for Victualing the Europeans, Repairing and purchasing Tents, Medicinal Charges, Adjutants Horse allowances, Contingencies &ca. &ca.	"	"	"	2700	"	"
Star Pagodas				11,074	30.	48.
or Madras Pagod.				10,067	43	16

(Signed) H. Montgomery
Major Comm.g

True Copy
(Signed) Graine Mercer
act.g Assist.

Extracts

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Extracts of a Letter from Earl Cornwallis to Captain J Kennaway dated Fort William 20th July 1790.

"I desire however that you will acquaint Major Montgomery that, whether the contingent expences of the detachment shall be alternately defrayed by the Nizam or by the Company, those Expences cannot be suffered to be made in loose and undefined terms; and I therefore require that Major Montgomery shall, previous to your advancing Money for the use of the Detachment, furnish you with detailed Monthly Abstracts specifying the precise number of effective Officers and Soldiers, and of the persons belonging to the different Establishments actually effective, and who by the Madras regulations are entitled to Pay and other allowances, and stating & clearly and seperately, under its own name, each article of contingent Expence that has been necessarily incurred, and, should & your demand upon the Nizam (including such Contingencies as shall appear to his Highness to be reasonable) be insufficient to discharge the amount of Major Montgomerys

abstracts,

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abstracts, your Bills for the difference drawn either upon the President of Benares or upon this Government shall be regularly honored."

"You will at the same time communicate my directions to Major Montgomery that he shall transmit to the proper Office at Madras the Copies of all Abstracts that he shall deliver to you, accompanied with regular Vouchers, and inform him that I shall request that those abstracts shall be examined and audited with as much dispatch as may be possible, and that all articles of Contingent Charges shall be disallowed and retrenched that are not consistent with the Regulations of that Establishment, or that shall not have received the specific sanction of General Medows or of the Board at Fort St George."

"I shall conclude with desiring that you will furnish Major Montgomery with a Copy of the part of this Letter that relates to him, and that you will express to him my expectation that he will

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will not only strictly conform to the
orders contained in it, as well as all
others that he may receive from Madras
or General Medows, but that he will on
every occasion, manifest the most willing
and conciliatory disposition in co-operating
with the Nizams Officers for the benefit
of the common Cause, by doing the utmost
in his power to promote the success of
all the operations of his Highness's Army:
And should any disputes or differences of
opinion arise between him and any of
his Highness's Officers, he is to avoid all
warm altercation with them, and refer
the point to be decided upon by the Nizam
and by you, or alternately by General
Medows or by myself. -

True Extract.

(Signed) Grame Mercer
acty Aj.t.

Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery
to Captain Kennaway under date Camp
at Bannoor the 5th. September 1790.

Understanding the Spirit of
the Governor Generals Instructions to be

that

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that the Abstracts of the Pay &c.a &c.a
of the Detachment should be delivered
to you previous to any Payment taking
place, I have in pursuance of that
Idea, withheld the pay for the present
Month, and have given the necessary
Directions to the Paymaster and others
for preparing the Documents requisite
which I hope to be enabled to forward
to you by the next Despatch - I trust
it accord with your Ideas of his Lord-
ship's Intention; I shall in future
continue to transmit you the Abstracts
&c.a previous to the issuing Money for
their discharge by which means you
will be able to judge immediately of
the propriety of the Expenditure, and will
in some measure exonerate me from
a disagreeable responsibility."

True Extract
(Signed) Grame Mercer
Actg Asst.

Extract of a Letter from Captain
Hennaway to Major Montgomery dated
Paringal 8.th September 1790.

"Since

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"Since my Letter of yesterday I have been favored with yours of the 3d Instant, and one from Mr. Malcolm of the 4th any reply to which respecting the Charges of the Detachment, as well as to your having directed payment of Captain Scott's Monthly Bills is become unnecessary from me, from the orders you will herewith receive from the Board (Copy of which has been transmitted to me) directing the report of the Military Board upon the statements of the Monthly expence of your Detachment enclosed in Mr. Secretary Chauncies Letter to be strictly attended to and I am of opinion that whilst you make that report the rule of your Expenditure, there will be no necessity for the Payment of the Troops, at least as far as such payment may not exceed the regular Establishment, being rigidly restricted to the period prescribed by the Governor General in his Commands to me of the 20th July."

True Extract
Grame Mercer
Actg Aspk.

Copies

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Upon Reference to the records it appears that Captain Kennaway did transmit in his Address to the Board of the 30th October last, a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's Letter to Mr. Robert Malcolm of the 7th of that Month, and on which he (Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery) has laid so much Stress in the Justification of his Conduct- Agreed that this Circumstance be noted to Captain Kennaway and to Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letters from Major General Musgrave.

To the Honble the Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From Major General Musgrave Captain C. P. Ogg of the Corps of Engineers requests permission to proceed to Europe- Lieutenant Sheridan applies to be placed on the Invalide List.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before the Board Two Letters, one from Major Maule requesting permission for Captain Charles Parsons, Ogg, to return to Europe on Account of his bad state of health, the necessity of which has been properly attested by the usual certificates of the Medical Gentlemen. The other from Lieutenant Sheridan, soliciting to be placed on

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on the Invalid List, and enclosing a certificate of his bad state of health from the Head Surgeon at Vellore. —

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I have the honor to be
Sr. & Sr.
(Signed) Thos. Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave
Commanding the Troops in the Carnatic

Sir,

Captain Charles Parsons Dy. of the Corps of Engineers has represented to me that his Health is such as to render it necessary he should undertake a Voyage to Europe for his Recovery: I have the honor to acquaint you herewith, to enclose your two Certificates from the Physician and Surgeon-General &c. and to request you will be pleased to procure his leave of absence from Government

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I have the honor to be
respectfully
Sr. & Sr.
(Signed) Geo. Maule
Majr. Engrs.

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The Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley K.B.

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

Hon.ble Sir,

Having had a relapse of those complaints particularly specified in a memorial I had the honor of addressing you with some time ago and having consulted with Doctor Gahagan who's Certificate I have the honor to enclose you specifying the debilitated state of my constitution. I therefore beg I may be indulged and placed on the Invalide List where by an other situation may be more favourable to my constitution and my services not entirely lost having for these two years suffered repeated and dangerous indispositions in this Garrison

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

Vellore
May 6th 1791.

(Signed) C. Sheridan
Lieutenant 3d Reg.t E Infantry

This is to Certify that Lieutenant Sheridan has been frequently obliged to proceed from his station to the Coast, for the recovery of his Health, having laboured under

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under Charges Proofs and other
Complaints, which have induced
Debility - I am therefore of Opinion
that he is at present unfit for Field
Service. —

Vellore 1st
May 1790.

(Signed) T. Gahagan
Major Commg

To The Honble the Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

From Major General Musgrave - Lieutenant Shepheard requests that he may be permitted to resign the Adjutancy of the 11 Battalion of Native Infantry to recommend Lieutenant Berkely for the succession. —

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to inform
the Board that Lieutenant William
Shepheard Adjutant of the 11th Battalion
of Native Infantry has transmitted to
me, through his Commanding Officer,
his resignation of Adjutant to the
above mentioned Battalion, with a request
that he may be permitted to resign
the Office, Captain M'Neile who
commands the Battalion, has recom-
mended Lieutenant William Berkely
of the 2d European Battalion as an
Officer properly qualified for the
succession, to whose recommendation,

from

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From personal Knowledge, I beg leave to add my own and have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave

Agreed that Captain Charles Parsons Ogg be permitted to proceed to Europe for the re-establishment of his Health; and that Lieutenant Sheridan be placed on the Invalid List.

Captain Ogg of the Engineers permitted to proceed to Europe - Lieutenant Sheridan placed on the Invalid List.-

Agreed also, that Lieutenant William Shepheard be permitted to resign the Adjutancy of the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry and that Lieutenant William Berkely be mentioned to Major General Medows for the Succession.

Lieutenant Shepheard permitted to resign the Adjutancy of the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry.

Read the following Letter from The Reverend Mr Swartz.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c.a

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have been honoured with the Letter of the Honble Board directing me to draw the allowance, as presented for the Subsistance of the late Rajahs Family.

From the Reverend Mr Swartz prays 5000 Pag.s to the Rajahs family - Recommends that a yearly allowance of Pagodas be granted them in addition to the Sum already stipulated and that half the Amount be charged to the Rajahs accounts.

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Family, directly from the Gentlemen
Collectors in case His Excellency should
refuse to accept of it. -

It was therefore thought ad-
adviseable to entreat his Excellency once
more to receive to receive that money
and them to send it to me- Accordingly
I not only wrote a Letter to His Excel-
lency but waited on him wishing to
persuade him to consent to the Proposal
- The first answer I got was rather a-
hasty- upon which I told His Excellency
that it would be painful to me to a-
acquaint the Honble Board with such
an answer which might prove pre-
judicial to him, begged therefore to
consider and reconsider the matter- and
then to favor me with a final a-
answer. Being pleased with this my
reply he promised to consider all a-
maturely- But this caused so long a
delay that I was afraid of appearing
to the Honble Board as one who had
neglected their Order. Last night I was
permitted to wait upon His Excellency
who

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who declared his final resolution Viz.
That he would neither take nor give a
Receipt for the 5000 Pagodas which the
Gentlemen Collectors intended to send
to the Ladies. I represented to His
Excellency the distress of those Ladies
for want of Money - and that two
Gentlemen, considering that real distress,
would think themselves obliged to
send that sum directly to me - to
which His Excellency replied that they
might do as they pleased.

Accordingly I applied this day
to Mr Sadlofield for 5000 Star Pagodas
Mr Ram, who is at present absent, had
previously consented to pay that Sum
to me on that account. His Excellency refused
to receive it for the benefit of those
Ladies. The Money was sent to me and
I sent it immediately to the late
Rajahs family.

Those Ladies, and particularly
the late Rajahs Mother, have entreated
me to mention in my Letter to the Honble
Board their distressful circumstances on
account

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account of the numerous families
depending upon them - and that it
would be almost impossible to keep
them from misery, if the Honourable
Board should not think it proper
to make some addition to their allow-
ance - As it is too true that a number
of Families are maintained by them
I venture to intercede for them - If the
Honble Board should think it
improper to make any alteration in
respect of the Stipulated Sum of 25,000
Pagodas per Year: I think a yearly
allowance of 30,000 Fhalam Paddy
might be granted to them.

But who is to pay for that
is paid to His Excellency besides the
fifth part of Revenue, is given to him
on Account of all the Relations of the
late Rajah as well as his own, shall
I think His Excellency should pay
for that Paddy.

But if the Honble Company
should be so kind as to pay half of
charge

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charge His Excellency with half of that Sum, which the Paddy would cost all clamours would, I hope, cease- The whole Sum would yearly amount to 4000 Pagodas and of course 2000 Pags. would be charged to His Excellency's account. But all this I submit humbly to the Honble Board's wise determination.

I am respectfully

Sc.a Sc.a

(Signed) C. T. Swartz

Minute thereon

As Mr Swartz is of opinion that all Clamours would cease between His Excellency and the Family of the late Rajah, if an yearly allowance of Thirty Thousand Gallooms of Paddy were granted to the latter - the Board will have no objection to this arrangement, provided the Rajah can be persuaded to allow half the Amount to be deducted from his Lack of Pagodas. -

Read the following Letter from the Military Board. -

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

acting President in Council

Sir,

Sirom the Military Board - recommending the Execution of Repairs to the Commandants Quarters in the Fort. -

We have been honored with your Commands of the 29th ultimo agreeably to which - Major Maude has taken his Seat at our Board. -

In consequence of the Representation of Lieutenant Colonel Colins, of the very bad state of his Quarters, We directed a Survey to be made, and Major Maude having reported to us that they have not been repaired for four years past, and as their repair at this time, is indispensably necessary to their preservation, we beg leave to recommend their being executed, agreeably to the accompanying Estimate amounting to Pagodas 344. 11. 14. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Thos. Musgrave

" J. Casperz

" Geo. Maude

For St. George
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The Board consent to the Execution of the repairs wanted to the Commandants Quarters on the Fort provided the Expence do not exceed the Estimate

Minute thereon

Dep.t F. C.
Dep.t 3/4. 11. 14.

Read the following Letter from Sillitherry.

To the Honble Major General William Medows Governor in Council. at Fort S.t George

From Sillitherry - the Detachment of the 73.d Regiment sent round on the Queen disembark at Cannanore.

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter in Duplicate of the 23.d February last -

The Queen Indiaman imported here on the 22.d Ultimo with a Detachment of His Majesty 73.d Regiment - The Troops were landed at Cannanore and we have in Conformity to your desire granted Captain Douglas a receipt for all the officers and men disembarked from his Ship. -

We have likewise received your favor of the 27.th Ultimo relative to

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to a further supply of Salt Provisions for the use of General Abercrombey's Army.—

Tellicherry
22.d April 1791.

We have the honor to be
Sir.a Yr.a
(Signed) Rob.t Taylor
Sam.l Forbes

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To William C. Jackson Esq.r

From the Military Paymaster General with an account of Office Charges attending the last Investigation of the accounts of the Kings Troops.

Sir,

Conformably to the Hon.ble Board I have the honor to inclose you an Account of the Office Charges & Drawn by the late Committee for investigating the accounts of his & Majestys Regiments on which Office Rent is not included.—

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7.th May 1791.

I am Sir.a Yr.a
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M.r Pay.r Gen.l

The List of the Sundry Servants Employed in the Committee for

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for Investigating the Accounts of the Kings Troops.

Mootiah	Booker	15. " "
Mootookistnah	Writer	10. " "
Vencatachellum	Ditto	7. " "
1 Mootchee		3. " "
1 Peon		2. " "
	Pagodas	37. " "

Office Charges.-

B. Roebuck
M.P. Genl.

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be permitted to draw the Monthly Sum of thirty Seven Pagodas on Account of Office Charges attending the Investigation of the Accounts of the Kings Troops serving in India; but that no allowance be made for an Officer.

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Read the following Letters from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. N. 104-105.)

From

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From the Nabob Mandayam to Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Dated D.o Rumzaun 1205 Hegery
6.th May 1791

Received 7 May 1791 -

From the Nabob - stating that M.r Andrews has taken all the Grain from the Districts of the Family Paghire and representing the Services of several of the Brinjaree Servants by the orders of Colonel Bridges. -

I always look up to the Justice of the King and Company and of my steadfast friend Lord Cornwallis, as we are all equally Interested in the welfare of the publick affairs - Enclosed I send you extract of an Arzee that I have received from Amanad Row - wherein he says M.r Andrews's People have left no Grain whatever in the District of my Family Paghire, not even for Seed which he will be obliged to procure for the Ryotts elsewhere - what hopes then can be had of realizing any thing from the Paghire District in this Year, or hereafter - the other Districts are in just the same Situation - If no Grain is left for Seed, how can the Country flourish in future? -

Colonel Bridges the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly illtreated my Servants

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Servants and Ryotts in various
Instances - Mahomed Cassim a
Servant of the Circar he ordered to be
flogged 500 Lashes and to be expelled
from the City without enquiring into
the Mans Crime - He confined the Circars
Coachman an European named John
Hulse in the Main Gaurd; and the
Colonel having afforded protection to a
Sepoy deserter from the Circar, about
30 other Sepoys &c. - have deserted - He
also seized a Saddler belonging to the
Circar from the burying place of
Nuthar Saib and having ordered him
24 Lashes, put him under confinement -
During a long series of years, ever since
the time of the Rajahs, the Sepulchre
of Nuthar Saheb has been held as
a Sanctuary and no one that takes
refuge there is brought away by force,
- He has ordered that the People
belonging to the Circar should not be
allowed to pass the Gates of the Fort
with any kind of Conveyance - but
that the Dubashes should be allowed

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this prevelege- my dependants are &
thereby much distressed and degraded-
- I enclose you also Copy of a Letter &
that I have received from my Son &
Mussaumud Mulk on this Subject- I
know not what reason the Commanding
Officer can have, for this violent Conduct
- The Inhabitants and the lands &
within and without the fort and the
Government thereof belong to me, and
the Commanding Officer's duty is
merely to protect and defend the walls
- Why then has Colonel Bridges under=
taken all these unprecedented steps?
If those people whom he punished
had been really guilty of any crime
he should have delivered them over
to the Circar's People who would have
done justice according to the established
rules- In the time of General Lawrence
when there was a dearth of Grain at
Trichinopoly, I desired him to employ
one of his Soldiers with my People
to procure that article from the Ryotts
who had hoarded it up- the General told
me

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me if he employed Soldiers in my ser-
vice he should incur the severe ex-
displeasure of his King whose autho-
rity could not be exercised in my
Government— and the General brought me
Officer to a Court Martial for neglecting
to pay me the Compliment of taking
off his Hat— The King of Great Britain,
the Company, the Parliament, and
my affectionate friend Lord Cornwallis
are sensible of the greatness of my Rank
and I trust that the favour of His
Majesty and the friendship of those
Gentlemen in protecting me in my ex-
Dignity, will continue to increase daily-
what necessity was there for Colonel
Bridges then to prohibit my Dependants
from passing the Gates of the Fort with
a Conveyance?— He has also withdrawn
the people belonging to me who have
from ancient times been stationed
with those of the Commanding Officer
at the gates of the Fort— on Colonel
a Letter from my Son on this subject
is enclosed— The former Governors proposed
Commanding Officers for the Forts and
appointed

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appointed there after they had obtained
my approbation this being the agreement
between the Governor General of Bengal
the Governors of Madras and myself-
- the appointments of several Surdars
were accordingly made at my Recom=
mendation - my Servants and Subjects ex=
perience great hardships from Colonel
Bridges, and as I cannot by any means
approve of him you will be pleased to
send another Commanding Officer in
his stead - The oppressions exercised over
the People by the Dubashes who are
with the officers in the Forts, are ex=
beyond all bounds - It was agreed by
former Governors that the Dubashes in
the several Forts should be placed ex=
there through me - Governors Pigot, Du
Pre and Davidson understanding the
trouble-some and villainous behaviour
of these Wretches gave Orders for the
expulsion of them all from the Country
- and my friend has in these days
seen instances of their venality and
corrupt practices and of their oppressions ex=

over

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over the People - and that they are the cause of much injury to the Company's affairs as well as to the Inhabitants. -

What can I say more?

A true Translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Pr. Trans.

Translation

Extract of an Arzdasht from Anand Rao dated 17th Shabaun 1205 Hegery answering to 22d April 1791 -

Mr. Andrews who had surrendered the Districts of the Jaghire, Suddingly reassumed all of them excepting that of Anderwellore - and in that there is a heap of 250 Cullums of Sookdass Paddy and not a Grain more left, either on account of the last year's balances or of the present year's revenue - The Ryotts of that District demand 1000 Cullums of Kar Paddy for seed - but the Company's People having carried off every Grain, the Seed must be purchased for the Ryotts elsewhere, this article being absolutely necessary. -

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Translation of a Letter from Hoossenaid ca-
Mulks dated at Trichinopoly 19.th Shau-
baun or 24.th April 1791- To His Highness.
Nabob Wallajah Bahauder &c.a &c.a &c.a -

At this time of Colonel
Bridges's Administration in this place
has been a great detriment and
hurtfull to several affairs and to the
old regulations amongst the Country
people and the Servants- tho' Colonel
Bridges acts unreasonably in all the
affairs- but I always conduct myself
with humility towards him- In fact
Colonel Bridges is a very good man,
but his Deboath is a very oppressive, and
advises his Master to the Contrary in
every business consequently the Inhabitants
and the Servants finds themselves in
great difficulties to live in this place;
- as for example- on the 26.th Saffer last
a person went to Colonel Bridges and
falsely accused Mahomed Cassim,
Circars Servant who/ Colonel Bridges/
desired the man to be apprehended,
gave him 500 Lashes and turned him
out

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out of the Fort, without intimating to
me or make any Enquiry - The next day
I sent word to Colonel Bridges, that it
were usual when any of the Circars
people were found guilty of any
disorder, such person was sent to the
Circar, and the same done to the Company
ays people. To which he answered me
that He (Colonel Bridges) did not know
the man belonged to the Circar which
occasion I did not therefore refer this to the
presence, - at another time Colonel Bridges
in the mean Guard without my knowledge
- I sent word to the Colonel that if the
man had been guilty of any Crime
he should acquaint the Circar with
it, to which he returned answer, that
He confined the man as he was formerly
in the Company's Service and had
Entered into the Circar's without acquain-
ting them with it - I told him that as
he was in possession of his Discharge
He therefore Entered into the Circars
Even if it was customary to acquaint the
Circars

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Circars of it and they wanted without
without delay discharge and send him
to the Company- after some Days the
European was sent to me saying that
He is clear of the fault- and Adjutant
Ferguson has since frequently recom=
mended him, for a Deputation
here in the Service- On the 1st of Janu=
dejaunny the Colonel confined a
Gunner Narsoo in the Circars Service
- I sent word to know the reason, and
that if he had acquainted me I would
have sent the Gunner to him without
delay, to which he returned an answer,
that he was in the Company's Service-I
returned him for an answer, the man
said that he was Discharged from the
Company's Service and his Officer also
had said that he was discharged on
account of his sickness- to neither of this
did the Colonel take any notice- Lately
on the 14th of Shabaun, Meer Maynard
a Trooper absconded, - by deligent search
by his Officers he was found on the 16th
and confined, - On the 17th Colonel sent me
word

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word why I did confine the man that belonged to the Company without his knowledge, - I returned him answer ~~it~~ that I will Enquire and let him know tomorrow - on the Examination I found the Sepoy has Deserted from the Circar Service and inlisted into the Company's that same day - I sent the Sepoy with my Dubash to the Colonel, and to accquaint him with the circumstance of his Desertion and to request he will return the man back, otherwise the Circars Servant will ask their Power at defiance of which he took no notice, - I sent him word again telling that it is not customary for any person to protect other mans Servants neither to this he agreed - This evening matter so Golars, Horse keepers and Sepoys have Deserted, and do not know how many may Desert tomorrow, - all the business is at a stand - as at present the management of the Country being into the Companys hands the Servants gets very small pay, and the business is managed

by

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by more policy- As that is interrupted
consequently the business is fallen into
confusion, I therefore acquaint your
Highness fully with this affairs- If
the Governor will be pleased to send
Orders to Colonel Bridges to follow the
Rules of Colonel Horne and other &
Commanders the business may be &
managed with order- otherwise the
whole will be stopped- moreover Colonel
Bridges contrary to the established &
custom of the place has ispued orders
not to let pass thro' the three Gates of
the Fort the Inhabitants on the Circass
Servants in their Carriages/ Except the
Palanchies/ but on foot,- By this extraor-
dinary orders the citizen finds themselves
in great distress to remain in side of the
Fort- especially Canim Moody Cawn, &
Seyed Ismael Cawn Seyed Afzeel Ally
Cawn, Sons of late Seyed Muckdoom &
Ally Cawn, and Seyed Hemmam Ally
Cawn, Mahomed Seyed Cawn Gaynged
Deen Cawn, Seyed Atta Hussain Cawn,
and Seyed Hussain Cawn Native Jus. who
remained for this considerable time under
the

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the protection of your Highness with
Honor and respect and who always on
monday and thursday frequent the
Temples of Nater Saheb and Peroodu
eleen Saheb and other holy places to
pray their devotion, and by this extraor=
dinary order they have all been obliged to
stay at Home,- they have therefore desired
me to request of your Highness to adopt so=
some measures whereby they might find
rest and ease otherwise they entende in
one body to come to your Highness- also
I have the pleasure to enclose the Petition
of the attendance of the Churches who
have been injoined by Colonel Bridges
- from antient time here are four -
Afzeylems 1.st the Mosque of Mahomades, 2.d
Nater Saheb 3.d Circars Palace, and 4.th
Ameer Bahag, into which places the
people take refuge whenever they are
oppressed by Amildars or by any body
else, into which place neither the Circars
nor the Companys people dare to exercise
their authority- but the Colonel regardless
of those Sacred places has demolished
all this custom and thro the means of

his

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his Dubash / whose oppressions are well known at Pedamcotah / exercises oppression upon every one here- Some days ago on Account of some disputes the Saddle makers took refuge in the Sacred place of Nater Sahib the Colonel sent message to the attendants of that place to know why did they give protection to the Saddle maker- they answered that this place were observed from antient time as a place of protection for any body and that no one can take away any person from here by force- Colonel Bridges sent a harsh message which produced disgrace on the attendance, He took out the Saddle maker by force flogged the Head Saddle maker and confined them in the Cutcherry Choultry- which produced on that day a very Alarming Consequence, to the Inhabitants and attendants and Supposed that when the Colonel have exercised such oppression in such a sacred and holy, it will be impossible for them to remain in this place unless the Governor will be pleased to send

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send an order to Colonel Bredyes to desist from such proceedings till which the Agitation of the place will not cease

I write this for your Highness Information.-

Translation

Extract of a Letter from Hujaumul Mulk Bahauder - Dated at Trichinopoly the 21st Shaubaun 1205 Hegery or answering to the 26th of April 1791-

Ever since the commencement of the Circars Government, Golah Peons and Hercarras have always been stationed at the three Gates of this Fort to examine all persons praying in and out, and none are permitted to pass without the Circars Passport There is also a Woman stationed at each Gate by the Circars to examine all carriages with Women - This custom has never hitherto been laid aside, either on time of Peace or War - but Colonel Bridges on the 18th of Shabaun ordered the Hercarras and Golahtians not to stop any one from praying and repraying the Gates of the Fort, whether Inhabitants or Strangers, under

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under pretence of their not having
the Circars Pass - but on the contrary to
withdraw, themselves from the gates &
where the Circars People had no
business, otherwise he would punish
them - The Circars Pass is therefore
now made void and the Hircarras and
Golah Peons withdrawn - and in short
Colonel Bridges is, it seems, determined
to break through all the old established
Customs - and on enquiry I find all this
is owing to the Intigation of his Dubash
Moonaikpaw whose infamous and
corrupt practices beggar all description.
This same Dubash was guilty of various
oppressions at Palamcotah where his
name is still held in the greatest
detestation. -

Translation of a Petition from the Church
Wardens &c. To Nabob Wallajah inclosed
in Huzoomul Mulk's Letter.

For these 900 years past
have been this Sacred place observed
as an Asylum, and at several times
the Inhabitants and other people have
taken

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taken refuge in it upon several occasions
and those people that wanted them out
made use of mild means, which custom
have been observed by the Companys and
Europeans People to this time but lately for
certain Reason the Saddle maker come &
and took shelter in this Fobace, who were
sent for by Colonel Bridges Commander
of the Fort, The Head Sadler said that
if he was to come before the Colonel
he would be bound and flogged by
him, to which the Harcarra said/as he
was sent by Colonel Bridges/and swore
on the sacred Temple that he will not
be molested and took him away, when
he came before the Colonel he received
24 Lashes and confined on the Cutwals
Choultry the Harcara came again with
a Guard of Sepoys and said that if we
did not deliver up the remainder Saddle
maker that he has Orders to take the
Saddle maker and so by force in their
Guard - to which we said that for these
900 years several People as well of the
Companys and Europeans have taken Shelter
in

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on this asylum neither the Com=
mandant of this Fort nor the manager
of the Circar have ever attempted to
touch the people on this place - such
being the Custom now you may do
as you please, at present
took away by force all the cattle &
makers against their will now this sa=
cred place is Violated and we are
much disgraced by the Colonel which
had never happened before - as your
Highness is the Sovereign of this place
and protector of the poor we lay this
Complaint before your Highness for re=
dress. —

Translation from the Nabob Wuzeer Jaco to Sir
Charles Oakeley Bar.t

From the Nabob
will deliver to
Earl Cornwallis
over the 50
Horses belonging
to the Highness
now at Tenne=
velly. —

Dated 3.d Rumzaun 1205 Hegera &
7.th May 1791 -

Received 7 May 1791 -

I have received your Letter
of the 28.th Shaubaun or 3.d May 1791 &
desiring me to deliver over 50 Horses belong=
ing to me at Tennevelly to the Commanding
Officer

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Officer as they can only be a burthen to me.

My Friend I delivered over the Elephants Horses, Camels and Bullocks which I had at my Presence, at Arcot, Vellore &c.a to my good Friend & Lord Cornwallis Bahaudar and my Orders to my Naibs at Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly for the purpose of delivering over the Horses and Elephants at both these places to his Lordships People, I sent to his Lordship on the 23.d of December last and agreeably to your request I lent my Ship to transport Stores to Tellicherry His Lordship is at Liberty either to send for the Horses or not from both those & Lord Cornwallis's Orders on this Subject for I can say nothing with respect to these Horses. In regard to what you wrote of the Destitution of the Horsekeepers, I shall only say that since the Company's assumption of my Country I have not received any one fifth at Tinnevelly - Now that you have given a Tuncah upon Tinnevelly

under

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under date 21.st April last for that amount,
I have directed my Naib at that place
to pay the Horsekeepers also therefrom.
What can I say more?

A true translation
Joseph Garrow
P.r J.r

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Nabob.

Agreed to inform the Nabob,
that as Lord Cornwallis has expressed
a desire that the first Regiment of
Native Cavalry might be recruited
with Horses in the Carnatic, and has
sent Major Murray to Vellore for that
Purpose, the Board are assured it will be
very agreeable to his Lordship to learn
that his Highness has been pleased to
promote the Public Service by the
Delivery of the Fifty Horses belonging
to him at Tinnevelly - and that in the
Confidence therefore that his Highness will
will give the necessary Instructions to
his Servants in that Quarter, Orders will
be given to the Commandant at Palam-
cotah to receive Charge of the Horses,
and to send them to the Regiment at
Vellore

Resolved

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Memoirs on the two foregoing letters from the Nabob.—

Resolved that Colonel Bridges be informed of the strong Representations laid before the Board by the Nabob on the Subject of Severities exercised on several Instances towards his Servants and Dependants by his Colonel + Bridges's orders, and that he be desired to explain in what Instances and for what Purposes he has thought it + expedient to interfere with the Nabob's People.— That, he be further informed, that the wishes of Government have at all Times been particularly manifested in support of the Nabobs Dignity, and that it would be a Matter of real + Concern to the Board, if any under their Authority should give him or any Part of his Family first cause of Offence— That, on the Fort of Trichinopoly, where one of his Children resides, and where he has always kept an Establishment, it is expected of the Commanding Officer to promote their Convenience by every means in his Power, and

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and even to admit of such customary Indulgences, as tho' not consistant with Garrison Rules may yet contribute to the Purposes of Conciliation and Harmony.

Agreed that the Board of approved Reference be desired to state if his Highness have any just Cause of Complaint against Mr. Andrews for removing the Grain in the Jaghire District.

Read the following Letter from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council,

Honble Sir

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts applies for instructions regarding the footing upon which he is to consider the armed Peons employed in the Collection of the Revenues.

I beg leave to lay before you the accompanying Letter and five Enclosures from the Military Paymaster General, and request to be informed upon what footing shall armed Peons for the Collections of the Revenues are to be placed, as I have not hither to received any Instructions for this class of People.

I am with great respect
Yo. Fo.

(Signed) I. Casamaijor
C.G.A.

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Agreed

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Agreed to inform Colonel Cuppage that the Pay of the armed Peons at Tanjore, tho' it passed by the Paymaster of that Garrison, will appear in the Revenue Accounts, and be carried to the Head of Charges of Collection.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the mode of bringing the Pay of the armed Peons at Tanjore to account, be as follows — The Paymaster to debit the appointed Revenue for the amount, transmitting the monthly abstract to the Collectors, who are to credit the Paymaster, and debit Charges of Collection on their Accounts. — No Payments in future to be made, but on a Certificate from the Collectors specifying the exact number of Peons in their service, which they are to account for by regular ..... monthly, and advance the Paymaster upon his separate monthly Indent whatever may be necessary for their Pay. &c

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Board of appointed Revenue — and that they be also informed, that as the Corps in the Tanjore Country are newly gathered in, the 500 additional armed Peons must be immediately dismissed, and the remainder discharged, as

Instructions to be given to the Board of appointed Revenue & Paymaster at Tanjore regarding the armed Peons entertained in the Tanjore Country. —

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as soon as it can be done without Prejudice.

Agreed that the Paymaster at Tanjore be informed of the above Arrangement, and directed to conform thereto.

Captain E. Frazer of the Corps of Engineers to do Duty at Tanjore till further orders.

The Acting President recommends that Captain Elisha Frazer of the Corps of Engineers be directed to do Duty at Tanjore till further orders.

Ordered accordingly

" Chas Oakeley

" J Huddleston

G. P. Balonain Esqr.

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Diary

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as entered in L. L. No 106 / again requesting that he wo. will promote the public Service by the Delivery of the fifty Horses belonging to his Highness now at Tinnivelly — and forwarding them that orders have been sent to the Commandant at Trichinopoly to pay proper Respect to his wo. Sons residing at that Place. —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent the following Letter

To Mr George Powney
President at Travancore

Sir

To the President &c
Travancore Steps to be taken in order in furnishing Grain for the use of the army. —

Major Cuppage commanding at Paliguatcherry having complained to the Board of the Conduct of the Rajah of Cochin, who had refused to supply the Quantity of Grain required from him for the use of the Army, and the Dewan being desirous to enter into an agreement with you to pay a certain sum of Money instead of Grain, I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to inform you

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you that as it may be of considerable Im-
portance at this Juncture to lay up at
Paliqaute Cherry as large a Store of Rice as
above Article as can be procured, - you are
will inform the Rajah that any Back-
wardness on his part to promote the
common Cause will be attended with
to Government, and that he must immedi-
diately give orders to his People to deliver
upon the Receipt of Mr. Corbet to the
Storekeeper such Quantity of Grain as
Major Cuppage may call for, the
amount to be deducted from his Rent.

I am further directed to in-
form you that the Commandant at
Paliqaute Cherry has been instructed
not to allow any Grain to be removed
from the Districts under his Command,
until his Stock has been completed.

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7th May 1791

I am
Wr. Wr.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secretary

To

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To

To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal with advice of the Bill drawn upon their Government in favor of the Military Storekeeper — causes thereof

In our Letter from the Public Department under date the 13th Instant, we advised you, that all Bills upon your Government would be drawn in future at the same Exchange. — We find however there is a small Balance due to the Military Storekeeper to be accounted for by a Draught at 375 ℳ Rupees ₹ 100 Pagodas and at this rate we have now drawn at 4 Bill upon you in favor of Mr. Pincher the present Storekeeper, for the Sum of one thousand three hundred and Sixty Eight Pagodas — twenty one Fanams, and twenty five Cash / 1368 " 21 " 25 /.

As the old System for the Provision of Military Stores is now abolished, by which, we have the pleasure to inform you, a saving will accrue to the Company of about one Lack of Pagodas per Annum on the present Establishment we shall

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shall not have occasion again to vary the exchange.

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed / Chas Oakeley /

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

My Lord,

We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 30th Ultimo.

To Earl Cornwallis
Orders have been given for providing Draft and Carriage Bullocks - Scarcity of Northern Gunny

We have given Instructions to the proper Officers at the Presidency to provide with all Expedition at Amboor and Trichinopoly the Draft and Carriage Bullocks & Northern Gunny Bags required by your Lordship at those places - but we are apprehensive from the Report of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions that this last article cannot be obtained in the Quantity you want. He assures us that every effort has been, and shall be made for this purpose.

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We have the honor to be,
with great Respect,
&c. &c.
/ Signed / Chas Oakeley /
Wm Council

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To

To the Honble Major General Medows

Wa: Wa: Wa

Honble Sir,

To Major General Medows vacant adjutantcy of the 1st Battalion of Native Infantry

Major General Musgrave having recommended to us the appointment of Lieutenant William Berkeley to the adjutantcy of the 1st Battalion of Native Infantry in the room of Lieutenant William Sheppard who has resigned, we request to know whether you approve the Recommendation.

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We have the Honor to be

Wa: Wa:

[Signed] Chas. Oakeley

Wa: Council

To Colonel Thomas Bridges

Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir,

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly – an explanation requiring respecting the severities reported by the Nabob to have been exercised by his orders towards his Servants &c at Trichinopoly.

His Highness the Nabob having laid before the Board strong Representations on the subject of Severities exercised in several Instances towards his Servants and Dependants by your orders, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to desire you will explain in what & for what purposes your Instances and for what purposes your

have

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10 have thought it expedient to interpose with
his people — The wishes of Government have
at all times been particularly manifested
in support of the Nabob's Dignity, and it
would be a matter of real concern to them
if any person under their authority should
give him or any part of his family just ca-
cause of offence. In the fort of Trichinopoly,
where some of his children reside and &
where he has always kept up an &
Establishment, it is expected of the Command-
-ing Officer to promote their convenience by
every means in his power and even to &
admit of such customary Indulgences as, &
tho' not consistent with garrison rules &
may yet contribute to the purposes of &
conciliation and harmony.

The facts complained of by
the Nabob are, "That Mahomed Causpin a
"Circar Servant was flogged and expelled &
"from the City — That a Circar Coachman
"named John Hole was confined in the
"main Guard — That Protection has been afforded
"to sepoy deserters from the Circar — and

That

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That a Ladder belonging to the Circar was forcibly dragged from the Bringing place of Neither Caib- to a Sanctuary where he had taken re- fuge / flogged and put into confinement- and lastly that the people belonging to the Circar are not allowed to pass the Gates of the Fort with any kind of conveyance.

I am &c. &c.
/Signed/ W.C: Jackson
Secretary

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To the Revd Mr Swartz
at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Presidentin Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 5th Instant, & to inform you, that as you are of opinion all Clamor would cease between his Excellency & the Family of the late Rajah, if any yearly allow- -ance of 30,000 Cullums of Paddy were granted to the latter, he will have no objection to this arrangement, provided you can inducce the Rajah to allow half the amount to be deducted from his Sack of Pagodas.

I am &c. &c.
/Signed/ W.C: Jackson
Secretary
Dispatched

To the Revd Mr Swartz respecting his Recommendation that a yearly allow- -ance of Paddy should be granted to the Family of the late Rajah.

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Dispatched the undermen-
-tioned Letters as entered in Mil: Nos. 59, 60, 61, 62
63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69.

To Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery
informing him that Captain Kennaway did
transmit to Government on the 30th October last a
Copy of his Letter to the Paymaster to the Ellore
Detachment under date the 7th of that Month
in which so much Strictness was called for in the Justi-
-fication of his Conduct.

To Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery at Masulipatam

To Captain Kennaway informing
him of the abovementioned communication having
been made to Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue
directing them to enquire into the cause of a
Complaint preferred against Mr. Andrews by
the Nabob of having removed all the Grain
from that for seed from the Districts of his
Family Jaghire.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To Do. desiring them to give
orders for the Dismission of all the armed Boys
soon as it can be done without prejudice and
stating the Manner in which their pay is to
be brought to Account.

To Do.

To the Paymaster at Tanjore
stating the Manner in which the Pay of the
armed Boys is to be brought to account on
his Books and the Form to be observed in
his future Payments to these People.

To

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To the Commissary Comptroller General of Army Accounts informing him that the Pay of the armed Peons at Tanjore, as through issued by the Paymaster of that Garrison will appear in the Revenue Accounts under the Head of "Charges of Collection".—

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Military Paymaster General informing him that he will be allowed the monthly Sum of Thirty Seven Pagodas on account of Office Charges attending the Investigation of the King's Accounts— but that no Allowance can be made for Office Rent.—

To the Paymaster at Vellore—

To the Paymaster at Vellore

to report to the Board the Circumstance that occasioned the Company's Money being under the Charge of Ensign Redman and whether the Robbery mentioned in his Letter of the 9th Instant was or was not owing to any Neglect on the part of that Office.—

To Major General Musgrave—

To Major General Musgrave

informing him that Captain C. C. Ogg will be permitted to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health— that Lieutenant Sheridan has been placed on the Invalid List— that Lieutenant Shippard may be permitted to resign the Adjutancy of the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry & that Lieutenant William Bibley will be mentioned to Major General as Fit for the Succession.—

To

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To the Military Board — with advice of Mr. Bishopps appointment to the Charge of the arsenal and Laboratory at the Presidency till further orders — the Stipend as wanted to the Commandants Quarters in the Fort to be executed, provided the Expence do not exceed the Estimate transmitted in their Letter of the 6th Instant. —

To the Military Board

To the Garrison Storekeeper —

To issue to Mr. Cockburn for the use of the Bengal Bullocks going to Amboor, such a Quantity of the best Bengal Grain now in Store as he may have occasion for. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper

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

From the Commandant at Tiagar — requesting that Mr. Floyer may be ordered to supply Cash for the Payment of that Garrison.

From the Commandant at Tiagar

From the Commandant at Carroor — will pay attention to the orders he may receive from the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money. —

From the Commandant at Carroor

From Major Wynch — Lieut. Sr delivered over the Command in the Gyntoor Circar to Captain McKinnon — intended Sr proceeding immediately to join his Brigade at the Presidency. —

From Major Wynch

From

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From Major Macaulay stating in

From Major Macaulay of the Engineers

that there are only two Plans of Seringapatam in the Chief Engineer's Office which will be copied and laid before Government without delay.

From the Military Paymaster General - has sent 1/100 Dollars. Bags with 16 Dollars complete to accompany Captain Read's Detachment.

From the Military Paymaster General

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in C. C. Nos. 109. 110 & 109. 110

From Bonnaccy 30 April /

returning acknowledgements for the attention shewn him in placing his Son Cassaut Rauze in the Office of Dewan and requesting that the Acting President will honor him by the acceptance of a Nuzzer of twenty one Pagodas.

Substance of two Letters from Bonnaccy

From Do 11 Instant / requesting that the Board will countermand the orders they have given for sending his Relation Venceata Narsim Rauze under a Guard to Vellore - & permit him to return to his Country

From Cassaut Rauze / 31 Ult.o /

returning thanks for the Honor lately conferred upon him and requesting the Acting President's Acceptance of a Nuzzer of fifteen Pagodas.

Substance of two Letters from Cassaut Rauze

From Do 5 Instant / Complaining of the refractory Conduct of Ameen Lapah Naick - and requesting to be furnished with orders to take possession of the Nargen tah Pollam.

Sent.

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Sent the following Letters to the Military Storekeeper.

To Mr Josias Du Pre Forcher

Military Storekeeper

To the Military Store-keeper - to transmit a General Comparative Statement shewing the aggregate difference of the Cost of Stores furnished under the late and present System - including the difference of the Salaries to the two Storekeepers.

Sir

As you will now be able to make a more perfect Comparison between the Cost of Military Stores charged according to the late System and the present prices I have directed to desire you will prepare the most accurate Statement in your power including in it the Gunpowder and every other article provided by the late Military Storekeeper as also the 4½ Salary he received and your own Salary as now fixed, and shewing the actual difference of Cost between the aggregate expence of the Company upon the late and present Provision.

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

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Received Letter from Simmair dated the 6th Inst stating the Services he had rendered the Company - and the Causes of the late disputes with his Father - Serving with the Troops under his Command, to make Incursions into the Enemy's Country - and requesting to be continued in the Office of Dewan during the Life time of his Father.

Substance of Letter from Simmair.

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters as entered in R B: Nos. 75.76.77.78.79.

To the Commandant at Amboor — informing him that 100 Dooly Boys with 16 Doolys complete have been sent from the Cuddapah for the service of his Detachment — and that Ensign Stem of the 71st Regiment has been ordered to join him from Vellore.

To Captain Read at Amboor

To the Commandant at Palamcotah — directing him to make application to the Nabobs Servants for the Horses under their charge in the Tinnevelly Country; and, on their delivery to send them to Colonel Bridges at Trichinopoly, giving a Receipt for such of them as are fit for Service.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly — informing him of the orders given to the Commandant at Palamcotah — directing him on the arrival of the Horses at Trichinopoly to deliver them over to the Charge of the Officer whom Major Murray will send to receive all the Horses belonging to the Company in the Southern Districts.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — stating that as no sufficient Quantity of Northern Grain can be procured the Deficiency must be supplied by Bengal Bags made upon the Manner suggested in his Letter of the 16th Instant — informing him that the Orders given for selling of Articles to

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12 of Provisions in store at such Garrisons was not meant to include the Grain that is not in a perishable State.

To the Resident at Ganjam —

To the Resident at Ganjam — enclosing a Duplicate Invoice of Military Stores shipped on the Ketch Alert for that Factory in October last. —

Received the undermentioned

13 Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 80, 81, 82. 83. —

From Captain A Read — enclosing

From Captain A Read at Amboor his Bills for Lascars and other Services for the Signature of the Acting President. —

From the Paymaster at Vellore —

From the Paymaster at Vellore desiring to know if he is to send a Vackeel to make the Payments to Captain Read's Detachment and if the vouchers bearing Captain Read's Signature are to be considered as authorized. —

From Major General Musgrave — Captain Kelsall of the Engineers applies for Permission to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his Health. —

From Major General Musgrave

From Major Maule — complaining

From Major Maule of the Engineers of Captain Frazer's Conduct in making application to the Board for Permission to proceed to Sea without the Knowledge of his Commanding Officer. —

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Received the following Letters from Captain Massey.

To W.m Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary Military Department

Fort St George

From Captain Massey, communicates the Object of the Mission to Calastry Sirma to have it formed what is to be the Establishment attending this Expedition

Sir,

My Letters of the 4th and 6th Instant, will have informed the Honble Board of my progress here, & my hopes of effecting their Commands soon without raising force — I have, however since been under the necessity of ordering the two Companies of Cavalry, with 150 Cavalry, having countermanded the 300 Foot to march — The Rajah formed accordingly, joined me here yesterday, and remarkable good order, with a small Gun, but the latter I have just now countermanded — having the peculiar pleasure to acquaint the Honble Board that this Morning I have, at last, effected, in all appearance, a perfect reconciliation between the Rajah & his Son, Vizzia Rauz — the latter obliged to dismiss all his Poons, & Submit entirely to the Will of his Father — who making a Satisfactory Provision for him, binds him strictly to an unexceptionable conduct in future, the Seal of Office &c. lately given to the Son the Rajah now laid at his feet by his Son in my presence — This mode, I hope, will have fully accomplished the end for which Government were pleased to order me here, & accordingly be honored with their approbation.

Accompanying is a Copy of the Agreement, I have procured between the Rajah and his Son

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13 Sir The two men named in my letter of the 6th Inst. as bad advisers of his Son, The Rajah promises to recieve against any similar influence in future— I now enclose the Marshall Nairs letter, & beg excuse for having omitted it, this mistake in my Letter.—

The Venerable Sepoys Ordered to return to morrow morning, and next morning Lieutenant Riddell with his Company will march for his Station agreable to order, his services here being no longer necessary— I shall also return the Guard to Parnavaram and proceed myself to my Station at Chundragerry— I have sent a Strict Caution to those people who have been troublesome in the Rajahs Country to the Northward, and Sircar Nair has likewise ordered them off, which, if they do not instantly obey, the Rajah has in his power, Lawfully to punish them.

In order that this little expedition may be attended with no extra expence to the Honble Company, the Rajah consents, with great pleasure, to pay the Charges of Batta &c. to the Troops employed— Those from Tenkatagherry are accordingly paid, and I only wait the pleasure of the Board, whether I shall accept it for those of the Government likewise,— I beg leave to observe that Bomraizs is subject to a Similar claim on him for the Few days troops were employed in his polams last Month.

I this instant have your favor with me your Letter of the 7th— and highly sensible of the honor done

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done me, in the approbation of Government to my Conduct, shall ever study to merit its continuance.

The Commands of the Hon.ble Board with respect to restoring the Servant, Loobah to his Master, the Venkatachenny Rajah, shall be attended.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) G. Maskey
Captain

Calastry
10th May 1791
10 P.M.

Friday
13th May 1791.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

John Huddleston Esq.r

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Board of assumed Revenues.

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

Hon.ble Sir,

From the Board of assumed Revenue - stating that the amount charged by the Nabob on account of Peshcash is now more than double the Provisions made in the late Treaty -

By the 9th article of the Treaty, the

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the same which stipulates for 2,13,000 Pas on account of Jagues to his Highness's family, we observe that there is a provision of 2,366 Pas on account of the Charity; - yet, we find that the Charities under the denomination of Nowmia now existing in the Country, as appears from accurate Statements transmitted by the Collectors, amount to 52,318 12 81 which is more than double what they amounted to during last assignment and is exclusive of the other Charity establishments which have been allowed as usual. In part of this sum 16,511 19 4 Pas have been paid; at least, as Bonds to the full amount of his Highness's Jagues were delivered up to his Servants, we directed that all future payments on account of Nowmia should immediately be sus = pended. as this is a Government charge and no way connected with the Expence of the Collections, - We think it unreasonable that so large an amount of Charities as these the Nabob has chose to put in the Country over and above what he has en = Stipulated for in the Treaty with Govern = ment, should be a charge on the Collections - But if it is your pleasure that they should be continued we wish to be furnished with

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your Instructions whether the Surplus after discharging the Sums Stipulated by Treaty to be carried to the Debit of his Highness's 5th, or whether continuing the Instructions upon the payment of Gooriah agreeably to Treaty we should leave these Pensioners to the Nabob's generosity.

We have the Honr to be
Wr: Wr:
Signed J. Huddleston
" David Haliburton

Agreed to inform his Highness the Nabob that, if he wish to have the Charities continued, the Board hope he will have no objection to the Amount exceeding what is settled by Treaty being carried to the Account of his 5th Sh.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
acting President in Council
Fort.

Sir,

Having maturely considered your Commands of the 9th Ultimo, and examined the number of Masons and Servants &c necessary for

From the Military Board recommending that Sundry private Repairs to the Fortifications be executed under the present Estimate - Major Maules Letter - Minute on the Subject and List of Artificers to be employed - also an Establishment proposed for the Superintendance and Check of Work to be done by the Contractors.

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for the Engineer's Department, delivered in by Major Mauls in the Memoirs We have now the honor to enclose, We send that the Reduction which can be made from the original Establishment, is extremely trifling, even for the necessary purposes of measuring and executing the Work to be done by the Contractor for repairs – and as Major Mauls has represented so forcibly the impracticability of forming and executing under a Contract such incidental repairs of the Fortifications, as his Statement Contains, and which in works of such Magnitude, must almost daily occur; In order to avoid delay and by an immediate repair, prevent an Increase of Expence, so far as related to these Articles, We are induced to modify our former opinion upon this Subject, and to request your Consideration, Whether the Works in question should not continue to be performed under the present System, with the additional Check of the Chief, or Commanding Engineer delivering in to the Military Board, at the close of each, Months

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Month, an account of such repairs as shall
appear necessary in the Ensuing month,
with a detailed account of the quantity of
Materials and additional Workmen &c
which may be requesite.

We have the honor to be,
Wd: Wd:
Signed Thos. Musgrave
" J. Cayner
" Geo: Maule

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Major Maules Minute

Government having been
pleased to direct that the Chief Engineer &c
shall "henceforth be considered the princi-
"pal Check upon the Contractor, without
"the smallest Interference in the Execution
"of Repairs to the Fortifications or other Works
I have the honor to Submit to the Board
this accompanying Estimate & State-
ment of an Establishment for the Chief
Engineer to enable him to carry into Effect
the Intentions of Government.

No 1. contains a Statement of the &c
Several Works performed by the monthly &c
artificers, shewing the nature of such work
as was not provided for under the Contract
with Messrs Wood & Shaw, & the monthly Expence
of the artificers executing the same amounting
to Pagodas 83.36 —

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Having submitted this to the Board, I beg leave to take up a small portion of their time in the Consideration of the following Matter.

The Nature of the several Works enumerated in the Paper No 1 will on Inspection evince the extensive Difficulty that must ever exist to any precise Estimate for the Execution of them, and of the Impossibility of bringing them sufficiently within the Precision of measurement, to that they can be paid for otherwise than as Job Work. I declare in the most solemn manner to the Board that it is painful to me under the pressing Exigencies of the times, even to appear to combat the Execution of any Work that has been deemed by Government Capable of being performed by Contract on Grounds of Economy, but I do declare, and that upon my Honor as a Professional man, my thorough Conviction is that the performance of such Work, if executed as it ought to be, by a Contractor must, in the Event, become more expensive to the public, and I can hardly doubt but that the Board adverting more particularly & closely to the Nature of the Work, as now detailed

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delaied will continue of the same opinion which they entertained upon the Establish=ment of artificers at present ordered to be annulled, being formed, that opinion stands recorded on the proceedings of the Board in the following Words "and the following "Establishment of Native artificers are to be "under his immediate orders for executing "such occasional Repairs as may be required "to the Fortifications, Gates, Lally-Ports, "Bridges, Doors Windows &c: of Fort St. "George as cannot conveniently be brought "under Contract &c: &c" The same Inconvenience still exists, & must ever exist, & I assert that if the Work is paid for as Job Work to a Contractor (provided one can be found to offer any precise Terms for such) it will be at a heavier Expence and more insufficiently performed by artificers that must, under a Contractor, be constantly changed, than by the same set of People who are employed in one continued Routine of Works of that nature Juerge this but as a Secondary Consideration, for the leading Difficulty is that of as=certaining the value of such Work either previous to its Execution for the forming an Estimate of it, or measuring it after it

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is performed for making out the Bills — hence it follows that these Works must be per=formed by the Job or Price by the Contractors Workmen, instead of those paid by the Company, and will they perform more Work in the same space of time, or will they be supplied by a Contractor at a Cheaper rate than the Expence drawn monthly incurred? I fear not.

Although I hold it my duty to Submit these Considerations to the Board, I submit them with reluctance for the Reasons I before urged, and though I fear the Difficulty will not prove merely theoretic, I beg leave to assure the Board that it is as much my Inclination, as it is my duty to concur with Gladness in every measure that may in moments like the present tend to lessen Expence.

No. 2 — is the proposed Establishment for the Check and Superintendance of Work done by the Contractor, Shewing also such monthly Artificers as are to be struck off.

The Mastries to be invalided are the following, the two first at 3 Pagodas per month, and the latter at 2 Pagodas, leaving Proportion of their full Pay of 5 Pagodas and 3 Pagodas.

1. Irshapah Bricklayer mastry who has been 46 Years in the Company's Service,