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Service, and is quite old and infirm

2d Coniapah Do 8 years in the service

3d Mootchary Carpenter Mastry

/Signed/ Geo: Maule

a true Copy

/Signed/ Dan: Ince

Surv: Genl: B.F.

Statement of Work done by the Monthly Artificers Employed on the Honble Company's Works.

Bricklayers 12 and Women Coolies 6, Employed in Revetting the Parapets and Embrasures on the North East Counterguard, South East Spur, South East Counterguard, South East Curtain, Lunette South of the St George Bastion, and North Lunette of the Wallajah Ravelin — Pointing and pointing to Brick work of the St George and Wallajah Gate Sorties, Barr- -acading the Barrier External of the South East Counterguard, South East Spur, South East Bonnette, Wallajah and St George Ravelin, Lunette North of the Wallajah Ravelin, Counterscarp, Traverses and Banquets in the Covered Way, Revetment of the Glacis and Lunette, Repairing and Plastering the Piers of the Bridges of the Gates and in the outworks, and the Bridge Cross the River foot of South West Glacis,

Repairing

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repairing the Banquets and setting Redwood
Pallisadoes on the sea line, raising new Sills
and repairing the old ones of the Bomb proof
Godowns in the Works, repairing the Godown
under the Rampart of the North East
Curtain, Repairing the Godown under the
admiralty for the Reception of Salt Petre,
Repairing the Capital of the Colloumns at the
Arsenal, Laying a Stone Gun Platform on
the Saluting Battery, and a wooden Platform
Do. to a Wooden Gun over the Sea Gate, &
Repairing the Tiling of the Stable at the &
Admiralty, all Godowns and Serjeant's Quarter
at the King's Barracks, Repairing the &
Togongs at the Hospital, Repairing the &
Water Courses, Working and cleaning the Walls
at the Company's Garden House, and the &
Dwarf Wall & Pails of the Railing before the
Garden House, making a Drain & Cesspool
in the Gorge of the Priory Bastion and St
George's Bastion, taking off old Terrace &
Laying new Timbers to new Floor in the
Church Steeple to put up the Signal &
Staff - Repairing the West Gateway of the
Kings Barracks - stopping the Cracks
on the Terrace of the Admiralty, Arsenal,
Garden House, Powder Mill, & Carrying plaster Kings

Barracks

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Barracks &c. and attending in Sundry occasional Jobs at different Quarters and Works, Likewise at Nungumpaukum Redoubt, Black Town Wall, Silver Mount &c. &c.

Expence of Bricklayers pay for one Month ..... } D. F. C. 34. 12. —

Womens Coolies ..... 6. 18. —

Carpenters and Hand Sawyers Employed in Repairing the Railings of the several Bridges of the Gates, in the Out Works, and Hospital Bridge, making Redwood Gratings, and repairing the old ones to the Gutpools of the Drains at the Streets of the Fort and in the Works, Eastern Gallery on the sea line — attending and Examining the Draw Bridges, Gates, Gallery Doors, in the Counterscarp, Sally port Doors, Communication Doors in the Several Works, Redwood Palisadoes in the Covert way Repairing the Chevaux de Frieze's, Picking up new Timbers from the Contractors to the Signal staff on the Church Steeple, Repairing the Palmira Railing round the Glacis, attending in & Selling and Examining the Doors at the Barracks and Quarters, Bombproof Doors in the several Works, taking off Partitions, and replaced occasionally at the Admiralty

Repairing

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Brass Hoops, Chacons and Pins for Repairing the Venetioon Doors at the Officers Guard Rooms at the Gates, Tallies for the Keys of the works, Hinged, Hooks, Wd: Copper Nails to Redwood Gratings of the Eastern Gallery, Hinges and Bolts to Redwood Pallisadoe Gates on the sea line

Expence of Brazier pay for one Month } Pr. F. C. 5 " 30 "

Painters 2. Employed in marking out the Numbers on the Bomproof Doors, Gallery Doors, Gates in the Coverd way, and Traverse Gates. Painting the Railings of the Several Bridges of the Fort Barrier Gates, Bomb proof and Sally Port Doors in the Works Gallery Doors and Boomboe Matts such as are done to the Arsenal.

Expence of Painters Pay for one Month } Pr. F. C. 4 " 12 "

Total Expence of artificers Full pay for one Month } 89 " 36 "

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[Signed] George Maule

a true Copy

[Signed] Dan: Ince
Secry to B.

Establishment

Establishment for the Chief Engineer's Department

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Remains for the Purposes of Superintendance and Check of the Contractor's Works

	Master Carpenter	Masticks	Coolies	Masticks	Coolies	Masticks	Coolies	Hamsomes	Bullock Carts	Masticks	Coolies	Masticks	Coolies	Mattocks	Tarrow	Tarrow	Lascars	Masters	Head Coolies	Conicophy	Peons
Superintending all the Works	1	1	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	1			
Estimating the Repairs &c & Measuring the Works executed by the Contractors	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"			
Copying Letters & keeping Books of Public Correspondence	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"			
Reports and Current Business	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"			
Charge of Tools Platforms, Pasiones &c	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1			
Black Town Wall, Governor's Garden Powder Mill & neck Posts	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
Superintending the Contractors Works	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
Examine the State of Fortifications	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	
Detached between Condamaly and Tripassore	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
Providing Facines, Gabeions and Materials	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
Chsultry Repsters office	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"			
a Abstract of Expence incurred monthly P.A 255 17 —																					
Do Cost — 98 56																					
remains Pay. 156 26 — To be discontinued	1	7	"	3	"	3	"	"	"	1	"	1	"	1	1	1	3	1	3		
a true Copy		2	12	1	6	"	3	3	3	"	2	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Signed J. H. Grace																					
Surv. M. R. D.	Signed George Maule																				
Total	1	9	12	4	6	3	3	3	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	3		

Brick Layers — Carpenters — Smiths — Bargers — Painters

Mason & Master Bricklayer &c

Mason & Master Carpenter &c

Mason & Master Smith &c

Mason & Master Barger &c

Mason & Master Painter &c

Mason & Master Tailor &c

Mason & Master Turner &c

Mason & Master Tavern &c

Mason & Master Lascars &c

Mason & Master Coolies &c

Mason & Master Peons &c

Mason & Master Conicophy &c

Mason & Master Peons &c

Mason & Master Peons &c

Mason & Master Peons

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board—report on the proposals received for the Provision of Gun Carriages and Tin foil Powder Barrels — Gun powder received in Store.

Having, in obedience to your Commands of the 9th Instant, examined the several Tenders for the provision of the Articles of Gun Carriages, We beg leave to report it as our opinion that those of Mr. Topping appear to us Reasonable when compared with the prices at which the last were furnished by the late Military Storekeeper, but, conceiving that your Commands are confined to this Article alone, We have not, therefore, adverted to the rates at which Mr. Topping and others have proposed to furnish the several Articles enumerated in this List.

With respect to the proposals of Mr. Braithwaite for the Delivery of Tin-foil Powder Barrels, We deem it only necessary, in additional support of our former Recommendation in his favor, to remark that his present proposals seem justly Entitled to a preference as well from their reasonableness, as from our Conviction that the business hitherto has been perfectly well executed by him, and is likely to be

better

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better performed than can be expected from any other person who has the opportunity to learn.

The Officer Commanding the Artillery, has laid before us a Report proving of 520 Barrels of Gun powder, manufactured at Madras, from which it appeared that it is considerably exceeded the Standard quality, — We have accordingly directed them to be received upon the Company's Books.

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
Signed/ Thos. Musgrave
" J. Capper
" George Maule

Fort St George
10th May 1791

The Board approving, for the Reasons above stated, the Exclusion of the incidental Repairs of the Fortifications shewn in Major Maule's Statement No 1. — from the proposals of Contract for the Execution of Repairs to the Company's Works — They are the more disposed to adopt this measure, from the Declaration of Major Maule, that the incidental Repairs can be executed under the present System in a better Manner & at a less Expence than

Minute respecting repairs to be executed under the present System.

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than if they were contracted for — It is Resolved, however, that it be considered as a standing Rule, that the Chief Engineer is to deliver into the Military Board, at the close of each 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 which may be requisite, and that after such Account has been examined by the Military Board, it is to be laid before Government, if it be found to exceed one Hundred Pagodas.

Resolved, in the present Situation of affairs, that a greater sum than three Hundred Pagodas be not disbursed in any one Month for incidental Repairs exclusive of the Monthly Expence of the Artificers amounting to Pagodas 87.36.

Establishment allowed for the check & Superintendance of Work done by the Contractor.

Resolved that Major Kennedy's proposed Establishment for the Check & Superintendance of Work done by the Contractor, Amounting to Pagodas 56.26 per Month be approved.

Agreed

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Advertisement for receiving proposals of contracts for repairs to be drawn out.

Agreed to direct the Military Board to prepare the advertisement for receiving Proposals of Contract for the Repairs.

Mr. Braithwayt's proposal for furnishing Low foil Powder Barrels accepted

Resolved that Mr. Braithwayt's Proposals for the Delivery of Low foil Powder Barrels be accepted and that the Military Board be desired to draw out the Engagement to be entered into with him.

Minute respecting Mr. Topping's Proposals for furnishing Gun Carriages.

Previous to the Board's determination of Mr. Toppings Proposals for manufacturing Gun Carriages, it is agreed to direct the Military Storekeeper to Specify their Goth upon the Gate System, and the Prices at which the different Articles could be provided by him upon the present Plan.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore / and ordered in C. C. No 112. /

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Dated 4th May 1791.

From the Rajah of Tanjore complaining of the wrongdoing of the Justice being shewn him in the Provisions established for the Maintenance of the Family of the late Rajah and for having Preparations taken upon the attention paid to him and the Noble.

after Lord Cornwallis in consequence of the orders of the Honble Company arrived in this Country and established my Brother upon the Musnud, they directed that none of their Servants should enterfere in my private affairs, & that, if any should attempt to do so, they should be punished. This being thereall, your Excellency's having made an arrangement by which the annual sum of 25,000 Pr is to be paid to the Mother, widows, and adopted son of the late Rajah, and your having denied my compliance through the communication of Mr Swartz has filled me with much Surprize, as I cannot express, It would appear that your Excellency has not considered with attention what I formerly wrote upon this Subject: I will again therefore make my sentiments known to you — I am ready to allow for the Mother and widows of the late Rajah the same sums, which they received during the reign of flourishing prosperity of Tuljas Maharaj; and for the Sherfogee expences I am willing to grant 50 Pr M. according to your own

Arrangement

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arrangement as in making this settlement
you have not considered what is just, but as
I have shewn me disfavour, I must look to
upon it as my misfortune. Intrusted with
you to ascertain whether the sums, at which
I stated their allowances were exact, or whether
the Statement of the Baie Saheb deserved
Credit, but, if without doing this your
Excellency is pleased to reject my account as
fictitious and to rely upon the assertion
of those, who are in the interest of the Baie
Saheb, what resource can I have? —
It is not proper that your Excellency
should look on, while this interference in
my family affairs, exposes me to the ridicule
of the world: if the Governor and Council
withhold their favor and attention, and
withdraw regard to justice neglect me —
where can I find support. It does not
appear equitable that your Excellency should
distrust me, when you place so much
confidence in Sherfoge — I am assured that
it is not your Excellency's intention to use
me with injustice, but you must be
pleased to consider that, while by your
attention you hold up Sherfoge as my
rival, you necessarily foment a hatred

between

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between us, those, who would wish to maintain
them as my rivals, are the friends neither of Sheriffe
nor of the Company; for in whatever country two
rivals contend distraction must ensue, and friendship
between rivals was never heard of— Besides, when
your Excellency read from my arrangement for
the expences of these four Principals, you
seem to have overlooked the juguers, which they
enjoy over and above their monthly allowances.
I therefore request your Excellency's attention
to what I have now written. If however your
Excellency should not be pleased to grant
me this favor, and should insist that the
arrangement be complied with,— my helpless
Situation will oblige me to submit to
your Excellency's pleasure. The highest
authority I must respect, but I never
can consent to the settlement I propose
principles of Justice— as the Honble Com=
=pany are my stedfast friends, the Supporters
of my palace, and the upholders of the
weak,— the burthen rests with the Governor
and Council to preserve my honour and
dignity from diminution, to maintain
the respect which is due to me, and to pre=
=vent me from being exposed to ridicule
in the eyes of the world. I have no Support

or

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on protection but from your Excellency: I rely upon the Governor and Council in all respects; but have no other resource. I request your Excellency will so far favor me, as not to leave occasion for the Company's Servants or others to interfere in any of my Family Concerns. my Character will then be unim-
=impaired.

In like manner, as Sheriffoge & the Baie Sahebs are related to me, the Nabob also has relations and dependents, but by your Excellency neither bears distrust towards his Highness, nor enters into his private affairs. If according to the Nabob's fate the efforts of his enemies should become successful, similar differences might be fomented in his family; and the same accusations, of which are now objected to me, would be urged against him; but I believe that your Excellency would not interfere in his family matters. as I am the firm friend of the Company, I request that your Excellency will so far favour me, as to extend the same civility and attention to me, which you would shew to his Highness. as you are famed for Wisdom & justice, it is not

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not necessary to write much. I only entreat that I may have the strictest justice & Believe me always your Excellency's Sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more.

A true Translation

Signed J Webbe

Sec.y

The acting President acquaints the Board that he will prepare a draught of Minutes thereon and answer to the foregoing Letter for their approbation.

Read the following Letter from the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board

13th May 1791

Read a Letter from Mr Boyborough, Surgeon at Samulcottah setting forth his State of his state of health has been so very infirm for Several years past that he is totally incapable of undergoing the duties of that profession and therefore requesting to be

From the Hospital Board acquainting that Mr Boyborough be placed on the Invalid List and permitted to remain at Samulcotah

The

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The Hospital Board
Thinking it their duty to
support those Gentlemen
who have always come for-
ward in the actual line
of their duty — and as Mr
Roxborough's Complaints
seem of such a nature as
may prevent his being em-
ployed on field Service here-
after — they recommend that
he be placed on the Invalid
List, and permitted to re-
main at Samulcottah

/Signed/ Ja.s Anderson
Physician General
" William Bruce
Head Surgeon

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter
from the Resident at Travancore.

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

From the Resident
at Travancore —
with Bill on Bengal
= nant Fisher for
Pr 19000 — states the
amount of the drafts
he expects to receive
shortly from General
Abercromby. —

Honble Sir,

I have at length succeeded
the

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The Balance of the promised advance of one Lac of Pagodas from the Rajah of Travancore for the difference between Star and Porto Novo Pagodas, I have taken a Bill amounting to P. Pagodas 10000 on Bengal and Sahor, at 40 days Sight, which I doubt not of the honor to transmit herewith.

Yesterday received a letter from Major Auchmuty, Military Secretary to General Abercromby, informing me by the General's desire, that he should shortly draw upon me for 30 or 40,000 Rupees, as the Travancore Dewan had assured him, I should receive the Balance of the advance by the latter end of last Month — as I am now in Cash for the Sicca of Pagodas 34,706 — I have taken the Liberty to recommend to General Abercromby to draw upon me for that sum, or about 1,30,000 Rupees, the Season being too far advanced to send Specie by Sea without risk, and that I should be prepared to answer his Drafts to that amount — to make up this Sum, I estimate what is due from the Rajah

of

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of Cochin on account of the Second
Kist of his Tribute, 17500 Rupees,
which I shall now proceed to Cochin
to receive.

I have the honor to be
with every Sentiment of Respect.

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) George Powney
Resident

Trevandaram
5th May 1791

Ordered that the
Bill on Iyaggonaut Tanker
Minute thereon
be sent for Acceptance.

The Board approve
Do the Measures taken by Mr. Powney respecting the Public
Money

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Money under this Charge

G. Balmain Esqr

" Chas. Oakeley

" J. Huddleston

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Diary

Dispatches thereunder mentioned

Letters as entered in Mil. Sy. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90.-

To Major Genl. Musgrave.-

To Major General Musgrave. If Captain Ryselback permitted to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his Health.-

To the Resident at Travancore.

To the Resident at Travancore informing him that the Bell or Juggernaut Tanker for Pr. 7th Pag. 10,000 which accompanied his Letter of the 5th Instant has been duly accepted - approving the Measures he has taken respecting the public Money in his Hands.-

To the Military Storekeeper.-

To the Military Storekeeper - with a List of Sundry Military Stores - directing him to specify their Cost upon the late System and the price at which the different Articles could be provided by him upon the present System.-

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board notifying the Resolutions of Government pride Consultation 13th Instant respecting incidental Repairs being executed under the present System, and the Establishment for the Check and Superintendance of

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of Work done by the Contractor directing them
to draw out an Advertisement for receiving of
Proposals of Contract for the Execution of the
Repairs also to prepare and submit to the
Board the Engagement to be entered into by
Mr Breithaupt for the Delivery of Ten Foot
powder Barrels.—

To Captain E Trapaud of the
Engineers expressive of the Disapprobation of
Government at the Irregularity of the form
of his application to do Duty at Tanjore—
directing him not to proceed till further Orders—

To Captain Blacker
Trapaud of the
Engineers—

To Major G. Maule informing
him of the Censure passed on Captain Trapaud
remarking at the same time, that he has
committed a similar Error in not preferring
his Complaint against that Officer through
Major General Musgrave.—

To Major Maule
of the Engineers—

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing
him that such Bills as bear the Signatures of
Captain Read are to be Deemed by him a
sufficient voucher for Payment.—

To the Paymaster
at Vellore.—

Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in MB No. 91. 92. 93. 94.—

From

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From Captain Williamson

From Captain Williamson of the Bengal Establishment.

advising of his Arrival at Vellore with Elephants from Bengal stating that the Cash he has in hand at present will enable him to send the Elephants and other Contingencies until his Arrival at Vellore also that he has received every Assistance from the Chiefs of Subordinates and Collectors during his Progress, and particularly from Captain Little Commandant at Vellore.—

From Captain M.Kennon at Guntoor.—

From Captain M.Kennon

with advice of his having taken the Command of the Troops in the Guntoor Circars, and of Major Wymch's having set off for the Presidency.—

From the Secy at Bombay.—

From the Secretary at Bombay

giving cover to a Packet for Government received by the hands of Messrs. Calcraft and Baxter.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

From the Commissary General

five Garce of Bengal Gram for the use of the Bengal Bullocks.—

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

William

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W. C. Jackson Esquire

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Hydrabad giving Cover to Mr. Paymaster Brown's Accounts for March.

I have the honor to enclose the accounts and Vouchers of the Paymaster of the Ellore Detachment for his Disbursements for March, and Copy of a Letter from that Gentleman under date the 27th. ultimo. In the present account I find nothing to remark upon in addition to what I had the honor to transmit to you with the accounts for February under date the 19th. Ultimo. —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Paanquel
2d. May 1791.

/Signed/ John Kennaway

To John Kennaway Esqr.

Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th. Instant agreeable

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agreeable to which I have accordingly marked the Packets which contains my Vouchers; the other, which will enclose my Account Disbursements, journal, Parcels Account Current - as also this Letter - will be dispatched under the usual form; with the addetion only of a Copy of the Account Current as you have been pleased to request - Should any future charges occur that may require to be represented, I shall not fail attending to what you have pointed out to me on that subject. -

I am happy the Accounts for the Month of February have had your approval; those for March which I have now the honor of forwarding for your inspection and sanction, I dare believe will appear equally satisfactory - Having brought to amount in my Account Current with the Paymaster General the sum of 500 Pagodas 4 Fanams undischarged in my Account for January (as you did me the honor to point out to me) and having also discharged the Amount moiety of the Contractors Bills for three Months amounting

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Amounting to Current Pagodas 2085. 29. 64
besides bringing to Account in my journal
Parcels the Amount of three Months Off
Arrack Money to the Europeans amounting
to Pagodas 113. 30. I cannot but feel Off
pleased to consider that the balance of Off
Cash in the Treasurer on the 1st. Instant
was neverthe less Current Pags. 27149. 35. 8/
Two thousand Seven Hundred and fourteen
Thirty five Fanams and eight Cash.

The Agent of the Contractors
has informed me that he has Bills Off
for the Month of February and March
last in readiness to be delivered to me
for Payment, the Amount of which Off
severally equals those of the preceeding
Months I beg leave to be informed if
I may not discharge these when presented
and whether it is not the intention of
Government that I should in future
regularly take up these Bills of the
Contractors, and disburse their Amount
in the same manner with those for

1st November

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14th November December and January.—

I have the honor to be with respect

Camp before Copoole &c &c.

April 27th 1791. (Signed) Wm Brown

Pay.r

True Copy

(Signed) Grame Mercer

Sec.y to Cons.t

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C C N.o 113 stating that the Charities now existing in the Country under the Denomination of Yeomiah are more than double their Amount during the last Assignment and informing him that nothing can be allowed above the Sum settled by Treaty Viz.t Pag.s 2436 unless His Highness will consent that such Surplus be carried to the Account of his one fifth.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.—

Sent the following Letters

To John Huddleston Esq.r

President &c. Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue advice of the Termination of the Differences between the Rajah of Calastry and Tennanair the Period of termanair Confinement at Vellore left to their Discretion.—

Gentlemen,

We enclose Copy of a Letter from Captain Macleay, which gives advice of the Termination of the Differences between the Rajah

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Rajah of Calastry and his Son Timmanair.—

We have received Letters from Bomrauze and Cawcel Nauze stateing that the Presence of Narsein Nauze will be necessary for the Arrangement of the Accounts of the District and requesteing that he be released from Confinement and permitted to return to the Pollams.—We have also received a Letter of Contrition from Narsein Nauze, with Promises of future good Conduct—but as it is proper to mark strongly our displeasure at his late misconduct we would have him kept in confinement as long as you shall think necessary for that purpose.—

We are

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

Lt. Council

Fort St George
14th. May 1791.

To Captain Macsey
at
Calastry

To Captain Macsey with Copy of a Letter from Timmanair's line of Conduct to be observed by the Calastry Rajahs Bomrauze and the Rajah of Calastry to bear the Expence attending his Expedition.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 6th and 10th Instant and to inform you that he would have been satisfied with Timmanair's assurances to you

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of his future good Behaviour and respectful
Department to his Father's Government, if a
Letter had not been received from him, of which
I enclose a copy for your Information, written
in a Stile of Contradiction to those assurances
— The Language he uses is an Proof, that he
will embrace the first opportunity of creating
anew those Disturbances which have been
checked by your appearance — The President
in Council therefore recommends that you
advise with the Rajah on the Subject, and if
it shall appear necessary, that you suggest
the utility of his placing the Person of his
Son under restraint, and of banishing P
from the Country those who may be found
to have supported Timmi Nair in violent P
measures recently adopted by him. —

As soon as you have effected
the security of the Rajah you will be pleased
to return to your former Station. —

I am further to inform you
that the President in Council is of opinion
it is reasonable that Bommaye and P
Rajah of Calastry, should bear the P
extra Expence attending your Expedition — you
will &c

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will therefore requere of them to make
good the Amount.—

Sam.l Hard.a

Fort St. George
14th. May 1791.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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Substance of a Letter from Simmonair.

Received Letter from Simmonair
(as entered in 66 No 114) complaining of
of Captain Massey's having taken off
from him the Seal which was delivered
to him by his Father as well as all the
Engagements of the Inhabitants and of his
having removed him from his office
of Dewan.—

At a Consultation

Present

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

Tuesday
17th. May 1791

Minute of last Consultation
read and approved.—

Read

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Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 10th Novr 1790 read

Read Letter from the Honble Court of Directors addressed to the Publick Department, dated the 10th November 1790. and received here yesterday via Bombay.-

The abovementioned Letter containing Subjects of a Political Nature & the following Resolutions are passed upon it in this Department.-

Resolution passed thereon.-

Para 1st Ordered, that Copies of the Convention between his Majesty and the King of Spain, be transmitted to Earl Cornwallis and to Major General Medows.-

Para 2d - The Board have anticipated the Orders of the Company, in regard to Mr. Edward John Holland, who having refused to embark for Europe, was compelled thereto, for reasons which are stated at length upon the Consultations of this Government.-

Para 3d The Board have only to remark upon this Paragraph, that Mr. James Taylor is on his Return to Europe for the Reestablishment of his Health.-

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Palamcotah.-

To

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor and President

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Commandant at Palamcotah applying for an allowance equivalent to the Perquisites he enjoyed previous to the Assumption

The many expences attending the situation of the Commanding Officer of Palamcotah which I have now the Honor to command, has induced me to take the liberty of Laying before your Honorable Board the many disadvantages I lay under from loosing the Emoluments attending the Command by the late change of Government Captain Bellelisle in the same situation at the Commencement of the last War was granted a very Handsome Equivalent for those Perquisites which the Commanding Officer of Palamcotah Enjoyed During the Nabobs Government & by Mr Sreven the Collector of Tinevally.-

I therefore humbly beg leave to Submit it to your Consideration the Granting me an allowance for those Perquisites which I loose, to enable me bredetably to support the expences attending the Command and any thing the Honble Board will think proper

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proper to grant me, I shall ever hold in Grateful
Remembrance their Kind Indulgence.—
I have the Honor to be with
Great respect.—

Palamcotah
29th April 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Leighton

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

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Torin respecting the Allowance granted to the Commandant at Palamcotah on the last assignment of the Nabob's Country.

Honble Sir.

We beg leave to submit to
your consideration Extract of a letter, which
we have received from Mr. Torin.—
We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Fort St. George
14th. May 1791.
(Signed) David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

Extract of a letter from Mr. Torin Dated
27th april 1791.

In September last I took the
liberty to mention to the Board the
great

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great disadvantage the commanding Officers of Palamcotah were subjected to by the Change of Authority in this districts; and meant by alluding to the Equivalent, which Lord Macartney at the Request of Mr. Sowein, had consented to for Captain Petrie, to strong then my recommendation in favor of the present Commandant.—

The uniform, ready and effectual assistance I have at all times received from Captain Leighton, in checking the insolence of the Polegars, wherever it appeared, and his strict forbearance from those advantages, which our administration does not admit and which Custom may be said to have confirmed induce me to hope that you will pardon my intruding the subject upon you once more as Captain Leighton has now made his application to Government and I have reason to think, the testimony you may be able to give from these circumstances of his merit and Claim to your indulgence will operate very favorably with the Superior Board in the way of reward. I believe Captain Leighton is by no means unreasonable in his Expectations and that an allowance of 3 or 400 Chuckrums per month

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from your General Collections, would compensate for the Change and enable him to bear the Expences of his station with Chearfulness and Credit to himself and the service.—

a true copy

(Signed) J. Webbe
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Minute on the two foregoing Letters.—

Ressolved that the Commandant at Palamcotah be permitted to enjoy the same allowances as were granted to Captain Bideliffe during the late Assignment, at the Recommendation of Mr. Irwin.—

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue remarks on the defective state of the Administration throughout the Nabobs Country—and on the Board's resolution that Mr. Kindersley should attend the Trial of Bowanna Chetty & information on the Subject of the Nabobs Complaint against Mr. Andrews respecting villages claimed by his Highness as belonging to the District of Anaundcolour—Instructions required for renting the Country for the ensuing year.—

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

Honble Sir

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your orders under date 28th. Ultimo they relate to a subject of the first magnitude, the administration of criminal Justice We have hitherto deferred addressing you upon it, not from any want of attention to its importance, but from the unsettled state

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states of the Districts under our several Collectors
During the best regulated times of the Mhogul
Government, the administration of justice was
extremely defective; indeed the System itself is
no wise calculated to secure the lives or property
of individuals; for their Courts of Adawlut
have always been subject to the influence of
the reigning power, or open to the worst
corruption. The history of Hindoostan is full
of melancholy instances, how little the men
of power have scrupled in the use of means,
by which to accomplish the objects of their
revenge, Interest, or ambition. As the semblance
of justice however is observed even in the worst
Governed Countries, they have employed their
wealth and influence in securing themselves
both in civil and criminal cases against the
decisions of law, and in subverting the just suit
of less powerful, or less wealthy competetors
The cauze's have ever been necessarily subject
to this influence; for upon the skilful
management of their offices they depended
for resource against the reckoning, to which
every man of wealth and station is sooner or
later Summoned under the Governments of

India

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India. If this be a just description of better
times, with what confidence can we look to the
distribution of Justice under the Nabobs
authority, or appeal, in the atrocious case in
question, to a Government so disjointed, and so
distinguished for corruption. — We wish also
to be permitted to observe that the administration
of criminal justice, ought only to be in the
hands of the executive Government, for it is
in itself so powerful an instrument, that
the transferring it would leave but few
vestiges of real power with those from
whom it was transferred. In the alternate
revolutions between the Company and
the Nabobs authority the minds of the natives
are distracted, their confidence lost and
being unable to form an opinion as to the
permanency of Government, they take advantage
of both systems to the hasty and corrupt
decisions of an Indian Court they fly through
motives of revenge; and screen themselves from
punishment under the lenity of English law

This complex and derided
System must [illegible] we humbly
conceive, be both detrimental to the Revenue,

and

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and derogatory from the Credit of the Company
The Inhabetants may indeed be restrained
from acts of violence or awed by temporary
confinement, or corporal chastizement, but
it is only the fear of severer punishment, w
which can give efficacy to this milder mode.
and when the Plagatious think that they may
without farther danger commit outrages on
the persons, and property of the more peaceful
Inhabitants, the instances of murder and
theft will become so multiplied, as to shake
the foundation of all security.—

We have felt it our duty to
submit to you these observations, in consequence
of your letter of the 28th. ultimo, by which it
would appear that your Honble Board are of
opinion that, whilst we retain every other
branch of executive Government, the admini-
tration of Justice should remain in the hands
of the Nabob; and you direct in particular
that Mr. Kindersley attend the tryal of A
Bowana Chetty. We beg permission to
explain the inconveniences, which we are
apprehensive may attend this measure. The
case with which we have taken possession

of

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of and hitherto governed the distant Provinces,
is doubtless owing to that opinion of the
English power, with which the Natives are
impressed. To withdraw the support of this
general impression in our favour may be
considered a dangerous experiment; and nothing,
we believe, could have a more direct tendency
to such an effect, than the appearance of
our Collectors at the Nabobs Courts of Justice
The Natives regard these Gentlemen as
vested with full power over their respective
Districts, and look up to them as representing
the authority of Government. This impression we have been solicitous to preserve; but
when the Natives see our Collectors attending
as witnesses at the Cauzee's Court, they will
without any natural confusion in their
ideas, conclude not only that the Company
possess no power of jurisdiction, but that
that the Collectors themselves are subject
to the Nabob's authority.—

We have been the more
particular in submitting to you these sentiments,
as it is become necessary that we should
be furnished with your decision, and instructions

on

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on the general subject, in consequence of letters which we have received from the Collectors of Tinnevelly and Nellour, requesting our orders for their guidance in some instances of atrocious robbery and murder.—

In regard to the attendance of Mr. Knibersley at the tryal of Bowana Chetty, we beg leave further to observe that in his capacity of Collector that Gentleman represented the Circar, and summoned to appear before him those evidences, who had deposed against Bowana Chetty. All information therefore, which he could give, would be derived from this source, and as it could not be immediate or direct, would avail nothing in the tryal.—

With respect to the complaint which his Highness the Nabob has preferred against Mr. Andrews, we have the honour to inform you that the Jageer of Andanellour is already given up. The Villages, to which Anandarow laid claim, formed no part of that Jageer; but were annexed or devided from time to time, as his Highness might

Seal

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Seal inclined. We cannot but complain of the Nabobs want of candour upon the present occasion, for, as in his List of Districts the Jaguer of Andanellour is stated at 15000 Pags which is its full value, his Highness had no shadow of right to include in it Villages to the amount of 45000 Pagodas, which never formed no part of the established Jaguer, on the other hand if his Highness did mean to obtain possession of the Villages by this surreptitious method, he not only supposed us ignorant of our duty, but with that holds out an argument of conduct very incompatible with his own dignity. —

The fact, which his Highness has thought proper to make a particular Complaint of against Mr. Andrews for recalling his orders after having issued them for the restoration of the Villages in question, has upon a superficial view done Foundation, but it entirely originated with the Nabob himself, and we have no doubt it will appear so to your Honorable Board when the circumstances are made known to you — They are simply these — His Highness having

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having, after the delivery of the District of Anandemellore, complained that a few Villages appertaining to it (as he alledged) had not been given up, - Mr. Andrews received our orders for that purpose, but, before he had actually put his Highness's Servant in possession of these Villages, he represented to us the circumstances above mentioned, viz. that they did not actually belong to the Jaghyre and excuted it's value by the sum of 30,000 Pag. Assured of this fact, and having already made an arrangement of the Districts of Jaghyres to the Nabobs Servants, making up the Sum settled by Treaty, in which this District of Anandemellore was estimated at 15,000 Pagodas and which it had been rented out for during the last assignment - We did not hesitate in ordering Mr. Andrews to retain possession of the Villages which did not appear to belong to it - your Honble Board will therefore no doubt see our conduct in its true light, and exculpate us and Mr. Andrews, who acted under our orders, from any blame his Highness has endeavored to cast on us for this transaction. -

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As the Season is now arrived
it becomes necessary to make arrangements
for settling the rents of the ensuing year, we
take the liberty of requesting your instructions
upon this matter, and beg to know for how long
a period we may be authorized to conclude
agreements with the Inhabitants.—

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

Fort St George
7th May 1791.

The acting President informs
the Board that on application to the Nabob,
his Highness has consented that Bowana
Chitty shall remain a Prisoner with Mr
Kindersley.—

The Acting President reports that the Nabob has consented to Bowana Chitty's remaining a Prisoner with Mr. Kindersley.—

The Board having maturely
considered the Letter from the Board of P.
accounts Revenue—it is resolved, that the
following Answer be returned.—

The foregoing Letter from the Board of Accounts Revenue taken into consideration.—

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To John Gudleston Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Board

of a[illegible]d Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Board of a[illegible]d Revenue in reply to the several Points contained in the foregoing Letter.—

We have received your Letter of the 7th Instant—

We are perfectly convinced of the truth of your Representations as to the state of criminal Justice throughout the Nabob Country, and although we have not thought ourselves at liberty to a[illegible] the judicial administrations by any provisions in the Treaty, we nevertheless feel it to be our duty so long as we hold the Revenues of the Country, not to suffer the lives or property of the Inhabitants to be taken away with Impunity. In any case however when the Nabob might choose to claim an offender for the purpose of bringing him to Justice we should not think ourselves warranted in withholding him, tho' it would be our duty to see that justice was done, as far as we had the means—

With regard to Bowanna Chitty

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We have the pleasure to observe that as the application of our acting President the Nabob has consented to his remaining a Prisoner with Mr. Kindersley by which we trust every difficulty respecting him is removed and that you will be able to apply the same principle that has directed you in the case of Bavana Chitty to every other offender who may have been taken up in the districts of the Carnatic.—

—We approve your Recommendation relative to the Jaghire of Candanellore, and shall write to the Nabob in consequence.—

As you represent the season for making the next years Settlement of rent to be now arrived, we empower you to agree with the Inhabitants for the whole year as it cannot be done for a shorter period without material Inconvenience or loss.—

—We are

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27th May 1791.

Gentlemen
&c &c
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

Read

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Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also on C.C. N°115.

Translation

From the Nabob Wauburjaun to Sir Charles Oakeley Bt

Dated Ryroyaun 12th Rejeb

4th. May 1791.

Received 16 May 1791.

From the Nabob imputes the Assumption of this Country to the conduct of Messrs. Holland and to the transmission of false accounts to Lord Cornwallis rejecting the Pay of the Cavaswits employed in the Inspection of the Account.—

I have received your Letter of the 4th. May 1791 and understand its contents you say "In your Letter to me of the 6th. Ultimo "you had assigned sufficient Reasons why "the District of Solwear could not be "given up for the purpose of supplying the "deficiency occasioned by the payment of "Pycomeah from the Peishore Lands of my "Children. That the Reasons which then "operated, still exist, and you can therefore "only refer my Demand to the decision of "the Court of Directors."—

I cannot help expressing my surprize that my Friend, notwithstanding there being a Sunnud of such high rank as Lord Cornwallis invested with controuling power

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power in this Country, and the existance of a solemn Instrument, Vizt the Treaty of Sir Archibald Campbell which has met the approbation of the British Parliament, should think of referring this matter to the Court of Directors and to wait an answer from England which must take up much time. By the 9th article of that Treaty the net Sum of Pagodas 213,421 annually (exclusive of any expences) is to be received in time of war for the Jaghires of my Family. If any one was to ask me why my Country was in the hands of the Company's Servants & during the War, and why did they exhibit so large a balance of Rists against me, I could give the following answer. That the two Hollonds had in the first place taken to themselves a very large part of the Money Paid in the Company's Rists and in the next, at the instance of Mr Swing, various misrepresentations were made to Lord Cornwallis and his permission (in a manner) obtained for the sequestration of my Country, for though his Lordship is a Nobleman of the strictest Honour and Justice, yet what can one do when he is

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composed upon by false accounts. Were the accounts between me and the Company settled upon a fair and just principle, a single Pagoda would not appear against me. I must however entreat Your Lordship who has been pleased to assure me that Justice shall be done me. —

You wrote me that I shall be furnished with the account mentioned in my Letter of the 29th Ultimo, so soon as it can be made out, and that you will give Orders to the Company's Collector to pay the monthly sum of fifteen hundred Pagodas to the Circar Writers employed in the Inspection of the accounts of the Countries, as soon as you know from me that it will be agreeable to me to have the same deducted from my one fifth. That I understand and am obliged by your promise of furnishing me with the Accounts — As the Company's Collectors and other Servants who are employed in the management and Collection of my Revenues, receive certain allowances therefrom exclusive of their pay from the Company if my Friend agrees that the Money so paid to them be carried to the Credit of my Rents to the Company I shall readily agree that the Monthly sum of 1500 Pagodas to be paid to my Writers as proposed be deducted from my one fifth. —

What can I say more

a true translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Dr. for

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Minute thereon.

agreed to inform his Highness that in order to accommodate him the Board will readily consent that the Mutseddies employed by him in the Inspection of the Cutchery Accounts, be paid out of the Revenues of the Country, provided their allowances be fixed at the same Rate, as the Board of Revenue have fixed for the Mutseddies employed under them - That, to this Proposal it is not doubted, his Highness will readily agree, as the granting such large Stipends as those mentioned in the List formerly transmitted by him, would inevitably breed Discontent among the Mutseddies in the Pay of the Company.-

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Accountant General.-

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Deputy Accountant General forwarding a comparative Statement of the Proposals received for Cloathing the Army.-

Having completed as far as possible the Statement required by the Board in your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, - I have now the honor of enclosing it, but must beg to remark, that no one of the Proposals contain the different description of Cloathing for the whole Army.-

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) J Pearce
Dy Acct

Fort St. George
Accountant
Generals Office
14th May 1791.

Abstract

Abstract, Proposals for Clothing the Army.

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		Cheally	Inmate	Mr. Neil	Mr. John	Mr.	Mrs. Porter
		Mr. Brodie	Chitty	Swanny	Campbell & Co	Le Fevre Jones & Co	Jones Cook & Co	Richards & Co
European Artillery Effective 2 Battalions		684 44	1534 18 60	1616 31 10	1630 13	1894 18 24	1670 40	2099 32 30
Ditto Ditto Invalids 3 Companies		587 12	406 35	437 44 30	452 30	485 22 24	456 35 40	502 31
Ditto Effective Infantry 4 Battalions		4444 44	3859 20 20	4304 44 24	4394 2	4977 1 24	4446 4 40	5542 40
Ditto Infantry Invalids 3 Companies		556 18	494 41 40	574 66	567 29	644 19 11	570 39 10	636 3 40
Native Infantry 30 Battalions		26517 7 40	31346 18 60	32761 36 60	28234	31187 15	29162 41 20	38510 41 20
Ditto Invalids 8 Companies		1010 6	1083 43 60	1167 14 70	988 11			
Ditto Cavalry 5 Regiments		6650 41 20	5951 25	6991 3	6473 13	7230 25 29	7078 26 10	7965 14 10
Ditto Governors Body Guard & Troops		209 18 10	175 6 65	232 17 29	193	213 24 60	217 3 40	

Ditto	Ditto	1 Companys	91	8	70	103	34	5	110	33	30	94	61	"	113	40	57	99	4	"	119	29	49
Ditto Avenue Troops		14 Battalions	7,813	28	"	7,672	22	60	8,057	29	32	8,102	40	"	7,981	39	70	9828	33	20	10715	1	50
Lascars		30 Companies	2,322	30	"	1974	11	20	2,788	19	10	1961	30	"	2,234	26	50	2128	41	20	2738	33	60
			52,289	19	60	54,603	7.	70.	59,045	41.	53,094	29.	"	56,963	14	29	55,659	43.	40	68,810	8.	19.		

Mr Brodie's offer the lowest for Cloathing the Army.-
Mr. Neil Campbell and Co. Fan.y 25. 61. ℔ Cent higher than Mr. Brodie
Cheally Chitty Pag.s 2. 33. 29. ℔ Cent higher than Mr. Campbell & Co.
Mr. James Cock Pag.s 3. 38. 43. ℔ Cent higher than Cheally Chitty
Mr. De Fries & Co. Pag.s 2. 13. 17. ℔ Cent higher than Mr. James Cock
Annah Sawmy Pag.s 1. 25. 4 ℔ Cent higher than Mr. De Fries & Co.
Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. Pag.s 16, 42. 77. ℔ Cent higher than Annah Sawmy.-

Fort St. George 14th. May 1791.
Errors Excepted
(Signed) J. Pearce
Deputy Accountant

A true Copy
(Signed) George Parry
Actg Deputy Secy

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Mr Brodies Proposals to be accepted.—

Resolved, that Mr. James Brodie's Proposals, being the most advantageous be accepted, and that the Military Board be desired to prepare the Contract, and call upon Mr. Brodie to give Security for the Performance of his Engagements.—

Read the following Letter from Captain Andrew Read, Commanding the Detachment Serving with the Nizam's Army.—

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley

Governor in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

From Captain Andrew Read with Translate of the Coule granted to the Garrison of Copoole and Return of Killed and wounded since the 5th Jany satisfaction at the good Conduct of the Troops under his Command applies for instructions regarding some Presents made to the Detachment of Artillery — respecting Allowances to the Staff officers.—

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Enemy's Troops composing the Garrison of Copool about 1500 fighting men surrendered Prisoners of War, and marched out on the afternoon of the 9th Instant at which the Place was taken possession of by three of Dorab Jah's Battalions. I have the honor to enclose herewith a Persian Copy and Translate of the Coule granted to the Garrison. This I did at the request of Dorab Jah

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Jah, the Garrison having made it an indispen-
sable Article, but first had the fullest
assurance from the Nabob, that the Terms
would be strictly adhered to— I hope you
will approve my having done so.—

Permit me to express the
very high sence I have of the steady good
Conduct of this Detachment in general
during the fatiguing Duties they have had
to perform before this place, but in particular
that of the Artillery, who for near three
months were contenually in the Batteries
without a Relief. Lieutenants Scott and Ramsay
and Mr. Conductor Dixon have much merit—
this last Gentleman had charge of one of the
Batteries during the Seige, and has always
acted so much to my Satisfaction and that of
his immediate Commanding officer Lieutenant
Scott, that I have taken the liberty of
recommending him to the Commander in
Chief.—

Permit me to acquaint you
that Lieutenant Orr of 29th Battn. acted as
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The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

From Captain Andrew Read with Translate of the Coule granted to the Garrison of Copoole and Return of Killed and wounded since the 8th Jany satisfaction at the good Conduct of the Troops under his Command applies for instructions regarding some Presents made to the Detachment of Artillery—respecting Allowances to the Staff Officers.—

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Enemy's Troops composing the Garrison of Copool about 1500 fighting men surrendered that Fortress, and marched out on the afternoon of the 17th Instant when the Place was taken possession of by three of Darah Jahi's Dofsadhas. I have the honor to enclose herewith a Persian Copy and Translate of the Coule I granted to the Garrison. This I did at the request of Darah Jah

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Ellore until the Detachment arrived with the Nizam's Camp, where Lieutenant Blair joined appointed Brigade Major and Quarter Master — since which period Lieutenant Orr has acted as Aid de Camp to the Commanding Officer, but without any allowances. While the double Duties of Brigade Major and Quarter Master are performed by the same Person, a fully sufficient Employment for any Officer, I have found Lieutenant Orr's Services, as Aid de Camp, on many occasions indispensable — I therefore hope that, as a deserving Officer, he may be confirmed in that appointment, and have some small allowance annexed to it. The Military Board, in their Report to Government of the 12th December 1790, are pleased to observe, that "We have taken the liberty to include a Detachment "Quarter Master, whose Services are conceive to be "indispensable" — no allowance for such appointment has ever yet been drawn —

I beg leave to acquaint you that two days ago Dando Jah left Camp for Cuddore having been long ailing and advised to try a change of air — The Day before his Departure, he requested of me to permit the Artillery to fire a

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accept of a small Present as a Token of his Sense
of their Exertions during the Siege, which I complied
with, lest Offence might be taken — He presented
Lieutenants Scott and Kennedy and Mr. Conductor
Nixon with a Horse and two Shawls each and
2,000 Rupees to be distributed amongst the E
European Artillery Men and Lascars —

As yet I have not heard any
thing of the future Destination of the E
Detachment, but have written to His Highness
the Nizam requesting his Commands —

I have the pleasure to acquaint
you that the Enemy's Garrison of Copool left
this place to day, escorted by a Party of Horse and
a Jemidar's Party from the Detachment —
Every Justice has been done them in the E
Terms granted. There is also a Probability of
the surrender of the Enemy's Garrison of E
Bahauder Bundah in a few Days, as I understand
they are now treating about Terms — I am E
informed by a Person belonging to the Fort of
Copool that it has been in the Possession of
Tepipoo and his Father eleven years that annually
upwards of a Lack of Pagodas has been laid out

in

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in satisfying it, and it now bears all the marks of such attention to its Defence.—

Herewith I have the Honor to forward a Return of the Killed and wounded in the Detachment since I succeeded to the Command of it.—

I hope you will have the goodness to excuse my not having written to you earlier and now presuming to take up so much of your time by so long a Letter—My Anxiety to acquaint you of every Judicial being done to the Enemy's Garrison of Copool, the Duties of my own Situation, and what I think due to the Merits of Lieutenant Ord and Mr. Nixon, have occasioned it—I have the Honor to be, with the utmost Respect.—

Camp Copool
24th April 1791.

Your &c.

[Signed] Andw Read
Capt. Commanding

Translate terms of Capitulation signed by Capt. Read to the Garrison of Copool at the request of Durah Jah Bahauder.—

To Manajee Row Killadar Gokaw
Hussein Khaun Syd. Mohamedeen Kullianey
Rhajah

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Khajah Kheerullah and other respectable Persons and to the Jemedars and Soldiers of the Garrison of the Fort of Copool — Captain Andrew Read give in writing to this effect —

That they may with entire confidence march out of the Fort with all their Household effects and deliver it up to the Sircar. —

Whatever household effects and Firelocks they may be possessed of they may take away with them, along with the Sircar accompts, permission is granted and no person will interfere. —

The effects Guns Firelocks, Powder Balls, Money and other public property whatever shall be left for the Sircar, and will not be permitted to be carried away. —

Permission will not be given to the Inhabetants of the Country to go themselves or to carry off their Families or property —

According to this agreement they / the Garrison / with the Families, Servants and household effects, are permitted to go away, and a Party of Cavalry will be appointed

to

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to escort them to Moody Kannoor —

With permission from Govr Duncan

Jah, I grant this my bonde that the of Shabaan

1205 Hegree / 8th April 1791 —

(Signed) Andrew Read Capt.

Comdg 2 Batts of the Native

Company's Troops serving

in the Travancore, with the Rajah. —

Signed / A Berry Lt

P.I.

Return of the Killed and wounded before the Fort of Cotiote since the 8th of January 1791. Compleat Cotiote 24th April 1791.

	Killed				Wounded				
	Europeans	Natives	Lascars	Europeans	Natives	Lascars			
2 Batts of European artillery	4	"	"	"	1	1	6	"	1
Gun Lascars attached to it	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	11	"
23rd Batt. Native Infantry	"	"	1	"	7	"	"	"	1
29th Batt. Native Infantry	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	2
	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	3
Total	4	1	1	7	1	1	6	11	3

Signed Andw Read

Capt. Commanding

Field

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Minute thereon.

The Board are highly pleased with the Zeal firmness and Conduct which have been so conspicuously displayed by Captain Read and the Officers and Men under His Command in the late arduous Service on which they have been employed.—

Do.

Resolved that the Detachment of Artillery be permitted to accept the Presents which Durah Jah, the Nizam's General, distributed among them.—

Do.

Altho the Board dont think proper to appoint an aid de camp to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, yet in Consideration of the Merits of Lieutenant Orr, they will have no Objection to his drawing the allowances of a Quarter Master in future. Lieutenants Blair, as Brigade Major to the Detachment, has, it is conceived, sufficient Employment, and as he could not, tho' doing the Duties of both Stations, draw double Batta, according to the Regulations of the Service, it is resolved, that the appointment of Quarter Master shall be relinquished by him, and conferred upon Lieutenant Orr.—

Read

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Read the following Letter

from Masulipatam.—

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Masulipatam with Copy of a Letter from Capt. Gent requesting to be continued in his present Quarters recommendation in favor of his Request.—

We have the honor of acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th. Ult. & Items, and having Communicated your orders to the Engineer, he has written us a Letter on the Subject, a Copy of which we enclose for your information. It will appear by what Captain Gent has represented, that Removing him from the present Engineers Quarter, will be attended both with considerable inconvenience and Expence to the Company while there is no part of the Fort, where the necessary Offices for his Station, could be removed to, that would be equally convenient Those circumstances not having been Mentioned by Colonel Patterson in his letter to Sir Charles Oakeley might not we conclude have occurred to you, which is the reason for our troubling you again on the Subject, being desirable

that

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that what Captain Gent has represented is strictly the case. —

The House which had hitherto been allotted for the accommodation of the Officer in the Command of the Troops, tho' in want of some trifling Repairs, has in other respects been considerably improved since it was first appropriated for that purpose, and no objection has hitherto been made to it, by any of Colonel Patterson's Predecessors, so far as we ourselves know, altho' he mentions Major Montgomery's having done so. The largeness of Colonel Patterson's Family, may make it a less convenient Quarter for him than others have considered it to be but on the additions and Repairs which it has received at the Company's Expence, to render it a suitable Quarter for the Commanding Officer, the Considerations of a Family may not have occasioned, tho' it has at several different times served for the accommodation of a Family, and we may add, that the Command of the Troops at Masulipatam ought not to be considered by Colonel Patterson as an Inheritance, but that other Officers

may

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may occasionally be appointed to this Station,
who may not have the same objections to the
Quarter allotted for them that he has found,
and who might even see conceive preferr
it to that allotted for the Engineer, from
its contiguous situation to the General &
Parrade and European Barracks. —

Colonel Patterson persevered
to his having addressed Sir Charles Oakeley
applied to us for the Engineer's Quarter, to
which we had no other objection, than of
the Public inconvenience and Expence of
Removing the latter, of which he was
informed; and ought therefore, we think
either to have made his subsequent
application to your Honor &c. &c. &c. or
at least have Stated the circumstances
that had been communicated to him, as
our Reasons for declining to comply with
his wishes; and if the Plea of his
Family were to be urged, the same
Consideration is due to the Family
of Captain Gent, who is moreover
upon much smaller allowances, no

Engineer

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Engineer at this Place, except while on the temporary Command of the Troops, & having received Batta since Captain Prescott left the Station.—

We have the honor to be very Respectfully.—

(Signed) Anth Sadleir
W. Dobbyns
Saml Statham

Masulipatam
11th May 1791.

Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief & Council
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am favored with Mr. Secretary Scott's Letter of yesterdays date, & enclosing a Copy of one from Government, ordering my removal from the present Engineer's Quarter.—

On a Survey of the house allotted for the residence of the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, of which Colonel Patterson so much complains, it does not appear, in so ruinous a condition

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as might be understood from his letter, the house in question fronts the General Parade and may probably on that account have been considered, as conveniently situated for the Commanding Officer It is rented from the Eldest Son of the late Rustoom a Moy Caun, but I find it has constantly been kept in repair at the expence of the Company, and that a complete set of Officers were not very long ago erected contiguous to it the house being constructed of wood, cannot be considered as a material objection as the Chiefs house, and many others in the Fort, are constructed of the same materials This House I have heard is returned as a Captains Quarter, but it has been occupied by Major Cheshyre, Major Montgomery, Colonel Russell, and indeed by every Field Officer who have happened to be in the Command of the Troops, until Colonel Patterson removed from it lately.—

While Major Moor Captain Stevens was the second to Masulipatam he built for his own convenience, as a

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I am informed, one Room adjacent to the Engineers yard, and purchased a Wooden house contiguous to it, This house of Major Stevens, was after his leaving the place, purchased & expressly for the Engineer, and has from that time, to the present, been uniformly allotted for his residence; The Wooden part of this Quarter being much decayed, Captain Prescott made an addition to it, for which upon a representation through your Board he was repaid by the Company. It has I understand been lately returned as a Field & officer's Quarter, although never occupied & by any other Field officer than Major Bands to whom it was allotted, not as I presume, by virtue of his being a Field officer, but in consequence of his being appointed Engineer & the Garrison. —

The Quarter above mentioned is every way well situated for the residence of the Engineer, and indeed the appendant & offices are so immediately connected with it, that they must necessarily be removed, if I am removed from it, which cannot at the same

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same time be done, without putting the Company to an expence no way inconsiderable. The offices I allude to are the Drawing Room, the Engineers Office, the Store Rooms, the Sheds for Carpenters and Smiths to work in the Some of which are joined to the Quarter, and others nearer to it, than the Cookroom and Godowns are.—

I have been the more particular in stating the inconveniences, and expence that will attend (as they are circumstances, that may not have occurred to Government, when they issued their orders, but which I understand you assigned to Colonel Patterson, a short time before my arrival, as your reason for declining to put him in possession of the Engineers Quarter, upon his application to you for it.—

I have the honor to with much respect.—

Sir &c &c

(Signed) W. Gent

Engineer

Masulipatam
28th. April 1791.

A true Copy

(Signed) A.r Scott

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as the Board's former Orders

Minute thereon were grounded upon Lieutenant Colonel Patterson's
Representation to Sir Charles Oakley, and as
that Representation did not include the Circum-
-stances mentioned in the foregoing Letter from
the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, it is
Resolved, that Captain Gent shall continue in
Possession of the Engineer's present Quarters.—

agreed to inform the Chief

and Council that, if the Commandant's Quarters
can be rendered more commodious by any trifling
D.° alterations or Repairs, the Board will have no
objection to the Expenditure of a small Sum of
Money on that Account.—

Read the following Letter

from Captain Kennaway.—

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

From Captain Ken-
-naway respec-
-ting the Nizam's
Demands on the
Vanealaghery
Rajah for Peish-
-cush due to Cuddapah
and the frequent
Commission of
Robberies in the
Nellore District

Sir,

I have received your Letter of
the 9.th ultimo in consequence of which I have
applied to the Nizam requesting that Hafez P
-ered u-din may be prohibited for the present
from preferring any demands on the Rajah
of

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of Venkatagerry for Peishcaush due to Cubapa with
with deference to a contrary opinion implied by
the Boards Commands, I should apprehend that
with the conquest of that place the Nizam has
become entitled to all the rights and privileges
appertaining to it. I have stated to you however
that whatever rights its possession confers are
not meant to be infringed. That the Rajah of
Venkatagherry had probably with held his
Peishcaush on the breaking out of the war as
being a dependant of the Company's Government
and that it was not consistent with the harmony
and friendship between the two States that it
should now be exacted from him by the Nizam's
Officer in an abrupt or coercive manner.

On the subject of frequent
robberies having of late been committed in the
Nellore Country at the instigation of the
turbulent Polegars and of the Zemendars in
the neighbourhood of Nellore and Cudapah having
instigated the Rajah of Calastry's son to
rebel against his Father I have the honor to
enclose a Copy of a Letter from the Nizam's
Minister to Hafiz Feraed-ud-in this Annexed in

that

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that quarter desiring him to prevent such practices in future the oregenal I have forwarded with a letter from myself and sent a Duplicate to the Collector of Nellore to be transmitted by him accompanied with such information of the violences committed as may enable the Board to pay due attention to the Ministers Commands I enclose for the Boards information my address of this date to the Governor General which I request may be sealed and despatched.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Paongal
2 May 1791.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the above Letter be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue for their Information.-

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore.-

To William Jackson Esq:
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Paymaster at Vellore requesting to know if he is to consider the officers at Vellore belonging to the 5th Regiment of Cavalry on Batta.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 6th Instant informing me that Major Murray and the Officers and Men under

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under his Command stationed at Vellore, are to be
paid by me. Do me the favor to inform me if I am
to consider the Major and the Officers on Batta

Vellore
15th May 1791.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W. H. Torriano

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr. Torriano, that the
Officers at Vellore belonging to the 1st Regiment
of Cavalry, being considered on Detachment from
the Army, are to be allowed Batta.—

Death of Captain Ranjel Jackson of the Infantry.

The acting President reports to the
Board that Captain Ranjel Jackson of the
Infantry died at Tanjore on the 12th Instant.—

G Balmain Esqr

" Chas Oakeley

" H Hudleston

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Received the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 95.96.97.98.99.

From Mrs Eliza Lamballais —

From Mrs Eliza Lam-
-ballais —

requesting to be furnished with a Copy of Colo-
-nel Gabriel Mullers Memorial respecting —
their joint Claim on the Rajah of Tanjore. —

From the Acting Deputy Adju-

From the Acting Deputy
Adjutant General —

tant General — reporting the Death of Captain
Ranjat Jackson of the Infantry. —

From the Sub Secretary at

From the Sub Secretary
at Bengal. —

Bengal — requesting that the Letters addressed
to the Government General from this Presi-
dency may be arranged in distenct Para-
-graphs with Numbers respectively affixed
to each. —

From Do with Bill of Lading

From Do. —

of Cease shipped on the William Pitt for the
Supply of this Presidency. —

From the Commandant at

From the Commandant
at Madura. —

Madura — with Copy Mr. Vaughans Letter in
refutation

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refutation of the Charges preferred against him by Lieutenant Bong

Substance of letters from the Calastry Rajah and Simmanair—

Received Letters from the Rajah of Calastry and Simmanair presented has settled an Annual Allowance upon his sons of Twenty Thousand Rupees and requesting that Captain Mafsey may be ordered not to quit Calastry until all the armed men now at Sitteramporr are disbanded the Latter expressing his Apprehensions that on disbanding his Sebbendies they may become clamorous an Account of the Arrears of Pay due to them

Sent the following Letters

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

To Earl Cornwallis with Copy of the Convention between his Brittanic Majesty and the King of Spain—

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

We have great Satisfaction in acquainting your Lordship that a Convention between his Majesty and the King of Spain, a Copy of which we have the Honor to

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to inclose / for terminating the Differences / which had arisen with that Court, was signed at the Escurial on the 28th. of October last.

The Honorable Court of Directors in their Communication of this Circumstance, say, "We feel much Pleasure in the Reflection that "the Matters in Dispute between the two Courts "have been adjusted without Hostilities, in which "the Company might eventually have been en- "gaged, as our respective Governments are now at "Liberty, with their united Forces to prosecute "the War with Vigor against Tippoo Sultaun."

We have the Honor to be
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most
obedient Servants
/Signed/ Charles Oakeley
Hon.ble Council

Fort St. George
to
17th. May 1791

To the Honble Major General Medows
Hon.ble Sirs

For Major General Medows with Copy of the Convention between his Majesty and the Court of Spain

Honorable Sirs,

We have great Satisfaction in acquainting you that a Convention between his Majesty and the Court of Spain (a Copy of which we

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We have the Honor to enclose for Determinating the Differences which had arisen with that Go- was signed at the Council on the 27th of Octob- last.—

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

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Dispatched the undermentio-ned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.

To the Board of Assessment & Revenue—

To the Board of Assessment & Revenue—

-nue—consenting that the Commandant at Palamcotah be permitted to enjoy the same Allowances as were granted to Captain Bilc-cliffe during the late Assignment and enclo-sing Copy of Captain Hennaway's Letter respec-ting the Arrears of Peshcush due to Cuddapah and claimed from the Rajah of Vencatagherry by the Nizams General, and the Disturbances committed in the Nellore Country at the Instigation of the Communi Poligars—

To the Commandant at Madura
&c &c

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To the Commandant at Madura —

Stating that in the opinion of the Board the Charges preferred by Lieutenant Bong are, for the most part equally applicable to himself as to Mr. Vaughan — and informing him that it is expected that he will make an immediate Report to Government of any improper Treatment, in future, exercised over the Company's Native Servants at Madura. —

To Masulipatam — directing

To Masulipatam. —

that Captain Gent be allowed to continue in Possession of the Engineers Quarters — and authorising them to expend a small Sum of Money in Repairs to the Commandant's Quarters. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore —

To the Paymaster at Vellore. —

the Officers at Vellore belonging to the 1st Regiment of Cavalry being considered on Detachment from the Army are to be allowed Batta. —

To Mr. James Brodie — informing

To Mr. James Brodie

him that his Proposals for Cloathing the Army have been accepted and desiring him to communicate to the Military Board the Names of the Persons whom he means to offer as his Security

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Security for the due performance of his Engagements

To the Military Board — with

To the Military Board —

Copy of Mr. Brodie's Proposals, which have been

accepted — desiring them to prepare the Contract

and to call upon that Gentleman to give Security

for the performance of his Engagements. —

To the Hospital Board — Mssrs

To the Hospital Board —

Roxborough, Sinclair, O'Donoghoe, and Hale-

burton are to continue in their former Stations

until further Orders. —

To Mrs Eliza Lambalais —

To Mrs Eliza Lambalais

with Copy of Colonel Gabriel Stuttler's Memorial

dated 13 July 1786. —

To Mr. Secretary Hay —

To Mr. Secretary Hay — with

the Consultations of this Government in the Mili-

tary and Political Departments from the 1st April

to 30th September 1790 — stating that the Irregular-

ity in the Transmission thereof is owing to the

great Increase of the Current Business of the

Military Office. —

To Dc —

To Dc — Copies of the General

Letters to the Court of Directors subsequent to the

Dispatch of the Prince William Henry accom-

panying the Proceedings abovementioned. —

Sent

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Substance of two Letters to the Nabob

Sent Letters to the Nabob &c

entered in 66 Nos 118.119. / the former offering to pay the Mutseddies employed by His Highness in the Inspection of the Cutcherry Accounts out of the Revenues of the Country provides he will establish their allowances upon the same footing as those employed by the Board of Accounts & Revenue — the latter informing him that the Villages claimed by His Highness in his Letter of the 23d. ultimo do not belong to the Saghire of Andanellore - and therefore cannot agreeable to the Terms of the late Treaty or consistently with the duty of the Board be given up to his Highness

Read the following Letters

To the Honble the Governor in Council at Fort St. George

From Bengal - expressing their Satisfaction at the Explanations given by this Government relative to their Communications of the operations of the Army —

Honble Sir

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of the Letters, you have favored us with, ... under Dates the 11th. 12th. and 13th. Instant, & and their several Enclosures. —

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The Capture of Bangalore, by the Army under Earl Cornwallis, being an Event so highly important to the public Interests, the Account of it afforded us the greatest Pleasure. On the Subject of Intelligence relative to the Operations of the War, as noticed in our Secretary's Letter to Mr. Secretary Jackson, dated the 24th. of last Month, We have only to observe that we are perfectly satisfied with the explanations you have been so good as to transmit to us, and that we are Confident you will have the kindness to continue to forward, in Duplicate, to this Presidency, the Accounts & Reviews in future, as soon as they arrive, as we are Naturally very much interested in the Proceedings of the Army, and extremely desirous to obtain the earliest Advices concerning them.

Fort William
29th. April 1791.

We have the Honor to be
Hon.ble Sir &c.

/Signed/ Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President &c.a in Council

at Fort S.t George

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore with Copy of a Complaint preferred against Mr. Rollo by Mr. Devin Sub assistant Surgeon for improper treatment towards him and for Neglect of Duty —

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to transmit you a Petition I received from Andrew Devin, Sub assistant Surgeon, wherein he complains of having been beaten and ill used by Doctor Rollo — as the Man appeared before me and Lieutenant Colonel Hughes with his Cloaths covered with blood, and his Face very much bruised, I thought it necessary to write Mr. Rollo, requesting to know the reason for such ill treatment — Copy of his answer, I herewith enclose, upon which I shall only remark that he has, in my mind, aggravated the evil by saying the Complaint "was" false and injurious," because the Contrary is the fact — I must inform your Honor that Mr. Devin is a poor, helpless, ignorant, Man, and I conceive only capable of making up Medicines. He is a Prussian, and has been invalided by Government on ten Pagodas per Month — How far Mr. Rollo has a right to beat him, or any

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of his Sub assistants. I submit to your determination - Injustice to Devin, I must observe that the same Night Mr. Rollo accuses him of inebriety he was with Lieutenant Colonel Hughes and dressed his Arm. -

It having been mentioned to me by Lieutenant Colonel Hughes, and several others, that the Europeans in the Hospital had not been attended by the Surgeon for a considerable length of time, I thought it my Duty to investigate the truth of it, for which purpose, I went to the Hospital myself, when I learnt, with infinite concern, from the Patients themselves, they had not seen the Surgeon for upwards of four Months, and that he had not visited the Hospital above four or five times for fifteen Months past - As I conceived this to be a glaring neglect of Duty, & incompatible with the feelings of humanity, I deemed it proper to state this to Mr. Rollo & requesting, at the same time, he would be pleased to assign his reasons in writing for such omission of Duty - Copy of his Answer. I beg permission to enclose, wherby you will perceive

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perceive he does not attempt to refute the Charge
— Not to intrude too long on your time, I will —
only observe that Doctor Rollo's want of humani-
-ty and attention to the Sick Military, as —
well as to the Gentlemen of the Settlement, is
too notorious to require any commentary — Whe-
-ther it is his Duty to attend the Hospital, I sub-
-mit to your decision, but until I am honored
with your instructions, I judged it proper to
request Lieutenant Colonel Hughes would issue
such orders as he might deem requisite for the
better attendance and regulation of the Hospital,
where many Men have died without having
been seen by the Surgeon. —

I beg leave also to inform you that
some days previous to my taking Charge of this —
Residency, when the Resident was extremely ill,
Mr. Rollo thought proper to order his Servant to
flog a Tindal of a Boat, belonging to Cuddalore,
most severely, in consequence of which the —
Boat People came to me in a Body, saying,
that unless I gave them redress, they would
desert the Port and go to Pondichery — To con-
-vince your Honor &c. I am actuated by no
motive,

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motive, in reading this Representation to you, but to fulfil the Duties of my Station, I satisfied those People, and entirely passed over that impropriety of conduct in Mr. Rollo. —

I have the honor to be with perfect respect. —

Honble Sir
Yr. m. y.o

/Signed/ R.t Dashwood

Cuddalore
16. May 1791

To Robert Dashwood Esq.r
Acting Resident

The Petition of Andrew Devin
Sub Assistant Surgeon. —

Humble Sheweth

Whereas your Petitioner has on many Occasions been grossly abused and illused by Doctor Rollo particularly on the night of the 9.th Instant, without any apparent provocation or neglect of Duty on the part of your Petitioner —

Your Petitioner further begs leave to inforne you that he was not only abused — But was also struck even to the Effusion of his blood by Doctor Rollo on the abovementioned Night. —

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He also begs leave to inform you that the whole weight of the Duty of both attending the Sick Gentlemen as well as the Sick in the Garrison Hospital has fallen upon your Petitioner — and he can bring it to a proof that Mr. Rollo has not visited the Hospital personally not for these four Months past. —

Your Petitioner humbly hopes that your honor will be pleased to take this his humble request into your Consideration and hopes you will do him that justice which he thinks is his right in the decision of the above Petition. —

Also your Petitioner sent this Evening to demand the delivery of some furniture he had left in the Medicine Shop which Mr. Rollo refused to deliver your Petitioner therefore thinks he has further been very Ill used upon that Account as he knows no reason why Mr. Rollo ought, or can detain his property. —

Your Petitioner begs leave to Conclude with.

Cuddalore
15th May 1791

Subscribing himself
Your Obedt
Humble Servt
/Signed/ Andrew Devin
Sub Assistant

A true Copy
/Signed/ Rt Dashwood
acting Resdt

To

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To Mr Robert Dashwood

Acting Resident

Sir,

Agreeable to Government Orders

and the established usage of the Service Andrew
Dunn my Sub Assistant is under my immediate
controul, of course 'tis my business that he pays due
possible proper attention to his Duty: - His repre-
-sentation to you of being "apparently ill used in
a most cruel manner" is false and injurious - He
absented himself from his Duty last night; went
to New Town without my knowledge in Colonel
Hughes's Bandy at 6 o'clock, and reported to the
Housekeeper when he remonstrated on his going
on the Bandy, that it was by my Order and that
he was going to the Colonel's House: may in hearing
of Mr Gibson, he affirmed to a silly Man who
went along with him, and who Every improv-
-dently had entertained at my Table, that the
Bandy was his property, and that he had ordered
it to give him an Airing - Mr Gibson heard
this declaration from his Bed room Window
and Captain Grey from the Main

Andrew Dunn returned intox-
-cated

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-cated about 8 Oclock, and when interrogated by me for his irregularity, he returned a scornful and disrespectful Answer; on which I gave him a blow with the back of my left hand, which I believe hit on his Nose —

I soon the pretext of such a petite representation he has thought proper to Sleep out of the Garrison without my permission, and at this Moment I know not, to where he has absconded — You surely Sir cannot countenance such behaviour?

I am at present unwell by a cold in my breast, and by this Man's absence, his Duty is neglected. —

I am
Sir
Your &c.

10th May 1791

/Signed/ Robert Rollo
Surgeon

A true Copy
/Signed/ R. Dashwood
acting Resid.

Mr. Robert Dashwood
Acting President

Sir,

I should be glad to be informed of those Persons who preferred Complaints against me — I conjecture, that my Sub Assistant Andrew Devein

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18 Devin has had the Temerity and Malevolence to do so, and that in consequence, you went to my Hospital, and interrogated two patients, Abraham Green, and Richard Hilton, the former is an invalid, and has been a convalescent these Six years: he has been an Out, and an In Patient since the Establishment of the Hospital, 1st November 1789: a period of 18 Month, and is afflicted by degenerated Ulcerous sores — The latter is so worthless, that had he not eluded the Vigilance of the Guard by Escaping over the Hospital walls many Months ago, and committing other irregularities, he might have been doing his Duty instead of being a Pensioned Convalescent — His Complaint is a Venereal Ulcer between the Scrotum and Anus, which would have been long healed had he paid proper attention to my directions; its Obvious from the Circumstance of getting over the Wall that the Ulcer immediately Ceased, and has continued Obstinate ever since — And eventually, his Cure may surpass my Skill.

The In, and out Patients are in General Old Decrepit and infirm Convalescents, afflicted by various disorders, which must terminate in their Existence — they Are permitted to

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to go Morning and Evening from the Hospital by way of recreation and in Quest of fresh air — my Sub Assistants attend them twice a day — their — wants are regularly supplied, and their sores regularly dressed — In fine and Convalecent — People ought not to be restrained, and they do not Constantly require medecal Skill, itis Obvious that — Cleanliness and nursing are more immediately required, and according to the Rules in the Surveyors Department aided by my attention, they want for Nothing that is, necessary and that is allowed —

Daily Reports are Constantly made to me by my Sub Assistants, and the Surveyors Conicoply; who twice a week by my Orders, Issues Clean Cloathing, and Bedding, and I in Person, occasionally Muster the Hospital Servants — The Hospital is washed out twice a Month, and Oftner if required, every possible Casualty that — Occurs is known to me, and when any thing Extraordinary happens, I then deem it Expedient to give the Necessary attention, and as a proof that the Hospital Duty has not been neglected, there has only 14 or 15 Men / more or less / Died out of the many Invalids and pensioners that have been

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been here in the space of 3 years and 10 Months; 3 of whom were Accidentally Drowned, 2 Died in consequence of Drinking Spirits, 2 of the small Pox, and One of a Dropsy, the Others of infirmity and impaired Constitutions —

As another Testimony that my duty to Government has not been neglected, and that it is my ultimate wish, that the Public Service ought not be impeded, I wrote Two Official notes to you, as next Civil Servant at this Residency, Representing Mr. Craigs Incapacity for transacting Public Business —

In consequence I presume of these notes, Government was pleased to Direct you to take Charge of this Residency during Mr. Craigs indisposition, who I am happy to say is from my further proof of my disinterested anxiety to promote the welfare of the Public Service, I did twice in your presence Delicately urge to Mr. Craig the necessity of delivering over the Charge of this Residency into your hands — you know yourself how ineffectual were my remonstrances, Was Duty Similiarly conducted in every Department of the Service, as I endeavour to do, I have reason to

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18 to believe, that few Difficulties would prevail. —

Tis a truth well known in this — settlement the source of trouble I have invariably ex — =perienced in my attempts to keep my Sub afsis — tants within regular Bounds, and watch over their Duty, I can be convinced how ill I have succeeded, One Sub afsistant has been Dismissed the Service, and Andrew Devins Dissipated Conduct, is well known to Doctors, Duffin and Jahagan. —

If it can be discovered that the Sub afsistants have neglected Obeying the Orders Issued to them, they alone are Amendable for their Conduct, and unmerited personal insolence must be Chastised on the Spot. —

I am not in a State of Bondage, and Government has too much generosity to ex — =pose on their servants any mean Servility —

I have served them with Fidility for 15 years, and I trust from the rectitude of my Conduct, that I have acquired a small share of Reputation,

I never to my knowledge was Censured until you Stooped to do it, in the Public Orderly Book, under date 12th. May 91 — The Odium I feel, is grievous, but we must submit to those in power. —

I am
Sir
Your Hble Servt
/Signed/ Robert Rollo
Surgeon

The

Cuddalore
15 May 1791

a true Copy
/Signed/ P. Dashwood
acting Regt.

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

From the Commandant at Bangalore - Intelligence regarding the situation of General Abercromby's army - the former to the Pettah in great Numbers.

Honble Sir

I am happy to inform you that from a Letter of General Abercrombys dated the 5th. Instant which arrived here yesterday - He was to have been Ready on the 10th. at the Top of the Ghauts to join Lord Cornwallis, with Eight 18 Pounders and one Months Provisions. -

The Corga Rajah was to assist him with Carriage for such Stores and Provisions as he himself had not the means of Removing and has promised to supply the Army hereafter abundantly. this I understand there is no scarcity on that side the Cavery. -

The General had been endeavouring to Establish a Magazine at Illiacoor, from whence he says had he five Weeks more time ample Supplies for the whole Army might be drawn. -

Bangolore
13th. May 1791. -

with the Greatest Respect
I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Sr. John Oldhame.

P. S.

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P.S. Upwards of three thousand People have returned to the Pettah since I had the honor to write you on the 9th Instant. —

W. Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

From Captain Kenna — away — respecting the Treasure to be sent from the Nizam's Army to Madras. —

Sir

I have the honor to inclose for the information of the Board my address of this date to the Governor General which I request may be sealed and forwarded. I shall transmit to the Board the earliest information I may receive of the name of the officer in Command of the Escort intended for the Treasure mentioned in my Letter to Lord Cornwallis together with such information as may enable the Board to provide for its safe arrival at Madras. And as the speedy return of so considerable a part of Captain Read's Corps will be extremely desireable I hope the Board will be able to relieve it on its arrival in the Ongole or Nellore Districts.

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Districts. a Person will be appointed by the Nizam to take an account of whatever loss may be sustained by the exchange of the Madras Pagodas and Silver of which the Treasure consists, into Current Pagodas.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Paungul
5 May 1791

Signed J. Sulivan Hennaway

Received Letter from the Nabob (as entered in C.C. No. 1201 with Copies of Letters from his Servants in which they complain— that the Collectors in the Arcot and Ongole Districts refuse to comply with the Company's orders regarding their inspection of the Accounts— that the Collectors at Trichinopoly and Tinnivelly have not taken any Steps for Assisting the Cultivation although the Rivers and Lakes are full of water and that Mr. Sloyer has refused to give up the Circars Gardens at Raval Nillore

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 110. 111. 112. 113.

From

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From the Chief at Pulicat — re-

From the Chief at Pulicat —

porting the Death of an English Soldier named John Brown — stating that two ~ recovered Europeans have been sent to Madras under Escort of a Corporal and two Sepoys and that there is still one Man in the Hospital dangerously ill —

From Major General Mus-

From Major General Musgrave —

grave — has received a Representation from Captain Trepaud through his Commanding Officer stating that his Ill State of Health prevents his joining the Army in the field and requesting to be permitted to return to his former Station at Tanjore —

From Captain Massey —

From Captain Massey —

— intends returning to Chandernagherry on the 15th Instant — has received a promise from the Calastry Rajah that he will deliver up the Slave belonging to Vencatagherry — applies for Instructions regarding Tents and Lascars attached to it — which left with him by Mr. Hendersley —

From the Commandant at

From the Commandant at Dindigul —

Dindigul representing the Loss sustained by

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18 by the Troops in that Garrison in consequence
of the Payments being made in Fanams —
Sent the following Letters

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To Captain. Andrew Read
Commanding the Detachment
Serving with the Nizams Army

To Captain Andrew Read — approbation of his Conduct and of that of the Officers and Men under his Command respecting the Presents distributed by Hara Jah — & Staff to be allowed —

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 27th. ultimo, and to express to you his warmest approbation of the Zeal, Courage and good Conduct which have been so conspicuously displayed by yourself and the Officers and Men under your Command —

The particular Mark of Favor shewn by Darah Jah, the Nizam's General, to the Detachment of Artillery, is a very convincing Proof of their merits — The President in Council therefore with great Pleasure acquiesce in and gives his Sanction to their Acceptance of the Presents which that Chief

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19 Chief distributed among them. —

Altho the Board cannot consent to the appointment of an Aid de Camp to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, yet, in consideration of the merits of Lieutenant Orr, they will have no Objection to his draw-ing the allowances of a Quarter Master in future. — Lieutenant Blair as Brigade Major to the Detachment, has it is conceived sufficient Employment, and as he could not, tho doing the Duties of both Stations draw double Batta, according to the Regulations of the Service, he must forgo his appointment of Quarter Master in favor of Lieutenant Orr.

You will be pleased from time to time to report to the Board the Operations of the Army with whom you are serving; and whenever any Event of Importance takes place, they expect from you an early Communication of it. —

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

To

Fort St. George
to
18th May 1791 —

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To

To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal with Intelligence respecting the successful attack made by the Grand Army upon the Enemy's Baggage — and the detachment of General Abercromby's Army advice of the Termination of the Differences between the Courts of Great Britain and Spain —

Gentlemen,

We have been honored by the receipt of your Letter of the 29th Ultimo —

We are much pleased in observing that you are satisfied with the Explanations given in our former Letters to our Communications to your Government of the Operations of the Army — and you may be assured that we shall constantly advise you of every Circumstance that reaches us connected with the important Object of the War —

The following Intelligence arrived this Morning from Captain Read at Amboor —

"The Rajah of Ballapoor writes "that the Grand Army had arrived in the "Neighbourhood of Seringapatam, and that "Tippoo keeps near it — He adds, that we made "a Successful attack upon his Baggage, & a Considerable

19 "a Considerable Part of which had fallen into our Hands.

"The above Information is confirmed
"by Accounts from three different Quarters, with the
"additional particulars that Poorniah, who had
"been detached to Seringapatam, with one of Tipu-
=poor Sons, his Private Baggage, some Treasure
"& a having fallen in with a Part of our Army
"had been captured, and brought to Camp"

Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, Com-
=manding at Bangalore, writes, under date the
13th Instant, "that General Abercromby was to
"have been ready on the 10th Instant, at the Top
"of the Ghauts to join Lord Cornwallis, with
"Eight 18 Pounders and one Months Provisions
"that the Coorg Rajah was to assist the General
"with Carriage for such Stores and Provisions
"as he the General had not the means of remo-
=ving, and had promised to supply the Army
"hereafter abundantly.—

Lieutenant Colonel Oldham
adds, in a Postscript to this Letter, that, "upwards
"of three thousand People had returned to the
"Pettah since the 9th Instant"—

No advice has reached us from Lord
Cornwallis

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19 Cornwallis since his Letter of the 2.d but we un-
-derstand there is private Intelligence of the
Army having reached Cankanolly the 6.th
We have the pleasure to inform
you that three Days ago, we received a Letter
from the Honible Court of Directors via Bombay,
giving cover to a Copy of the Convention between
his Majesty and the King of Spain, for ter-
-mating the Differences which had arisen with
that Court, and which was signed at the
Escurial on the 28.th of October last —
We should have communicated
the above important Intelligence to you imme-
-diately on our Receipt of it, if we had not under-
-stood that a Packet for your Government from
the Company, supposed to Contain similar
Intelligence, had been dispatched direct to
Bengal —
We have ordered our Engineer
to prepare Copies of such Plans of Seringapatam
and its Environs as are in his Office; and we
shall forward them to you as soon as they are
completed —
We have the Honor to be &c.a &c.a

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19.th May 1791 —

Sign.d Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council —

Received

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Received the undermentioned

Letter as entered in M.B. Nos 114. 115. 116. 117. —

118. 119.

From the Commandant at

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — Trichinopoly — with Papers relating to the tem-

porary Arrangements made by him in the

Medical Department at Trichinopoly — and —

Indents for Medicines laid before him by —

Messrs Hathway & O Neil reporting the Death

of Captain Ranjot Jackson. —

From the Officer Commanding

From the Officer commanding in the Guntoor Circar — in the Guntoor Circar — advising of the arrival

of Captain Williamson at Guntoor with 186 —

Elephants from Bengal. —

From Mr. Cochrane at Guntoor

From Mr. Cochrane at Guntoor — has sent Cidanapundy Comiah with his Papers

under a Guard to Mr. Chamier Collector at

Muglatore. —

From Mr. James Brodie — communicated to the Military Board the Names

of the Persons as Securities for the due Performance

of his Engagements. —

From the Acting Deputy

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General — Adjutant General — enclosing Mr. Baxters —

Certificate of his Appointment of Cadet on

this Establishment. —

From

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From the Paymaster at Tanjore

From the Paymaster at Tanjore

acknowledging the Receipt of the Boards Instructions regarding the Mode of bringing to account the Pay of the Armed Peons employed in the Tanjore Country —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

Friday 20.th May 1791

John Huddleston Esq.r

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

The Acting President laid

Draft of a Letter proposed by the Acting President to be written to the Rajah of Tanjore —

before the Board the following Draft of a Letter which he proposes should be written to the Rajah of Tanjore in Reply to his Excellency's Letter of the 6.th Instant last received in

To

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To the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjore in reply to the Complaint preferred by this Board lately regarding the Provision established for the Maintenance of the Family of the late Rajah.—

I have received your Excellency's Letter of the 4th. Instant and understand the Contents.—

Your Excellency has been pleased to complain in very strong terms of the part I have taken to establish a provision for the Widows and adopted Son of the late Rajah of Tanjore. you term it an interference in your Government and refer to orders of the Company by which they declare that any servant of theirs who may presume to act in this manner shall be punished— In other places you speak equally strong of the supposed partiality and injustice with which this provision has been established, and your Excellency has even proceeded so far as to assert that by this attention I hold up Sherfojee as your Rival, and that those who wish to maintain him as a rival are the friends neither of Sherfojee nor of the Company—

with

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-with much more in the same Strain of Complaint and Reproach.-

I am extremely sorry your Excellency should have been so ill advised as to write such a Letter to this Government- You cannot if left to the genuine dictates of your own mind, possibly imagine that I have the smallest design in favor of Sherfojee or his relations that can be inconsistent with my duty to the Company or with those Engagements which have placed your Excellency upon the Musnud -To my anxiety to secure those persons against the feelings of want and distress to be construed into a design of creating rivalship? What have I done more than the Company themselves wish and have even directed? The family of the late Rajah are surely entitled to a decent maintenance. They claim a great deal more than has been allowed- You say they ought to have a great deal less and I have with the best advice I could obtain taken a line between the two opposite assertions.-

Your

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Your Excellency is pleased to
draw a Comparison between your situation
and that of the Nabob, and to reason as if
you thought I were actuated by different
principles in my conduct with respect to
His Highness - This is by no means the
case - In similar circumstances, and under
similar Orders from the Company I should
act precisely in the same manner with the
Nabob as with your Excellency. But there is
a peculiar propriety in my interfering with
respect to the disposal of what the Company
have gratuitously given for the purpose of
providing a more comfortable Subsistance
for every Branch of your Family - The one
fifth share of the Revenue stipulated by
treaty is left entirely at your own disposal -
I have endeavoured to conduct
myself with the utmost Impartiality but
while Jealousies prevail between your Excel-
lency and the Family of the late Rajah I can
entertain little hope of giving complete
satisfaction

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Satisfaction to either, and it is certain, tho your Excellency supposes me to have been partial in my allowances to that Family I am charged by them with having allotted much too small a sum for their Subsistance —

On this and every other point relating to your Excellency's affairs I have made the channel of Communication that of the Revd. Mr. Swartz upon whose honorable attachment to your Excellency's Family and Government I place the most perfect reliance and cannot give you a sincerer proof of my friendship than by recommending it to you to pursue his advice in all things May your Happiness always encrease

What can I say more

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/ Signed / Charles Oakeley
& c.a Council

Draft of a Letter proposed by the Acting President to be written to Mr Swartz

The Acting President also recommends that the following Letter be written to the Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz

To the Reverend Mr Swartz respecting the complaints Exhibited made by the Rajah —

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inclose you a Letter for the Rajah of Tanjore which he requests you to

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to present to him. Copy of the Letter, together with that from the Rajah to which it is in reply are sent for your Information —

From the Style of His Excellency's correspondence, the Honble the President in Council is inclined to believe the sentiments and particularly those harsh expressions so inconsistent with his dignity and so totally unprovoked on the part of Government, do not proceed from him — In the representations conveyed by His Excellency through the Channel of your Letters — nothing of this nature appears, and as the Honble the President in Council is anxious to discover the true source of his correspondence he wishes you to ascertain it by such means as shall appear to you most effectual and inform him of the result — The last Letter must have been written since the departure of the Varom from Tanjore —

With a view to encure a regular transmission of the Rajahs sentiments in

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in future The President in Council requests that you will strongly recommend it to him to explain himself to you on every point that he wishes to be communicated, and whenever he thinks it necessary to write that he will deliver his Letter to you to be forwarded.—

I have the Honor to be
&ca &ca
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St. George
20th. May 1791.—

The Board entirely approve the foregoing Drafts approved.

Letters proposed by the Acting President—Resolved that they be dispatched—

Mr. Powney, the Resident at Travancore having received Payment of the second Lack of Pagodas, required from the Rajah, it is resolved, in Conformity to the Proposition submitted to the Governor General in Council of Bengal and approved by him, that Mr. Powney be directed to deliver to the Rajah the Letter written to His Excellency on the 5th. of January last, requiring from him a regular Subsidy towards defraying the Expences of the war upon the Principles laid down in the Letter from Earl Cornwallis of the 31st. December 1790

The Letter to the Rajah of Travancore of the 5th. January requiring from him a regular Subsidy towards defraying the Expences of the War to be forwarded to His Excellency

Read

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Read the following Letter from

the Military Board —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

From the Military Board — with Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Gateway at Tripassore and of building a Cookroom and Privy for the Hospital accompanied by that an advertisement be published for the Prohibition of Encroachments on the public Roads —

Sir,

The Commanding Officer at Tripassore having represented to us the very ruinous State of the Gateway of that Fort, as also the great Inconveniencies arising from the Want of a Cookroom and Privy for the Hospital therein, We caused an Estimate of the Expense to be prepared, Copy of which We herewith transmit, — amounting in the whole to Pagodas 302. 33. 44 — and beg leave to recommend that the same may be executed —

We deem it necessary to call your Attention to the several Encroachments which have lately been made, on the Roads in the Environs of Madras by the Proprietors of Gardens and other Grounds: Ditches have been dug and Banks thrown up from the Breadth of the Roads, to the great Inconvenience and Even danger in some cases, of

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the Public Passengers. We trust therefore that you will con-
cur with us in the necessity of publishing an adver-
tisement in the Madras Courier, directing the propri-
tors of Grounds to restore to the Roads, such Earth as
has been taken from the sides, that the Ditches be
filled up and levelled, and at the same time Enjoin
against any similar Trespasses in future. That in
failure of due performance of the above, within such
time as you shall please to prescribe, they be to be
apprized that the Superintendant of the Roads will
be authorized and directed to enforce them.

We have the honor to be
Your most Obt Servts

Fort St. George
16th May 1791

(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
J. Casper
Geo. Hoole

Minute thereon

I agree that the Buildings and
repairs stated to be necessary at Trippasore be
executed, provided the Expence do not exceed the
Estimate Sicca Rupees 302 32 40.
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I agree that the advertisement be
recommended by the Military Board to be published
in the Madras Courier.

Read the following Letter and Enclo-
sure from the Military Storekeeper.

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The Honble Major General Medows

President and Governor &.ca in Council

Fort S.t George

From the Military Store keepers a comparative Statement shewing the difference between the Proposals of Messrs. Topping and Parry and the cost of the several Articles provided under the late and present System —

Honble Sir

I am honored with your Letter under Date the 13.th instant inclosing a List of Military Stores on which you direct me to report the Cost of each Article on the late System, and the Prices at which the same Articles could be provided by me on the present Plan. —

In Obedience to your Orders I now lay before you the List of Military Stores with the different Prices, as directed, and have only to observe that the Rates at which said Stores could now be made up by me cannot be considered as permanent, but must Naturally vary in proportion as the Materials vary of which they are formed. —

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&.ca &.ca

Signed Jos.h de la Porcherie

M.r Storekeep.r

Fort S.t George
17.th May 1791

List

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Sest of the Military Stores

				Prices Charged by former Military Storekeepers			Prices Charged by the Present Military Storekeeper			Mr. Topping's Purpose to	
				P.	Fs.	Cs.	P.	Fs.	Cs.		
Field Carriages	24 Pounder		1	355			259			Dy.	300 ✗
	18 ditto		1	350			255				200 ✗
	12 ditto		1	210			195				180 ✗
	6 ditto		1	200			144				170 ✗
	3 ditto		1	185			130				150 ✗
New Mortar	12	ditto	1	200			120				140 ✗
	3	ditto	1	185			97				135 ✗
Howitzer	5½	Inch	1	190			190				140 ✗
	4⅗	Inch	1	180			179				150 ✗
Garrison Carriages	36	Pounder	1	180			160				140 ✗
	24	ditto	1	155	10	40	145				140 ✗
	18	ditto	1	155	10	40	140				104 ✗
	12	ditto	1	112	29	32	87				66 ✗
	9	ditto	1	73	25	60	76				64 ✗
	6	ditto	1	73	25	60	73				193 ✗
Mortar Beds	13	Inch	1	222	41	5	160				125 ✗
	10	ditto	1	130	40	64	110				72 ✗
	8	ditto	1	79	5	64	67	10	40		13 ✗
	5½	do	1	16	15	26	12				8 ✗
	4⅗	do	1	8			10	10	40		115 ✗
Sumbril			1	145			84				43 ✗
Trench Carriage			1	30			35				128
13 Inch Mortar Platform			1	140	5	20	39				56
10	do	do	1	69	20	15	30				105
Gun Platforms			1	120	24	22	80				63
do	do		1	79	2	2	56				180 ✗
Mortar Cart			1	130			98	10	40		138 ✗
Transporting Carriage			1	150			136				21 ✗
Provision Cart			1	30	18		23	31	40		13
Sumbril Chain			1	18	22	16	7	21			45
18 Pound	do		1	70			36				20
12	do	do	1	65			29				11
6	do	do	1	10	21		8				8
3	do	do	1	8	10	40	6				

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	Prices Charged by Pons Charged former Military by the Present Storekeeper	Military Hands!	Mr. Toppings Proposals
	£ S. d.	£ S. d.	
Sick Cart	1 14 5	1 10	12 8 ×
Double Yokes	1 2 27	1 33	60 2
Single ditto	1 2 18	1 21	38 Same

Signed Josiah Le Lorcher
M.J Storek.r

N.B. The articles marked thus (×) are to be provided by Contract.—

Stores to be made up by Mess.rs Topping and Parry—

As the Proposals of Mess.rs Topping and Parry appear reasonable, and as the Board wish to avail themselves of the Mechanical abilities of Mr. Topping in the Construction of these heavy Machines, it is resolved that the Stores marked thus × in the above List, shall be made up by these Gentlemen, and delivered at the Price affixed to each.—

Instructions to be given to the Military Board on the subject—

Resolved that the Military Board be informed of the above, and directed to prepare the Heads or Chief Articles to be inserted in the Contract that it may afterwards be drawn in due Form.— The Term to be for three Years.—

Read the following Letter from the

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the agent for the Bullock Contractors -

Wg

To. Mr. W. C. Jackson

Secretary to the Military

Department

From the agent for the Bullock Contractors - pro-gress made in the collection of Draught and Carriage Bullocks at Ambur.

Sir,

I duly received on the 8th Instant your Letter of the 7th directing me to procure with the utmost dispatch four thousand Serviceable Carriage and two Thousand Draught Bullocks at Ambur and the same Number at Vaniambady

I lost not a moment in issuing the necessary orders to the Contractors Agents throughout the Country, and shall report from time to time the progress made in fulfilling the Orders of the Honble Board; The only be sensible of the difficulties I have to encounter from the Continual drain the whole Country has sustained for many Months past

Of the Number of Draught Bullocks required I have already at Ambur four now Training but with very

few

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Few Drivers ... 600

I sent off on the 6th. Instant out of the Establishment Draught Bullocks at Madras with Maistries and Drivers Complete } 300

I have on the Road from Cangole which passed Nellore the 14th. Instant with Maistries and Drivers Complete } 200

I sent off from Madras to Amboor on the 15th. New Bullocks } 90

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I dispatched to Amboor on the 17th. Bengal Draught Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers Complete ... 340

There are now at Amboor with 5th. Ditto } 59 399

Total Recruits ... 1589

The remainder of the Draught Bullocks I have made large Advances for and shall soon Collect. I have likewise applied to Mr. Hindersley Collector in the Northern Decision of the Arcot Province to give every assistance in his power in procuring Drivers - a few lines to him from Government on that subject would be of use.

Of the Number of Carriage Bullocks ordered I have at Amboor with Maistries and Drivers Complete ... 319

Now

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Now Training and Completing with Drivers	318
At Vellore with Maistries and Drivers Complete	172
Sent off to Amboor with Gunners on the 5th. Inst.t	26
Sent off to Do. on the 17th.	126
On the Road from Angole to Ambour which proposed Nellore the 15th. Instant with Maistries and Drivers Complete	300
	1261

Advances are made and Every Effort shall be used to Complete the Number required as soon as possible—as well as those ordered to the Southward from whence I have not as yet received any particular report, but but as Bills to a large Amount have been drawn upon me to make advances. I doubt not I shall soon be able to report a Considerable progress—

I have
Sir
Your &c. &c.
Signed Thos. Cockburn
for the Contractors

Madras
18th. May 1791

Agreed that Lord Cornwallis
be made Acquainted with the Circumstances
mentioned in the foregoing Letter—

Read the following Letter
from Mr. George Andrew Ross—

So

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To W.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary

Fort S.t George

From Mr. George Andrews Rans. Respecting the Person by whom he supposed that a Sum of Money had been paid to Paupiah after his Appointment to the Residency at Tanjore —

Sir

I only arrived here yesterday from Vieravandy: where I had been to take the Revenue Oath, having been detained on the Road by the want of Palanquin Boys and other accidents —

To your Letter of 3.d May, giv-ing mine to you of the 2.d January that "I had "been told that a Sum of Money had been paid "by another Person to Paupiah after my appoint-"ment" / to the Residency at Tanjore / had ta-"ken Place" and desiring on the Part of the Honble Board that I should mention the na-me of the Person alluded to — I answer; that I certainly intended thereby, Soubarow — what I heard was in private conversation I may have been mistaken in saying that I heard a Sum of Money had been actually paid by Soubarow to Paupiah, but this I will recollect was the purport of what I heard; that Pau-piah had, after my appointment, in some way benefited by Soubarow on the account stated in my Letter of the 2.d that of being

recommended

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recommended to me as a man perfectly versed in the affairs of the Tanjour Country whose advice would be of the utmost Service to me in the conduct of the Employ". Reflecting on the earnest manner in which Brajiah had some Days before recommended Soobah me, I was inclined to Credit what Khan Saub

Tanjour
15 May 1791

Sam
Sir
Yrs &c
Signed G. Ram

Agreed that a Copy of Mr. Kaye's Letter be sent to the Committee for investigating the Charges against the Administration of Mr. John Holland.—

Minute thereon —

Read the following Letter from Captain Alexander Read.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

From Captain Alexander Read recommending the Families of Rezza Cawn and Mahomed Amin Cawn to the attention of Government and that some Compensation be made to Mahomed Ally Beggar the Hardships he underwent while in Prison at Bangalore.—

Sir

Two more Rezza Cawn and Mahomed Amin Cawn, both Naigs of my Battn. left in March last, on intelligence, having been discovered, and being at Nishingerry, I am desirous to acquaint you with their fate, hoping, from the nature of the service, in which they have suffered

being

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Suffered, Government will be pleased to afford some relief to their families, which are left without support.

I also beg leave to represent the sufferings of Mahomed Ally Beg, another man, who, after having approved himself an enterprizing and able emissary, was discovered in the Enemy's Camp and taken prisoner to Bangalore, where he was found in irons, when that place was Captured, on account that, from his wierds, the hardships he has undergone in a rigorous Confinement, and the imminent danger he was in of loosing his life, he may appear to deserve such a reward as Government only should determine —

As you might desire to be informed of any other particulars, relative to these Cases, allow me to mention, that, in Sir A.r Campbells administration Govr.t was pleased to pension the families of several persons who had been employed, and lost their lives in the same way; for seven years. It was thought sufficient to support their Orphans for that term of years.

&c

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as, by the expiration of it, they would be able to maintain themselves, or parents, and that Consequently, the Company would not be burthened with them for any longer time, than was necessary to answer that benevolent purpose.— Should Government think it expedient to grant a similar provision to the families of the said Rezza Cawn, and Shah Amin Cawn, Amboor being their place of residence, they are desirous of its being paid them there Monthly. Each consisting of a widow and small Child, I think that Sepoy's pay would be a Competency.—

Mahomed Ally Beg is among his Cast, a person of Consideration, and of some expectations in life, whom necessity and the hope of a liberal reward induced to engage in a most hazardous undertaking. I feel some objection to say more than I have already done on the Subject of his Services, and have assured him that his good fortune Consists in its depending on the liberality of Government. Excusing myself in this manner, I shall only mention that his pay

was

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was Rupees one hundred per month, exclusive of donation for such Single Services as he might render; and Inclose two letters about him from Lieutenant Macleod, my Deputy with the Grand Army, who employed him—

I am with great respect
&c. &c.
Signed / Alex. Read —

Camp at Vellore
16th. May 1791

Resolved that the Paymaster at Vellore be directed to pay to each of the Widows of Rezza Cawn and Mahomed Amin Cawn, Sepoy's Pay during Life, and that in case either of them should die before their Children are provided for, it is further resolved, that the Pension shall extend to the Children 'till they are able to provide for themselves —

Minute thereon —

The Board would readily pay attention to Captain Read's Recommendation in favor of Mahomed Ally Beg, who has suffered so much from his attachment to the Company, if he / Captain Read / had stated any Thing specific — &c

Regarding

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Regarding some, or pointed out a Mode by which a Compensation could be made.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President —

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General the Paymaster of Freehanging by applies for Cash to answer Bills drawn upon him by the Paymasters to the Army —

I have the honor to lay before you Copy a Letter received from Mr. Garrow relative to Bills drawn on him by Mr. Hoar Paymaster to the Army and as his drawing of Bills may not only be a convenience but the means of preventing the exportation of Specie I beg leave to recommend that the Bills above drawn may be provided for. —

Fort St. George
the
19th May 1791. —

I have the Honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed T. B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Benjamin

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Benjamin Roebuck Esq.r
M.r Pay. Gen.al
Fort S.t George

Sir

I Enclose you an Account of Money I have advanced on Account of M.r Cott the Paymaster to the Army since the begining of the year, no Provision has been made and I have not drawn on you yet for their Amount.

There are about 2000 Pag.s in Bills draw on me by M.r Hoar Paymaster to the Army, but as I have no Funds for their Payment, they lay here unaccepted until I receive Orders how to act with them.

I am
Sir
Your Hu.e
Signed Edw.d Garrow
Pay.r

Dutch J.y
the 16.th May 1791.

Attd Copy
B: Roebuck
M.P.G.

Agreed

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Agreed that the Board of
a Journal Revenue, be directed to give Instruc-
tion to the Collector at Tinchinopoly, and to the
Collectors at Tanjore constantly to comply
with Mr. Garrow's Indents of Cash to the Extent
of the Means in their Power.

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

To W.m W.m C. Jackson
Secretary to the
Military Department

Sir

As it may be presumed
from the Orders given for the Provision of Bul-
-locks and Gunneys Bags, to the Southward
that Supplies of Provision may also be
required from that quarter for the use of
the Army, I beg leave to request the Order
of Government on the Subject.

If it is thought probable
that Rice will be required no time should
be lost in giving orders to beat out a
Certain

Minute thereon

From the Commissary
General of Grain and Provi-
sions recommending that
Orders be kept in Readiness
at Cannon for the use of the
Army, previous to a Plan
for employing the Bullocks
collecting to the Southward

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Certain quantity - If beat out in a hurry
much loss is incurred, and the Grain so
much broken that it is subject to greater
Wastage in Carriage - and in Case of a sudden
call I beg leave to recommend that 2000 Bags
of the best Rice at Carrore now setting off
be picked out and kept in readiness - and
it might be advisable to Employ the
Bullocks as Collected in Carrying on the
New Rice as beat out, and a Supply of
Salt to Carrore from Tuticorin poly - Arrack
too will be wanted - I understand there
are about 38 Leagers at Carrore or 114 Part
Loads fifty thirds more may with ease be
sent on from Tuticorin poly —

I am
Sir
Your &c.
/Signed/ Tho Cockburn
C.J.G.G.P.

Madras
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Minute thereon —

I agree that Mr. Cockburn be
directed to give the necessary Orders to the
Storekeeper at Carroor to set apart two —
Thousand

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Thousand Bags of the best Rice in Store at that place for the Use of the Army.—

Ordered that the Bullocks Collecting to the Southward be employed in Carrying to Cavoor from Trichinopoly Rice, Salt and Arrack.—

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Trichinopoly—

To the Honble. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President & Mr. Fs. in Council—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly in Explanation of the several Complaints preferred against him by the Nabob—

Honble Sir

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 10th Instant, calling upon me to explain in what instances and for what purposes I had thought it expedient to use Severities, or interfere with the Servants of His Highness the Nabob residing in this Fort— expressing at the same time what the feelings of Government would be on such an occasion.—

Any charge preferred against me in a general way would give me real concern but the Instances alluded to in Mr.

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Mr. Secretary's Letter relieve me from any an-
xiety; The Instances are the Charges, and
whatever my private feelings may be as an
Individual, and which revolt at that male-
volence which could frame Tales so open to
detection; my publick situation as Comman-
dant of this Garrison points out to me the duty
I owe to Government, by entering into a more
serious detail of the real Facts, than the Sub-
jects deserve.

Nor do I think it out of place
to remark, that from causes which I could
never understand, the Sons of the Nabob from
the time of my arrival, by a studied want of
attention put it out of my power to shew
them more than negative Civility, this I have
done by avoiding all interference with them
whatever, or with their People, and to that
Order I thought it necessary to inclose (inclosed
in my Letter to Government of the 7th. March)
in consequence of what had every appearance
of a premeditated Insult. I attribute those
fabricated Charges which I shall now Separate
by reply to.—

Mahomed

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Mahomed Caufoon was never reported to me as a Servant of the Nabob, or as claimed as such - He received Six hundred Lashes some years since, when he belonged to the Corps of Marksmen for Theft - He was flogged out of one of the Regiments of Cavalry for the same crime, and turned out of Trichinopoly for a like offence by General Horne - In the change of Commanding Officers he found his way back, and on its being proved by three Europeans, who prevented him perpetrating the Act, that he had attempted to force a Woman who belonged to an Officer of the 36th Regiment - I thought the Crime of sufficient magnitude to order him to be punished, and to be turned again out of the place. -

John Holse was confined for some days by the Fort Adjutant on a complaint lodged with him by a Serjeant Davis of the Cavalry that he was a Deserter - nor was it, from circumstances, improbable, but on account of his Age, and being a Foreigner, and not having served the necessary time to entitle him to the Bounty, I discharged him without bringing him to a General Court

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Court martial.—

The Jwell know, as indeed it is notorious to every one, that what are called the Nabobs Troops are in great Arrears, and ready to Mutiny, I have uniformly given orders that none should be intertained in the Service by any of the Corps recruiting in this Garrison, and this has been so Strictly attended to that I have resisted every application, tho the Men have actually declared that if the Company would not take them, they would leave the Country—

A publick Mouchey man of this place called Govindah had entered into a combination, and assembled many others, to prevent the Cast from working for the Company, or Individuals, without laying them under contribution—on a variety of Complaints being made against him as well by Europeans, as his own Cast, I sent an orderly Sepoy, and an Harcarah for him, and he came at the first Summons— His conduct was too flagrant to admit even of his denial of it, and I ordered him to receive a dozen Lashes, and confined him in the

Cutwals

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Cutwals Choultry for two or three days, —
which had the desired effect. —

Tho it doubtless gives force
to the Complaint or representation, that
he was dragged from the Burial place
of a Venerable Mahometan, it is the first
time I ever heard of a Gentoo flying for
refuge to such a sanctuary — at any rate as
he does not belong to the young Nabobs, Jan=
=not conceive what they had to do with him,
for on such pleas every Inhabitant, or Ser=
=dessman must be solely under their Juris=
=diction, and no business done but thro the
medium of their Cutcherrie —

Persons of every discription pass thro the Gates without
molestation, but the Bridge at the New Gate
being injured by the unecommon loads on
Carts, the same order as had been given out
by General Horne was issued, that they
should enter at the other Gates — by a mistake
the Sergeant stopped all Palanquins and

Hackeries

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Hackeries, and on the first intimation I
had of it, which was from the Collector, on
account of the Renters, who had been turn-
ned out of theirs, it was immediately -
rectified - On the part of the Nabob's family
I never heard of any Complaints unless
what I now allude to is adduced as such -

I feel a satisfaction in
explaining the rule of my Conduct in all
points where my situation calls for it,
I feel also much mortification, that a
whim acting in the immediate Duties
of my Station to preserve order so neces-
sary in a place like this, the most tri-
vial acts have had a false colour put on
them - And I am surprised that where
so much inclination is apparent for
complaint, so little cause has been
found for it -

I owe it however to a
Character which stands unimpeached
in

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in your Service for Twenty One years to
require the protection of Government
against Complaints not founded, and
I trust in justice to my self that such
representations may be made that the
Commandant of this Garrison cannot
by any Influence but that of Govern-
ment under which he serves, may
act heretofore, act for the good of the
Service, agreeable to the best of his
abilities without been exposed to the
hardship of replying to ill founded and
malicious representations.

I have the honor to be,
With the greatest respect
Honble Sir
Your most humble
and Obedient Servant
(Signd) Tho.s Bridges

Seichinopoly
15th May 1791.

Agreed

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Minute thereon — Agreed that the Substance of the above Letter be communicated to the Nabob, and that it be expressed to His Highness that the Board hope on future he will be pleased to institute a full Enquiry himself into the Representations transmitted to him, before he makes them a Subject of Complaint to Government.

Do. — Agreed to inform Colonel Braidyes that the Board are perfectly satisfied with the Explanation he has given of the several Complaints preferred by the Nabob.

Mr. William Baxter having produced a Certificate from Mr Secretary Morton of his appointment of Cadet, it is resolved that he be appointed an Ensign of Infantry on this Establishment.

Mr. William Baxter appointed an Ensign of Infantry on this Establishment.

The Secretary lays before the Board sundry Bills presented to him by the Town Mayor, for Pay, Batta and Cloathing due to Edward Morton, a Private in the Company's Service, who was captured with Lieutenant Colonel Baillie's Detachment, and

Arrears of Pay Batta and due to Edward Morton during his Captivity in the Company's Country to be discharged.

Lately

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lately made his Escape from the Mysore Country.—

Resolved that Edward Morton's Bills from the Day of his Captivity to the General Release of the Prisoners in March 1784 Amounting to Pagodas 54 f. 21 discharged in the usual manner by the Military Paymaster General.—

Chas. Oakeley.

Thos Hudleston

G. Balmain Esqr.

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Diary.

20th Received a Letter from Rustumah Rauze as entered in C.C. No. 122 complaining of the improper Conduct of the Calastry Rajah in removing the Boundary Stones of his Country.

Substance of a Letter from Rustumah Rauze.

21st Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. No. 123 communicating the Explanations given by Colonel Bridges of the several Complaints preferred against him by His Highness and requesting that His Highness will in future institute a full Enquiry into the Representations transmitted to him previous to his laying them before Government as Subjects of Complaint.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Received Letters from the Nabob as entered in C.C. Nos. 124. 125 The former enclosing an order to Brahomud Jaffer Cawn directing him to deliver the fifty Horses belonging to His Highness at Tinnevelly to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah. The latter explaining the

Substance of two Letters from the Nabob

Cause

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21. Cause of the increase of the Amount of Charitable Expences - requesting that he may be furnished with a Statement shewing the Particulars of the Sums advanced by the different Collectors on that Account and that the whole may be discharged from the Revenues of the Country.-

Sent the following Letter.

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

My Lord

We had the Honor to inform your Lordship in our Letter of the 10th Instant, that we had given the necessary Instructions for providing the Bullocks at Trichinopoly and Amboor to the Number specified in your Letter of the 30th Ultimo.

We have now to repont to your Lordship, that there will be at Amboor in a few Days 1589 Draft Bullocks,

To Earl Cornwallis - progress made in collecting Bullocks at Amboor.-

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21st Bullocks, and 1261 Carriage Bullocks, and that the Agent for the Contractors has made large Advances for, and will, he informs us, soon collect the Remainder —

We have not, as yet received any Report respecting the Cattle to be provided to the Southward. —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Sign'd Charles Oakeley
Act Council

Fort St George
21st May 1791.

To Mr Robert Dashwood
Acting Resident at Cuddalore

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 16th Instant, and to inform you that the Charges preferred against Mr Rollo are of so Serious a Nature, that he desires you will make Application to Lieutenant Colonel Hughes to put Mr Rollo under Arrest for Neglect of Duty, transmitting at

To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore — Mr Rollo to be put under Arrest for Neglect of Duty — further steps to be taken respecting him —

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21st at the Same Time to the Commander in
Chief the Crime against him, in order that
he may be brought to Trial before a Genral
Court Martial.

Sam Sir,
&c.

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21st May 1791. } (Signed) W. C. Jackson
Sec.y

To Mr George Powney
Resident at Travancore.

Sir,

To the Resident at Travancore the orders conveyed to him under Date the 5th January last to be carried into Execution without Delay.

The Rajah of Travancore having completed the Payment of the Second Lack of Pagodas Demanded from him, I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to call your Attention to the Letter written to you on the 5th of January last, and to desire you will lose no Time in carrying into Execution, the Orders therein contained.

Sam Sir
&c.

Fort St George,
21st May 1791— } (Signed) W. C. Jackson
Sec.y

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21st

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad—

William C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department—

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Board Copies of two Letters I have received from the Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment under Date the 1st Instant with their Enclosures; together with my reply of Yesterdays Date

I have the honor to be—

Sir

&c.

Signed John Kennaway

From the Resident at Hydrabad with a Price Current of the Nizams Bazar from January to April and papers regarding the Impositions practised by the Shroffs with the Ellore Detachment.—

Paungulu—

4th May 1791—

John Kennaway Esqre

Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam—

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you the Persian Certificates of the prices of Provisions in Mohaubut Jungs Camp for the Months of January, February and

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24th and March, as also six days in the
Month of April, which are at the same
time accompanied by the English Translate
of them as delivered me by Lieutenant Kinsey.
On the Subject of these as well as what
has been furnished for the period preceding
My appointment, I think it necessary to
observe that no Mention whatever is made
of the Nature of the Rupees alluded to, the
value of which I should suppose, may be
considered as no immaterial object to attend
to when it's relative worth is stated
in the Article of provisions, which the
Price currents in question specify, the
Difference of the value of rupees Current
in Camp being so considerable, and
Shop in general occasioned in payment of
the Nizam's Monthly Allowance to suppose,
that some Certain Criterion of this nature
would appear to be the more necessary -
I have the honor to be with
respect -
&c. &c. &c. Wm Browne
Camp at Capaul
1st May 1791 } Asst Comy
Genl Musters Office
Paym.

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Translate Bazar Rates of Grain in Dara Sah's Bazar from the 1st January 1791 to the 6th April inclusive.

Days	Months	Rice 1st Sort Fine	Rice 2d Sort Middling	Rice 3d Sort Coarse
1st	January 1791	or 24th Rubbie ul Sany	6 Sers	12 & 13/2
2d			Do	Do
3 & 4th			Do	Do
5th			Do	
6th			Do	12½ & 13/2
7th			Do	12½
8th			Do	Do
9th 10th 11th 12th & 13th		or 1st Jemmadial Awul	Do	12 & 12½
14th			Do	Do
15th			Do	Do
16th			Do	Do
17th			Do	Do
18th			Do	12½ & 13¾
19th & 20th			Do	13¾ & 14
21st			Do	Do
22d			Do	Do
23d			Do	Do
24th			Do	Do
25th			Do	12½ & 13½
26th			Do	Do
27th			Do	12½ & 13¾
28th			Do	Do
29th			Do	Do
30th			Do	Do
31st			Do	Do
1st		February	Do	Do
2d			Do	Do
3d			Do	Do
4th			Do	Do
5th			Do	14
6th 7th & 8th		16	Do	Do
9th		or 1st Jemmadial Sanie	Do	13¾
10th			Do	Do
11th & 12th			Do	Do
13th			Do	Do
14th			Do	Do
15th 16th 17th & 18th			Do	Do
19th			Do	Do
20th			Do	Do
21st & 22d			Do	Do
23d			Do	Do
24th			Do	Do
25th			Do	Do
26th			Do	Do
27th			Do	Do
28th			Do	Do
1st		March	Do	Do
2d			Do	12 & 13
3d			Do	Do
4th			Do	Do
5th 6th & 7th			Do	12
8th			Do	10 & 12
9th & 10th			Do	Do
11th		or 1st Regt	Do	Do
12th			Do	Do
13th			Do	13
14th			Do	Do
15th			Do	Do
16th			Do	13 & 13
17th			Do	11
18th			Do	Do
19th			Do	9½

Days	Months	Rice 1st Sort Fine	Rice 2d Sort Middling	Rice 3d Sort Coarse
	March			
20th			Do	Do
21st			Do	Do
22d			Do	Do
23d			Do	Do
24th			Do	Do
25th			Do	Do
26th			Do	Do
27th			Do	Do
28th			Do	Do
29th			Do	Do
30th			Do	Do
31st			Do	Do
1st	April		Do	10½ & 11
2d			Do	10¾
3d			Do	10½
4th			Do	10¾
5th			Do	10½
6th			Do	Do
7th & 8th			Do	10½ & 10¾ & 11

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John Kennaway Esq^re
21st

Resident at the Court of his Highness
the Nizam

Sir,

I have now the honor to enclose you Copy of Mr Binny's Letter to me on the Subject of your Letter of the 14th Ultimo, & beg leave to remain with respect.—

For Lt
Wm Brown
Mayr

Camp at Cabroles
1st May 1791

True Copy
Geo. Mercer
Act Aid

William Brown Esq^re
Pay Master to the Allow Detachment

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of this date covering Copy of one from the Resident at the Nizam's Court In answer I beg leave to acquaint you that I have spoken to Sanket Jung & Bahauder who has promised me to write to Anwar Dawlah Bahauder at Rachore to procure the Necessary Certificates

Conkal

procure

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21st Certificates of the prices of Grain at that place from the 13th July 1790 the day on which the Detachment arrived at that place to the 29th of August following, which with what I have already had the honor to send you, includes the whole period since the Detachments arrival at Rachore; before that time it is difficult for me to say by what Means Certificates are to be procured, but the Detachments being along with the Nizam's Army until leaving Ramgoonda I presume it may be ascertained by Means of the then Superintendant of his Highness's Bazars till that period; but during our March from the Nizam's Army, until our arrival at Rachore, I know not to whom application can be made. I have again enquired of Lonka Lung, who Shuttur Gham Dass, is and finds Rustum Roy Mushriff. The former was Superintendant of the Nizam's Bazars in Camp, and the latter that of the Rahoo Dara Saki; but the dependence to be put upon the veracity of the one in preference to the other, I really cannot take

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21st take upon me to determine, as I am a Stranger to both The Musterrif is not the person that will furnish the Certificates while the Detachment lay at Rachore, at that place he acted as Deputy to another Man, and as principal Superintendt and only since Darah Jah took the Field the 29th of August.-

I am Sir
&c.
A Bunny Lt.
P.I.

Cuttack
29th April 1791.

A true Copy
Signed W. Bowyer
Capt.

True Copy
Signed Greene Mercer
Act. Asst.

W. Bowyer Esqre
Pay Master to the Cuttack Detachment

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 18th and 27th Ultimo, and those of the 1st Instant.-

The

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21st

The accounts and Vouchers enclosed in your favor of the 29th Ultimo for the Month of March were immediately forwarded to the Board, and as they appeared to me very satisfactory, without any Remarks of mine. You will continue to discharge the Contractors' Bills agreeably to the Mode pointed out by Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of which I sent you a Copy, and in addition to an authenticated Copy of your account Current with the Pay Master General I shall be glad to receive regularly a separate account of Monthly Extra Charges.—

In your Letter of the 1st Instant you very justly observe that no Mention is made of the nature of the Rupee Mentioned in the Pericks and Invoice it had occurred to you to ascertain the Invoice from Lieutenant Binny, or by such other Means as you are in possession of on the Spot, which I request you will now do— I am extremely anxious to be furnished with such Information regarding

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21st regarding the relative value of the Silver current in Camp and generally to the Southward of the Kistna in the Districts where you are as may enable me to state the Matter in a proper light to the Nizam for the purpose of obtaining the advances for the Detachments of a proper kind. This Information, I think I before applied to you for, and must depend on you for procuring it for me. In the Meantime I enclose Copy of an order which the Nizam issued some time ago at my instance to Daraulah, on the Subject of which I request you will apply to Lieutenant Bonny for a Translate, having mislaid the one which I transmitted at the time to Captain Read and not having leisure to make another.

My Question concerning the comparative degree of dependance to be placed on the testimonies of the Daroghas or Mushrief did not refer to

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21st to their Characters, which Lieutenant Kinny from his Letter appears to apprehend, but to their offices. My Request regarding the Contradictions in their different Accounts for the same period he has omitted to take Notice of any Account of the price of Grain previous to the arrival of the Detachment at Raychore I do not conceive to be necessary.-

I am Sir
&c
(Signed) J. Kennaway

Pondicherry
6th May 1791

True Copy
(Signed) Greene Mercer
Actg. Asst.

Translate of an order from the Nizam to Dara Sahb Bahauder.-

At this time Captain Kennaway has represented that in the Monthly Allowance received by the English Battalions from the Sircar thro' Roy Anaga Ram the Shroffs in your Camp demand a Batta of Fourteen p.r Cent. as the Money received from

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21st From the Sircars is of the proper Currency and Weight, this can only proceed from the imposition of the Shroffs. For this reason you are written to that you may take such Measures as to oblige the Shroffs in future to abstain from this practice, and reas as Current without demanding Batta Whatever Money is current here If they pretend to excuse themselves from the practice of that part of the Country, in the case of the Rupees being bad or under weight they May be attended to, but not on the contrary that they should be allowed to demand a Batta on such as are unadulterated and of full Weight, Let this be paid attention to. that Complaints May not again be presented upon the Subject and considering the Matter as of consequence, accomplish it.-

True Translate

Pierre Percon

Acty Asst.

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21st Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 121. 122. 123. 124.

From Major George Maule
with Copies of the only two Rans of Seringa-
=patam in his Possession -

From Major Maule of the Corps of Engineers —

From the Resident at Poonah -

From the Resident at Hyderabad.

From the Pay-master at Madura &c.

From the Resident at
Poonah - inclosing an open Letter to be
forwarded to Earl Cornwallis -

From the Resident at
Hyderabad with a Letter for Earl Cornwallis
under a flying Seal and a Packet from
Mr Malet to the Persian Translator to the
Governor General -

From the Paymaster at
Madura &c. - requesting to be informed
to what Period he is to pay Batta to the
Garrison of Dindigul -

22nd Dispatched the under-
=mentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos
125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134
135. 136. 137. 138. - 139. 140. -

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly -

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing him that the Board
are

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22. are perfectly satisfied with the Explanations he has given of the several Complaints preferred against him by the Nabob - and recommending him to observe a conciliatory Line of Conduct towards His Highness's Sons residing at Trichinopaly -

To the Officer Commanding at Amboor communicating the Resolution of Government regarding the Provision to be allowed the Widows and Children of Rezza Cawn and Mahomed Amin Cawn (Vide Consultation 20th Instant) and directing him to point out a Mode by which a Compensation might be made to Mahomed Ally Beg -

To the Officer Commanding at Amboor.

To the Paymaster at Vellore -

Directing him to advance Sixty Pags. Monthly to the Widows of Rezza Cawn and Mahomed Amin Cawn - and informing him, that, in case either of them should dee before their Children are provided for, the Pension is to be continued to the latter, until they are able to provide for themselves -

To the Paymaster at Vellore.

To the Collector in the Northern Division

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Ceded Provinces -

Division

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22. Division of the Arcot Province - Directing him to afford Mr Cockburn every Assistance in his Power in collecting the Number of Bullocks Drivers required for the Public Service.-

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly Directing him (in the Event of his not being able to procure sufficient Supplies of Cash from the Collector in the Trichinopoly District) to indent to the Collectors at Tanjore, for such Sums, as may enable him to discharge the Bills drawn upon him by the Paymaster to the Army.-

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.-

To the Board of Ajumed Revenue Directing them to give Instructions to the Collectors at Trichinopoly and Tanjore to comply with Mr Farrows Indents of Cash to the Extent of the Means in their Power.-

To the Board of Ajumed Revenue.

To Do. with Copy of a Letter from the Nabob and Copies of the Papers inclosed - to report to the Board the Result of their Enquiries into the Complaints preferred against the Collectors.-

To Do.

To

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To the Commandant at Chandernaghurry the Marquee left with him by Mr Lindersley to be kept in Store at Chandernaghurry till further Orders.-

To the Commandant at Chandernaghurry.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions- approving his recommendation of selling a part 2000 Bags of the best Rice in Store at Cuttack for the use of the Army- and the Mode proposed in his Letter of the 20th Instant for employing the Bullocks collecting to the Southward.-

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

To Messrs Topping and Parry- with a List of the Stores to be provided by them for the term of three years at the Rates of Specified in their Proposals- directing them to report to the Military Board the Names of the Persons they have to offer as Securities for the due performance of their Engagements.-

To Messrs Topping and Parry.

To the Military Board- the Buildings and Repairs reported in their Letter of the 14th Instant to be necessary

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22. Necessary at Tripassore are to be executed—
and an Advertizement to be published
for the Prevention of Encroachments upon
the Publick Roads— inclosing a List of the
Articles of Stores to be furnished by Messrs.rs
Topping and Parry and directing them to
propose the Heads or Chief Articles to be
inserted in the Contract—

To the Commandant
at Palamcotah with a Persian Letter
from the Nabob to Jaffer Cawn, directing
the Delivery of the 50 Horses mentioned
in the Letter to him of the 10.th Instant—

To the Collector at
Madura— Directing him to take the
effectual Measures for preventing the
Troops in Garrison at Dindegul from
leaving any Part of their Pay by the
Exchange of the Fanam—

To Captain Elisha
Kirkpatrick— intimating to him that he
has now the Permission of the Governor
in Council to proceed to Tanjore—

To

To the Commandant at Palamcotah.

To the Collector at Madura.

To Captain Kirkpatrick of the Corps of Engineers—

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22d

To Major General Musgrave

To Major Genl Musgrave.

informing him of the Permission granted to Captain Trapaud.-

To the Hospital Board.

To the Hospital Board.-

with Papers received from the Commandant at Fort Ainapoly the Sentents thereof having been by Messrs Hathaway and O. Neil to be complied with by the Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency.-

23d

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 141 142 143.

From Captain Mapey-

From Captn Mapey.

Advising of his Arrival at Chundernaghurry with all the Troops belonging to that Station except 1 Havildar 3 Sepoys and 10 Peons of Nanjemraujes Escort.-

From Lieutenant Riddle.

From Lieutenant Riddle.-

Advising of his return to Cuyeveram with the Detachment of the 26. Battalion under his Command.-

From Colonel Bridges.

From Colo Bridges at Trichinopoly-

with a Return of Casualties of the 1st Battalion of Europeans Infantry for the year 1790.- Stating the Causes which have prevented the regular transmission thereof.-

Sent

2535

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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

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to

forward by Express two Packets addressed to

your Government and received this Morning

from his Majesty's Frigate the Minerva,

which left England the 28th of December last.

We have the Honor to

&c &c

Fort St George
23d May 1791.

Signed Chas Oakeley
&c Council.

To Bengal with Packets received from England by the Minerva Frigate.

The same to Bombay
with three Packets.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

John Huddleston Esqr

The Honorable Major Genl
Medows absent upon Service.

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To Major Gowan Musgrave

To Major Gen.l Musgrave.. informing him of the Permission granted to Captain Trapaud.—

To the Hospital Board.

To the Hospital Board.. with Papers received from the Commissariat at Trichinopoly the Indents thereon duly

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23d

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Minutes

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Minutes of last Consultation
Read and approved—

Letter from the Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 1st December 1790. taken into Consideration—

Read Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department, dated the 1st. December 1790. and received by the Minerva Frigate—

Resolutions passed thereon—

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Supreme Council advising them of the Company's Orders for sending home the Electoral Troops serving in the Carnatic—

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis that the Honorable Court have recommended to his Lordship in Council to avail himself of the Means presented to them of sending home the Hanoverian Troops by the returning Transports and by his Majesty's Ships—that four of the Transports are still at Anchor in these Roads, on Board of which, if his Lordship approve, as many of the Troops will be embarked as can be accommodated; and that with Respect to the Period of Embarkation, the

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The Board will be governed by his Lordship's Opinion.

Read the following Letter and Affidavit from Mr Benjamin Roebuck.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President.

Honble Sir,

To prefer a complaint to Your Honble Board against any one is a most painful Task to me but the very unwarrantable conduct of Mr Edward Holland a Company's Servant forces me however unwillingly to do so.—

The inclosed Affidavit sets forth the Subject of Complaint against Mr Holland, whose intention in the conduct he has thought proper to observe, is too obvious to be mistaken.

When upon a former occasion Mr Holland's behaviour to me came before your Honble Board, You were assured that I never had any conversation with him, I am now to declare to you that

From Mr Benjamin Roebuck complaining that a Servant Insult has been offered to him by Mr Edward Holland - and enclosing an affidavit respecting the Particulars —

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that since that period, I have not had any
nor have Ever been in the same Company
with him, Without either the opportu-
nity, or intention, it is not possible
that I can have given him any cause
of personal affront, or have done him
any personal Injury; it remains therefore
only for me to regard him, as influenced
by my line of publick Conduct towards
his relations, and under that consider-
ration alone, I have now the honor
to address you. —

Whatever my private
feelings may be while exposed to such
unprincipled unjustifiable Behaviour from
the Young Man, I cannot suffer these
to operate in any degree, without
entirely descending from what I am
thoroughly conscious I owe to my own
Character, and my acting from their
impulse as I trust I shall ever do on
all honourable, and fitting occasions,
would on the present but serve to
stamp

repeated

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stamps me with Folly, and Absurdity.-

As a Publick Man, as a Faithful Subject, as a Company's Servant, acting from a sense of Duty to my Country, Zeal and Integrity towards my Honorable employers, and Justice to my Brother Servants of the Company, in a Manner which has met the approbation, and favorable testimony of the most respectable Characters, I feel I shall receive, because I will not doubt it, that ample Redress at your hands, which as the Government you have the power and the means of affording me.-

I intreat Your Honble Board will not deem me wanting in any parte of that respect I am bound to observe, / for such a thought is far from me / when I beg leave to call to your Recollection, how essential the strenuous support of Government is to the individual, in the conduct of measures such as I have pursued, from the purest, the most unimpeachable

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motives, it is essential on the present, and must become so on all future similar occasions, it can alone create energy, and call forth activity, through the Progress of so great and general a cause as that in which I have embarked..

I could not thus support I must even think I have a claim to an this Subject be extended to me, who shall hereafter dare to drag to publick view, and pursue to publick Justice, the great, and Stationed delinquent, who dare stand forward in a cause, which lay so open to the conviction of the Many, and yet remained attended to by so few.-

An Indisposition of Several Days has solely prevented me having the honor of addressing you sooner on this Subject.-

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
&c &c &c
Signed/ Benj.n Roebuck

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20.th May 1791.

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The affidavit of Benjamin Roebuck a Senior Merchant in the Service of the united Company of Merchant of England trading to the East Indies under their Presidency of Fort St George

The above named Benjamin Roebuck Maketh Oath and saith that on the forenoon of the sixteenth Day of the present Month of May when Walking in the public Street between the Fort Square and the House wherein the Members of the Hospital Board assemble he came Behind Edward Holland Junior, a Writer in the Service of the said United Company under their Presidency of Fort Saint George aforesaid, who was Walking in the same Direction with this Deponent and who turning towards this Deponent did make use of insulting Gemaces at him, then throwing his Coat on one Side slapped his Breech with his hand and continued so to do for a considerable time Meaning and intending as this Deponent verily believes by such indecent Conduct to provoke him this Deponent to take private Notice thereof.

Benjn Roebuck

Mr Roebucks Affidavit respecting the Insult offered to him by Mr Edward Holland.

Sworn before me on the Twentieth Day of May 1791

M. Redhead
Alderman

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Before the Board come to any Decision upon the foregoing Papers, it is resolved to call Mr Edward Holland before them -

Mr. Holland called before the Board.-

Mr Holland attending accordingly - the Acting President reads to him the Affidavit of Mr Roebuck - and desires he will state what he has to offer in his Defence.-

The Substance of Mr Roebuck's Letter communicated to Mr Holland.

Mr Holland replies, that he is not Conscious of having insulted Mr Roebuck - that, that Gentleman he apprehends is much displeased to misinterpret his Behaviour, and that in the Instance alluded to, he had Certainly done it, as there was no Intention whatever on his (Mr Holland's) Part, to give him the Smallest Offence.-

Mr Holland's reply thereto.-

Mr Holland withdraws.-

Mr Holland is then desired to withdraw.-

The Subject taken into consideration

The Board having taken the Complaint of Mr Roebuck, with what Mr Holland has said in his Defence, into Consideration, are of Opinion that the Circumstances stated in the Complaint

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Complaint, and Solemnly attested by Mr. Roebuck upon Oath, are Sufficient Evidence of the Affront he has received. They were in Hopes that their Enmity towards Mr. Holland upon the first Insult offered by him to Mr. Roebuck, would have prevented the Repetition of an Offence which they consider as the greatest Disrespect that can be shewn to the Company's Authority.—

Mr. E. Holland's suspended the Honble Company's Service.

As it is highly expedient for the Support of that Authority under which Mr. Roebuck is now performing a Special Trust, that the Board's Sense of the Injury Complained of, be particularly Marked—

It is Resolved, that Mr. Edward Holland be suspended from the Company's Service until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors can be known, and he is hereby suspended Accordingly—

Mr. Roebuck's Conduct approved

The Board highly approve the Moderation and Forbearance shewn by Mr. Roebuck in Consequence of the repeated unprovoked Insults offered by

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by Mr Holland.—

Resolved, that an Extract of the Board's Proceedings on the above Subject be sent to Mr Holland.—

Mr Holland to be furnished with an Extract of the Proceedings.—

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

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honorable Sir,

I have nearly finished the Examination of the Accounts of the Grand Army to the end of July last, which in most respects appear to be regular; but I cannot find that the Paymaster has been able to obtain from the Heads of Departments and the Commanding Officers of Corps, the Certificates which I long since recommended to him to require, as the most

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts recommending Certificates for Public Followers employed in Camp stating that Capt. Hill has not expended the Amount of Irregular Charges in his Bills.

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Most Regular and effectual Checks upon the Lascars, Artificers, and Dooley Boys, in Monthly pay with the Grand Army. The forms of these Certificates were transmitted to Mr Colton the 14th of October 1790, Copies of which I have the honor to inclose. But he says the Officers declined granting them, as no Genirale Order had been issued for that purpose. In consequence of this a Second Letter was written to the Paymaster, and likewise to Col.t Harris, divising that a Genirale Order might be published to that effect; but by some accident it has not yet been issued, and consequently the Check upon the Incidental Expences still continues in some Measure defective.

Mr. Colt late Paymaster of the Grand Army, who is now at the Presidency informs me, that the Bills of Captain Bell Commissary of Stores, for the Repair of Tents of the Southern Army in March 1790. For Articles purchased in

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in the Ordnance Department. For fitting up Platform Carts, and for Making two New Artificers Carts in the same Months, were all of them paid (by an Order from the Secretary of the Commander in Chief) partly in Money, and the remainder in Bills on the Paymaster General at Madras. And that Captain Bell knowing he shall be able after the War, to explain away the Objections to his Charges; has not yet Refunded the Money, which Information I think it my Duty to Communicate to you, that you may either give Orders to postpone the farther consideration of this Matter until Captain Bell returns to the Presidency, or otherwise that the Sums to be Refunded, may be positively demanded, without farther loss of time.

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir

&c &c

(Signed) G. Casamajor

C.J.

Fort St George,
21st May 1791.

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To Oliver Coll. Esqre
Paymaster of the
Grand Army.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to send for your guidance a form of Distributions of Public Followers which with the Book or Books of Certificates therein mentioned is to be regularly transmitted as the Necessary Vouchers on your parts.—

I must likewise request that you will as soon as possible forward to this Office similar Statements of Lascars Artificers Puckallies, Dooley and Bamboo Coolies for the last Month that in case any Departments should have charged for more than are authorized or necessary the same may be rectified without delay.—

As it will be necessary

to

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to know the Total Expence attending each Corps you had better have Money columns to the left hand of all thus (Pyrangs) Findals) Lascars Pagodas) Fanams) Cash) This mode will Relieve Save both paper and trouble.—

I am,
Sir,
&c.

14th October 1790.—

Distribution of Clothing &c. Issued to the Corps and Departments of the Army on Madras Establishment from 1st May 1790.—

	No. of Cuts	Amount
1st Battalion of European Infantry		
Companies		
1st do	do of Artillery (3 Companies)	
2d do	do	
1st Battalion of Native Infantry		
Complete		
2d do	do	
Ist do	do (3 Companies)	
Ist do	do	
5 Companies of Native Cavalry		
16 Troops		
Commissariat Staff		
Ordnance Department		
Quarter Master General's Dept		
Commissariat		
Total Clothing issued		
Ditto to be Credited for		
Ditto and Custom Lascars Laws		
on Indent with the 1st Battalion		
for the whole of the Month of March 1790		
or any Number of Days — Capt. Commy		

Copies and Extracts as per Statement

Pagodas and Fanams

Fort St. George

Cash Lascars.

Certificate as per Lascar

Similar Table with their

Vouchers for Bandaras and

Dooby Coolies and for

Sircar Allowances.—

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Resolved that Funeral Medows

Minute thereon. be requested to cause a General Order to be
issued requiring all Officers of this Establish-
-ment to have in the Field to grant the Certificate,
(recommended by Colonel Capper,) monthly
to the Paymaster, whenever any Public
Followers are employed on Service by the
Corps under their Command.-

Do. As the Bills of Captain
Bell were objected to by Colonel Capper, it is
resolved, that Funeral Medows be requested to
insist upon his refunding the Amount of
immediately; and to inform him, that the
Board will be ready to receive and attend
to any Explanations he may afterwards
have to offer.-

Read the following Letter
from Mrs Lamballais.-

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

From Mrs Eliza Lamballais - desiring the Interference of Government to procure Payment of the Amount due to her by the Rajah of Tanjore -

Honble Sir,

Deign to permit an
unfortunate Widow to approach your
with

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I am with a recital of her grievances - and if well founded, to claim that justice which so conspicuously adorns your Character - In conjunction with Captain, now Colonel Gabriel Mutter I had a shaddy transaction with the King of Tanjore's People - all the funds I then possessed were unluckily for me involved in the said Transaction - Col.o Mutter having powerful interest got his Claims adjusted and finally settled by the Interposition of Government with the Rajah, but I had no support - I now beg leave to entreat your Honor to be so good as to order an investigation to be made into my Claim - The Government here are already in possession of the principal Documents stating a full detail of the Transaction - and By the enclosed Letter from the Secretary of Mr Huddleston, then Resident at Tanjour, your Honor will perceive that the sum of 6000 Pagodas was obtained of the Rajah for Colonel Mutter in acquittance of his Claim which was for the moiety only of his concern with me - I am encouraged

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to hope that under your administration, the a friendless widow, I may be thought entitled to the same Justice, and in that confidence I have undertaken the Journey from Trichinopoly and performed it with difficulty under the pressure of age Infirmities and poverty.

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

Signed Eliza Lamballais.

Madras
23d May 1791

The Board perceive on Minute thereon. Reference to the Records that during the Administration of Sir Archibald Campbell, Colonel Muller who was concerned with Mr Lamballais in a Prize Account, by obtained thorough the Interest Mr Swartz's Influence with the late Rajah, the Sum of Six Thousand Pagodas, as appears by a Letter from His Excellency to the President dated the 20th November 1786.

It further appears by Colonel Muller's Memorial to the Honorable Court of Directors that the Sum originally due

to

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to Mr Lamballais was Pagodas 2743. 16. 40
which the Board are of opinion ought in
justice to have been liquidated at the Time
the late Rajah discharged Colonel Mullers
Demand. Resolved, in Consequence, that
a Letter be Written to the Reverend Mr
Swartz, desiring he will state Mr Lam-
-ballais Case to his Excellency the Rajah of
Tanjore, and endeavour to obtain for her
such Relief as may be in his Power.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board.
May the 23d 1791.

From the Hospital Board- recommending that Mr Todd be appointed to the 3d European Regiment at Vellore - and that the victualling Bills for the Garrisons of Carroor and Dindigul be discharged as in Regimental Hospitals at a distance from a General Hospital. -

Mr Todd, Assistant Surgeon, having arrived from Carroor where he was left attending the Field Hospital. The Hospital Board recommend he be appointed to the 3d Regiment at Vellore.

approved-

Read a letter
from Mr Secretary
Jackson

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Jackson directing the Surgeons
to the Northward lately ordered
to Camp to remain in their
Stations - the Hospital Board
Approved have desired their Secretary
to write to Mr Binny Head
Surgeons of the Northern
Districts to acquaint them
therewith -

Government having
directed that the Orders of
Mr Jas Gathway and Mr
be complied with, the
Do - Apothecary General has
been instructed Accordingly -
And a Copy of Mr Secretary
Jackson's letter be sent to
Mr Mein Head Surgeon at
Trichinopoly for his Guidance -

The Hospital
Board Considering the
Garrisons of Carnor and
Dindigul as temporary
Stations for Europeans,
have not thought it
Necessary to comply with the
Requisitions

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Requisitions of the Assistant
Surgeons Stationed there,
for an Hospital Establish-
ment of Cots and Cloathing
Approved— but as the Sick Require
to be Victualled Recommend
that orders be issued to the
Paymaster to pay the Victual-
ling Bills of the Surgeons
the Same as in Regimental
Hospitals at a distance
from a General Hospital.
Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.

Wm. Duffen
Head Surgeon.

Read the following Letter
from Board of Assumed Revenue.

To The Honble
Major General Medows.

Governor in Council Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Your President having proposed for

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From the Board of Asscessed Revenue with a Plan proposed by their President for regulating the Allowances of the Collectors and for preventing improper Charges in their Accounts Minutes of the several Members thereon. –

for our consideration a plan to regulate the Allowances of our Collectors, Messrs Haliburton and Balfour delivered in a Seperate Minute a copy of which together with our Presidents reply and the original plan, We beg leave to Submit to your Determination –

We have the honour to be
Honble Sir
&c &c &c

Fort St George.
19th May 1791.

(Signed) J Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Assessed Revenue

The Presidents Minute 21st May 1791.

The various and pressing business which has from time to time required my attention in the other Departments, has prevented me till now from offering my ideas respecting a mode of superintending the Collectors employed in the Management of the Revenue under this Board. The introduction of the plans I shall Submit for this purpose, will demand

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but a few words. we must all I think agree in this general principle, that the Emoluments of the Collectors should in a great measure depend on the welfare of the Revenue under their Charge, for which purpose the mode of Commission, or percentage on the Collections naturally presents itself but in determining the quantum, regard must be had to the Situation of those Collectorships where the Amount of the Revenue bears no proportion to the Labor and Attention necessary for the Realization of it, and where consequently the same Rate of Commission that might be suitable to a Considerable Revenue, would be trifling and inadequate. On the other hand it will be proper for obvious Reasons, that the Superiority of Emolument should always be on the Side of the larger Collections, altho' it might not be just to make the Difference proportionate to the Amount of each respectively. By establishing as many districts & rates of Commission as there are Collectorships

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Collectorships, an Arrangement might no doubt be formed, that would meet both these Considerations, but it would be liable to produce Confusion and embarrassment in the Revenue Books, and would want that uniformity so desireable in Arrangements of this Nature. - There is also strong, and I think unanswerable objection to the taking a Collector depend entirely on a Commission for his Recompense, as in that case the Contingency of a Famine, or of the Irruption of an Enemy, might without any demerit on his part, deprive him of the whole Emolument. The mode I shall propose will at least be free from these Inconveniencies, I would recommend that the Emoluments of the Collectors shall be derived partly from a Salary, and partly from a Commission on the Revenues, and that the Salary shall be to the same amount, and the Rate of Commission the same for each Station by which in respect to the former they would all be on a footing whilst the Commission would serve

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Save the purposes of the Necessary distinction between the large and inferior Collections and of affording an Incentive to Zeal and exertion - Should the Board approve the general principle of this plan it will only remain to determine the Amount of the Salary, and the Rate of Commission. It seems to me that the Emoluments of a Collector, entrusted with the Charge of a Country whether it be a Province or only a district, should not fall short of 35,000 Pagodas ₱ Annum, and on the other hand that they should in no instance exceed the Emoluments of a Member of the Board of Revenue or 8,000 Pagodas ₱ Annum. To procure however this latter Regulation, it will be absolutely necessary to admit a Deviation from the plan as far as respects the Collectorships of Tinnevelly and Malabar where the Revenues are so large, that no Rate of Commission that would be applicable to the other Collectorships would for those Countries come within the Sum prescribed.

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With the exception therefore of the Collectors of Tinnivelly and Nellour I propose each Collector be allowed a Salary of 250 Pagodas P Month, and a Commission of 1/2 P Cent on the amount of his Nett Collections. The Emoluments four Collectors would then be nearly as follow.

Tinnivelly - Salary & Commission exceeding —— 8000.
to must be limited to that Sum 8000.
Nellour — Do — Do 8000.
Trichinopoly - Salary 250 P M P Month
or P Annum - - - - - 3000
Commission 1/2 P Cent on
2,40,000 - - - - 3,600 — 6,600
Southern Division of Arcot Province
Salary 250 P M P Month or
P Annum - - - - - 3,000
Commission 1/2 P Cent on 200,000 — 3,000 — 6,000
Northern Division of Arcot Province
Salary 250 P M P Month on 3000.
Commission 1/2 P Cent on 1,90,000 — 2850 — 5850.
Center Division of Arcot Province
Salary 250 P Mo on - - - 3000.
Commission 1/2 P Cent on 180,000 — 2700 — 5700

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Palmd and Angole Salary.

250 Pr Ann. or 3,000

Commission 1/2 on 15,000 Pr 2250. 5250.

Tanjour Country Salary each

Collector 3000

Commission 1/2 Cent on 340,000

Reckoning the Net Collection

680,000. . . . . 5,000 8000-

If the above arrangement should be adopted by the Board I am Decidedly of Opinion that the Salary and Commission therein proposed for the Collectors should Constitute their Sole emolument, and be considered as the full Recompense for their giving up all their time and attention to the business of their trust, and in Conformity to this Opinion I propose the establishment of these two Regulations —

1st. . . . . That each Collector shall make Oath to his Accounts, to his not having charged any thing that he has not actually disbursed, nor made any disbursement that was not absolutely Necessary. —

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2d ... That each Collector shall be Restricted from trading in any of the Manufactures or produce of the Country under his authority, and from engaging in Loans or Money transactions of any kind or Species whatsoever in such Country, except in his official Capacity, and on Account of the Company. and that he shall also make Oath to the strict Observance of these Regulations. I am aware that some very plausible and even striking Objections have been urged against this Latter Restraint, and I will do the Gentlemen at present employed as Collectors the Justice to acknowledge, that if in it's Operation, it were to affect them only, I would readily dispense with it but in the application of general principles we must not Reason in this Manner, nor in forming a code of Regulations be influenced by Arguments that, if admitted would prove all Regulation unnecessary.

(signed) John Huddleston

(a true copy)

(signed) J Webbe

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Minutes of Mess.rs Salisbury and Balfour.

The Allowances proposed by the President for the Collectors under this Department are in our Opinions Ample and liberal, and appear to be Calculated on a Judicious scale, and at the same time adapted to promote Zeal and activity in the discharge of their respective trusts

With regard to the Oath recommended to be taken by the Collectors to the truth of their Accounts, it appears to us to be Superfluous, because that essential part of their duty is, we conceive, provided for in the Oath prescribed by act of Parliament, in which they have Sworn to execute well and faithfully the duties of Revenue, and they are also forbidden by it to receive any thing by way of gift or otherwise over and above the public Revenue Should an instance occur of Falsified Accounts or Charges that have not been actually disbursed, we Conceive that the Collector guilty of such

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a breach of duty is subject to punishment by the Oath he has already taken, and it is a principle established by experience that the Multiplying of Oaths tends to defeat the effect they are intended to produce, so they ought never to be administered unless the Necessity be strong and Manifest.—

Upon this latter ground we think a reasonable objection lies against the Oath proposed by the President for restricting the Collectors from trading or being concerned in Money transactions on the Districts under their Authority.—

The Regulations itself we highly approve of, but to secure an observance of it we are of Opinion a strict Prohibition might be sufficient, without imposing an Oath which we are the more inclined to think might be dispensed with in this instance, as we find it consonant to the practice in Bengal as appears by the Regulations for the Conduct of Revenue Servants under that Presidency, lately furnished us for our guidance.—

(Signed) D. Haliburton

14th May 1791.—

A true Copy W. Balfour

(Signed) W. Webbe Secy

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Mr. Sudlestons Minute

I affords me great pleasure to perceive that the plan, I have recommended to the Board for the appointments of the Collectors employed in the Assumed Countries, meets with the approbation of the other Members, and that they only object to the proposed affidavits to enforce the restrictions.- I beg leave to observe in reply, respecting the Accounts, that the Revenue Oath does not, in my Conception of it, extend so far as to make it perjury in a Collector to demand More or less emolument from the Number of Subsidies, or Servants Employed under them after the establishment shall have been fixed and sanctioned, if he can for instance by taking on himself a greater share of personal Labor, execute the public Service with fewer than the establishment allows he may do so; and Charge the full Amount without being Conscious of having Violated his Oath: and this Construction, I know,

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is admitted by very worthy and respectable Men, - as to the Restriction against trading or being Concerned in loans in the Country &c. if not enforced by an Oath it shall have little Confidence in the efficacy of Prohibitions, which Constant experience has proved to be vain and Nugatory. The Board Cannot but recollect how strongly worded and how often repeated have been the Prohibitions against receiving presents, & engaging in loans with the Princes and Zemindars, or Renters of the Country levying duties on Buzars &c. Nor did I anticipate the reflections of the Board with regard to the extent in which they have been observed. I have only further to remark that if the proposed Restriction as to trading should be adopted the obligation to enforce it may be included in or annexed to the Covenant Oath and by that means the only additional Oath to that relative to the Accounts which may be taken Once a quarter. —

A true Copy

J Webbe Jr
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The Acting President delivers in the following Minute —

Acting President's Minute respecting the additional Restrictions proposed to be laid on the Collectors by Mr Hudleston —

The Zeal manifested in Mr Hudleston's Minute for restraining abuses of every Kind is highly laudable, but on an attentive perusal of the Several Minutes enclosed in the Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue, and on reference to the Acts of Parliament now in force I am inclined to be of opinion with Mssrs Haliburton and Balfour that the Revenue Oath Comprehends every Necessary restriction with respect to accounts - Any Charge Made by a Collector for Money not Actually disbursed would be a Direct fraud, and Subject him equally to the penalty of the Oath as if he had knowingly omitted to give Credit for Money Actually received - He is required to execute the Duties of a Revenue Officer faithfully and prohibited from receiving any thing by way of gift or otherwise over and above the public dues -

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for which he is justly and truly to Account. All his Accounts therefore are now given in under the obligation of this Oath, and to swear to them a second time may seem superfluous. I have no objection however if Mr Hudleston wishes it. I consult the Sentiments of the Honble Court upon this point, but in the Mean time I should Content myself with conveying the above explanation of my Sense of the oath to the Collectors if it appeared on any Instance to be misunderstood.

With regard to commercial Restrictions I should hope it would not be Necessary for us to proceed further than the Governor General in Council has done in Bengal. A formal Prohibition under pain of suspension from the Service would probably be sufficient. Trade of any kind cannot be carried on long in Secret, and the fear of detection under a vigilant Government is a powerful Security against abuse.

The Acting President, in addition to the above, thinks it necessary to observe, that no Revenue Servant subordinate to the Board of Revenue should on his Judgment

Resolutions of the Board respecting the Allowances of the Collectors on the assumed Contract.

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receive Emolument of equal Consideration with any of the Members of it. Instead therefore of allowing Eight thousand Pagodas ℔ Annum to each of the Collectors at Tanjore, Tinnevelly, and Madura, he proposes that the Salary and Commission of each shall not exceed the sum of 7,500 Pagodas.-

Additional Allowance granted to the Secretary to the Board of Assumed Revenues.

As it has been determined in the other Department to allow one hundred Pagodas ℔ Month additional Salary to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue it is now resolved that the Secretary of the Board of Assumed Revenue be allowed the same.-

Mr. Hudleston delivers in the following Minute.-

Minute in Council P.D.
24th. May 1791.

Mr. Hudleston's Minute on the Sentiments stated by the Acting President in the foregoing Minute.

The Principle upon which Sir Charles Oakeley grounds his opinion that the Salary of a Collector should in no Instance be equal to that of a Member of the Board of Revenue is manifestly proper and I agree to his proposition that the Limitation

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limitation shall be 7500 Pagodas instead of 9000 – at the same time I beg to state that I was not unaware of the general propriety of that principle when I admitted the three most extensive Collectorships to confer an emolument equal to that of a Junior Member of the Board of Revenue – the considerations which weighed with me in favor of that admission were these. In forming the plan I have had the honor to bring forward the first object with me, and which must always possess that rank in my estimation, was to make the emoluments of each Office suitable to it's Importance, and in fixing my Judgment on that point I had reference to the various considerations which, as I have had occasion to state elsewhere make it the least Dangerous error, to err on the side of liberality – thereby stamping with lasting Infamy the abuse of public trust, and annihilating every Argument that self- Interest is too apt to suggest

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to reconcile deviations from rectitude Under this Impression I adverted to the vast extents and Importance of the trust confided to the Collector of the Jaimwully's Country - a province yielding a Nett Revenue of 5 Lacks of Pagodas or 200,000 £, situated at the distance of 400 Miles from our Central, and so abounding with the most productive articles of Commerce that it is thought by many that the Collector on observing only the restriction against trading and engaging in loans, will resist a temptation that offers him advantages infinitely beyond the Amount of any Salary that could be assigned him, it seemed to me also that the person vested with all the Authority of Government in such an extent of Territory, tho acting under the orders of the Members of the Board of Revenue collectively, could scarcely be considered as holding a trust of so Important, or Responsibility than that of an individual Member

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Member of that Board.- The same considerations and nearly in the same degree applied to the Collectors of the Tanjour Country and the Nellaur province of the Carnatic which with the Tinnevelly Country make a Revenue of 18 Lacks of Pagodas, and those Collectors only would by the proposed Arrangement receive emoluments equal to the Salary of a Junior Member of the Board of Revenue— it occurred to me also, not as an Argument singly decisive, but in aid of the considerations I have stated, that of those Collectors two, Mr Ram and Mr Tolfrid, are of higher rank in the Service than even the Senior Members of both the Board of Revenue, and that the other two Mr Torin and Mr Dighton are of Superior Rank to most of the Junior Members— I would only further observe that I imagine it must have been on considerations analagous to those first stated that the Honble Court of Directors gave their Sanction to the Arrangement

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by which a Revenue Officer acting also under the Revenue Board (the Chief of Masulipatam) now receives a Salary equal to the Salary of a Member of Government.

With regard to the restrictions and my proposition to enforce the observance of them by Affidavits, I have only to say, that as the acting President thinks with the Majority of the Board of assumed Revenue, that the Revenue Oath already Comprehends every Necessary Restriction with respect to Accounts, I acquiesce in the rejection of that part of the Arrangement, and as Sir Charles Oakeley is also of opinion that a Prohibition under pain of suspension from the Service will be sufficient to enforce the restriction against trading, or engaging in Loans &c. I agree to the omission of that part of the Arrangement which would have imposed on each Collector the obligation of an Oath to the due observance of that restriction without being able however to relinquish my apprehensions with

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regard to the efficacy of the substituted alternative, but yielding to the Deference I ought to entertain for the Judgement which has proposed it, and having in all cases the Satisfaction to believe that whatever virtue prohibitions in such cases can be made to produce will be derived from them under the present Administration.-

(Signed) J. Hudleston

Mr Hudleston having concurred in the Propositions of the Acting President, it is Resolved, that the following Letter be written to the Board of Assumed Revenue.-

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 19th Instant.- and entirely approve the principle upon which your President has recommended the Compensation to be made to the Collectors of the Assumed Revenue.-

On an attentive Perusal

To the Board of Assumed Revenue stating the Allowances to be made to the different Collectors- Sentiments of the Board on the Subject- playing further Propositions on the Revenue Servants thereto are comprehended in the Revenue Establishment- additional allowance granted to this Secretary.-

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of the several Minutes enclosed in the Letter above mentioned, and on Reference to the Acts of Parliament now in Force, we are inclined to be of Opinion with Mess.rs Hatherton and Balfour that the Revenue Boards may make such necessary Restrictions with Respect to Accounts. — Any Charge made by a Collector for Money not actually disbursed would be a direct Fraud, and Subject him equally to the Penalty of the Oath, as if he had knowingly omitted to give Credit for Money actually received. — He is required to execute the Duties of a Revenue Officer faithfully and prohibited from receiving any Thing by way of Gift or otherwise, over and above the Public Dues for which he is justly and truly to account. — All his Accounts therefore are now given in under the Obligation of this Oath. —

We hope the Oath is so understood by all the Collectors, but in order to avoid any possible Misconstruction of it we recommend that you convey to each of

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of them the Explanation we have now given—

With Regard to Commercial Restrictions, we wish not, unless it should appear absolutely necessary to proceed further than the Governor General in Council has done in Bengal.— A formal Prohibition under Pain of Suspension from the Service must be notified to all the Collectors And We trust to your vigilent superintendance for which you will receive the fullest support from us) to make it effectual.—

We have but one observation to make upon the Allowances proposed by your President for the Collectors of the Ceded Revenue, which is, that no Revenue Servant Subordinate to your Board should in our Judgment receive Emoluments of equal Consideration with any of the Members of it. Instead therefore of allowing Eight thousand Pagodas p.r Annum to each of the Collectors at Tanjore, Tinnevelly, and Nellore, we have resolved that their Salary and Commission of each shall not exceed the Sum of Seven thousand five hundred Pagodas p.r

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P. Annum. The Allowances recommended by your President for the other Collectors, we entirely approve - and we have agreed to add 100 Pagodas P. Month to the Salary of your Secretary from the 1st of next Month.

We are,

Gentlemen,

&c. &c. &c.

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24th May 1791.

Chas. Oakeley.
&c. Council.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To The Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that Mr Rindersley has yet received no part of the Sibbundy Battalion, which was intended for his Division, we therefore take the liberty of requesting that Lieutenant Deighton be directed to send one Hundred Sibbundies to Vellaur As

From the Board of Assumed Revenue respecting the Runnaut troops at Vellore - and the Seizure of the Pension Servants Cloaths delivered by the Nabob's Sons at Trichinopoly.

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this number, which Mr Kindersley thinks sufficient for the duty of this districts, is far short of his proportion of a whole Battalion, We recommend that if Lieutenant Dighton after having supplied Mr Kindersley with the number wanted should have entertained more men, than are necessary for the establishment of the Collector at Nellour, he be ordered to dismiss them without delay.-

We take the liberty of submitting to your Consideration extract of a letter from the Collector at Trichinopoly, and to request your Orders for his guidance.

Our Accountant having represented to us, that he has no European to assist in the examination of his Books, We take the liberty of recommending that one of the Company's Servants be appointed under him.-

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir,
Your &c &c

Fort St George
20th May 1791.

(signed) J Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Pt. Andrews
Dated 12th May 1791.-

A few days ago I found it Necessary to prefer a Complaint to the Sons of His Highness the Nabob, for an undue interference on the part of Sevanah Moodeliar, one of their former Amildars, with the Inhabitants of the Vellicollah District, in consequence of which he has been taken up, by them and Confined, and alledging also that they have Several Accounts to Settle with him for the last Years Rent, have Made Application to me for the Several Village Accounts of the Districts, I could wish to be informed how far it Meets the Approbation of the Board, that the Nabob's Sons should hold this late Amildar in Confinement, or whether an Account of his Balances should not be Made over, and those Balances Collected by the Company.-

A true extract
J Webbe
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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We do ourselves the honour of enclosing extract of a Letter from the Collector at Tanjore upon the Subject of the Rajah's complaints, and the planting of Reds on the bank of the Cavery –

We have the honour to be

Honble Sir

&c &c &c

Signed { S. Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

To enable the Board of Assumed Revenue with information respecting the Complaint made of the Nabob against the Tanjore People for planting Reds on the Banks of the Cavery – and an account of the Shares of the Collections drawn the Rajah since the Assumption –

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Extract of a Letter from Mssrs Ramus and Tallofs[e]
Dated 15th May 1791 –

We have had the honor to receive your Commands of the 3d Instant, Inclosing Translate of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob to the Acting President relative to the Tanjore People having planted Reds beyond their

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their Limits, whereby the Banks of the Cauvery
it is thought might be injured in the time
of the freshes. We beg leave to acquaint you
that if any innovation has really been made
of which we Confess we have some Doubts,
as Mr Andrews has never intimated any
Circumstance of this Nature to us, it has
been done Entirely without our knowledge.
Complaints have been made to us by
our Inspector of Water Courses &c.a of
Encroachments on the River by Dams,
Embankments &c.a on the part of the
Trichinopoly Inhabitants which we have
always endeavored to get Settled by an
immediate application to the Collector
In the present Instance we have Directed
the most intelligent of our Managers
people to proceed to the Spot, and have
requested Mr Andrews to send some of
those who are Employed under him to
accompany them; From whose joint Report
we flatter ourselves we shall come to a

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Knowledge of the Truth; and if there appears any just Cause of Complaints it shall immediately be removed. Extract of a late report from the Inspector of the Arsenal on this Subject waits on you herewith.—

We have likewise been duly favored with your Letter under date the 7th Instant accompanying Translation of a Letter from His Excellency the Rajah on the Subject of his Proportion of the Revenues collected from this Country. We beg to remark that His Excellency in his address admits that on the 19th of last Month he had received from us the Value of 12,800 Star Pagodas. We indeed find ourselves at a loss to understand in what Manner His Excellency has formed his Statement, as by our Accounts it appears he had not at that period actually received so large a Sum, unless he has taken into his Account the Amount of our orders for Grain to be delivered to His Excellency from the Country, which had not

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Have been Straightened since the assumption of the Country our Payments to His Excellency, including the Family of the late Rajah, and Rama Saib, have in general borne a just proportion to our Real Collections, and at particular times we believe have rather exceeded it: and when His Excellency has applied for still larger Supplies, we have probably occasionally remarked this Circumstance to him, but the Record Mr Swartz. On his Excellency's last application to us, we agreed to send him 2,000 Star Pagodas which was nearly the Sum he wished to receive; but requested Mr Swartz that 5000 Pagodas might be appropriated to the Family of the late Rajah. Copy of our Letter to Mr Swartz on this Subject waits on you Inclosed to this proposal His Excellency would not give his Consent; so that the Payment was delayed till within this Day or two, as he was unwilling

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to receive this Sum on such Condition. We in Consequence of the Orders we had received upon Mr Swartz's recommendation, paid that Gentleman 5000 Pagodas for the use of Serfoge and the Rajahs family. The Remainder His Excellency has at length sent for, and has desired to have the further Sum of 5000 Pagodas, which we shall cause to be paid. The following Statement of the Money and Grain received by His Excellency, of the Orders on the Country for Grain to be delivered to him, and of what His Excellency received from the Country from the Commencement of the present Phazelly year or a few Days Earlier to the period of assuming the Country, with the Amount of the Jaguers Enjoyed by his Son in Law &c. will shew your Board the real proportion which His Excellency's Receipts bear to our Neat Collections ——

Neat Collections in Money and Grain as p inclosed Account of Revenue Collected, and Disbursed from 15th September 1790 to 15th May 1791. Star Pagodas 466,543.. 21. 57.

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Money and Grain issued from the Collections to the Rajah (as p Account particulars) ..... 82000.9..

Do Do on Acct. of Serfoge & the Family of the late Rajah, Nana Doil included ..... 15646..4 97646.13.-

Orders for Grain in favor of his Excellency ..... 34,142.....

Money Collected by his Excellency from the beginning of the Season, to the Assumption of the Country ..... 77333.....

Amount of the Jaguier held by the Rajah's Son in Law ..... 25,000.....

Amount of the 7 Villages in Travady ..... 4,500..... 29500 1,33621.13

A true extract
(Signed) J. Webbe
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Extract from a Report of the Inspector of the Annicut.- The Inhabitants of Kiliaoor have Cut away a great deal of Reds and turned into Fields- This is altogether unjust. It is therefore Necessary to stop that business. The Reds have been planted to

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to Keep the River from Washing away Ground
it ought therefore not to be cut down.—

a true Copy

(Signed) J Webbe Secy

Minute on the former Letters from the Board of Inquired Revenue.—

Agreed that the necessary Orders be given to the Commandant at Nellore respecting the Revenue Troops.—

Do.

The Board are of Opinion that Mr Andrews instead of preferring his Complaints to the Nabobs Sons, should have secured the Person of Swanath Mondelair by his own Authority for an improper Interference with the Inha=bitants of the Vellicollah District— As the Matter now stands, Mr Andrews must ascertain the Amount of Balances due to the Circar and collect them for the Company in the best Manner he is able.—

Minute on the latter Letter from Board of Inquired Revenue.—

Resolved, that the Rajah of Tanjore be informed, that since the

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the Assumption, the Payments of the Collectors to him, including the Family of the late Rajah and Rana Saib, have in general borne a just Proportion to the nett Collections.-

Agreed that the Board of

Do— Assumed Revenue be desired to state whether the Payments to his Highness the Nabob since the Assumption of his Country have been in due Proportion to the Company's Nett Collections as Specified in the Treaty.-

Read the following Letter from Cornet Montgomery, Agent for the Purchase of Horses-

To William C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary -

Sir

I have the honor to inclose

From the Agents for purchasing Horses with his Account Current, requests that the Balance due to him may be discharged, applies for orders relative to future purchases.

your an accounts of the Money advanced to me for the purchase of horses for the Native Cavalry, which I hope on comparing with former accounts, it will appear to the Honble Governor &c. that I have procured

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procured them at as reasonable a rate as any heretofore purchased for the Company - and I can safely aprize, they were of as good a quality. -

As I constantly dispatched them to the Corps they were allotted for immediately on concluding the bargain - I have no charge to make for any expences, except what appears in the inclosed. -

The last lot, which was bought when the Army was at Vellour, as the Honble Board will perceive, averages more than any other, owing to the great demand for horses in Camp, besides there were several tolerable fine ones among them, which I knew the Officers to be much in want of - Earl Cornwallis directed the whole to be delivered over to Coll Floyd, to be by him drafted into Corps - Nine of the best he took for the 19th L. D. and distributed the rest among the Native Regts which reduces the price of those of this lot, given to the Native Cavalry, even below any I had hitherto procured. -

Sr. I. C.

There is a ballance in my favour of 137: 2: 32 - which I request the Board will order payment of. -

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Beg you will acquaint Government that I have had letters from Dealers who have hitherto brought horses for the Honble Company, informing me that they have to the number of 150 in readiness, and that they wait for orders to come on. one hundred of those may be presumed fit for the Service. I request you will obtain the Honble Board's instructions respecting them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your very obed.t & humble

Servt

(signed) W.C. Montgomery

Madras
19th May 1791.

Agent for the
Purchase of Horses

Ordered

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Ordered that the Balance

Minute thereon.— due to Cornet Montgomery, amounting

to Pagodas 137– 2. 32. be discharged

by the Military Paymaster General

The Company of Sepoys under Lieut.t Riddel at Conjeveram to be ordered to the Presidency.—

The Acting President

recommends that the Company of

Sepoys under Lieutenant Riddel

at Conjeveram be ordered to the

Presidency, where their Services

will be useful.—

Ordered

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Ordered accordingly. —

" Capt. Oakeley

" J. Huddleston

G. Balmain Esq.

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Diary

Received Letter from Tirumanair

Substance of a Letter from Tirumanair:— /as entered in C. C. No. 126/ declaring that the Charges which have been brought — against him and on account of which he has been removed from his Office of Duvan, to the Calastry Pagoda are False — and groundless. —

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Received the following Letters. —

To the Honble Major Genl Medows

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to — acknowledge Receipt of your advices by the Scorpion Cruizer which Vessel arrived here on the 15th Ultimo. —

From the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry with Letter for the Supreme Government containing Intelligence of the Operations of the Grand Army and of the Troops under Major General Abercromby

We beg leave to enclose — you a Duplicate Letter to the Supreme Government which is left open for your perusal, and contains our latest intelligence

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25th intelligence of the operations of the Grand Army, and the consequent Movements of the Bombay Troops commanded by Major General Abercromby. —

We request it may be forwarded by the earliest conveyance and have the Honor to be — &c. &c. &c.

Tellicherry
14th May 1791. —

(Signed) { Robt Taylor
Laurence Stone
Saml Smee

To the Right Honble Chs Earl Cornwallis K. G.
Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.
Fort William

My Lord,

Since our Letter of the 30th ultimo We do ourselves the honor to communicate the further progress of the Grand Army, and of that under the Command of Major General Abercromby. —

By late Letters received from Her Lordship, General Abercromby was informed

25th informed, that the Grand Army, which had been joined by Colonel Oldhams Detachment, and their allies the Nizam's Cavalry would leave the Neighbourhood of Bangalore on the 2d Instant, for Seringapatam at which place they were expected to arrive about the 9th or 10th In consequence of this Movement, General Abercromby, after having provided for the Safety of Tellicherry, and secured the Communication from thence with the Corga Ghaut, had determined to advance towards the Capital on the 13th to aid the Operations of his Lordship — The Advanced Brigade of General Abercrombys Army had moved when our last Letters from the General came away, and got 16 Miles in front on the Road to Seringapatam —

Since the above private advices of last Night mention, that a distant and heavy Cannonade was heard by the advanced Brigade, from which it was concluded that his Lordship had arrived

before

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Before Seringapatam

You may depend upon
our omitting no Opportunity of forwarding
you Accounts from the Army, as often as
we may receive them.

We are now landing the
Cargoes of the Barrette, Lowly Hannah, and
Victoria, Masters of which shall be trans-
mitted by these Vessels - From the Lateness
of the Season, We dare not expect any more
arrivals.

We have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect.
&c.a — — &c.a

Robert Taylor
Laurence Sharpe
Sam.l Swire

Tellicherry
14th May 1791.

(Signed)

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President &c.a Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir, & Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Oldham [illegible] the Command of the Garrison of Bangalore - Intelligence respecting the Mandlas - the People return to the Pettah daily.

I have the honor to acquaint
you that I relieved Colonel Duff who Com.d
manded this Garrison on the 29th ultimo -

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25th — I shall take every opportunity of communicating to your Honble Board from time to time whatever may be necessary. — Purseramboo the Chief of the Mharattas encamped the latter end of last Month at Mageondah about 10 Miles S. E. of Chittle Droog. — Our Army will this day I hope encamp before Syringapatam. —

I have the pleasure to say the People are coming into this Pettah hourly and I trust all will go on well. —

With the greatest Respect
I have the Honor to be.
&c.a — — &c.a

(Signed) John Oldham

Bangalore
9th May 1791. —

To J. Cranmer Esqr.
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal — instructions to be given to the Military Board respecting the Quarterly Returns of Stores to be transmitted to that Presidency. —

The Governor General in Council observing that the last Report received from Fort St. George of Military Stores at that Presidency, includes only the Quantities

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25th Quantities of Stores in the Arsenal at Fort=
St. George on the 1st of October, I am directed
to repeat the Original Request made to the
Board at Madras, that they would be pleased
to give Orders for sending to this Presidency
quarterly Returns of Arms and Accoutre=
ments, Flints, Ordnance, Ordnance Carriages,
Powder, Shot, and Ammunition of every
Denomination, in the principal Subordinate
Magazines belonging to that Presidency, as
well as in the Arsenal at Fort St. George

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Fombelle

Fort William
the 22d of April 1791

Received the undermen=
tioned Letters as entered in Mr. Nos. 144
145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. —

From Mr. G. Brudenell —
will return the Horse belonging to the
1st Regiment of Cavalry now in his Pos=
session as soon as proper Persons are sent to
receive him and he is paid agreeable to

From Mr. G. Bru
denell late of the
Cavalry. —

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the Contract, for the Time he has kept him. —

From the Commandant at Pallamcotah — with a List of Horses, Mares and Colts received from the Nabob's Manager — recommends that such as are not fit for immediate Service be sold at public Outcry — States that there are twelve more horses out on Command in the Country — applies for Instructions relative to the Mode of discharging the Arrears due to the Horsekeepers. —

From the Commandant at Pallamcotah

From Masulipatam — have communicated to Captain Muat the Resolution of Government respecting his Charge for a Linguist — Eidanapundy Comiah has been sent under a guard to the Collector at Muglatore — enclosing a Return of Military Stores for the Month of April.

From Masulipatam

From the Resident at Ingeram — reporting the Death of Captain Lionel Westropp at Coringa on the 18th Instant. —

From the Resident at Ingeram

From

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From Mr. Mathew Tudor -

From Mr. M. Tudor

- returning his collateral Security Bond for

Mr. A. W. Gregory duly executed. -

From Captain Mafsey advi-

From the Commandant at Chamdernagore.

-sing of his Intention to proceed immediately to Tripaty for the purpose of obliging several of the petty Poligars to pay the customary tribute to the Renter. -

From the Sub Secretary at

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

Bengal with an Invoice of Sulphur Shipped for this Presidency on the Sow and Eliza. -

From the Paymaster at Vellore.

From the Paymaster at Vellore

- with a Letter from Colonel Tolson representing the Necessity of a Non Commissioned Officer to conduct the Detail of His Majesty's Troops in that Garrison - particulars respecting the Money stolen from Ensign Redman. -

Sent Letter to the Rajah of

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. -

Tanjore / as entered in C. C. Nº 1277 / with a Statement of the Payments made to His Excellency since the Assumption of his Country. -

Sent

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Sent the following Letters —

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz

at Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Mr. Lamballais, soliciting the Interposition of Government in regard to a Money Transaction which originated in the Life Time of the late Rajah of Tanjore, the Circumstances of which you are perfectly acquainted with. —

To the Reverend Mr Swartz — respecting Mr Lamballais claim upon the late Rajah of Tanjore. —

The Board perceive on reference to the Records that during the administration of Sir Archibald Campbell, Colonel Muller, who was concerned with Mr Lamballais in the Transaction, obtained through your Influence with the Rajah, the Sum of Six thousand Pagodas — His Excellency in a Letter dated the 30th November 1786, wrote to the President to this Effect — The Receipt of your Excellency's

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" Letter concerning Colonel Muller's Claims

" gave me great Pleasure, as your Excellency

" was also pleased to write to Mr. Swartz con-

" cerning this Business, he came to confer with

" me upon it. I told him that Colonel

" Muller had no Claim upon me, that, if

" I owed him any thing justly, let him

" produce the Deed and his Witness - Mr.

" Swartz said that as Directions respecting this

affair had arrived from Europe, the

" Governor interested himself very much in

" the Event - As Mr. Swartz urged me so

" strongly to give your Excellency Satisfaction,

" by paying the money, and as your Excel-

" lency has written so forcibly concerning it,

" even though I owed Colonel Muller nothing,

" I consented to pay him Six Thousand Pags-

" das in Compliance with your Excellency's

" Wishes, accordingly I paid that Sum in

" full of all Demands to Mr. Swartz and

have taken his Receipt." -

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The Sum originally due to Mrs Lamballais, as appears by Colonel Mullen's Memorial to the Honorable Court of Directors, was Pagodas 2743 - Fo. 16. Ca. 10 - which the Board are of Opinion ought in Fairness to have been liquidated at the Time the late Rajah discharged Colonel Mullen's Demand; and as Mrs Lamballais is in very distressed Circumstances, it would be a matter of much Satisfaction to Government, if you could prevail on his Excellency to liquidate this Claim, which in Justice he ought to do, if he have any Respect for the Memory of his late Brother. -

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

(Signd) W. C. Jackson Secy

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To Mr Edward Hollond

Sir,

To Mr E. Hollond suspended the Writer's Company's Service in consequence of the repeated Insult offered by him to Mr Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Minutes on the Subject. -

The first Insult offered by you to Mr Roebuck was forgiven, upon your making such an Apology to that Gentleman as

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as he thought Sufficient, and the Board did not hope that this Instance of their Lenity would have prevented the Repetition of an Offence which they consider as the highest Disrespect that can be shewn to the Authority under which you serve.

Mr. Roebuck having however transmitted a fresh Complaint against you accompanied by his Affidavit, stating the Circumstances of your Behaviour to him on the 16th Instant, I am directed by Government to express their Displeasure at this repeated Insult, in the strongest Terms — and as it is highly expedient for the Support of that Authority under which Mr. Roebuck is now performing a Special Trust; that their Sense of the Injury be properly marked, they have come to the Resolution of Suspending you from the Company's Service until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known, and you are hereby Suspended accordingly. —

I am further directed by the Board to enclose you a Copy of their Minutes on this Occasion. —

I am &c. &c.

W. C. Jackson Esq.
&c.

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To Mr. Benyamin Roebuck

One of the Committee for enquiring into the
Charges preferred against the Administration
of Mr. John Holland.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble
the President in Council to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Letter of the 20th Instant, with
the Affidavit which accompanied it; and to
inform you that he highly approves the
Moderation and Forbearance shewn by you
in consequence of the repeated unprovoked
Insults offered by Mr Holland. —

As it is highly expedient
for the Support of that Authority under
which you are now performing a Special
Trust, that the Boards Sense of the Injury
complained of by you be particularly marked,
they have come to the Resolution of Suspen-
ding Mr Edward Holland from the Com-
pany's Service, until the Pleasure of the
Hon.ble Court of Directors can be known. —

To Mr B. Roebuck
- approving his Con-
duct towards Mr
Holland - advising
of that Gentleman's
Suspension. —

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I am &c.a — &c.a

W. C. Jackson Secy

To —

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To the 26th
To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis
K.G.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

To Earl Cornwallis advice of the Orders received from the Court of Directors for sending home the Electoral troops serving in the Carnatic —

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that by his Majestys Frigate Minerva, which arrived here from England on the 23d Instant, We have been instructed by the Honorable Court of Directors to co-operate with the Bengal Government in carrying into Execution the Company's Orders for sending Home the Electoral Troops serving in the Carnatic — The Honorable Court have recommended to your Lordship in Council to of sending Home the Hanoverian Troops by the returning Transports and by his Majes- tys Ships — Four Transports are still at an- chor in these Roads, and We do not suppose that their Cargoes will be taken out, until af- after the arrival of the Commodore —

We have written to the Supra-

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Supreme Council, informing them, that We shall, if it meet your Lordships Approbation, send home on the Victualler as many of the Troops as they can accommodate — and that, with Respect to the Period of Embarkation, We shall be governed by your Opinion. —

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

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(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to inform you that We have received from the Honorable Court of Director by the Minerva Frigate a Copy of their Letter of the 5th of December 1790 to your Government, concerning the Return of the Electoral Troops serving in the Carnatic; and that We have

To Bengal stating the Manner in which it is intended to send home the Electoral Troops serving in the Carnatic —

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have been directed to co-operate with you, in
carrying into Execution the Instructions therein
given — Four of the Transports men-
tioned in the 3d Paragraph of the Court's Letter are
now at Anchor in these Roads, Laden with Pro-
visions for his Majesty's Squadron — We have
written to Lord Cornwallis the purport of the
Company's Orders and shall, if it meet his
approbation, send home on these Vessels as many
of the Troops as they can accommodate, and
with Respect to the Period of Embarkation, We
shall be governed by his Opinion, of which
we doubt not you will approve —

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George &c.a ... &c.a

25th May 1791 — (Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c.a Council —

To the Hönble Major Genl Medows

Governor &c.a ... &c.a &c.a

Hönble Sir,

To Major General Medows respecting Certificates to be furnished the Paymaster for public Followers employed on Campaign requesting he will direct us from Captain Bell's refunding the amount of objectionable Charges in his Bills

Our Comptroller General of Army Accounts having recommended to us that

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that the Heads of Departments and the Commanding Officers of Corps should be called upon to Sign Certificates as the most regular and effectual Checks upon the Lascars, Artificers, Dooley Boys &c. in receipt of monthly Pay with the Grand Army, We beg leave to enclose a Copy of the Certificate, and to request you will be pleased to cause a General Order to be issued, requiring all Officers of this Establishment now in the Field to grant such Certificate monthly to the Paymaster, whenever any Public Followers are employed on Indent by the Corps under their Command.

As the Bills of Captain Bell Commissary of Stores, for the Repairs of Tents of the Southern Army in March 1790 — for Articles purchased in the Ordnance Department for fitting up Platform Carts, and for making up two new Artificers Carts in the same month, were objected to by Colonel Capper, we request you will be pleased

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pleased to invest upon Captain Bell re-
funding the Amount immediately — and
to inform him that we shall be ready to
receive and attend to any Explanations he
may afterwards have to offer —

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Fort St. George
26th May 1791. (Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

Dispatched the undermen-
tioned Letters as entered on Mfs. Apr 152.
153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162.

To the Board of Assumed —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

Revenue — stating the Opinion of the Board
on Mr Andrew's Conduct towards Serwah
Moodeliar — desiring them to furnish an
account Items composing the Amount of
Aporvah now existing in the Nabob's Cont.
and to state whether the Payments to His
Highness since the Assumption of his
Country have been made in due proper-
tion to the Company's Net Collections —

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To the Commandant at

To the Commandant at Vellore

Vellore - directing him to send to Mr. Hindersley at Vellore One hundred of the Revenue Troops employed in the Vellore District and desiring that, if after furnishing the above Number more Men should remain than are necessary for the Establishment of the Collector at Vellore, he will immediately dismiss them. →

To the Agent for the Purchase of Horses →

To the Agent for the Purchase of Horses - the Balance due to him will be discharged by the Military Paymaster General - instructions relative to future purchases will be sent to him by Major General Musgrave. →

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts →

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts, to report upon an Extract of a Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore respecting the Pay of a Non commissioned Officer for managing the Detail of the Kings Troops in that Garrison - enclosing Papers received from

Captain

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Captain Kennaway which relate to the Accounts of the Detachment serving the Nizams Army.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly &c.

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly &c.

informing him that the Surgeons Bills for victualling the Sick Europeans at Caroor are to be discharged in the same manner as in Regimental Hospitals distant from a General Hospital.

To the Paymaster at Madura &c.

To the Paymaster at Madura &c. to the Effect abovementioned - for the Garrison of Pindigul.

To D.

To the Paymaster at Madura &c. informing him that the General Order for striking off Field Allowances from the Garrison of Pindigul is not to be considered as having Effect until it was received at that Place.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal informing him that two Rans of Seringapatam have been delivered in Charge of Captain Wright Commander of the private Ship Mariaenclosing Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to the Governor General in Council, the original of which came under

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26th a flying Seal to this Government and was
dispatched by the Tappal the 25th Instant

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

To Lieutenant Reddle — di-
To Lieutenant Reddle at Conjeveram recting him to proceed immediately to the
Presidency with the Company of Sepoys
under his Command —

To Major General Mus-
To Major General Musgrave grave — informing him of the Orders sent to
Lieutenant Reddle —

To Mrs Lamballais — infor-
To Mrs Lamballais ming her that a Letter has been written to
the Reverend Mr Swartz on the Subject of
her Claim upon the late Rajah of Tanjore

27th Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in MB Nos 163. 164 —

From the Paymas-
From the Paymaster at Vellore ter at Vellore enclosing Major Murray's Report of
the Repairs wanting to the Saddles of the
1st Regiment of Native Cavalry —

Extract from the Military
From the Military Board — Board.

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26th Board entered on the Records of the public Department transmitting Form of an Advertizement to receive Proposals for executing the Repairs of the Company's Works —

Received the following Letter from Captain Alexander Read —

Camp at New Munro 30 Miles West of the Pedda Nag dungay pass May the 21st 1791 —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

Sir,

The time taken to form my detachment was first owing to the Corps which compose it, not having all joined till the 16th and afterwards, to usual delays in getting troops for the field I have dispensed with writing you concerning it, and my march hither, as unimportant, and on account that it has not been in my power, by reason of hourly alterations, to determine with exactness the strength of the Detachment till now, that I have the honor of —

transmitting

From Captain Alexander Read with a Return of the Detachment under his Command and a List of Supplies collected in the different Pallams —

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transmitting a Return of it, including One of my Ordnance, Military Stores, Tent equipage, and the Followers attached to them. —

In addition to the two Six pounders, I was furnished with from Vellore, I have brought out of Amboor a three pounder, for the purpose of attaching it to my Baggage guard, where it will be very useful in keeping my Baggage Flank clear of the Enemy's horse, should they make their appearance. — The extent of Service that may be performed, by any Body of regular troops, being nearly conceived, in general, from the Number appearing on it's return, is a consideration, which, from the Solicitude I feel, that my endeavours may never fall short of Government's expectations, obliges me to report that some of the Corps which compose my detachment are actually unfit for real Service. —

By this report, I neither mean to reflect on Officer or Corps and I

without

27th

without injustice to either, I may practice=
large, that the European division, being
composed of Men from eight different
Regiments, has not that union and con=
nexion of discipline or Opinion, so essential
to Subordination, and to vigor in
Operations. likewise that both Corps of
Cavalry are so lately raised, as neither to be
Sufficiently Masters of their horses, or Capa=
ble of using their Arms on horseback, with
alacrity or effect. —

I would be extremely con=
cerned, should it be imagined from this or
representation that I am not satisfied with
my Station, for I consider myself greatly
honoured in the Command of this detach=
ment. Nor would I have it conceived that
I am providing by it an excuse for delays or
failures. — On the Contrary, this a considera=
tion of what I have mentioned, may induce
a conduct under particular Circumstances dif=
ferent from what I would adopt, if I headed

otherwise

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veterans, nothing practicable shall be
left undone, that is necessary for accom-
plishing the objects proposed by my
expedition. —

My utmost shall be
done, to collect Supplies at Bangalore,
and, if I am not greatly deceived by the
promises of my people, to the Westward
and Northward of this, a considerable
quantity shall be brought there very
shortly. — I do myself the honor to
inclose a report of them, that you may
see the ground of my expectations. —

I have a Letter from Colo-
nel Oldham of the 18th from which, and
the intelligence brought in by my own
people, it appears there is no considera-
ble party of the enemy between this
and Bangalore, where I hope to arrive by
the end of the month —,

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

(Signed) Alex. Read

Report

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27th Report of Supplies for the use of the Army, which, according to the Statement of Citcheram, the principal purveyor employed by Captain Read, are now ready in the godowns, also an Account of Supplies which the undermentioned polligars have promised to furnish for the Sirkar.

Camp at Amboor 23d May 1791

Supplies	Bullocks Loads	Bullocks Draft	Bullocks Carriage	Bullocks Draft or Carriage	Sheep
Rice	5500	"	"	"	"
Grain	500	"	"	"	"
Doll	200	"	"	"	"
Moong	150	"	"	"	"
Horsery	70	"	"	"	"
Wheat	200	"	"	"	"
Do. ground	10	"	"	"	"
Ghee	100	"	"	"	"
Jarry	370	"	"	"	"
Selected by the purveyor for the use of the Army	"	500	2000	"	800
Procured by the Commy Hunky Polligar of rice, Grain & doll	100	140	"	"	4000
Do. by the Cogundy do.	"	"	"	600	2000
Do. by the Changall do.	"	"	"	250	2000
Do. by the Gram myd.	"	200	1000	"	1000
Do. by the Pongonad.	"	100	400	"	"
Do. by the Coorragalla of Rice and Grain	200	"	"	"	"
Do. by the Madanapilly do.	100	50	"	"	500
Total	10,150	890	3,400	850	10,300

(Signed) J. Read
AT

Fort St. George 27th May 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

Friday the 27th May 1791 John Hudleston Esqr.

The Honble Major Genl Medows

absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Recommendations in favor of the Lake Sterling's being appointed an Acting Ensign.

The Acting President informs the Board that Major General Musgrave has strenuously recommended the appointment of Mr. Lake Sterling a Nephew of Major Sterling of His Majesty's 75th Regiment of Foot, and a Young Man of Good Character to be an Acting Ensign of Infantry during the War, or until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors — The Acting President adds, that, in consideration of the great want of Officers as stated by Lord Cornwallis and General Medows he is induced to support the Recommendation

Supported by the Acting President.

and

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and hopes the Board will not have any objection to it. —

Resolved, in consequence of the Circumstances communicated by the Acting President that Mr. Cuthbert Harding be appointed an Ensign of Infantry until the Company's Pleasure be known. —

Mr. Cuthbert Harding appointed an Ensign until the Company's Pleasure be known

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from Vizagapatam. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Vizagapatam enclosing Deposition respecting the Proofs by which he obtained his Release from Confinement at the Presidency during Mr. Hollond's Administration.

Enclosed we transmit to you a Copy of our Consultation respecting Jourpt. Ram with his Deposition taken on Oath by our Chief. —

We are &c. — &c.

Vizagapatam
17th. May 1791. —

(Signed) { Alex. Davidson
A. W. Gregory
John Snow

Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam 17th May 1791

The Deposition of Jougy Row taken this day by Alexander Davidson Esqr. Chief of Vizagapatam. —

Jougy Row deposes on Oath as follows. —

Jugganow's Deposition. —

During Mr. John Holland's Government I was not confined, but prohibited by Government from returning to Vizagapatam my native place. — I did not pay any Money, directly, to Mr. John Holland, but I paid Ten thousand Star Pagodas (10,000) into the hands of Paupiah, Mr. John Holland's Dubash in the manner hereafter mentioned: Nine thousand five hundred Pagodas (9,500) of which Paupiah informed me was for his Master Mr. John Holland, and himself, the residue, five hundred Pagodas, (500) Paupiah said would be laid out in the purchase of a Ring for Mr. John Holland's brother, Mr. Edward John Holland. —

J.

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I got permission to return
to Vizagapatam the 23d of April 1789
For this permission Paupiah, Mr. John
Hollands Dubash, required of me to
pay to him Star Pagodas fifteen thousand,
(15,000) I settled with him for only
Ten thousand Pagodas (10,000) Six
thousand Pagodas (6000) of which I
carried on my Palenkeen to his House,
and paid them myself into his own
hands, on the 28th of April 1789. On
the day following, the 29th of April 1789,
I carried, in the same manner, the remain-
ing Sum of four thousand Star Pagodas
(4000) which I also paid to Paupiah himself

On the 28th of April 1789 I
received Six thousand Star Pagodas (6000)
for my bill on Vizagapatam from Isaac
Isaphais Gomastah, Guntu Lekhumanavi
Four thousand Star Pagodas (4000) I
received in like manner from Mr. Arthur

Wm

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Wm Gregory for my Self on Vizagapatam—

No person or persons, at
Vizagapatam were concerned in or know of
my Transactions at Madras with Pan=
piah M.r John Hollond's Dubash—

(Signed) Goday Jaggah Row

Sworn before me this
Seventeenth day of May 1791
according to the usage of Gouge Row's Cast

Signed Alex.r Davidson
Chief

Witnesses
Rich.d Lear
John Leonhard—

Minute thereon

Ordered that the
Deposition of Juggarow be sent to the
Committee for enquiring into the Charges
against the Administration of M.r Holland.

Read the following
Letter from the Reverend M.r Swartz—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Governor in Council &c.a

Hönble Sir & Sir,

From the Reverend M.r Swartz is of opinion that the Rajah would not consent to defray half the Amount of the Paddy intended to be allowed to the Family of the late Rajah—

I have received the
Letter

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Letter dated the 10th instant with which
the Honble Board has honored me —
As the Mother and 3
Widows of the late Rajah sent me a
very lamenting Message concerning
their distressed Situation, I thought
that if an addition of 20, or 30,000 Rullums
of Paddy p. year should be granted to them,
such an additional Allowance would
silence their clamour effectually — And
if the Honble Company would kindly
bear half the expence of that Allowance,
it would in a great measure induce
the Rajah to acquiesce, if not immedia-
tely (which is hardly to be expected)
however in a short time —

But to persuade His
Excellency previously to consent to the de-
duction of that expence from His Lack of
Pagodas would not only be very diffe-
cult but even impossible His present
disposition

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disposition of mind is too averse from such a friendly allowance. —

However if the Honble Board should wish me to attempt such a Persuasion I will immediately obey though I beg leave to add with no hope of success.

But if the Honble Board should think it proper to mention that They were fully resolved to deduct half the amount from the Pack of Pagodas, His Exc. would complain but soon acquiesce in that determination. —

I am respectfully
&c.ª — — &c.ª

Tanjore
May 22d 1791. —

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore proposing to his Excellency in consequence of the Representation of the Revrend Mr Swartz, that thirty thousand Collums of Paddy be given to the Family of the late Rajah in addition

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tion to their present allowances - that the amount of One Half be deducted from the Lack of Pagodas appropriated for the maintenance and Support of his Excellency's Relations, and that the other half &c.

of the Tanjore Revenues -

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Mr Swartz

Agreed that the Reverend Mr Swartz be desired to urge to the Rajah the Propriety and necessity of his chearful Compliance with the reasonable and just Demand made upon him in favor of the Family of his late Brother -

Resolved that the above Subject be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors by the next Dispatch; and that they be further informed that

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the Board have been induced to the adoption of the above measure from their Conviction that it would have been to no Purpose to press the Rajah to make good the whole Amount of the 30,000 Pr.

Cullums

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Cullums of Paddy, at the uniform Tendency of the Excellency's Conduct for several Months past, has been strongly marked by a total Disregard to the Situation of the Mother and Widows of his late Brother, and by a direct Opposition to every Step that has been taken for their Relief. — That under the Impression of these Considerations the Board have judged themselves warranted in proposing to his Excellency that a Deduction be made from the Company's Share of the Revenue to the Amount of 15,000 Cullums of Paddy, provided he consent to pay the Remainder out of his Cash of Pagodas. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper. —

To The Honble Major Genl Medows
President and Governor &c. in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Military Storekeeper with a List of Stores sent inclosed in the Month of April and Bill for the Amount

I have the Honor to lay before

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before you a List of Stores provided by me in the Month of April last with a Bill for the Amount including my Commission and have the honor to be &c. &c.

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26th. May 1791 — (Signed) Jos. du Pré Porcher
M.y Storekeeper

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Sum of Seventeen thousand, Seven hundred, and thirty five Pagodas - fourteen fanams (17,735-14-) be paid to Mr. Porcher in Silver from the Company's Treasury, being the Amount of his Bill for the Provision of Stores for the month of April, including his Commission of 10 ℔ Cent. —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Edward John Holland —

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department.

From Mr. E. Holland intends shortly to lay before the Board some particulars respecting his conduct towards Mr. Roebuck. —

Sir,

I beg you will be so good to

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to inform the Honble Board that I have received your Letter of the 25th Instant signifying to me their resolution of Suspending me from the Service and to assure them that I feel much mortified at having so severely incurred their displeasure. — Having only received your Letter yesterday I have not had sufficient time to answer it fully which I trust and hope I shall be able to do and to State Such Circumstances in my justification as may induce the Honble Board if not to alter their resolution at least to recommend me to the Court of the Directors, For this purpose I shall beg leave to trouble you with a Letter before the next Council Stating every Circumstance respecting myself and Mr. Roebuck accompanied by an affidavit of the facts as they occur to my memory which I hope you will have the goodness to lay before the Government —

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Jam &c &c

(Signed) Edwd Holland

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Read the following Letter
from the Resident at Hydrabad

W. C. Jackson Esqr

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

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose
for the Information of the Board a dupli-
cate of my address to the Governor General
of the 10th Instant which I request may
be forwarded and a Copy of it sent to His
Lordships as Triplicate

From the Resident at Hydrabad the Nizam applies for two Mortars and Stores; and for Ammunition for the two Guns at Innaconda - an Escort wanted to convey the Treasure intended for Tadjpoor Cavalry on the borders of the Nellore District

In consequence of the Boards
permission of the 19th March, I made a tender
to the Nizam of the two 24 Pounders at
Innaconda for the Siege of Gunjycotah and
Gunamcoondah, which has been accepted and
as those Forts are Situated on Hills Captain
Read

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Read is very desirous that one 8 and two
5½ Inch Mortars may be granted him,
which I shall be very happy if the Board
can comply with, to that extent, or as far as
one of each Calibre. I do not think less than
Two thousand Shot for each of the Guns;
and 200 Shells for each of the Mortars will
suffice, and would recommend that 500
Barrels of common powder for the Guns, and
Ten or Twelve of fine Powder and the
other apparatus necessary for the Mortars
should be sent with them. A proper
Number of Draught and Carriage Cattle
will be dispatched from hence and I
shall recommend to Captain Read to
detach some of his people with them to
see that the Ammunition &c. is properly
taken care of; but I imagine there will
be sufficient time for the despatch of any
of the above Articles that cannot be fur-
nished from Innaconda, so as to arrive there
before the Cattle intended for transporting

them

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thereon, — Near Twelve Lacks of Rupees
in Sealed Bags that are not to be opened till
their arrival in Camp, was sent from hence
the 8th and Lieutenant Copeland with four
Companies was to march from Cuddalore
yesterday the 10th Instant to escort them to the
Borders of the Nellore District, where I
hope the Board will direct him to be reliev-
ed. A party of about Two Hundred Horse
will proceed with the treasure to Madras,
and the Bullocks and Camels on which
it is laden are to remain with it. An
account of the number of Bags and the
exact amount of what they are said to
contain, I shall transmit to you as soon
as I obtain the necessary Information.
I requested the Nizam in writing to
appoint a trusty Person to attend this
money from Madras to Camp that he
might be satisfied hereafter the same
care had been taken to secure its safe
arrival

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arrival as if it was the Company's property,
which he declined giving as a reason what
more trusty person could be sent than
would be deputed by the Company. —

Captain Read has been
ordered to proceed with all expedition to
Pauregaul. — I have the honor to be
12th. May 1791. — &c. &c. — &c.
(Signed) John Kennaway

Minute thereon

The Military Board
have been directed to send from hence as
soon as possible Such of the Stores mentio-
ned in the foregoing Letter, as cannot be
furnished from the Northward. —

Agreed that the Com-
mandant at Ongole be directed to detach
a Company of Sepoys with an Officer to
the Borders of the Nellore District to
receive Charge of and escort to the Presi-
dency the Treasure intended for the
Nizam's Cavalry serving with the Army
under Lord Cornwallis; and that a Letter

&c

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be written to the Governor General, request-
ing his Lordship's Sentiments on regard to
the mode of conveying this Money to Coast.

Resolved that Captain
Do. Kennaway be informed that it was in the
Opinion of the Board unnecessary
Precaution on the Part of His Highness
the Nizam, in directing two hundred
Horse to proceed with the Treasure from
Nellore to Madras, as there could be no
apprehension for the Safety of the Money
after its arrival within the Company's
Territories — that the appearance of a Body
of Horse will most probably alarm the
minds of the Inhabitants and induce
them to desert their Villages — and that
it will therefore be a matter of Solicita-
tion if he can prevail on the Nizam to
order a Part of the Horse to return with
the Detachment under Lieutenant Cope-
land, leaving only a sufficient number in
charge

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charge of the Treasure to see that proper
care be taken of it. —

Read the following —

Letter from Major General Musgrave.

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Letters from Captain Bowser and Lieutenant Ogilby &c. Pendegut soliciting the allowance of Adjutant for the latter, an indulgence which, as there is no other Staff Officer doing duty in the Garrison, I think may with propriety be granted by the Board. —

Cornet Montgomery of the First Regiment of Native Cavalry who is come to the Presidency on Account of his ill State of health, informs me, that he has had proposals from Native Horse Merchants to bring from the Northward

From Major General Musgrave recommending that Lieutenant Ogilby at Pondegul be permitted to draw Adjutants allowances requesting to know if it is the Intention of Government to make further Purchases of Horses &c.

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a Number of horses, upwards of One hun-
dred, — which are now in readiness to set
out for Madras provided Government has
occasion for them — I beg to be favored
with your Sentiments on this Subject and

I have the honor to be with Respect

&c &c

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(Signed) Tho. Musgrave

NB. Speak about Major Tonyn

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Accompanying this I have
the Honor to forward an official Letter from
Lieutenant Ogilby to your Honble Board
— the purport of which is a requisition of
Adjutant Allowances since his acting in
that Station — and I must beg leave in
addition to what he has already pointed
out, to observe, that I have, on many occa-
sions, experienced great Support from him

in

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in various situations - and more particu=
larly, my having no other Officer with the
Two Companys of Europeans for some
months - on account of the emergency of
the Service - I therefore take the liberty
of recommending to your Consideration the
merits of his Claim and
have the honor to &c.
&c.a - - &c.a

Pondigul
May 10th 1791 (Signed) Thomas Bowser
Capt. Commanding

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

Honble Sir,

It is with the utmost res=
pect, I presume to take the liberty of intru=
ding upon your time at present, and entrea=
ting your attention but for a few moments,
to a matter in which I am alone interested -
and should I unknowingly offend by this free=
dom or mode of address, I beg it may be
attributed solely to my want of experience
in the usual forms -

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What I have to offer Sir for your consideration - Is - that since the 17th of July 1790, I have acted as Adjutant to the Detachment Commanded by Captain Thomas Bowser, and whilst serving in the Field, both every duty on Town watch & Adjutants of Corps, - that for many months whilst thus doing the duty of Adjutant, I was the only Subaltern belonging to the Detachment, a circumstance (all this inconvenient) whereby the duties which were absolutely requisite to be performed became peculiarly pressing - ultimately, that since the conquest of Pondigul, I have continued assiduously to perform the duties of Adjutant, which, from there being no Staff Officer belonging to the Garrison, nor to any of the Troops serving therein, I presume to think has been indispensable -

Should it appear to you Sir from what I have here alleged, that I am deserving of Adjutants allowances, I hope they will be granted me from the time I have

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have acted — and the favor I shall ever &
remember with Gratitude —

The several instances wherein
Adjutants' allowances have been granted,
to Officers acting with much smaller &
Detachments, it would be presumption in
me to point out — particularly to you Sir,
who are so well acquainted with the rea-
sonableness of every Claim, the degree of
countenance and favor every pretension &
merits, and the indulgences requisite on
particular occasions —

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

Dundigul
10th May 1791 —

(Signed) David Ogilby
Lt. 10th Batt. European Infantry

Agreed, in consequence of
Major General Musgrave's Recommen-
Minute thereon dation, that Lieutenant Ogilby be permit-
ted to draw the Allowances of an Adju-
tant from the 1st Instant —

Agreed that Cornet &
Montgomery

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Montgomery be permitted to give Encouragement to the Horse Dealers to bring their Horses to the Presidency for Sale, and that Such of the Horses as may be found fit for the Cavalry, and the Price reasonable, be purchased by the Company. —

Resolved that Major General Musgrave be desired to take such Measures as may appear to him necessary for having the Company's Horses now in the Possession of Major Tonyn and Captain Brudenell, returned to the 1st Regiment of Cavalry. —

Instructions to be given to Major General Musgrave respecting the Horses retained by Major Tonyn and Captain Brudenell. —

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Palicatchery. —

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

Sir,

From the Commandant at Palicatchery information respecting the different Rajahs on the Coast beyond the Polier to which they paid Tribute and the Revenues they collected. —

Agreeable to the directions contained

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contained in your Letter of the 20th of April I have the honor to transmit you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, as particular an account of the several Rajahs in & their Neighbourhood, shewing their former connection with the Mysore Government, the annual Amount of the Revenues, the mode of collecting it, and the Tribute paid by each to Tippoo, as it is in my power at present to obtain. —

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

Palghaut-cherry 17th May 1791. —

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Comm.

It does not appear, that &
previous to the Year 1760 any of the Rajahs or Nairs along the Malabar Coast, were either Tributary or in any respect dependant on each other, or to any foreign & Government their consequence was only supported by their superior force, which occasioned

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occasioned them to be a constant State of warfare — In consequence of a Dispute in the year 1760 occasioned by some Infringement in regard to a convoy, The Zamorin or Rajah of Calicut went to War with, and totally dispossessed the Rajah of Polighaut of his Country — Mootoo Rajah was at this time the Rajah of Polighaut, and Etacumpatchum was his Nephew and Manager — On the Loss of their Country, Mootoo Rajah and Etacumpatchum fled to Coimbatore and solicited the Protection and aid, of the Amuldar of that place, who was a Subaltern of the Rajah of Mysore, Hyder was at this time Dewan to the Mysorean, Mootoo Rajah remained at Coimbatore till the year 1762, when he obtained troops from Mysore to accompany him to and re-establish him in his Country — which was easily and soon effected

effected, and in consequence he Mootoo
Rajah became tributary to the Mysoreans
and agreed to pay 8,000 Veray Chuckrams
/ 11 Veria Fanams is equal to One Star
Pagoda / per Annum — The Troops of
Mysore continued in the Palaghaut Coun-
try, and were in a constant state of War
with the Neighbouring Rajahs, they
allowed Mootoo Rajah to continue the
Management of his Country — Hyder
having obtained the necessary Informa-
tion regarding the Situation of the prin-
cipalities along the Malabar Coast, and
their unconnected and defenseless state, he
formed his plan of possessing himself of
Calicut and the whole of the Country as
far as Poleghaut — In consequence in the
year 1766 he descended the Tarmacherry
pass, and took possession of Calicut — The
Zamorin was killed in the Defence of
his Country — after plundering the Country

and

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and committing unparalled cruelties he proceeded with his Army towards Poleghaut, leaving a force at Calleicut &c. &c. reduced the several Rajahs as he came along - The Valiantary Rajah defended himself bravely, but was at last overcome, in consequence of this spirited resistance the conquered were most severely treated the Country was laid entirely waste - many of the principal people put to Death, and many thousand Men and Women were sent prisoners to Seringapatam &c. &c. - he left no troops in that Country - During his stay at Poleghaut, which was about 15 Days, he ordered the fort to be built at this time he saw the Sister of Etacumpratchurra who was a most beautiful Woman, and he demanded her for his Haram, this was so inconsistant with their feelings, and principles that Etacumpratchurra and his Sister fled to the Travancore Country, and Mootoo Rajah and the rest of the family

went

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went off to the Mountains - the result was
that Hyder placed the sole management and
collections of the Country in his own Amuldar
- Hyder immediately proceeded for Seringa-
patam, by way of Coimbetore and Guzaladdy -
he had no sooner left the Malabar Coast but
the Nairs were in Arms, and they drove the
Mysore troops from all the posts they had occu-
pied excepting one, near Calicut at Polighaut
the Mysoreans maintained their Ground, in
consequence of having placed in the Rajahs
ship a Nephew of Motoo Rajah's, called
Kellatchiem who on the promise of being made
a great man, was easily brought into their
Interest, by the agreement made with him,
he was to collect the Revenue which amounted
to 35,300 Chuckrams from which he was
to be allowed a Stipend of 2000 Chuckrams -
Hyder made but a very short Stay at Sy-
ringapatam, and returned again with a
large

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Large Army to the Malabar Coast, by way of Polighaut this part of the Country he found in greatness which had been the case ever since Kelattchien returned, who easily prevailed with his Uncle Mootoo Rajah, to return to the Country and he / Kelattchien / was to be Manager - In 1767 when Hyder advanced with his Army to repossess himself of the Callicut &c Countries - The Rajahs opposed his progress as much as they could, with their Army, but were soon overcome, and fled to the mountains - Hyder left a very large force at Callicut and returned himself to Seringapatam - The persons whom Hyder left over them - The persons whom Hyder left over them found it impossible to collect the Revenue, and on the other hand the Zamorin, who was in the Travancore Country, seeing no prospect of recovering his Country, sent by a compromise, sent proposals to Hyder's Manager at Calicut, when in 1768 it was agreed that the

Zamorin

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Zamorin was to be reinstated in his Country,
and Hyder's people entirely withdrawn, and
the Zamorin to pay a tribute of Two Lacks
of Rupees per Annum — The other Rajahs
followed this Example — The Valanatary
Rajah was to pay 70 Lack Rupees — The
Porapunade Rajah was to pay half a Lack,
and the Vetanmad One Lack — The Pole=
ghaut Country still remained as before, to
wit, that Mootoo Rajah and Kelalletchin=
should collect the Revenue, which Amount=
ed to 35300 Chuckrams and they continued
to only receive 7000 Chuckrams, a part of
the Mysore troops still remained at Pole=
ghaut — The motive which induced
Hyder to relinquish so easily the Hold he
had got on the Malabar Coast, was the
war he was then engaged in with the En=
glish in the year 1769. a Detachment of
English Troops entered the Polyghaut
Country, and took the Fort from Hyders
people

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people they remained in possession about
four months - On their entering the
Country Hulattchin fled Mootoo Rajah
remained - Etaccumpatchum was sent for
and appointed Manager - On the Eng-
lish Troops leaving the place, Mootoo
Rajah and Etaccumpatchum went off to
the Travancore Country - Hyders People
again possessed themselves of Poligaut Hu-
lattchin was recalled to return, and assist
in managing the Country which he did,
and was to receive the allowance of 2000
Chuckrams per annum - The Shanadar
reborn Hyder left at Poligaut threw
off his allegiance and was joined in the
Revolt by Hulattchin - a Strong force was
sent from Syreengapatam, which soon re-
stored peace - Hulattchin fled as Hyder
was now disengaged from the War with
the English he sent to demand the Ter-
Cute

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Caste from the Zamorin &c., they having only paid One years — The Messengers were ill treated, and no money paid the consequence was, that in the year 1772 a large Army under Cheenavas row was sent from Syringapatam — The Zamorin and other Rajahs after making what resistance they could, fled to the Travancore Country, and have been dispossessed of their Countries ever since till the breaking out of the present War — These Countries remained under the management of Cheenavas row till the year 1776 during which time he reduced the whole of the Rajahs and Near Countries laying North of Calicut in 1773 the Rajah of Cochin was obliged to become a Tributary, and the Dutch was dispossessed of Cheriva and the Factory in its Neighbourhood — Cheenavas row was appointed Manager of these Countries for which he

&c.

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he was to pay Hyder 12 Lacks of Rupees per Annum which was to be collected in the following proportions from the several

		Rupees
	Colliciut and its Dependancies	6,00,000
	Vatimade	1,00,000
	Parapramade	50,000
	Valanatary	1,00,000
Northern Colliciut	Cartamade	50,000
	Cateote	1,50,000
	Arenica	1,50,000
		12000,000

The Management and Collection of Polighaut was Independant of Chinnavasaron, its Revenue was as follows

	Varaha Fanams
The Polighaut Country	573-810
12 Villages belonging to Colliciut attached to the Collection of Polighaut but not included in the Six Lacks of Rupees	474-320
The Independant Nears of Manore Yeratory & Congade	53-420
	1101-550

In the year 1770 when the Rajah of Cochin became Tributary to Hyder there was an addition

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addition of Revenue of One Lack and Twenty thousand Rupees per Annum — which was paid to the Callicut Manager — Eight Villages belonging to the Rajah of Cochin in the Neighbourhood of Polighaut were attached as a part of the District, but remained under the collection of the Rajah, and were in no respect interferred with, except that they were obliged to furnish Straw Wood &c. for the Circar on Requisition. —

I am unacquainted with the particular sources from which the 12 Lacks of Rupees is produced in the Callicut &c. Countries but it is in general from Grain, pepper — some Cardemums, Wood, Cocoanuts, Beetle nut. Junc — a mint at Callicut for Fanams &c. &c.

In the Palaghaut District for every Marcal of Seed that was sown — the Circar received 1/4 Varoy Fanam, the particulars of the collections in that District — are as follows. —

Polegautcherry

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Poligautcherry Country

223,700 Marcals of Seed paddy at 1/2 Viss Varoy Fanams per Annum } Viss Chuckrums 33,555

Palmeira and Cocoanut trees ---- 1,080

House tax Farmers are exempt from this tax } 701

The tax collected from the Merchants residing in the Country } 550

Dry Grain ---- 300

Each Brammy house taxed at the rate of ten Fanams per annum } 7,900

Mint for Cash ---- 1000

Bazar ---- 156

Junctions or Customs ---- 18,339

57,381

717,000 Marcals of Seed paddy at 1/2 Viss Varoy Fanams per Ann. } 32,550

Palmeira and Cocoanut trees ---- 777

House tax ---- 296

Brammany house tax ---- 919

Junctions or Customs ---- 12,890 ---- 47,432

The Independant Nairs of Mumore, Vyatory & Congrade.

34,736 Marcal of Seed paddy at 1/2 Viss Varoy Fanams per annum } 5120

Palmeira & Cocoanut Trees ---- 79

Brammany house tax ---- 75

Junctions ---- 68 ---- 5342

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Abstract

Poligharr Country	57,381
4 Villages in the Callie Country	47,432
Manore, Yaratary and Congade	5342
Total Chuckrams	110,155

N.B. The privilage of coining Very Fanams is vested with the Tamorin, and for Cash with the Palghaut Rajah. —

(Signed) J Cuppage
Major Comm.r

Palghaut Cherry —
17th May 1791 —

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the Paper respecting the Several Rajahs in the Neighbourhood of Palicacherry be sent to the Board of Revenue for their Information.

Read the following Petition from Vencat Row Claimant for the Jaghiredarship of Arnee —

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

From Venkata Row requesting that his Claims to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee may be taken into immediate Consideration. —

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The humble Petition of
Vencata Row Heir at law and
legitimate descendant both
by Blood and Adoption in the
eldest line of the original Ja-
ghiredars of Arnee —

Sheweth

That your Petitioner in con-
sequence of his just Claim to the Jaghire of
Arnee has from time to time laid before your
Honor in Council several Petitions stating his
Title thereto, and humbly conceiving that the
grounds on which such Claims are founded
appear to your Honor in Council fair and un-
equivocal, your Petitioner begs leave to inform
your Honor, that Seenavasa Row, the present
Jaghiredar is arrived at Madras, and intends
very shortly to set out again for Arnee, which
induces your Petitioner to entreat your Honor
will be pleased to order the said Seenavasa Boy
to remain in Madras until a final determi-
nation of the Right of the said Jaghiredary
father

takes place —

Your Petitioner further

Sheweth that in his former Petitions he has
acquainted your Honor in Council of the
illegal manner of appropriating the Rents
and Revenues arising from the said Jaghire
of Arnee by the present Jaghiredar — therefore
your Petitioner again humbly solicits your
Honor will be pleased to order that all Sums
received on Account of the said Jaghire be de-
posited in the Honble Company's Treasury
till such time as the Right of the said
Jaghire is confirmed. Your Petitioner is the
more anxious to represent this Matter to
your Honor as Seenevasa Row through his
Marriage with the Sister of Nogajee Row
has obtained the protection and Support of
the Tanjore Vackeel Trumbaga Row, and
his Brother, Tanjore Sirkul Shevarayen, whose
mutual influence over the said Seenevasa
Row, has been such as to be now in the
actual

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actual profession of the Rights and profits of the Jaghire, tho' the same has always been considered under the immediate and sole Management of Sunnavasa Row aforesaid. —

Your Petitioner lastly Sheweth that from the cruel Oppression he has long laboured under by being unjustly deprived of his lawful Right by Mr. John Holland, late Governor, he is now reduced to the most distressing Situation, having a large Family to support therefore your Petitioner humbly craves your Honor in Council will bring the matter on Issue to as speedy a conclusion as the present exigency of Affairs

And your Petitioner shall in duty bound ever pray &c.

Madras
May 27th 1791 —

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To lie on the Table.

Read

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

To Mr. Wm Colvn Jackson
Secretary to the
Military Department

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose for the information of the Honble Board Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Tiruvecotah representing the decayed State of the Buildings in which the Grain and Provisions are lodged and request such Orders may be passed as appear necessary —

In my Letter of the 9th of March last I represented to the Honble Board the State of the Temporary Granary on the Glacis of Chingleput, and recommended, that the Paddy thereon stored, and what is stacked on the Glacis without a Stone Plat form, should either be removed into the Fort.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — recommending that new Granaries be built at Tiruvecotah and that some repairs be made to the Granaries at Chingleput — Statement of Grain in Store in all the Southern Garrisons — recommendation thereon — applies for Instructions respecting the captured Grain at Pondegal —

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Fort, or Sold. — The Honorable Board was pleased to direct that if any part of the Paddy at Chengleput could be disposed of to Advantage to Sell it off. —

I find the present retail price of Paddy so very low that, it will be more eligible to defer the Sales till the end of the ayear, and either remove the Paddy into the Fort, or repair the Granary on the Glacis, and place the Stocked Paddy on a Stone Rat form — the former may be effected for about 100 Pagodas, the latter for about 85 P.s as nearly as the Storekeeper can estimate and I request the Boards Order on the Subject. —

In your Letter of the 11th Instant you inform me that the Order for selling off Sundry Articles of Provisions in Store at Out Garrisons was not meant to include the Grain that is not in a Perishable State

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State – of Course the Order applies to Grain which may be considered from the length of time it has been in Store likely to decay, and I shall therefore State to the Board where such is lodged, that, in the present Situation of Affairs their particular Orders may be obtained for the disposal of it. –

I have for some years represented the State of the Grain at Arnee as recapitulated in my Letter to Mr Secretary Chamier under date 30th June 1790 – all the Old Paddy was beat out into Rice as an Army Store, and there now remains in Store. –

Car Rice – beat from Old Paddy	21.206.2/2	
Chumba Rice – do	39.332. –	
Total Garce – –	60.138.2/2	

A part of the Paddy from which this Rice was beat, appears to have been laid into Store in the year 1786 and the remainder in 1787. It cannot therefore

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be in good Condition, and I request to have the Orders of the Honble Board, as to the disposal of it. The retail of the best Rice at Arnee is reported very low in the Circar — and the Consumption small — unless therefore the Rice is soon expected to be required for the Army (for which purpose I apprehend it will be necessary to remove it on to Arnbour) I know not how it can be disposed of, except, by giving instructions to the Storekeeper to endeavor to sell it to the best advantage.

Besides the Stock of Old Rice abovementioned there is in Arnee 6526 Bags of Rice thrown in by the Army in the Month of January last, this was done in great hurry — part in the Night — and a receipt was given for so many Bags — time not permitting a Measurement taking place as requested by the Storekeeper — The Rice was at first a part of it piled on the Glacis

and

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and a part within the Fort, covered with
Tarpaulins, in the Idea that it would be
as expected by the Commissary in Carge) &
soon taken away - But afterwards finding that
not likely to be the case, it was removed into
the Granary in the Fort when it appeared
there were 5110 Bags tolerably good 817 Da-
maged and 599 damaged and unserviceable -
The Commanding Officer and Storekeeper &
lately attended at the Granary and measured
20 Bags - taking 10 large and 10 small (not
particularly the largest or smallest) and
they produced 97 Marcalls - so that the ave-
rage of One Bag is 4 Marcalls 7/20 Seers -
The Rice in some of the few Bags open-
ned appeared damaged by Water, probably &
from having been transported over the River
at Trichinopoly in Basket Boats, and being
Raw Rice the Weavel has got into it. The
Granaries at Trice having no flooring &
subjects it to the depredation of the Bandicoots,
and

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and there being no immediate prospect of
making use of it, it should be sold off for
whatever it will bring. —

At Tegar, of the 125 Garce
96 Marcalls now in Store, there are 7 Garce
366 Marcalls of the Paddy of 1787, which
the Storekeeper should be directed to sell off
and replace, with New Grain, there are also
5 Garce 149 Marcalls and 11 Seer of Rice,
beat out in December last, which he may
also be directed to dispose of while in good
preservation, and beat out in equal quantity
if thought proper. —

At Poonamallee Store
under my charge 159 Garce 316 Marcalls of
Paddy of the year 1199, it was stocked at Poon-
mallee by Mr. Brighton and delivered to me
by Order of the Board. —

The Paddy is intolerable
good Order, at present it will not sell beat at
a low rate, about 30 3/4 P.r Ps Garce and at that
price

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price a very small quantity is saleable.—

There is also of the Ben-
gal Rice sent thither for the use of the
Army 64 Garce 3/4 Marcalls Rice of an
equal quality — is now selling at 6/p Marc
calls ₱ Pagoda in Madras, and if it be
thought a Supply of Bengal Rice will
not be required at Amboor, (where there
is only 1810 Garce of Country Rice, about
26 Days Supply for the fighting men of
the Army calculating 25,000 Men) it
may also, if the Board approve be sold off.

At Vellore there are 90
Garce of Rice, which I have directed to be
carried on to Amboor by the new Bullocks
as collected. — There is besides in Store
at Vellore Paddy . . . . . Garce 587. 82. 8
The Garrison Stock deduct according
to the Distribution is 304. 66. 8
Remains for the use of the Army Garce 283. 16. —

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At Arnbore there is a Store

of Paddy of Garce ---------- 24h. 122. 5

The Garrison Stock according to the Distribution ---------- } 170. 280.

Remains for the use of the Army-Garce -- 93. 242. 5

At Arnee there is a Store of

Paddy of Garce ---------- 246. 32.

The Garrison Stocks ---------- 76. 16. 8

Remains for the use of the Army-Garce -- 170. 72. 4

The Stores of Grain therefore now applicable to the use of the Army to the Westward are as follows. viz

At Arnboor -- Country Rice ---------- Garce 140. - -

Paddy 93. 242. 5 - or when Cleaned into Rice allowing for Wastage and Charges Cleaning paid in Kind } 40. 307. 6

180. 307. 6

At Vellore -- Country Rice ---------- Garce 90. - -

Paddy 233. 16. - or when Cleaned into Rice allowing for Wastage and Charges Cleaning paid in Kind } 123. 92. 6

213. 92. 6

At

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At Arnee -- Old Country Rice		69.138.2/2
New Rice Cast from Paddy of 1790		29.108.7/2
Total Rice		98.246.10
Paddy 170.72.4 or when Cast into Rice allowing for Wastage and Charges Casting paid in Kind		74.130.8
		172.377.6
Army Country Rice reported thrown into Arnee, Estimated at		58.306.-
		231.283.6
Total Paddy and Rice in the Western Garrisons (Supposing the former Cast out) for the use of the Army on the 1st. Instant		625.283.6

Estimating the Number of fighting Men to whom Rice must be served at 25,000 - a Months Consumption is 156 Garce 100 Marcalls - and Estimating the same quantity as necessary to be served to the Followers, it being probable that Number served, would enable the

rest

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rest to furnish themselves, will require 312
Garce, 200 Marcalls p. month —

The Honble Board will,
from the above view of the Grain resources
of the Army, and, probable wants, be able,
to determine whether it is necessary for the
Collector to continue to throw Rice or Paddy
into Amboor and Vellore and to what
extent — Observing that the Old Rice at
Arnee unless immediately expended, will
in all probability prove totally unfit for
the uses of an Army, particularly for
long Carriage — and even in its present
State might give rise to Complaint from
the Troops. —

The Army Stores of Grain
to the Southward Stand as follows. —

At Tanjore the Store
of Paddy on the 1st Instant was
Garce

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Garce 1465.95.7/2

Garrison Stock ... 456.100.-

Remain for the use of the Army Garce } 1003.395.7/2

Or if Cast into Rice — Garce 419.144.5

At Trichinopoly On the 1st Instant Paddy 1773.11.7

Garrison Stock ... 456.100.-

Remains for the use of the Army 316.311.7 } 1373726

or Cast into Rice ... }

At Polamcotah On the 1st Instant ... 200.. ..

Garrison Stock ... 30.. .-

Remains for the Army ... 170.. } 714.9.. .

or Cast into Rice ... }

At Dindigul On the 1st Instant for the Garrison or use of the Army ... } 67.96.- } ... 79.111.. .

or Cast into Rice ... }

At Carore ... On the 1st Instant — of the Stocks selling off to be kept for the Army ... 2000 Bags or ... } 30.. .

At Coimbatore On 31st March 91 — for the Garrison and Army ... } 13.. } 19.38.9

or Cast into Rice ... }

At Paligatchurry On the 31st March 91 — for the use of the Army Rice ... } ... 361.175.-

Total Paddy and Rice in the Southern Garrisons for the use of the Army supposing the former Cast out on the above dates ... } Garce 1071.50.8

There

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There is wanting to compleate the Store at Tanjore, Garce 53 th 30 th ft/s of Paddy. — The Collectors have Orders to send this quantity into Store — but if not done in about Eight Days, the Rivers will be falling, and probably the Grain get wet in transporting — I submit therefore to the Consideration of the Board, whether it may not be better to stop for the present any further Supply from the Country. —

I have sent Orders to Trichinopoly to Cast out and send on to Carroor by the Bullocks collecting for the Army 150 Garce of Rice which will break in a little upon the Garrison Stock — the Honble Board will be pleased to determine, whether an additional quantity of Grain may in the present Situation of Affairs, be necessary at this Garrison. —

The

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out for the use of the Army at Madura, Trichinopoly, and Tanjore, is agreeably to Order selling off, and there remained to be sold on the 1st Instant not included in the foregoing Statement. —

At Madura - - Garce 51. 192. 6
At Trichinopoly - - d°. 28. 87. 5
At Tanjore - - - - d°. 19. 120. 3

From the State of the Rice at Tanjore, the Storekeeper has applied to me for leave to sell it to the Troops at 10 p Cent below the Market price of New Rice, and even at that rate they would rather not receive it. On this I request the Orders of the Honble Board. —

I am &c. - - - - &c.

Madras
26th May 1791. —

(Signed) Tho. Cockburn
Commissy Genl of Grain and Provisions. —

To Thomas Cockburn Esqre
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you

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The Paddy at Palamcotah will never in all probability be required for the Army, and if agreeable to the Honble Board the Storekeeper may be directed to sell it off —

The Paddy at Dindigul was reported by the Storekeeper to be of an Indifferent quality, as stated in my report to the Board of the 11th March last the Subject of which was I believe referred to the Honble General Medows, and to which I have not as yet received an Answer — So that the Rice Tendered by the Capture at that Garrison has not been received, the quantity therefore unknown —

The Stores of Paddy and Rice at Coimbatore and Palagatcherry have been lately laid up by Order of the Commandor in Chief and are I conclude in good Condition —

The Rice formerly Lent

out

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you the Return of Provisions in Tenery-
cottah for the Month of April —

I beg leave to observe to
you that the Places in which the
Grain and Provisions are lodged at Te=
neryottah are in the most ruinous State,
and totally unfit for the purpose It &c
was recommended to the Military Board
to allow new places to be built for the
Grain and Provisions among other Build=
dings necessary there — the Estimate for
which amounted to 500 M.Ps but they
disapproved I have made every enquiry
respecting the expence of Repairing the
present Granaries and it cannot be done
for less than 380 Madras Pagodas
so that I conceive it would be better
to build new ones But I request to
your directions for some thing to be

done

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done to preserve the Grain and the
Provisions from the inclemency of the
weather and the decay that must
ensue while they remain exposed to every
accident. —

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

Origole (Signed) Saml Young
Storekeeper.
1st May 1791.

(a true Copy)
(Signed) Thos Cockburne
Cy. G. G.

The Board consent to
the Expenditure of five hundred Ma-
dras Pagodas for building Granaries at
Tennoryottah, and of Eighty five Pagodas
for the Expence of repairing the Granary
on the Glacis at Chingleput. —

Agreed to approve —
Mr Cockburn's Recommendations respecting
the

Minute thereon.

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The Grain at Arnee, Tiagar, Pondamallee,
Vellore, Tanjore, and Palamcotah. —

It does not appear necessary on the present Situation of the Army to throw more Rice or Paddy into Amboor, Vellore or Trichinopoly, the Quantity now in Store at those Places being deemed sufficient. — No Order can be given to Mr Cockburn respecting the Captured Grain at Dindigul, until the Committee have ascertained the Value of it. —

6 Dc

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. —

Agreed to inform Mr Cockburn that if the Troops at Tanjore have any objection to receive the Grain at ten per Cent below the Market Price of Rice, the Storekeeper must in that case sell it off to the best Advantage in his Power. —

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Death of Captain Westropp and Lieutenant and Adjutant Bardet

The Acting President reports to the Board the Death of Captain Lionel

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Lionel Westropp at Coringa on the 16th of
Instant, and of Lieutenant and Adjutant
Barclay on the 27th Ultimo at Tanjore —

I have the Honor
I Huddlestone

Lt Bateman
Bt